

Enlistment and Recruitment

- In Newfoundland, young men of all classes were eager to join in the forces to make the sacrifice for the "mother country" (reference to Britain).
- Fisherman, woodsmen, merchants, and trappers enlisted. Many young men showed great determination to enter the forces - walking long distances, falsifying their age to enlist. (I.e. Tommy Ricketts; only 15 years of age.)
- **Why did the young men and women enlist in the war effort? Give at least four (4) reasons.**
 - 1) Thought the war would not last long - help for the short term.
 - 2) Signed up for adventure - a chance to see the world.
 - 3) Source of employment - income away from the traditional fishery.
 - 4) Patriotism - the Newfoundland men enlisted out of a deep sense of pride and loyalty to Great Britain and were willing to make the sacrifice for the "mother country".
- **Patriotism:** a strong expression of love for one's country or nation. Patriotism is often expressed through poems, songs, recitations, flying the flag, singing the anthem etc.
- **Propaganda:** information used to promote a political cause or point of view. Both sides in the war used propaganda to promote their cause.
- Some joined because the propaganda was very effective. For example, people were convinced of the importance to fight in order to save the world from the evil of the enemy.
- Most propaganda was in poster form. The posters tried to persuade people to believe that the enemy was evil and wanted to destroy the "good guy".