



Private Frederick Christopher Seabright (Regimental Number 5713) is interred in Peterview (formerly *Peter's Arm* and before that, *Dominion Point*) Anglican Cemetery.

His occupation prior to military service recorded as that of a steel-worker, Fred Seabright apparently underwent two medical examinations: one un-dated in Port aux Basques, and a second on June 21, 1918*, upon arrival at Headquarters at the Church Lads Brigade Armoury in St. John's. He enlisted on that same June 21 - engaged *for the duration of the war* at the private soldier's rate of \$1.10 per diem – and also attested.

**In May of that year the Newfoundland Military Service Act (conscriptio) 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 August 19, Private Seabright was sent to the Barracks Hospital Venereal Division in St. John's – for which he initially forfeited fifty cents a day from his pay, a decision later rescinded – and, four days later, was transferred to the General Hospital in St. John's, having been diagnosed as with bronchial pneumonia.

**Particularly in the early days of the war, the practice in the British Army was to dock the supposed cost of treatment of sufferers of venereal disease. This was done less and less so as the war progressed.*

The son of Elias Seabright, lumberman, and of Susan Seabright (née *Beaton*) – to whom he had allotted a daily fifty cents from his pay – of Red Rock Cove, Norris Arm, and later of Peter's Arm (originally *Dominion Point*, later *Peterview*) he was also brother to Albert, Alfred, Mary Ann and Flossie.

Private Seabright was reported as having *died of sickness – empyema* (pus in the pleural cavity) – in hospital on September 21, 1918.

His remains embalmed and placed in a coffin by Mr. J. C. Oke, undertaker, his funeral cortege was escorted to the railway station in St. John's on September 29 for the first stage, on the express train, of his journey home.

The family did not desire a Commonwealth War Graves headstone.

Frederick Christopher Seabright had enlisted at the age of twenty-one years.