



Private Michael Dober (Regimental Number 6059) is interred in Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Cemetery in St. John's, in the Naval and Military Plot.

His occupation prior to enlistment recorded as that of a fisherman, Michael Dober presented himself for medical examination and also enlisted in St. John's on August 19, 1918* - engaged for the duration of the war and at the private soldier's rate of \$1.10 per diem. He attested on the same day.

****In May of that year 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 September 23, Private Dober was sent to Port aux Basques on *special duty*. The date of his return has not been recorded, but on October 5 he was admitted into the Military Hospital for Infectious Diseases in St. John's, suffering from 'flu and bronchial pneumonia.

The son of George Dober, fisherman, and Susannah Dober – to whom he had allotted a daily fifty cents from his pay - of Beaubois, Burin - his own place of residence recorded as being the community of Mobile, District of Ferryland – he was brother to at least Daniel and to an un-named sister. Private Dober was reported as having *died of sickness* - of pneumonia - at the Military Hospital in St. John's on October 12, 1918.

His remains were placed in a coffin and sealed by Mr. J. C. Oke, undertaker. The casket, by order of the health authorities, was then buried in St. John's.

Michael Dober had enlisted at the age of twenty-five years.

The photograph of Private Dober is from St. Gabriel's Hall, Marystown – with thanks.

