

### 334 Lieutenant *Stanley Goodyear* MC

**Businessman** Contractor

**Enlisted:** September 8, 1914, age 31

**Parents:** Josiah and Louisa Goodyear, Grand Falls, Nfld. Native of Ladle Cove, Fogo Dist, Nfld.

**Religion:** Methodist

**Description:** In Lieutenant Stanley Goodyear's military record, there is no description of him. However, in his book, The Danger Tree, David Macfarlane, a family member, speaks of him in these terms: handsome, fresh brave face, thick muscular neck, fair sun-flecked skin, and a sculptured rock of a face, "his cropped light hair has a trace of red in it", "his shoulders were square and his forearms were broad and tanned", he was quick-witted and sure on his feet. Mayo Lind said of him, "Stan is as popular as ever. You remember him as our best boxer and wrestler; he is as strong as an ox." (Macfarlane, pp. 62-63)

**Service:**

- Promoted Lance Corporal, October 3, 1914
- Embarked S.S. Florizel, St. John's, October 3, 1914
- Promoted Corporal, March 13, 1915
- Promoted Sergeant, June 14, 1915
- Embarked from United Kingdom for Gallipoli Campaign, August 20, 1915
- Embarked Port Said for Marseilles, France, March 10, 1916
- Promoted Second Lieutenant, May 10, 1916
- Appointed Transportation Officer for the Newfoundland Regiment
- Promoted Lieutenant, August 1, 1917
- Killed in action, October 10, 1917
- Awarded Military Cross, December 28, 1917

**Burial:**

Lieutenant Stanley Goodyear has no specific recognized grave site. He was killed by a shell explosion on the evening of October 10, 1917, while in charge of a group of soldiers taking military supplies to the front by horse and mule. A British officer, Captain D. Charles of the 10<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Regiment, was on the scene within minutes of the shell's landing and in a report stated:

His body was left there and was buried next day by my party immediately S. of the church by the side of the road ... Map Reference of grave, Sheet 20, U22 D67 18. (Report by Captain Charles to his Commanding Officer, October 27, 1917)

When the body of Lieutenant Goodyear was laid to rest, his watch, ring, belt and revolver were missing. Only his whip and spurs were found. The officer commanding the Newfoundland Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel A.L. Hadow, became personally involved in the question of what had happened to the personal effects of Lieutenant Goodyear and expressed his concern about the "looting of the dead" (Hadow, memo, October 29, 1917)

Incidentally, Mr. Terry Goodyear, nephew of Lieutenant Goodyear, recalls that when the Goodyear home was being demolished to provide space for our present church building, a whip, the possible significance of which he did not recognize at the time, was removed from the attic of the building.

**Note:** It seems that Captain Charles and his party, even though they gave a map reference, did not adequately mark the grave of Lieutenant Goodyear. His remains were never disinterred and officially laid to rest. Obviously, his grave was never found. In The Danger Tree, Macfarlane hints at an unsuccessful attempt by Roland Goodyear, Lieutenant Stanley's brother, to locate the gravesite. (Macfarlane, pp. 168-169)

The citation accompanying Lieutenant Stanley Goodyear's Military Cross reads:

For most conspicuous and continuous good work as transport officer of the Battalion during the past eighteen months in France. His resourcefulness invariably overcomes all difficulties.

(Extract from London Gazette, December 28, 1917)

In a correspondence dated January 3, 1918 and addressed to Mr. Josiah Goodyear from a Staff Officer, "W.F.R. Major", C.S.O., Department of Militia, we find these words:

I confirm my telegram of this date informing you that Stanley has been awarded the Military Cross. Although he will not be able to wear the award himself, I am sure you will be very proud to receive this high distinction when it has been received from London. The reputation of the Goodyear family and the high estate by which they are held by all ranks in the Regiment is common knowledge .... I offer you and Mrs. Goodyear on behalf of the Department and the Regiment my sincere congratulations on the honour which has come to your family through the gallantry and soldierly qualities of the late Lieutenant Stanley Goodyear.