



**Private Peter Dober (Regimental Number 6066) is interred in Channel Roman Catholic Cemetery in the District of Burgeo.**

**His occupation prior to enlistment recorded as that of a fisherman, Peter Dober presented himself for medical examination and then enlisted in St. John's on August 20, 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.***

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**On September 23, Private Dober was sent to Port aux Basques on *special duty*. Some three weeks later, on or about October 15, he was taken sick and diagnosed as suffering from influenza.**

**The son of Joseph Dober, fisherman, and Elizabeth Dober (née *Green?*) (of Spanish Room until at least 1904 and latterly – at least Joseph - of Harbour Island, Placentia), he was also nephew to Daniel Dober and Hannah Dober – to whom he had allotted a daily sixty cents from his pay - of Spanish Room, Burin. As well, he was brother to sisters Mary-Amelia and Honorah Dober, to whom he willed his personal effects\*, and also perhaps to Anne. Private Dober was reported as having *died of sickness* – of pneumonia – at half-past four o'clock in the afternoon of October 25, 1918.**

**His remains were placed in a coffin – it having been sent to Port aux Basques on the ship *Glencoe* from North Sydney – which was sealed and buried in Channel by order of the health authorities. The grave itself was constructed by a Mr. William Sheaves at a cost of twelve dollars, this sum being paid by the *Daughters of the Empire*.**

**Private Dober was buried with military honours on October 26 at half-past one o'clock in the afternoon.**

**Peter Dober had enlisted at the age of twenty-three years.**

***\*In fact his clothes were all destroyed by the authorities, such was the fear of Infection.***

***The Commonwealth War Graves headstone was sent from St. John's to Port aux Basques by rail on July 14, 1923.***

**(Right and right below: *The sacrifice of Private Peter Dober is honoured on the Screen Wall in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, St. John's as well as on the War Memorial in the community of Marystown. – photograph from 2011 and 2015 respectively (the latter thanks to Cyril Bennett)***

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Spanish Room PB

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September 6<sup>th</sup> 1921

His Majesty Geo V R. I.

Your Majesty:

Again I wish to express my thanks by a personal letter for the memorial plaque received a few days ago.

I must say it is a consolation to us to receive from time to time kind messages and memorials of our dear nephew and it shows that our King honours and appreciates the services rendered by those who fell in a good cause.

Respectfully yours

Daniel Dober