



Private Victor Willie Hull (Regimental Number 5471) lies in Little Bay Islands Methodist Cemetery, Newfoundland.

His occupation prior to military service recorded as that of a fisherman, Victor Hull presented himself for medical examination and also enlisted at the Church Lads Brigade Armoury in St. John's on May 27, 1918* - engaged *for the duration of the war* at the private soldiers rate of \$1.10 per diem. He attested on the same day.

****This was the month during which 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 5, some nine days after his enlistment, Private Hull was admitted into *the Military Hospital for Infectious Diseases* in St. John's and diagnosed as suffering from meningitis.

The son of John Robert Hull, fisherman and Leah Ann Hull (née *Oxford*) of Sulian's Cove (variously spelled), he was also brother to Frederick, John-Stanley, Andrew, Arthur, Mary-Elizabeth, Samuel, Madora, Virginia, to Jean and to James-Clayton*. Private Hull was reported as having *died of sickness* – of meningitis - in hospital on the night of June 8-9, 1918.

****Most of these names are from a single source which does not mention Victor as a sibling.***

His remains, embalmed and placed in a coffin by Mr. J. C. Oke, undertaker, were escorted in a funeral cortege to the railway station in St. John's on Sunday, June 16. The express train then carried him to Lewisport(e) for the final stage of his journey by ship.

Victor Hull had enlisted at the age of eighteen years.

The Commonwealth War Graves headstone was shipped en route to Little Bay Islands on September 6 of 1923: the cost of shipment was three dollars and eighty-three cents.

(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)*

