

# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 2448 Name J. W. Collins Corps .....

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

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? .....                                                                                                        | 1. <u>J. W. Collins</u>             |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....                                                                                                | 2. <u>16 Balsom Street St Johns</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....                                                                                                | 3. <u>Yes</u>                       |
| 4. What is your age? .....                                                                                                         | 4. <u>18</u> Years <u>4</u> Months  |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....                                                                                            | 5. <u>Clerk</u>                     |
| 6. Are you Married? .....                                                                                                          | 6. <u>No</u>                        |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....                             | 7. <u>No</u>                        |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....                                                                        | 8. <u>Yes</u>                       |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....                                                                       | 9. <u>Yes</u>                       |
| 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. <u>Yes</u>                      |

I, J. W. Collins 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.

J. W. Collins SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

R. P. Holloway Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, J. W. Collins 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 Johns on this 6 day of April 1916

R. P. Holloway  
Signature of Attesting Officer Leut.

† 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 Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in blue ink as follows:—(Name) ..... re-enlisted in the (Regiment) .....

Name W. Collins  
 Apparent age 18 years 11 months. Height 5 feet 4 inches  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 35 1/2 inches  
 Range of expansion 4 1/2 inches  
 Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT**

Name and Address of next of kin 11 Beacon Street Boston  
 Relationship Father

**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>6-4-16</u>									
Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>April 6<sup>th</sup> 16</u>									
<u>Contracted for John St. Johnston for 12th 19<sup>th</sup> 76</u>									<u>Contracted for 13th 11<sup>th</sup> 76</u>
<u>James Battalion 12.10.16 Admitted 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 11. 8. 19<sup>th</sup> 76</u>									
<u>Regiment Battalion 12. 76.</u>									<u>Adm. to Camp Coon 5<sup>th</sup> 76</u>
<u>Missing 14-4-17</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Engagement to 17-4-17 (date of discharge) 1 years 9 days

C.R. 2448

G.W. Collins was attested for General Service with  
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on April 6th 1916  
Regimental No. 2448 was allotted to Pte G.W. Collins.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th 1919

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Collins

OF  
Christian Name G. W.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>3<sup>rd</sup></u> day of <u>April</u> 191 <u>6</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191_____	
	at <u>St John's Hosp.</u>		at _____	
Declared Age	<u>18</u> years <u>4 months</u>		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Clerk</u>		_____	
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>4</u> inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	<u>119</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>35½</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>4½</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks	Arm	_____	Arm	_____
	Number	_____	Number	_____
When Vaccinated	_____		_____	
Vision	R.E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		R.E.—V=_____	
	L.E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		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)	<u>Samuel Paterson</u>		_____	
(Rank)	<u>Major</u> Medical Officer.		_____ Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St John's</u>		at _____	
	on <u>8</u> day of <u>April</u> 191 <u>6</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191_____	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1st Regt Reg</u>	<u>2448</u>	_____	_____
Transferred to	_____		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____		_____	
(Signature)	on _____ day of _____ 191_____		on _____ day of _____ 191_____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	

**Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.: Examination for Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or prolongation of Service; Issuance of Surgical appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.**

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
4/7/16	1 <sup>st</sup> Inoculation LP
11/7/16	2 <sup>nd</sup> " LP
16-8-16	Successful Vaccination H.W.
7-10-16.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Inoculation Para 7. H.W.
6-10-16.	Fit. for Foreign Service H.W.

**TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.**

Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation	Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation

This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (1)  
N. F. 1915

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 *G. W. Collins*

aged *18 1/2* conducted at *C.R.P.*  
Date: *Apr 3* Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST FINDING

- 1 *no*
- 2 *no*
- 3 *no*
- 4 *no*
- 5 *no*
- 6 *no*
- 7 *yes*
- 8 *yes*
- 9 *no*
- 10 *no*
- 11 *no*
- 12 *no*
- 13 *no*
- 14 *no*
- 15 *no*
- 16 *no*
- 17 *no*
- 18 *no*
- 19 *no*
- 20 *no*
- 21 *no*
- 22 *no*
- 23 *no*
- 24 *no*
- 25 *no*
- 26 *no*
- 27 *no*
- 28 *no*
- 29 *no*
- 30 *no*
- 31 *no*
- 32 *no*
- 33 *no*
- 34 *no*

*Teeth loose or fractured*

*Test out. Apr. 8/12*

*Coreport. Apr. 6/12*

*2448*

*Back*

*Aggressive Nervous, wish to disqualify*

35 *119 pps*  
36 *11/30/12*  
37 *Scholar J. J. Collins, 16 Balsam St.*  
38 *now*



**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps *Newfoundland*  
 No. *7448* Rank *Private* Name *Lockins G.W.*  
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *Spain* on the *14* of *April* 191*7*.  
 Deserted at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 191*7*.

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.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month <i>12/4/17</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11 1/2</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 _____			
	191				Messing allowance _____ days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	"				Kit allowance .....			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2 .....			
	"				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11 1/2</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11 1/2</i>
		£				£		
		<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11 1/2</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11 1/2</i>

CHECKED.  
*HE*  
*18/4/18*

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

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_ 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.

May 13th. 1917.

Dear Sir,

I regret to have to inform you that a report has this day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that

No. 2448, Private G. W. Collins,

has been posted as missing April 14th.

Should any further information be received concerning him, such information will be at once communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. James J. Collins,  
15 Nelson St.

Colonial Secretary.

CR 2448

Statement of Description received from Pay Record Office,  
London dated October 15, 1917.

#2448 Pte. W.G. Collins.

Noted as "Missing" 12/4/17 and presumed dead for  
official purposes 12/11/17.

The term "Missing" does not necessarily mean that the soldier is killed or wounded. He may be an unwounded prisoner or temporarily separated from his regiment. Any further information received will be at once sent on to you.

C. 3250 100,000 9/14 H W V  
W 8333 50,000 12/14

6125/898/BAE  
Form C. 348

~~SUSPENSE~~ ~~CLEARED~~

Army Form C. 348

MEMORANDUM.

From 58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.  
ENGLAND.

From Officer Commanding,  
2nd Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regt.  
Hazeley Down Camp.

To Officer Commanding,  
2/Bn Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Winchester.

To The Chief Paymaster,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
London, S.W.

ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office,

23rd May 1918

May 24th 1918.

2448, Pte. G.W. Collins,

With reference to the following telegram from the Minister of Militia, 17/5/18(4508):

"Have you any effects of  
"2448 Collins to be shipped"

It is noted that soldiers name appears on "schedule of effects forwarded for shipment to Newfoundland about 28/10/17, but no effects appear to have been forwarded. Kindly advise whether there are any of the deceased Soldier's effects now in your possession, please.

No trace of any effects belonging to this man can be found.

His name appeared on schedule received from your office but no kit bag could be found here.

If any articles were left behind they were taken and sent to the Salvage Depot.

*A. A. Summell*  
Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

COMMANDING 2ND BN. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

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*Okay*

LIEUT. COLONEL.

ACCEPTED UP


FM/S

Army Form B. 103.

**Casualty Form—Active Service**

Regiment

Rank Plt Regiment or Corps 2/1 Newfoundland Regt  
 Surname Collins Christian Name George  
 Religion R. C. Age on Enlistment 19 years 4 months.  
 Enlisted (a) 6/1/16 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		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 38, 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. 38, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
			Embarked Southern	11 OCT 1916	
			Disembarked	12 OCT 1916	
		<b>Joined Battalion</b>		22 OCT 1916	
	<u>5th Aust. Inf.</u>	<u>Admitted V.D.H. 19/11/16 transf</u>		<u>19/11/16</u>	<u>806779</u>
	<u>Ad. 2 Gen Hosp</u>	<u>Admitted V.D.H.</u>	<u>Harve.</u>	<u>21/11/16</u>	<u>HA 4419</u>
	<u>Trans Gen Def Harve.</u>	<u>D.A.H.</u>	<u>ex 2 Gen Hosp</u>	<u>29/11/16</u>	<u>HA 4645</u>
	<u>29th I.B.D.</u>	<u>Joined Base Def.</u>	<u>Loyn</u>	<u>16/12/16</u>	<u>Longfall</u>
	<u>Mont</u>	<u>Re-joined Battalion</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>12/2/16</u>	<u>13213</u>
<u>5 APR 1917</u>	<u>OC. Bn.</u>	<u>MISSING</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>14 APR 1917</u>	<u>B 215</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.

Not Reg Infr. (P.T.O.)

WAR PENSIONERS  
FUNDING

No.....

Hon. Sir P. H. McGrath, K.B.E.,  
(President Legislative Council),  
Chairman.  
Hon. J. A. Clift, K.C., C.B.E.,  
Major W. H. Parsons, M.C.,  
R.A.M.C.

*St. John's,*

Feby, 2nd/20

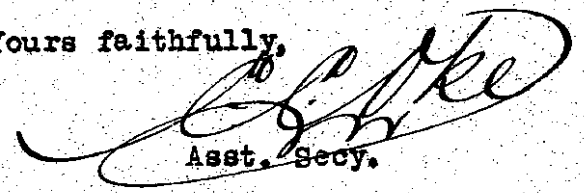
Mr. Jas. J. Collins,  
16 Balsam Street,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your application for pension on account of  
2448 and 2953 Privates Geo. and Leo Collins, deceased.

I beg to state that the Board has considered your  
claim, and it has been agreed that in view of the fact  
that the deceased members of the forces were not the sole  
or main support of you or your family, it is regretted  
that under the War Pension Act, a pension cannot be granted.

Yours faithfully,



Asst. Secy.

LBD.

PAUL & MONROE, LTD.  
BOOT & SHOE MANUFACTURERS  
And Wholesalers.

868 WATER STREET,  
ST. JOHN'S, N.F.

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 1920

Lt. Col. Rendell M.C.

C.R. 2448

Dear Sir,

I hereby make claim for Soldiers Gratuity on account of my two ~~two~~ sons No. 2448 Pte. Leo W. Collins and No. 2952 Pte. Leo J. Collins both of whom made the Supreme Sacrifice in France 1917.

I understand that all soldiers on receiving their final discharge received the gratuity and I consider that the dependants of those who sacrificed their lives are justly entitled to a similar consideration.

I would ask you to place this claim on file for future if not immediate consideration. Trusting to receive a favorable reply.

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully

J. J. Collins

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C.R. 2448

Feb. 27th. 1920

Hon. R.A. Squires  
Prime Minister

Dear Mr. Squires:-

In reply to your letter of Feb. 23rd concerning the case of Mr. James J. Collins who has applied for consideration on account of his sons No. 2448 Private George Collins and 2952 Private L. Collins.

I have taken this matter up with the Board of Pension Commissioners, and they have referred me to the War Pensions Act, 1917, Cap. 38, and para. 2D of that Act which describes a dependent; and to para. 50C of that Act. They state that they have enquired into this case and have been informed that Mr. Collins, the father of these boys, is in receipt of an income in excess of \$480.00 per annum; and under para. 2D, dependents in receipt of an income equal to the amount provided for dependents in schedule D shall be deemed to have sufficient income for their maintenance. If Mr. Collins subsequently becomes disabled, para. 50C may then be made to apply.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

CHIEF STAFF OFFICER

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Dept. of Militia,  
St. John's.

August 19<sup>th</sup> 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of  
the late No. 2448 Rank Private  
Name G. W. Collins  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

James J. Collins (Sgd.)  
Father Relationship.

Address 16 Balsam Street  
St. John's

1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**  
is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. James J. Collins (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2448 Rank Pte.

Name George W. Collins Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Nfld. Forestry Coy.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received The War & Victory Medals

Signature J J Collins

Date Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1921

Address 16 Balsam St  
St Johns

[P.T.O.]



C.R. 2448

Feb. 28th. 1920

Mr. J.J. Collins

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of 16th inst. regarding War Service Gratuity on account of your sons No. 2448 Pte. Geo. W. Collins and No. 2962 Private Leo. J. Collins; and in reply I would like to say that while your case is appreciated and sympathised with, I regret that nothing can be done for you in the matter of War Service Gratuity, as both your sons are deceased and it is not payable on account of deceased men. This Gratuity is a personal bonus for war service to a soldier himself on discharge; it is paid in monthly installments in order that if he should find it difficult to re-establish himself in civil life, he will not be wholly without maintenance in the meantime.

I trust I have been sufficiently explanatory, and if I have not, I will be glad to communicate with you further at your request.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.

Chief Staff Officer