

(a photograph of the grave of Private Caines as yet unavailable)

Private John Snook Caines (Regimental Number 4974) lies in the Church of England Cemetery, at Pussthrough on the South Coast.

His occupation prior to military service recorded as that of a fisherman, John Caines presented himself for medical examination at the Church Lads Brigade Armoury in St. John's on May 9, 1918, also enlisting - engaged *for the duration of the war* at the private soldier's rate - of \$1.10 per diem – and attesting on the same day.

Nine days after his enlistment, on May 18, Private Caines was admitted into the Barracks Hospital in St John's, suffering with a cold. Discharged *to light duty* on May 27, he was re-admitted again, only four days afterwards, on the last day of the month, with the same complaint. On June 1 he was transferred to the General Hospital, at first diagnosed as with pneumonia and then with measles as well.

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The son of John Caines, fisherman, and Sarah Caines of Great Jervois, he was also brother to Alexander M. and, through adoption, to Sarah F..

Private Caines was reported as having *died of sickness* – measles complicated by pneumonia - in the General Hospital in St. John's on June 5, 1916. His body, prepared and coffined by J.C. Oke, undertaker, was sent home by train and then by ship, the Commonwealth Graves Headstone arriving by sea from the United Kingdom at a later date*.

John Caines had enlisted at the age of eighteen years.

**The remaining half-barrel of cement, left over after construction of his grave in Pushthrough, was sold and the money returned to the Department of Militia in St. John's.*

(Right: *The sacrifice of Private Caines is honoured on the Screen Wall in the Military Plot, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, St. John's.* – photograph from 2011)

