



Private Christopher Dawe (Regimental Number 4864) is interred in the United Church Cemetery in Cupids.

His occupation prior to military service recorded as that of a fisherman, Christopher Dawe presented himself for medical examination at Headquarters at the Church Lads Brigade Armoury in St. John's on May 1 of 1918. He then enlisted - engaged *for the duration of the war* at the private soldier's rate of \$1.10 per diem – and also attested, all on the same day.

Only three weeks after his enlistment, and before he could embark for overseas service, Private Dawe was admitted into the *Military Hospital for Infectious Diseases* in St. John's. He had been diagnosed as suffering from pneumonia.

The son of George Dawe and Elizabeth Dawe (née Reeves) of Cupids, he was also brother to Ida, Joseph, Bessie Louise, Thomas, Jack and Susie Jane (*Jennie*). Private Dawe was reported as having *died of sickness* – the precise cause of death cited as *pneumonia* - on May 31, 1918, in the same Military Hospital, St. John's.

His remains were taken home to Cupids to be buried.

Christopher Dawe had enlisted at the age of eighteen years.

W F Rendell
Chief Staff Officer
Dept of Militia
St John's

Cupids
Jan: 16th, 1919

Sir.

In reply to your enquiry re No 4864 Christopher Dawe I would say
(1) his grave is situated in the Meth. Cemetery at Cupids.
(2) There is no mark whatever to the grave. I am unable to put a headstone to the grave.

I am
Yours respectfully
his
George X Dawe
mark

Witness: Alex Senior (Math Teacher at Cupids)

The Commonwealth War Graves Headstone was sent on July 5, 1923, and it was agreed that the work be done... *by a local man as soon as the caplin school is over*. The lumber used for making the forms for the grave was afterwards given over to the father, George Dawe, to repair his house.