



**Private Permanus Canning (Regimental Number 5455) lies in Morton's Harbour United Church Wild Cove Cemetery, Newfoundland.**

**His occupation prior to military service recorded as that of a fisherman, Permanus Canning presented himself for medical examination and also enlisted at the Church Lads Brigade Armoury in St. John's on May 27, 1918\* - engaged *for the duration of the war* at the private soldier's rate of \$1.10 per diem. He attested on the same day.**

***\*This was the month during which the Newfoundland Military Service Act (conscription) came into effect. From May 11 through to the end of the War the Department of Militia called a total of 1,470 men into active service.***

**On June 13, some seventeen days after his enlistment, Private Canning was admitted into the General Hospital in St. John's and diagnosed as suffering from *Toxic influenza with Bron. (bronchial) Pneumonia*. According to his files, before admission he had been too ill even to have an identity photograph taken.**

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The son of William Canning, fisherman (later re-married to *Dorcas(?) Flynn*), and Emma Canning (deceased in 1910) of Morton's Harbour, he was also brother to Carrie, Edward, Harry and Doris.

Private Canning was reported as having *died of sickness* – of pneumonia - in hospital on the morning of June 24, 1918.

His remains, embalmed and placed in a coffin by Mr. Oke, undertaker, were escorted in a funeral cortege to the railway station in St. John's on June 26. His records then show Private Canning travelling homeward as late as Sunday June 30 by the daily express.

Permanus Canning had enlisted at the age of nineteen years.

*The Commonwealth War Graves headstone was shipped by train en route to Moreton's Harbour on August 13-14 of 1923.*