

# Sacrifice and Survival

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Reginald Grandy was born in Bay L'Argent, Newfoundland on July 18, 1889. Like many of the men in his family, he was working as a fisherman when World War I started. On July 6, 1915, Reg enlisted with the First Newfoundland regiment and began his military career.

The First Newfoundland Regiment ended up going to France where they fought with their allies against Germany. Unfortunately, Private Grandy was wounded on October 12, 1916 near the village of Gueudecourt during one of the major battles of the Somme. He suffered a gunshot to his right temple, but fortunately the bullet was removed through his lower left jaw and he survived.

Private Grandy lost most of his vision in his right eye and he had problems moving his jaw. He could not continue serving in the military so he was honorably discharged on February 28, 1917. Private Grandy received the Victory Medal and the British War Medal.

Reg returned home to Bay L'Argent where he married Emma Thornhill on November 19, 1917. Together, they had eight children. Reg was not able to work as a fisherman anymore, but he was able to continue to do excellent woodworking. He was known in his community for his dory making skills.

After it was removed, Reg had been given the bullet he was shot with. His wife Emma carried the bullet with her all through her life. Reg's family believed that bullet was proof of miracles and the bullet is still in his family today. It is being kept safe by his granddaughter until it is passed on to the next generation. It is a true symbol of sacrifice and survival!!!