

# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 7541 Name George S. Clarke Corps .....

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

- 1. What is your name? ..... 1. George S. Clarke
- 2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. Spuydale N.B. Bay
- 3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
- 4. What is your age? ..... 4. 19 Years 7 Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. Clerk
- 6. Are you Married? ..... 6. No
- 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, George S. Clarke 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.

George S. Clarke SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
[Signature] Signature of Witness.

George S. Clarke OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.  
I, George S. Clarke 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 fully entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at [Signature] on this 19th day of April 1916  
Signature of Attesting Officer [Signature]

†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 ..... 191 .....  
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, viz:—(Name).....re-enlisted in the (Regiment).....on the (Date).....

Chest Measurement: { Girth when fully expanded ..... inches  
 Range of expansion ..... inches

Distinctive marks.....

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT**

Name and Address of next of kin.....

Relationship.....

**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 15-4-16									
Joined at <i>Mohr's</i> on April 15 <sup>th</sup> 16									
<i>Embarked at St. John's Nfld. for 19<sup>th</sup> 16</i>									<i>Embarked for 13<sup>th</sup> 17</i>
<i>Joined unit 22-10-16 Admitted 39 Coy. R.O. 20<sup>th</sup> 17</i>									
<i>Admitted 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. H.W. and sent 5<sup>th</sup> 17 Furlough then attached 11<sup>th</sup> Coy. Depot 29-4-17</i>									
<i>Embarked for 13<sup>th</sup> 17 5<sup>th</sup> 17</i>									
<i>Missing 9-10-17</i>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service forfeited as above.....

Discharged on 9-10-17 (Date of discharge) 1 year 178 days

Gec. S. Clarke was attested for General Service with  
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on April 15th 1916  
Regimental No. 2541 was allotted to Pte G.S. Clarke.

C.R. 2541

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger

Dept. of Militia;

March 25th 1919

C.R.

Extract from Nominal Roll embarked St. John's for Overseas,  
per S.S. Sicilian, July 19, 1916.

2540 Pte. Clarke G.S.

To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists and Regular Army.

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Blank

OF

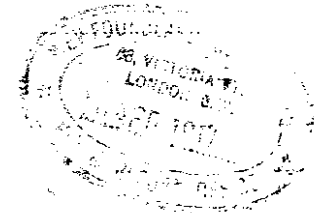
Christian Name Red

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on 15 day of April 1916 at St John's		on 15 day of August 1917 at SS. VICTORIA ST LONDON, S.W.	
Declared Age	19 years 2 mos days		19 years 2 mos days	
Trade or Occupation	Blank			
Height	5 feet 6 inches		feet inches	
Weight	140 lbs.		lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 37 1/2 inches		inches	
	Range of expansion... 3 1/2 inches		inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm		Right	Left
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V=6/6R		R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V=6/36		L.E.—V=	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<i>L. Arnold Parker</i>			
(Rank)	Major		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at St John's		at	
	on 15 day of April 1916		on day of 191	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	15th Reserve Reg 2541			
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on day of 191		on day of 191	
(Signature)				
(Rank)				





This Form is to be used for the purpose of recording the findings of a physical examination.

In the spaces below should be entered the findings in the routine of examination set forth in the Appendix. Care should be exercised that each finding be entered after the number below which corresponds to the number of that test.

Examination of

*George S. Clarke*

aged

*19*

conducted at

*C. L. B.*

Date:

*April 15/16*

Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST

FINDING

1

*no*

2

*no*

3

*yes 6 yrs ago*

4

*no*

5

*no*

6

*no*

7

*yes*

8

*yes*

9

*no*

10

*n*

11

*n*

12

*n*

13

*roots to come out*

*TEETH*

*25/11*

14

*n*

15

*n*

16

*n*

17

*slight scapular hump - not to Desquama*

18

*n*

19

*6/6 left 6/6 right*

20

*n*

21

*n*

22

*n*

23

*n*

24

*n*

25

*n*

26

*n*

27

*n*

28

*n*

29

*n*

30

*n*

31

*n*

32

*n*

33

*yes 8 yrs ago 1 scar left arm*

34

*5'6"*

35

*140*

36

*34-37 1/2*

37

*#300*

38

*Mother Mrs Geo. W. Clarke Springfield Hills*

39

*none*

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

No. *101* Name *Glauke G.*  
 Died <sup>(a)</sup> *Intestate* at *France* on the *9th* of *October* 191 *7.*  
 Deserted at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 191 \_\_\_\_.

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 { Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
 Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

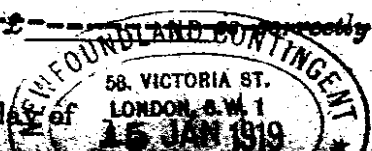
[Form 1.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month ... <i>9/10/17</i> .....	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>3</i>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	£ s. d.				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	<i>191</i>				Messing allowance days at _____			
	"				from _____ to _____ .....			
	"				Kit allowance .....			
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage .....							
					This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to <i>20/1/19</i> and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>3</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		<i>£</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>
			<i>3</i>				<i>3</i>	

PAID.  
 JAN 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the

~~debtor balance of £~~ *NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT* ~~is correctly chargeable against the Public~~  
 Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 191 \_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Paymaster



(a) Here state whether the deceased left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed to this Form B. 2690 or Army Form O. 1815.



C.R. 2541

Extract from Nominal Roll of Field. Regt. Embarked South-  
ampton, (Draft No. 12) From 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F.  
11-10-16.

2541 Pte. G. Clarke.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 10 Sent by H J Rec'd by M Check 92 / No. 1A

Place from Springdale  
to Colonial Secy  
H Johns

FEB 14 1917

Nurse at Twenty Ninth  
Casualty Station writes my  
son number two five four  
one very ill of disease  
in throat advise please

Geo W Clarke

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

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In case 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 resulting from the non-transmission or non-delivery of the Message, or delay or error in the transmission or delivery thereof, howsoever arising, transmission, non-delivery, delay, or error shall have occurred.

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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 Frederick Shilley Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	Check
		<u>Frederick Shilley</u>	<u>10 Dept of Sec</u>	

Dated February 21, 1917.

To Mr. George W. Clark,  
Springdale, N.D.B.

Replying to my enquiry, Record Office,  
London, reports No. 2541, Private George S.  
Clark, at fourteenth Stationary Hospital,  
Winereux, January twentyeighth suspect diphtheria.

J.R. BENNETT  
Colonial Secretary.

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

# NEW ZEALAND POSTAL TELEGRAPH

## Cable Connection with all the World

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender John M. Clarke Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated 8th March, 1917.

To Mr. George W. Clarke,  
Springdale, N.D.B.

Regret to inform you that Record Office,  
London, officially reports No. 2541 Private  
George S. Clarke admitted Wandsworth Disordered  
Action Heart.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you and trust that next report will be of his convalescence.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

Escher Red + hospital

Escher. Surrey

March 22/17

Dear Sir:-

As I am anxious to know the whereabouts of my brother whom I left in France on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. Could you let me know if he is still alive and if wounded. I have written him four letters and have rec'd no answer. I wrote him Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Boulogne hospital when I was there and should have received an answer by this time His Name and Number

3  
2  
is. - No. 2574 P.F.

Pvt Walter J. Clarke  
"B" Company.

He was in "B" Company  
before he was draughted  
to France. By doing  
so you would oblige

Yours faithfully

2541 Pvt George S. Clarke  
1/1 1st Regiment  
"D" Company

1419  
MAR 25 1917

26-3-17 AAA

Eastern Red Cross Hosp.

April 12/18

Supt. Fenwick

Would you please

Cable to Mr. J. W. Clarke to  
Springdale Hotel N.D. Bay  
for 10 pounds please cable  
as soon as you receive

this letter as I am expecting  
to get out soon. Send this

for 25/11 J. W. Clarke

& say to doing you well.

Always yours truly

J. W. Clarke

- Eastern Red Cross Hosp.

Surrey

England

Cable sent 2/11

5  
HAB

**Radio Communication**

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender *J. A. Bennett* Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated November 6, 1917.

To Mr. George W. Clarke,  
Springdale, N.D.B.

Regret to inform you that Record Office London, officially reports No. 2541, Private George S. Clarke, missing October ninth.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

*J. A. Bennett*, R.A. SQUIRES  
Colonial Secretary.

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

C.A. 2541

Extract from telegram received from London, dated  
May 8th, 1911 .

Previously reported Missing October 9th, now presumed  
dead May 7th, 2541 Clarke.

**Public Communication with the N.P.T.**

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address **Det of Militia.**

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated May 9th 1918.

To George W. Clarke, Springdale, N.D. RB

I Regret to inform you that Record Office, London reports to-day No. 2741, Private George W. Clarke previously reported missing October 9th now presumed dead May 7th.

J. Bennett

Det. Minister of Militia.

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

Hon. J. A. ...  
Major W. H. ...  
R.A.M.C.

No. ....

*St. John's*

July 13/19

To :- The Paymaster & O. i/c Records.  
From:- Asst. Secy. B. P. C.

2541 Geo. S. Clarke  
2574 W. J. Clarke,  
Deceased.

Kindly have the allotments which are  
being paid in the above mentioned cases, continued  
until Dec. 31/19, after which date it is the  
Board's wish that same be cancelled.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Asst. Secy.

CCO/LBD.

May 6. 1919

Geo. W. Clarke,  
SPRINGDALE.

Dear Sir:

I enclose cheque for ~~37.00~~ amount  
of balance of estate of late Pte. G. B. Clarke, due  
you as Administrator.

I also enclose Letters of Administra-  
tion.

Yours truly,

Capt.  
Paymaster & O i/c Records.

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. .... 2941 ..... Name *Clarke* .....

To Certify that I have received the AB 64 of the above  
named Soldier.

Date... *July 20th / 20* .....

Place... *Springdale Wld* .....

*Geo W. Clark*

P.S. For completion and return to the Department of Militia  
insert in corner of envelope "AB 64"

2541 Clarke  
To The Department  
of Militia

Springdale  
July 19<sup>th</sup> / 20

Gentlemen

I received the Boots you  
so kindly sent which was one  
my Dead Soldier's Boots. I shall  
ever prize it - as we did not receive  
any thing before belonging to  
him we received his Pross Kit -  
Bag but none from him

Yours truly  
E. W. Clark

Dept. of Militia,  
St. John's.

.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of  
the late No. *2541* Rank *PL*  
Name *George S. Clarke*  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

*Geoff Clarke* (Sgd.)

*Father* Relationship.

Address *Spruce Lake Nfld*

SEP 16 1921

1921.

The accompanying Victory Medal and/or British War Medal

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. Geo. W. Clarke (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2541 Rank Pte

Name Geo. S. Clarke

Royal Nfld. Regt.

Nfld. Force

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received

Victory & War Medal

Signature

Geo W Clarke

Date

Sept 26 1921

Address

Springdale Rd 13

[P.T.O.]

Army Form B. 103.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment 254

Regiment or Corps 91 New Brunswick Regt.  
 Rank Pte. Surname Clerke Christian Name George  
 Religion Anglican Age on Enlistment 19 years 2 months.  
 Enlisted (a) 12/4/16 Terms of Service (a) War Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Report	From whom received	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks
		Embarked <u>Southern</u>	<u>12 OCT 1916</u>	
		Disembarked <u>RECORDS</u>	<u>12 OCT 1916</u>	
		Joined Battalion	<u>22 OCT 1916</u>	
	<u>39 CCs</u>	<u>Admitted (Sus) Diphtheria</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>EE 8959</u>
	<u>St. Andrew</u>	<u>Invalided to England</u>	<u>5.3.17</u>	<u>W 3083</u>
		<u>in 14<sup>th</sup> Stat. B., Flanders</u>		
		<u>J. M. Bunchell</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, Shoring Smith, &c.

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Printed and Sold by the War Office, London E.C. 4  
 1917/18 1000s 4/10s 25 56

Number of Sheet 1st  
 Signature of O. O. Company W. Morrison

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay  
Captain

Regiment of

No. <u>2541</u>	Regimental Number and Name <u>Blanke 4.6.</u>	Trade <u>Clark</u>	Enlistment Ago on <u>19</u> years <u>2</u> months	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	By whom awarded	REMARKS
Admitted _____ Date _____	Religion <u>Methodist</u>	Place and Date of Enlistment <u>15.12.1916</u>	Place of Birth <u>Barrowland</u>	OFFENCE  <u>Absent from 6.30 am parade by 10 minutes absent from 6.10 am parade by 10 minutes</u>	<u>10 days pay to camp 10.1.17</u>	<u>10.1.17 26.7.17</u>	<u>1st Lieut J. B. Bestman Residence - 288 forfeit 1 day pay</u>
Joined _____ Date _____	Period of { with Colours <u>11.7.16</u> years. with Reserve <u>36.5</u> years.	Place of Birth <u>Barrowland</u>					

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Grade	Description of Offence	Punishment awarded	Date of award or expiry of term	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>Accessories</u>	<u>10.1.17</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>10 minutes</u>	<u>10 days pay</u>	<u>10.1.17</u>	<u>1st Lieut J. B. Bestman</u>	<u>forfeit 1 day pay</u>
<u>"</u>	<u>26.7.17</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>to camp 10.1.17</u>	<u>26.7.17</u>	<u>Residence - 288</u>	<u>forfeit 1 day pay</u>

To be carried over

GENERAL MERCHANT

SPRINGDALE, N.F.

January 30<sup>th</sup> 1920

The Minister of Justice

Dear Sir

PS  
Am sending another  
under another card  
Yours

I Received from your  
Department a Form to fill in  
for my late son ~~George~~  
S Clark # 2544 in the  
Cemetery or grave Plot - Do you  
know if they found anything  
of his grave. George was killed  
on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> - 1917. I had another  
son Walter J Clark # 2574 who  
was killed April 14<sup>th</sup> 1917 at the  
Battle of Monday. I would like  
to know if any <sup>things</sup> was found  
from please advise what you  
know your very truly

Wm Clark

Copy Please

2546

FEBRUARY 24th 1920.

Mr. Geo. W. Clarke,  
Springdale.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 30th, having reference to the Cemetery Register Form of your sons, the late #2541 Pte. Geo. Clarke and the late #2574 Pte. Walter Clarke.

As yet we have received no further information concerning ~~the~~ gravesites, but in the event of the efforts of the Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries to locate their graves proving unsuccessful, a Memorial will be erected to them, as in the case of other Missing men, the form of which has not yet been decided on, but I think it will be a Mural Tablet.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Colonel,  
Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 2541  
Springdale,  
Feb. 28th. 1920.

Lieut-Col. W. F. Rendell,  
Dept of Militia,  
St. John's.  
Dear Sir:-

I desire to acknowledge Memorial Scrolls and  
message from King on account of # 2574 Pte Walter J.  
Clarke and # 2541 Pte Geo S. Clarke.  
Yours very truly,

*Geo W Clarke*