

Recording No. 369

# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 3696 Name Isaac Baker Corps S.C.

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your name? ..... 1. Isaac Baker
- 2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. Bishop Falls
- 3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
- 4. What is your age? ..... 4. 21 Years 5 Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. Fisherman
- 6. Are you Married? ..... 6. Yes
- 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,\* which? } 7. No
- 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ..... 8. Yes
- 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ..... 9. Yes
- 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ..... 10. { Name .....  
Corps .....
- 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? ..... 11. Yes

I, Isaac Baker do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Isaac Baker SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Brendan Sinnott Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Isaac Baker do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at St. John's on this 27 day of April 1917

Signature of Attesting Officer J. G. Light

† CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the .....

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date ..... 1917

Place ..... } Approving Officer.

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.  
‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

\* If so, Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink as follows:— (Name) .....

Name Isaac Baker

Apparent age 29 years 5 months

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38 inches  
Range of expansion 3 inches

Distinctive marks

### INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Mrs Sarah Baker

Bishops Falls | Relationship Wife

#### Particulars as to Marriage

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.  
(c) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

#### Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

### STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>27-4-17</u>									
Joined at <u>St Johns</u> on <u>April 27/17</u>									
<u>Killed in Action 3-12-17</u>									
<u>Embarked Sphinx's St. Helier to Halifax 17-7-17</u>									
<u>for B.C.H. to 7 disembarked same 9-7-17</u>									
<u>Embarked 24-7-17</u>									
<u>Killed in Action</u>									

Total Service forfeited as above

Total Service towards Engagement to 3-12-17

C.R.

3696

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal  
Nfld. Regt., St. John's, April 27th, 1917.

3696 Pte. W. Baker.

Attested this day . posted to F. Company and assigned  
number as shown.

CP 3696

Extract from Medical Mail, embarked St. John's for Overseas 19-4-47

# 3696 PTE. E. BAKER.

Birthplace: Parish Bishop Falls County ...



SPECIAL RESERVE.

Examined on 28 day of April 1917 at Headquarters

Declared Age 29 years 5 days

Trade or Occupation Fisherman

Height 5 feet 5 inches

Weight 120 lbs

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38 inches  
Range of Expansion 3 inches

Physical Development	Right	Left	Right	Left
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			

When Vaccinated

Vision R.E.-V=6/6 L.E.-V=6/6

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection

Approved by (Signature) W.E. Proemer  
(Rank) Lieut.

Medical Officer. Medical Officer.

Enlisted at St Johns on 28 day of April 1917

Joined on Enlistment 1st 97 22 3696

Transferred to

Became non-effective by



**FIELD SERVICE**

Army Form B. 2090a

REPORT of death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

**ORIGINAL**

REGIMENT OR CORPS Newfoundland. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company A. Co.

Regimental No. 3896. Rank Private.

Surname Baker. Christian Name E.

Died { Date 3/12/17. Place France **DUPLICATE** **NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT** **68, VICTORIA ST. LONDON, S.W.** **18 DEC 1917** **SENT TO**

Cause of Death\* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B213 d/9/12/17.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, exhaustion or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received. (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not received. (c) as a separate document Not received.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Station and Date G.H. 3rd. Echelon. 13/12/17. Signature of Officer in charge of Section [Signature] Adjutant-General's Office at the Base 1607/e No. 1 Infantry Section.





July 21 1918.

Hon. A.E. Hickman  
Minister of Militia,  
St. John's.

Dear Sir:-

I am the father of Private George Baker  
Reg. No. 1439 who was killed the 9th of October 1917. I  
understand there is due me what is termed as death money  
which I have not received as yet. I am unable to work and  
requires some support in view of the fact that I lost two  
sons in the Newfoundland Regiment,. Esau Baker is the name  
of the other son who was killed on the 20th of November 1917.  
I believe the Country which my two sons died for will see  
to the parents at home.

Thanking you for your kind attention in  
the above, I remain, Sir,

Respectfully Yours,

Caleb Baker.

C.R. 267

August 7th 1919.

Mr. Caleb Baker,  
Clareville.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter of July 23rd and in reply to your enquiries therein, I have to inform you that as the estates of your two sons have been settled: that of No. 1439, Pte. Geo. Baker being paid you on May 5th 1919, and that of No. 3696, E. Baker paid his wife Mrs. Sarah Baker, on May 31st 1919, the only thing that would be due you might be pension on account of Rev 1439, Pte. Geo. Baker, and I have forwarded copy of your letter to the Board of Pension Commissioners requesting them to look into your case. Anything due on account of No. 3696, E. Baker is payable to his wife. War Service Gratuity is not payable on account of deceased soldiers.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.

Chief Staff Officer,

C.R. 3696

PERSONAL EFFECTS.

RECEIVED FROM MILITIA DEPARTMENT

ONE ENVELOPE CONTAINING DISC OF THE LATE NO. 3696, PRIVATE ESAU  
BAKER

SIGNED... *Mrs Sarah Baker* .....

DATED... *Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1918* .....

Sept 7th, 1918

Mrs. Sarah Baker,  
Bishop's Falls

Dear Mrs. Baker:-

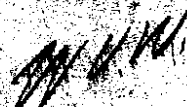
I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you one envelope containing Identity Disc, which belonged to your late husband, No. 5696, Private Esau Baker, of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am also enclosing herewith receipt; will you kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and in the added sorrow which the receipt of this disc must entail.

I am,

Yours faithfully,



11/11/18

## Cable Conditions

### All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions

The N. P. T. may decline to forward the Message, though it has been received for transmission, but in case of so doing shall refund the amount paid for its transmission.

If the Message shall never reach its destination by reason of any neglect or default of the N. P. T. or its Servants whilst the Message remains under the control of the N. P. T., they will refund the amount paid by the Sender for such Message.

The N. P. T. shall not be liable to make compensation beyond the amount refunded as above for any loss, injury, or damage arising or resulting from the non-transmission or non-delivery of the Message, or delay or error in the transmission or delivery thereof, howsoever such transmission, non-delivery, delay, or error shall have occurred.

The control of the N. P. T. over the Message shall be deemed to have entirely ceased for the purposes of these Conditions at any point where in the course of the transit of the Message to its destination, it may be entrusted by the N. P. T. (and the N. P. T. shall have full power so to entrust the Message) for further transmission by or through any system, service, or line of Telegraph belonging to or worked by any administration or authority not controlled by the N. P. T. exclusively, although worked as part of or in connection with the Telegraphic system or service of the N. P. T.

I request that the following Telegram may be forwarded according to the foregoing Conditions, by which I agree to abide.

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Received	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated

December 18, 1917.

To

Mrs. Sarah Baker,

Bishops Falls.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports No. 3696, Private Esau Baker, was killed in action December third.

R.A. SQUIRES

Colonial Secretary.

#### NOTE FOR OPERATOR

This message is not to be sent until receiving office notifies that message to Adjutant Brown, Grand Falls, has been delivered and acted upon.

C.R. 3686

\* 3596 Pte. Esau Baker.

Extract of Casualty list received December 18, 1917.

Killed in Action December 8. ✓

C.R. 3696

Extract from German Official List forwarded through  
Geneva Red Cross 14-3-18.

Previously reported Killed in Action 3-12-17.

Buried in the Cemetery of Seranvilles.

#3696 Pte. E. Baker.

June 13, 1919

Mrs. Sarah Baker King,  
Little Harbor,  
Nfld.

Dear Madam:

I enclose cheque for \$17.87  
balance of estate of late P. B. Baker due  
you as Administrator.

I am also enclosing herewith  
Letters of Administration.

Yours truly,

*J. J. King*

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt

Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of

the late No. 3696 Rank

Name Osau Baker

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Mrs Sarah Baker (Sgd.)

Wife Relationship.

Address Calarumville South

3696

SEP 11 1921 1921.

The accompanying Victory Medal and/or British War Medal

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mrs Sarah Baker (Wife)

in respect of his service as No. 3696 Rank Pte.

Name ~~Esop~~ Baker Royal Nfld. Regt.

*H.G.*  
Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 1923.

Signature Mrs Sarah Baker King

Date Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1923

Address Clareville South

[P.T.O.]

Casualty Form - Active Service

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland

Rank Pte Surname Baker Christian Name Esau  
Religion Salvation Army Age on Enlistment 29 years 5 months  
Enlisted (a) 27/4/17 Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 27/4/17  
Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....

Extended { ..... } Re-engaged { ..... } Qualification (b) .....  
or Corps Trade and Rate .....  
Occupation Fisherman Harold Skinght Signature of Officer.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
			Embarked <u>Southampton</u>		<u>6/11/17</u>
			Disembarked <u>Race</u>		<u>14.11.17</u>
			<u>Joined Batt</u>		
			<u>Race</u>		
			<u>years.</u>		

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.  
W. 13863-M1477 10000 1/17 (27612) S P & Co, Ltd. Forms E. 103/4 E. 1354 [P.T.O.]



C.R. 3696

May 31st 1920.

Mrs. Sarah Baker,  
Bishops Falls.

Dear Madam:-

I am enclosing herewith  
Disc belonging to your late husband #3696.  
Pte. Esau Baker, Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Trusting the same will  
reach you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

2/Lt.

CASUALTY OFFICER.

N.B.  
Enquiry has been sent to LONDON  
cerning the Grave Site.