



**Private Samuel Hoddinott (Regimental Number 5595) is buried in the General Protestant Cemetery in St. John's, in the Naval and Military Plot.**

**His occupation prior to military service recorded as that of a fisherman, Frederick Wicks presented himself for medical examination and also enlisted at the Church Lads Brigade Armoury in St. John's on June 3, 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.**

**(continued)**

***\*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 June 14, some two weeks after his enlistment, Private Hoddinott was admitted into the General Hospital in St. John's and diagnosed as suffering from pleurisy, 'flu and bronchitis. From there, despite having been considered as *improved* on June 20, he was transferred to the *Military Hospital for Infectious Diseases* on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, eight days after the first admission, measles and pneumonia having by then been appended to his condition.**

**By July 1, the situation had become even more serious: *Developed cellulitis (deep skin infection) of neck, arms & leg, considerable œdema (retention of fluids) of throat.***

**The son of (Henry?) Samuel Hoddinott, fisherman, and of Mary Ann Hoddinott (née *Tulk?*) of Indian Islands, Fogo, he was also brother to William J. (James/Jim?) Hoddinott\*.**

**Private Hoddinott was reported as having *died of sickness* - measles and septicæmia\*\* - in the Military Hospital in St. John's on July 2, 1918.**

***\*If this is so, he was brother as well to Walter, Susannah, Tilly, Edward, Florence and Lewis.***

***\*\*A second report says due to candida, a fungal infection.***

**Due to the infectious nature of the disease(s) involved, Mr. J. C. Oke, the undertaker, was asked to seal his coffin and to prepare it for burial as soon as possible as the remains of Private Hoddinott were not to be returned to his home and family.**

**He was buried on July 4, two days after his death.**

**Samuel Hoddinott had enlisted at the age of nineteen years.**