



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

**MEDICAL HISTORY**

Surname Clift OF Christian Name John

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish		County					
		SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.			
Examined ... ..		on	day of	191	on	day of	191
Declared age ... ..		at		at		at	
Trade or occupation ... ..		21 years		days	years		days
Height ... ..		Bank Clerk			feet		inches
Weight ... ..		3 feet		8 3/4 inches	feet		inches
Chest Measure-ment		137 lbs.			feet		inches
Chest Measure-ment		Chest when fully expanded		inches	feet		inches
Chest Measure-ment		Range of expansion		inches	feet		inches
Physical development ... ..		Right		Left	Right		Left
Vaccination marks		Arm ...			Arm ...		
Vaccination marks		Number ...			Number ...		
When vaccinated ... ..		R.E.—V=			R.E.—V=		
Vision ... ..		L.E.—V=			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)		Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.		
Approved by (Rank)		at St Johns N.F.S.D.			at		
Enlisted ... ..		on		day of	191	on	day of
Enlisted ... ..		Corps		Regtl. No.		Corps	Regtl. No.
Joined on enlistment ... ..		1st N.F.S.D.		503			
Transferred to ... ..							
Became non-effective by ... ..		on		day of	191	on	day of
(Signature)							
(Rank)							

C O P Y

0-177

Major A. Montgomerie,  
O.C. Depot,

For Information.

Please Gazette accordingly,  
W.E. DAVIDSON,  
GOVERNOR.

(Standing --- of June 23).

24 JUNE, 1916.

No: 135.

Code Telegram to Captain Timewell.  
(sent 24 June, 1916).

Following for Officer Commanding 2nd  
Battalion - Message begins:-

Your letter 15th May No. 172. Transfer  
to Newfoundland Regiment of Lieutenants  
Johnson and J. Clift approved with seniority  
proposed.

Bein, J. Clift and Johnson approved as  
Temporary Captains dated May 15th - Message  
ends.

DAVIDSON.

N.F.P./54

No. 869

From Pay & Record Office, London  
To Minister of Militia, St. John's, Nfld

Capt. J. Clift.

Over credited Mess Allowance 22-7-18, 1 days @ 4/- 4s.0d.

Embarked for Nfld. 21-7-18

CONFIDENTIAL.

Army Form A. 45.

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

assembled at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth S.W., on 13/11/16

by order of The Secretary, War Office

for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of

(Rank and Name) Lieut. J. Clift (Corps) Newfoundland

Age 23 Service 2<sup>2</sup><sub>12</sub> Disability G.S.W., R. Hip

Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability \_\_\_\_\_

Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability \_\_\_\_\_

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that at Guedecourt, on 12/10/16, he received G.S.W. R. Hip, 3" below middle of Iliac Crest.

Admitted here 16/10/16, an abscess was opened and shrapnel bullet removed.

Wound not yet healed

Some stiffness remains.

The opinion of the Board upon the questions herein is as follows:—

- (1.) a. Is the officer fit for "General Service"? No.  
b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit? Six weeks
- (2.) a. If unfit for General Service, is he fit for service at home? No.  
b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for service at home? Six weeks  
c. If unfit for General Service at home, is he fit for light duty at home? No.  
d. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for light duty at home? Six weeks
- (3.) Was the disability contracted in the service? Yes
- (4.) Was it contracted under circumstances over which he had no control? Yes
- (5.) Was it caused by military service? Yes
- (6.) If caused by military service, to what specific conditions is it attributed? G.S.W.
- (7.) If the disability was not caused by military service, was it aggravated by it? --

Signatures

A.P. Luff, Major, R.A.M.C.T., President.

F.J. Wetherell, Capt., "

R.J.B. Howard, C.S.

} Members.

Assembled at St. John's, Nfld. on JUNE 12TH., 1917. by order of O'G, 1st  
 Nfld. Regt. for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state  
 of health of (Rank and Name) LIEUT. JOHN CLIFT (Corps) 1ST NFLD.  
 Age 23 Service SEPT. 4TH., 1914. Disability GUN SHOT WOUND  
 Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability.

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the in-  
 structions on the back of original form, proceed to examine the above-named  
 Officer and find that:-

HE IS IMPROVING

The opinion of the Board upon the questions herein is as follows:-

- |        |   |                             |
|--------|---|-----------------------------|
| (1) a. | Is the Officer fit for "General Service"?   | <u>No</u>                   |
|        | b. If not so fit how long is he likely to be unfit?   | <u>One month</u>            |
| (2) a. | If Unfit for General Service is he fit for }<br>Service at home?  | <u>Yes</u>                  |
|        | b. If not so fit how long is he likely to be unfit }<br>for Service at home?  | <u>                    </u> |
|        | c. If unfit for General Service, is he fit for }<br>Light Duty at home?   | <u>Yes</u>                  |
|        | d. If not so fit how long is he likely to be unfit }<br>for Light Duty at home?   | <u>                    </u> |
| (3)    | Was the Disability contracted in the Service?   | <u>Yes</u>                  |
| (4)    | Was it contracted under circumstances over which }<br>he had no control?  | <u>Yes</u>                  |
| (5)    | Was it caused by Military Service?  | <u>Yes</u>                  |
| (6)    | If caused by Military Service to what specific }<br>conditions is it attributed?  | <u>Gun Shot Wound</u>       |
| (7)    | At present his capacity for earning a full }<br>livelihood in the General Labour Market is }<br>lessened by: (Extent should be stated as }<br>TOTAL, 4/5, 3/5, 2/5, 1/5 or NOTHING) | <u>                    </u> |

SIGNATURES L. PATERSON, MAJOR	PRESIDENT
J. SINCLAIR TAIT	MEMBERS
JOHN G. DUNCAN pro	
N. S. FRASER	

APPROVED CLUNY MACPHERSON, MAJOR.

# Proceedings of a Medical Board

Assembled at St. John's, Newfoundland on.....JULY 17th, 1917.....  
by order of G.O.C., Newfoundland Command for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of:

(Rank and Name) ... CAPT. JOHN CLIFT ..... (Corps) ... 1ST NEWFOUNDLAND .....  
Age 23 ... Service Sept. 4th, 1914 ..... Disability GUN SHOT WOUND .....  
Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability .....

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back hereof, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that:—

The opinion of the Board upon the questions herein is as follows:—

- (1) a. Is the Officer fit for "General Service?" YES
- b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit?
- (2) a. If unfit for General Service, is he fit for Service at Home?
- b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for Service at Home?
- c. If unfit for General Service at home, is he fit for Light Duty at home?
- d. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for Light Duty at home?
- e. Is the Officer fit to perform any duties not coming within the above categories?  
If so specify the nature of the duties which he might perform.
- (3) Was the disability contracted in the service? YES
- (4) Was it contracted under circumstances over which he had no control? YES
- (5) Was it caused by military service? YES
- (6) If caused by military service, to what specific conditions is it attributed? GUN SHOT WOUND
- (7) At present his capacity for earning a full livelihood in the General Labour Market is lessened by: (Extent should be stated as Total, 4-5, 3-5, 2-5, 1-5, or NOTHING.

SIGNATURES

L. PATERSON, MAJOR President

J. SINCLAIR TAIT

JOHN G. DUNCAN Members

CLJUNY MACPHERSON, MAJOR.

APPROVED

**DUPLICATE.**

**NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.**

**MEMORANDUM.**

No. 82/5

From

PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

58, VICTORIA STREET;

LONDON, S.W.

4th January, 1916.

To Officer Commanding,

1st Newfoundland Regt.,

Headquarters,

St. John's, Nfld.

HT/NW

**SUBJECT:** LIEUT. J. CLIFT.

**REPLY**

Dated

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Reference Nos.

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

(1) With reference to letter 11/12/16 from O.C. Depot, St. John's, requesting that a copy of the proceedings of a Medical Board relating to the above Officer be sent to Headquarters, St. John's: this was done on 15/11/16, see P. & R.O. No. 4915/217, and acknowledged per your No. 144, 8/12/16.

War Office (A.G. 4.c) and O.C. 2nd Bn. have been informed that Mr. Clift will be attached to Headquarters, St. John's, from 27/12/16.

(2) The process of sending copies of documents relating to Officers' Medical Boards has been adopted for some time. Please refer to letters on the subject.

(3) In turn, it is requested that the proceedings of Medical Boards on Officers, held in Newfoundland, should be submitted to this office, as it is necessary to account to the War Office for the movements of Newfoundland officers, and frequent enquiries are made from the War Office to this thereon.

(4) It might be added, in parenthesis, that the proceedings of Officers' Medical Boards are recapitulated on the Casualty reports which are regularly sent you from this office.

Noted. Please refer to my letter of this date with report on officers who have returned to Newfoundland. Should further information be necessary kindly advise.

*A. J. Bennett* Major,

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

July 17th. 1917.

From Major A. Montgomerie,

Commanding Depot,

St. John's, Nfld.

To Paymaster & Officer i/c Records,

London.

Capt. J. Clift.

This officer was promoted to be temporary Captain while attached to Headquarters, from June 7th. 1917, and this promotion is noted in the Royal Gazette of June 26th.

As this Officer is attached to the Regiment it will be necessary that this promotion be noted in the London Gazette.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
ST JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

Officer Commanding,  
Headquarters.

I annex Blue Forms for furlough granted to Lieut.  
J. Clift on Medical grounds. Lieut. Clift sailed  
from England on S.S. Corsican.

Please deal with his leave papers according to rule  
on his reporting himself.

I annex copy of passage referring to the case  
from a letter No 217 from the Pay and Record Office.

*W. S. Anderson*

Governor.

5 December 1910.

No. 4815/217 Extract from Letter from Pay and Record Office under date 15th November.

Lieut. John Clift.

As will be seen by Casualty Report No. 3434 sent under cover of No. 4810/232 C, 11/11/16, this officer has six weeks sick leave from 13/11/16 and will proceed to Newfoundland per Corsican due to sail 17/11/16. It would appear that the extent of leave granted may be insufficient to enable him to report to the Medical Board when required, and therefore if he is delayed, steps should be taken to acquaint the authorities here in due time.

**ORIGINAL**  
L A S T P A Y C E R T I F I C A T E

N.F.P. / 84

to be considered for all ranks on discharge, transfer to other Units, or on return to Newfoundland in accordance with C.L./19, 26/5/17.

Regtl No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Captain Name Giff, J. Unit Royal Nfld Regt. who was sent to Newfoundland on 22 / 7 / 18 Authority \_\_\_\_\_ Cause Duty

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

	PARTICULARS	\$	d	£	s	d	CR.	£	s	d
22-7-18.	Balance Dr. from						Balance Cr. from			
	Allotment     days @						Pay 17 days @ \$3.00	51	00	
	Cash Payments:						Field Allow 17 days @ \$.75.	12	75	
	Cable to Nfld 18-7-18.				17	0	Other Allowes     days @ \$	63	75	13   2   0
TO From 6-7-18	Deposit Bank of Montreal, 26-8-18.			15	15	0	Mess Allow 17 days @ 4/-			3   8   0
	Other Debits:						Other Credits:			
	Total Debits			18	10	0	Total Credits			16   10   0
	Balance due by Paymaster			16	10	0	Balance due to Paymaster			16   10   0

I have carefully examined this Statement of Account and find it to be a correct extract from the Pay Book of \_\_\_\_\_

(Place) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) 1918 O.C. " " Company.

Made up/Checked in accordance with information received in the Pay & Record Office London, S.W.1. to 20/ 7/ 18 and is therefore subject to amendment if and as may be found necessary.

Pay & Record Office, London,

20th July 1918.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

This space to be left blank for the Chelsea Number.

Army Form B. 268.



### Proceedings on Discharge.

(When forwarded for confirmation the documents named on page 4 should be enclosed.)

No. <u>503</u>	Army Rank <u>Lance Corporal</u>
Name <u>John Cliff</u> <small>(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)</small>	
Corps _____	
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c. <small>(If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve or Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, &amp;c., or to General Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)</small>	
Date of discharge _____	
Place of discharge _____	
1. <i>Description at the time of discharge.</i>	
Age _____ years _____ months	Descriptive marks _____
Height _____ feet _____ inches	
Chest measurement { girth when fully expanded _____ ins. range of expansion _____ ins.	
Complexion _____	
Eyes _____	
Hair _____	
Trade _____	
Intended place of residence { _____ (To be given as fully as practicable)	
<small>(The measurements and description should be carefully taken on the day the man leaves his unit, but in the case of men sent home from abroad for discharge, the age and intended place of residence should be left blank to be filled in by the Officer who confirms the discharge at home.)</small>	
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of _____ _____ _____	
<small>(The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the discharge certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the No. and date of the letter to be quoted.)</small>	
3. Military character :— _____	
4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations :— _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	
Certified that the above is an accurate copy of the character given by me on Army Form B. 2067* and that Army Form D. 489 was awarded in this case.	
Initials of Commanding Officer. _____	
Army Form B. 2088 has been issued to*	

To be filled in on the soldier quitting the Colours.

Form to be filled in by Officers brought before a Medical Board  
and proceeding on leave.

Rank. *Serjeant*

Regiment.

*Newfoundland*

Name. *Co. left*

Initials.

*J*

Address. *Staying in Hospital*

Officers changing their address from the one given above,  
should at once notify the War Office by wire.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

WAR SERVICE GRATUITY.

St. John's, Newfoundland.

Declaration required of Officers and men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who claim War Service Gratuity under Order-in-Council dated January 28th. 1919.

A complete reply must be given to every question in this Declaration. There must be no blanks and no dashes. If any question are not applicable, the words "NOT APPLICABLE" must be written out.

On completion this Declaration is to be returned to THE OFFICER I/C RECORDS, MAY 2 RECORD OFFICE, ST. JOHN'S.

1. Christian name..... *John* ..... 2. Surname..... *Clift* .....

3. Rank..... *Captain* ..... 4. Regt. No..... *Not applicable* .....

5. Address in full to which future payments of gratuity are to be forwarded..... *Bank of Montreal St. John's* .....

6. Date of enlistment in the Regiment..... *August 1914* .....

7. Name of dependent, if any, to whom Separation Allowance is being issued, or was being issued, immediately prior to your discharge..... *Not applicable* .....

8. Relationship of such dependents..... *Not applicable* .....

9. Address in full of such dependent..... *Not applicable* .....

10. Is said dependent, now, or was said dependent at any time, in receipt of Separation Allowance on account of another soldier?..... *Not applicable* .....

11. Were you on active service only in Fld. If so, give dates, and particulars of such service..... *Not applicable* .....

12. Give total length of time which you served on active service, whether in Fld. or Overseas..... *Four and a half years.* .....

13. Have you had more than one enlistment? If so, give particulars of discharge and re-enlistments, and under what regimental numbers.....

*Not applicable*

14. Have you already received any payment of Post Discharge pay or War Service Gratuity? If so, state amount you and your dependents have already received and by whom paid.....

*Not applicable*

15. Have you been issued with a War Service Badge?..... *No*

16. Have you, during the present war, served in the Imperial Forces. *Yes*

17. Are you entitled to receive, or have you received any gratuity in the nature of Post Discharge Pay from the Imperial Forces? If so, state amount received, or to which you are entitled. *I have received no gratuity from the Imperial Forces and am not entitled to any.*

18. Did you revert Overseas to a rank lower than the substantive rank held by you on your arrival in England?..... *No*

(b). If so, was such reversion in consequence of misconduct or inefficiency?..... *Not applicable*

19. Are you now serving in the Regt.? *No* If not give:- (a) Date of discharge. *Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>* (b) Reason for discharge.....

*Demobilised and placed on Reserve of Officers*

20. Did you at any time serve at the front in an actual theatre of War? If so give particulars of places, and dates of such service.....

*France October 1915 to June 1916. France <sup>Belgium</sup> September 1916 to October 12<sup>th</sup> 1916. France and Belgium November 1917 to July 1918.*

21. (a) Are you receiving treatment from the Civil Re-Establishment Com.?

(b). If so, are you in receipt of full pay and allowances from that Committee..... *No*

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Signature of Applicant:

Place of Residence:

Declared before me at: *St. John's*

This *7<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* 19*19*.

*Kerr*  
*100 Military Road, St. John's, Nfld*

*G. P. Vincent, Barrister*

Signature of Barrister of the  
Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magis-  
trate, Notary Public, Justice of the  
Peace, or Commissioner of affidavits.

POST DISCHARGE PAY.

Date paid	Paid Soldier	Paid Dependent	War Service Gratuity	Net amount due
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Certified Correct.

Paymaster.

FORM P/D

PAY DEPT



No. ....

# 1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## VOUCHER

In Acct. with Capt. J. Clift.

Voucher No. 817.

Cheque No. 817.

Reg'l A/c No. ....

Name .....

C.B. Folio No. ....

Date	Req'n No.	Invoice No.	Particulars.	Amount
Jun 20 23			Travelling Expenses in con. with Home Def.	\$8 00
			<i>Travelling expenses in con. with Home Def.</i>	\$8 00

### CERTIFICATION

Dissect<sup>n</sup> Sheet No. ....

Recap. Sheet No. 23

*M. Bowler*  
PAYMASTER

Checked by *[Signature]*

### RECEIPT

July 30th, 191 7.

**Received**

from the 1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT the sum of

Eight

Dollars

and

-----Cents in Payment as above stated.

July 191 7.

\$ 8.00

[Sig.] *[Signature]*



**THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
**HEADQUARTERS**

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

August 24th. 1918. *191*

CLAIM FOR DETENTION ALLOWANCE.

From France to Newfoundland, Detained in England from  
July 17th, to 21st. (Inclusive).

5 Days @ \$10.00 per day. \$50.00.

Tips. \$10.00

Total. \$60.00.



*Capt*  
*Royal Newfoundland Regt.*

*B4m.*  
*1714* *Ed.*

CR. 0-177

Extract of Daily Orders, Part II, Depot St. John's, dated  
March 1st 1919.

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The undernoted Officer has been retired and placed on Reserve  
List of Officers with Effect from February 25th 1919 Auth.  
Militia Orders #34 dated 25/2/19.

Capt. J. Clift, M.C.

C.R. 0-177  
Demobilization Form 1

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Class for Demobilization:—

Report of Demobilization  
Travelling Board, held on soldier for  
discharge.

Discharge Depot: Headquarters The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Date Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1919

Regimental No. ....

Name Capt. J. Clift M.C.

Address Military Road

Present Medical Category A1

Recommended for:— { (a) Immediate discharge .....  
(b) ~~Standing Medical Board~~ .....

Members of Board { R. H. Leit Capt.  
O.C. Discharge Depot.  
A. P. ...  
Senior Medical Officer  
J. W. ...  
M. O. Depot

CR 0-177

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Depot St. John's Sept. 12/1918.

Capt. J. Clift, M. C.,

Attached to and will take over command of "G" Company 12-9-18.

C. 0-177

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal  
Nfld. Regt. St. John's, dated August 5, 1918.

The following man returned from overseas and reported  
at Depot August 4, 1918.

Captain John Cligt.

For Duty at Depot.

CF 0-177

Extract from Daily Orders in the Field, 31/7/18

Captain J. Clift, (M. C.)

The Above mentioned Officer proceeded to England on 17/7/18 and are granted eight weeks of leave of absence, for the purpose of recruiting & other purposes & are struck of the strength of the Battalion.

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C.R. 0-177

July 2nd 1918.

Hon. J. A. Clift,  
City.

Dear Mr. Clift,

I beg to advise you that we have received word from the Record Office, London, informing us that His Majesty the King invested your son, Captain J. Clift, with the Military Cross, at Buckingham Palace, on June 29th.

Yours faithfully,

C.C.B.

Captain,  
for Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 0-174

Extract from Telegram received from London, dated  
June 8th, 1918.

Captain Clift awarded Military Cross.

CR. 0-111

For Gazette.

The appointment of Lieutenant J. Clift as  
acting Adjutant of Headquarters, Newfoundland Regiment  
as notified in Gazette of May 15th, is extended to  
May 26th.

C.R. 0-177

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal  
In the field  
Nfld. Regt. ~~31st Bn. C.~~ dated 1-6-18.

#Captain J. Clift.

Confirmed to rank of Captain 23-5-17, B213 d/20-5-18.

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Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria St., S.W. 1

Officer Commanding,  
1/1 Newfoundland Regiment,  
B. E. F.

HT/NW

Pay & Record Office, London.

29th December, 7.

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

With reference to your letter  
14/11/17 regarding promotions in the  
Newfoundland Regiment and particularly  
those of Capts. Robertson and Clift:

copy of this office No. 12403/783  
exchanged with the O.C. 2nd Bn. is  
enclosed, confirming the ranks of  
the former officer whilst that of the  
latter remains somewhat indefinite.

There have been instances in the  
Regiment of the acting rank of  
Captain being granted to subalterns  
employed on special duties calling  
for such higher rank, e.g. employment  
as Company Commanders etc. when no  
Captains are available, and it would  
appear that this is what occurred in  
Captain Clift's case.

The following is an extract  
from the Royal (Newfoundland) Gazette  
of 4/7/16 relating to his appointment:

"Lieut. J. Clift to be temporary  
Captain whilst attached to the Depot  
at Ayr from May 15th 1916."

On proceeding to the B.E.F. on  
5/9/16 he reverted to the rank of  
2/Lt., such reversion having apparent-  
ly been automatic, as no entry  
relating thereto can be traced in  
Daily Orders or in the Royal Gazette.

On 13/10/16 Clift was invalided  
from the B.E.F. and proceeded to  
Newfoundland on sick leave on 17/11/16  
He was there employed on special  
duty and promoted temporary Captain  
whilst attached to Headquarters from  
7/6/17. Auth. Royal Gazette of  
26/6/17. It would therefore appear  
that on his return to this Country he  
should have reverted to his former  
rank, but as no counter entry appeared  
in the Gazette he apparently retained  
his rank whilst attached to the 2nd  
Bn. and it is now understood that he  
reverts to the rank of temp. Lieut.  
on proceeding to join the 1st Bn.

This officer's status has been  
additionally complicated through the  
delay in his transfer from the  
Imperial Forces, the date of which  
is now based on the following extract

To Officer i/c Records,  
Pay & Record Office,  
Newfoundland Regiment,  
London, S.W.

France,

January 13th, 1918.

Sir,

I enclose letter from Captain  
Clift.

As this Officer was appointed  
temporary Captain May 25th, 1917 in  
the London Gazette of October 26th  
1917, and no subsequent announce-  
ment reducing him, it would appear  
that he still holds the rank of  
temporary Captain from this date.

I would be obliged if you would  
take the matter up with the Minister  
of Militia, with a view to having  
Capt. Clift's substantive rank of  
Captain from May 25th, 1917 confirmed.

In the meantime this Officer is  
desirous of knowing how he stands.

Capt. Clift is at present 2nd in  
command of a Coy and I recommend him.

I remain,

Yours truly,

(Sgd) J.S. WOORUFFE, Lt. Col.,  
Comdg. Nfld Regiment.

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18/1/18

from the London Gazette of 26/10/17:  
"Newfoundland Regt.  
2nd Lt. (temp. Lt.) J. Clift,  
from Cam'n Highrs., to be temp.  
Capt. 25 May 1917."

which shows him as holding the  
substantive rank of 2/Lieut., and  
it is thought that you may wish  
this office to take the matter up  
with the Minister of Militia,  
Newfoundland, with a view to having  
Clift's rank confirmed as Lieutenant.

I may add that the whole  
question of procedure with regard  
to promotions of Newfoundland  
officers formed the subject of a  
conference at the Military  
Secretary's department at the War Offi  
Office during last month and is now  
under review with the Minister of  
Militia, results of which will be  
communicated to you in due course.

Major,

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

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To  
The Adjutant,  
Nfld Regt.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence from Paymaster re my rank, which he says "seems to be somewhat indefinite," I should like to explain my position as I see it.

I was gazetted to the 2/4th Cameron Hrs. on May 9th, 1915, having had 8 months service with the 1st Nfld Regt. I was promoted Temp. Lieut. on July 26th, 1915 and reverted after joining 1/4th Camerons in France on 8th October, 1915. I was again promoted Temp. Lieut. on Oct. 24th, 1915.

In April 1916 when the 1/4th Camerons were being disbanded through lack of reinforcements, I applied to be attached or transferred to the Nfld Regt. I received a communication from the Depot of the Nfld Regt. saying that the C.O. would be glad to have me and that I would not lose seniority. I appeared in the London Gazette as "attached to the Nfld Regt. with a view to transfer" from April 19th, 1916. This transfer took from then to Oct. 26th, 1917 (18 months) to go through, during which time various complications have arisen as to my pay and allowances etc. from which being paid by the Imperial Govt. I have been the loser, and now it seems that there are more complications.

While at Ayr I was promoted "Temp. Captain while at the Depot." This promotion dated from May 15th, 1916 and appeared in the Royal Gazette of Nfld but not in the London Gazette, as a result of which I received no pay for my services as a Captain, until several months later, when I managed to get it from the Paymaster of the Nfld Regt.

On Sept. 5th I joined the 1st Battalion in France and reverted to Lieut. - not 2nd Lieut. as stated by the Chief Paymaster - and was paid by the Agents of the Cameron Hrs., Holt & Co., as such. I was wounded on Oct. 12th, 1916 and invalided to Nfld in November. I was promoted "Temporary Captain while attached to Headquarters" from 7/6/17 and when leaving Nfld in August 1917 was told by the C.O. at Headquarters to keep my rank until the C.O. at Ayr told me to revert. I saw Col. Whitaker and he told me to retain my rank. From this I took it that he would fix it up.

The following notice then appeared in the London Gazette of 26/10/17. Nfld Regt. 2nd Lieut. (temp. Lt.) J. Clift from Cam'n Hrs. to be Temp. Capt. 25 May 1917. From this I understood that I was transferred from the Cameron Hrs. with the temporary rank of Captain. The Paymaster however understands that I am a 2nd Lieut. and revert to temp. Lieut. on joining 1st Battalion. I do not quite follow this reasoning, and would also like to say that I have now been in France two months as a Captain there having been no notice in the Gazette to the contrary.

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I have now had a year's service altogether as a Captain and am senior to three Captains in the Regiment, two of whom, Capts. Stick and Strong are at present with the 1st Batt. and one, Capt. Keegan, in Hospital in England.

(Sgd) J. CLIFT, Capt.,  
Nfld Regt.

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Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal

Mfld. Regt., St. John's, Aug. 6th, 1917.

The following Officer embarked per S.S. Florisel for  
Halifax, on Aug. 4th, 1917.

Capt. Clift.

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Ex                      A P P O I N T M E N T.

Extract of Regimental Order dated June 12, 1917.

By Lieut. Col. Sir. W. E. Davidson, K. C. M. G., Officer Comdg.

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Lieut. J. Clift,

will act as O. C. Co., at Headquarters.

C.R. 0177

Extract of Daily Orders ~~2222~~ by Lt. Col. R.A. Berners, D.S.O.  
from Pay & Record Office, London, 5-6-18.

to be Captain- The Rank of Lieutenant (temporary Capt.)

J. CLIFF

is confirmed as from 25th May 1917.

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Extract of Regimental Order dated May 15, 1917.

By Lieut. Col. Sir. W. E. Davidson, K. C. M. G., Officer Comdg.

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Lieut. J. Clift to act as Adjutant at Headquarters from April 24th, to May 10th, inclusive, during the absence from Headquarters on Special Duty with the Newfoundland Forestry Companies of Captain O'Grady.

Tomewell, **C.R. 0-177**



*Confidential*  
*(Sp. in this)*  
*9.11*  
*Comp. over's*  
*Amendments*  
*(You could arrange)*  
*for leave to Nfld for Lieut. John Clift.*

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,  
ST JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

November 9th, 1916.

Confidential.

Dear Sir Walter,

I had a cable from London this morning to the effect that Lieutenant John Clift is still in Wandsworth Hospital, which Institution he entered some time ago, wounded. He is having a "medical board" very shortly.

The cable asks me to speak to you on behalf of Lieutenant Clift, in the hope that you may be able to see your way to cable the Authorities to grant him leave of absence to come to Newfoundland. Lieutenant Clift is eminently deserving. I feel your action in this matter would be very much appreciated, in view of the splendid work that the father of young Clift has done here in connection with the Patriotic Association, as well as Lieutenant Clift's own merits. His mother would be particularly anxious just now to see her boy, in view of his brother's recent death.

Yours faithfully,

His Excellency  
Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C.M.G.,  
Governor.

G.

17th October, 1916.

Dear Sir,

*I beg to inform you that additional information has to-day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that*

Lieut. John Clift has been admitted to Wandsworth Hospital.

*Yours faithfully,*

*Colonial Secretary.*

Mr. J. A. Clift,  
100 Military Road.

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REGIMENTAL ORDER.

By Lieutenant Colonel Sir. W.E. Davidson, F.C.S.G.,  
Officer Commanding.

C. B. CLIFT.

to be Lieutenant. to date  
from January 1st, 1916. ranks for seniority next below  
Lieutenant Mellor.

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29 December, 1914.

Sirs,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your application for a Commission in the Second Contingent now being formed.

Your application has been forwarded to the Reserve Force Committee for consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sirs,

Your obedient servant,

for A.D.C.

Messrs. John Clift and  
W.H. Grant,  
Fort George.

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o John Clift was attested for General Service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ..... Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1914.  
Regimental No. 503 was allotted to Pte John Clift.

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

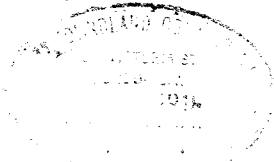
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Pay & Record Office,  
58, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.

21st July, 1918.

*J. C. C. Capt.*



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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The following is the Deed for which the Military Cross was awarded.

NEWFOUNDLAND FORCE.

Capt. John Clift, 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland R.

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to  
"duty when in command of a company. He  
"displayed great coolness and initiative,  
"allowing the enemy within 200 yards of his  
"position in mass and then opening heavy  
"fire and breaking up their attack. He  
"personally collected stragglers and extended  
"his flank with them. It was through his  
"resourcefulness and boldness that the  
"subsequent withdrawal of other troops was  
"made possible."

Authority:- Supplement to the London Gazette,  
to be dated 18 September, 1918.

17th, October

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Secretary,  
War Office,  
Whitehall, S. W. (1).

Sir,-

CAPT. J. CLIFT, 1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT,  
FORMERLY CAMERON HIGHLANDERS.

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With reference to W. O. Letter 9/79/576 (M.S.K)6/9/17:  
I have the honour to enquire as to the date of publication  
in the London Gazette of the above Officer's transfer to this  
Contingent and whether a last pay certificate is available,  
or to whom application should be made for this latter.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

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SEP 10 1921

The accompanying Victory Medal and the British War Medal

is are forwarded herewith to

Hon. J.A. Clift K.G. O.B.E. (Father)

in respect of his service as No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Capt.

Name John Clift Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Sfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged heron.

Received He above

Signature [Signature]

Date Sept. 10/21

Address \_\_\_\_\_

[P.T.O.]