

(a photograph of the grave of Private Sceviour not as yet available)

Private Martin Sceviour (also *Seviour*) (Regimental Number 5373), is interred in the Church of England Cemetery in British Harbour, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland.

His occupation prior to enlistment recorded as that of a fisherman, Martin Sceviour presented himself for medical examination and then also enlisted in St. John's on May 23*, 1918 – engaged *for the duration of the war* and at the daily private soldier's rate of \$1.10. He attested on that same day.

Sent home on leave until such time as he was to report back *to duty* in St. John's, he fell sick with a case of the measles and was reported as such by Dr. Barlow to the Regimental Headquarters in St. John's.

**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.*

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Telegraph of June 7 to Captain O'Grady from British Harbour: Very Sick unable to report the ninth leaving when better 5373 Pte Martin Sceviour (sic)

The son of Ananias Sceviour and Sarah Sceviour (née Carberry) of British Harbour, he was also brother to Urias-Waterman, Fannie, Wilfred, Elizabeth-Ann and Frank.

Private Sceviour was reported as having *died of sickness* - measles - at home on June 16, 1918.

Martin Sceviour had enlisted at the age of twenty-two years.

Dept. of Minister Militia
St. John's

British Hr
June 20th, 18

Dear Sir:-

As I haven't heard anything about my sons money since his death " Pte Martin Sceviour I would like to know if there is any allotment for to be sent home as I am a cripple myself & has one son left that is any support to me, as I haven't heard anything about it since my "sons" death I would like to know if there could be anything sent to me.

Trusting to hear a favourable reply

I am

Sincerely yours
Ananias Sceviour

Noted on letter: Pte Martin Sceviour had no allotment

(Right: *The sacrifice of Private Sceviour is honoured on the Screen Wall in the Military Plot, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, in St. John's. – photograph from 2010*)

