

(photograph of the grave of Private Fudge as yet unavailable)

Private George Thomas Fudge (Regimental Number 4323) lies buried in Muddy Hole Church of England Cemetery, Hermitage Bay, Newfoundland.

His occupation prior to military service recorded as that of a sailor earning a monthly thirty dollars, George Fudge presented himself for medical examination at Headquarters at the Church Lads Brigade Armoury in St. John's on January 22, 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 on that same day.

Private Fudge was admitted into the *Military Hospital for Infectious Diseases* in St. John's on May 3, suffering from pneumonia – the diagnosis being later amended to include tuberculosis. On May 22, almost three weeks later, he was transferred to the Jensen Camp on Blackmarsh Road.

The son of John Fudge, fisherman, and Annie Fudge – to whom, as of June 6 – he had allotted a daily sixty cents from his pay – of Muddy Hole, Hermitage Bay, he was also brother to John, Mary and (through adoption) Carrie. Private Fudge was reported as having *died of sickness* – tuberculosis - at the Jensen Camp on June 22.

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On June 24, two days later, the coffin carrying Private Fudge's remains began its journey to home via Placentia by train and by ship, the SS *Fogota*. On a later date – on or about November 20, 1925 - it was the Bowring Brothers' vessel *Portia** which carried the Commonwealth War Graves headstone to Muddy Hole.



George Thomas Fudge had enlisted at the age of twenty-one years and one month.

**There were two Portias: this is surely a picture of the second, the one used to transport Private Fudge's headstone.*



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

(*The photograph of Private Fudge is from a web-site entitled... A Soldier who never left the island*)



Muddy Hole
June 8th 1925

Dear Sir:-

I am sending you with the greatest of pleasure saying about the Headstone and the concrete you mentioned to me a time ago about the grave of Pte. George Fudge No. 4323 who laid down his life for King and country and as we havnt received it yet we should like and get it for to put on his grave if we could; and we should also like to get some of them Bulb flowers you sent us before as they all dyed away



Yours truly
John Fudge
Muddy Hole
Via Pushthrough
Htge Bay