

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2574 Name Walter J. Clarke Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your name? 1. Walter J. Clarke
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. Springdale, N.S.
- 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. 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
FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR
- 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, Walter J. 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.

Walter J. Clarke SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

H. D. Whitebridge Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, 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 Springdale on this 24 day of Apr 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer H. D. Whitebridge 2nd Lieut

† 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 1916 }
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) re-enlisted in the (Regiment) on the (Date)

C.R. 2074

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

2574 Pte. Clarke W.J.

Used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Clarke OF Christian Name Walter J.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish _____ County _____

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on 22 day of April 1916		on day of 191	
Declared Age	at 21 years 5 days		at years days	
Trade or Occupation	Clerk			
Height	5 feet 8 1/2 inches		feet inches	
Weight	152 lbs.		lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 37 inches		inches	
	Range of expansion... 2 inches		inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm		Arm	
	Number		Number	
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V== 6/6		R.E.—V==	
	L.E.—V== 6/6		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. J. P. ...</i>			
(Rank)	Major		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at 5 th June		at	
	on 22 day of April 1916		on day of 191	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	1st Nfld Regt. 2574			
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on day of 191		on day of 191	
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

PAY LIST

to

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Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

Newfoundland

No.

274

Rank

Private

Name

Clarke W

Died (a)

Intestate at

Shance

on the

14 of April

1917

Deserted at

on the

of

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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>4/4/17</i>	10	16	<i>4 1/2</i>	
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) £ s. d.				Pay days at from to				
	191				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to				
	"				Messing allowance days at from to				
	"				Kit allowance				
	Consolidated stoppage				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2				
					Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)				
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity				
	Balance due by the Paymaster	10	16	<i>4 1/2</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster				
		£	10	16		£	10	16	<i>4 1/2</i>

CHECKED.

8/4/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ is correctly chargeable against the Public (b).

Dated at

this

day of

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Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.

(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

^{Dated}
May 11, 1917.

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

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
London, officially reports No. 2574, Private
Walter J. Clarke, missing April fourteenth.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immedi-
ately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

Counter No. _____

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



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All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

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

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 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 Frederic M. Shirley Address _____

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated

July 24th, 1917.

To

Mr. G. W. Clarke,

Springdale

No official report concerning No. 2574 Private Walter J. Clarke received since that of May 11th which stated missing April 14th.

R. A. SQUIRES

Acting Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

G.

26-74

23rd October, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant and very much regret that I am unable to give you any tidings of your son, Private Walter J. Clark, who was reported missing in April last. The fact that no official report has since been received confirming his death would go to show that the War Office is still without conclusive proof. As you are no doubt aware, there is always a large element of uncertainty with respect to missing men and for that reason a period of from five to six months usually is allowed by the War Office before giving out the official report that men, previously reported missing, are presumed to be dead. Unless anything to the contrary transpires, such a report concerning your son, and many other brave fellows who have been reported missing since the same date, should shortly be received from England.

Yours faithfully,

George W. Clarke, Esq.,
Springdale, N. D. B.

Colonial Secretary.

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To Hon R. A. Spurr's

Springdale
Nov 16 - 1917

Dear Sir

Your kind letter of
sympathy I have read and
thank you very much.
I notice there is some
hope of seeing these dear
lads ~~of~~ that was missing
on April 14th again.

yes. Cpl S. Clark. Missing
Oct 9th is my boy.

How hard it is to be
reconciled to these things.

But we trust - that all
will be well in the end.

I had a letter from
Cpl ~~44~~ ⁴⁴ as he was missing

Oct 9th 5 days after, and
he said something about

a message he sent - saying
that his ~~bro~~ ^{bro} was

dead, he saw his ~~bro~~ ^{bro}

Coydier who ~~threw~~ ^{threw} he
fell on that day of ~~the~~ ^{the}

May we all trust -
in the great friend
who loves us all

Yours truly
E. J. Clark

C.R. 2574

Springdale
January 17
1918

L. L. L. ANSWERED
FEB 7 1918
J. J. Douley

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find
Paper signed by me. My son
Walter Gas Clarke has been missing
since April 14th last - and altho
we had 2 letters from Canadian
Soldier saying he was killed in
action on that date there is
no official news published. To that
effect. it is very heart-aching.

but - like others must - bear it -

Yours very truly

Geo. Clarke

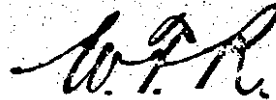
April 10 19

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

Sir,

I have the honour by direction to acknowledge receipt of your letters of 29th March and 4th April, concerning #2574, Pte. Walter J. Clarke, the 2nd paragraph of my letter of 7th February, stated it was noted that you had received two letters from Canadian soldiers saying that he was killed in action. It was asked that you should furnish this department with the names and address if known as well as Regiment if stated of these two soldiers in order that an enquiry might be set on foot to ascertain if they had definite information concerning your son which had not come to the notice of the Record Office, London. If you can let me have these particulars steps will be taken immediately to endeavour to have these soldiers traced and their statement taken.

Yours faithfully,



Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

To The Department

ANSWERS
APR 25 1918

Militia

Springdale
April 17th 1918

C.R. 2574

Gentlemen

Yours of April 19th concerning
#2574 the matter of Clarke
We reced a letter from a
Canadian Soldier in the
Canadian Regiment - Walter
Wass was his name. He was
a Nfld. who joined in Canada
a Methodist Clergyman ~~too~~
before he enlisted. We sent his
letter to the insurance Co
whom. My son was insured in
and hasn't received it back

I mean Canada's Responder - his number

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and my son Geo S. Clark # 25
 who is missing & put in the
 last letter he wrote saying
 that he had seen his brother
 Walter Chum. Pte. James
 Goudie. 1st. Inf. Regt.
 who was with Walter when
 he was killed. This is all
 we know

We understand in some
 measure the difficulty in
 finding all that is required
 or what we wish to know
 about those poor fellows. The
 whole thing is so immense

Yours truly
 Geo S. Clark

May 15, 1918.

Dear Mr. Clarke:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you by Express one ~~KIT~~ BAG which belonged to your son, the late #2574 Pte ^{W.J.} Clarke of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am 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 these effects must entail

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Captain.

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

2574, Pte. W. J. CLARKE, deceased.

1. N & R.O. Memo. 8265/78/R.&.C., 25/5/18 to Commandant, No. 2, Inf. Command Depot, Ripon.

With reference to the enclosed copy of a memorandum dated 24/4/18 (4585) from the Hon. Minister of Militia of Newfoundland: I would be greatly obliged if you would examine 2511 Pte. E. Goudy of the Royal Newfoundland Regt. with a view to ascertaining if he knows anything regarding 2574 Pte. W.J. Clarke, also of the R. Nfld Regt. The latter was posted as missing 14/4/17, and in the absence of any further information to show otherwise, he was presumed dead on 17/11/17.

Perhaps Pte. Goudy could ~~may~~ also say where "Baxger Warr" is, and to what unit he belongs.

Kindly return enclosure.

2. P & R.O. Memo. 8914/83/R.&.C., 6/6/18 to Cdt. No. 1 I.C.D., Ripon.

The reply to this office No. 8265/78/R.&.C., 25/5/18 re 2574 Pte. W. J. Clarke, deceased not having been received, you are requested to expedite the same, and to state hereon when it may be expected.

3. Reply to (2), 10/6/18 (5314).

Ref. Min. 1: No. 8265/78/R.&.C., 25/5/18 was forwarded to 2/1 R. Newflds Depot on account of the evidence (Pte. Goudy) joining his Reserve Unit, please.

4. P & R.O. Memo No. 9372/898/R.&.C., 14/6/18 to O.C. 2nd Bn.

With reference to the preceding Minutes on the subject of 2574 Pte. W.J. Clarke, deceased; it is requested that your reply to this office No. 8265/78/R.&.C. (originally sent to No. 2 Infantry Commnd. Depot, and afterwards sent from there to you) may be given as early as convenient, please.

5. Reply to (4), 15/6/18 (5444).

A reply to your No. 8265/78/R.&.C. was forwarded on 14th inst.

6. Reply from 2nd Bn. to P & R.O. No. 8265/78/R.&.C., 25/5/18. (5394)

Herewith statement from Pte. E. Goudy, M.M.

7. Statement of Pte. E. Goudy, (2511) dated 6/6/18.

Mr.G. Clarke,
Springdale, N.D. Bay.

Dear Sir,

Your son, Pte. Walter Clarke was wounded on the morning of the 14 April, 1917, and Pte. Walter B. Rowsell bound up his wound. He was wounded in the hand but he left to go to the dressing station and was killed with a shell on the same day.

So I am your truly friend,
(Sgd). Pte. E. Goudy, 2511, H. C
Royal Nfld Reg.
Hazeley Down Camp,
Winchester.

June 6/6/18.

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2574 Rank Private
Name Walter Clarke
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Evell Clarke (Sgd.)

Father Relationship.

Address Springdale

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. **2574** Rank **Private**

Name **Walter J. Clarke** **Royal Nfld. Regt.**
Nfld. Fusiliers

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received **Victory & War Medal**

Signature **Geo W Clarke**

Date **Sept 26th 1921**

Address **Springdale Nfld**

[P.T.O.]

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regimental Number 2874

Regiment or Corps 21 Newfoundland Regt
 Rank Pte Surname Clarke Christian Name Walter
 Religion Meth Age on Enlistment 24 years 5 months.
 Enlisted (a) 22/4/16 Terms of Service (a) was Service reckons from (a) 11 OCT 1916
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to present rank _____
 Extended { _____ } Re-engaged { _____ } Qualification M or Corps Trade _____



Signature of Officer i/c Records.

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 at <u>Southampton</u>			<u>11 OCT 1916</u>
		Disembarked at <u>ROUEN</u>			<u>12 OCT 1916</u>
		<u>2nd Battalion</u>	<u>22 OCT 1916</u>		
			<u>With BATT.</u>	<u>23. 1. 17</u>	
<u>15 APR 1917</u>	<u>CC. Bn.</u>	<u>MISSING</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>15 APR 1917</u>	<u>B 2 13</u>

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]

(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.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

W. P. Gillett & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.
 (1940) W 0172124 10000 6/14s 25 56

Number of Sheet 1st
 Signature of O. C. Company [Signature]
 Rank Capt.

Regiment of 1st Leinster Tans
 Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No.	Regimental Number and Name			Enlistment		Trade	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Rank of award or other award with this	By whom awarded	REMARKS
	Joined	Date	Rank	Age on	Period of						
3974	Clarke W. J.			21 years 0 months	5 months	Clerk					
	Joined	Date		Place and Date of Enlistment		Religion					
	Joined	Date		Period of { with Colours } { with Reserve } years.		Place of Birth					
	Joined	Date									
	Place of Offence	Date of Offence	Rank	OFFENCE							
	Case of Drunkenness										
	Place of offence Aug 7/16 etc			Abuse of power 6.30 a.m. parade							
				Hiring 14/17							
				7.5.16							
				2 days etc.							
				Capt. Butman							

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.

C. D. P. Y.

Jan. 30th 1920.

The Minister of Militia.

Dear Sir:

I have received from your department a form to fill in for my late son Pte. George S. Clarke #2541 re the Cemetery or Grave Plot. Do you know if they found anything of his grave; George was killed on October 9th 1917. I had another son Walter J. Clarke #2574 who was killed April 14th 1917 at the Battle of Monchy, I would like to know if anything was found regarding him, please advise what you know.

Yours very truly,

Geo. W. Clarke.

P.S.

Am sending information under another cover.

COPY

R. 2577

February 24th 1920.

Mr. George W. Clarke,
Springdale.

Dear Sir:

I have the honour 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.

For Office No. 2541