

# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 2957 Name Res. James Ballin Corps R.C.

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

<p>1. What is your name? .....</p> <p>2. What is your full Address? .....</p> <p>3. Are you a British Subject? .....</p> <p>4. What is your age? .....</p> <p>5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....</p> <p>6. Are you Married? .....</p> <p>7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....</p> <p>8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....</p> <p>9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....</p> <p>10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.....</p> <p>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? .....</p>	<p>1. <u>Res James Ballin</u></p> <p>2. <u>116 Balcarr St. St. John's</u></p> <p>3. <u>yes</u></p> <p>4. <u>18</u> Years <u>2</u> Months</p> <p>5. <u>express-man</u></p> <p>6. <u>no</u></p> <p>7. <u>no</u></p> <p>8. <u>yes</u></p> <p>9. <u>yes</u></p> <p>10. { Name .....</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Corps .....</p> <p>11. <u>yes</u></p>
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I, Res James Ballin 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.

Res James Ballin ..... SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

AC Stearns ..... Signature of Witness.

**OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.**

Res James Ballin ..... 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 St. John's on this 11 day of July 1916.

Signature of Attesting Officer Charles Aye Capt.

**† 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 1st .....

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

Date.....1916 } Approving Officer.

Place..... }

† 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)

Name Les James Ballin  
 Apparent age 18 years 7 months. Height 5 feet 5 1/2 inches

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 35 inches  
 Range of expansion 5 inches

Distinctive marks.....

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Mr James Gage  
11 Beacon St | Relationship father

Widower 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>11-7-16</u>									
Joined at <u>St Johns</u> on <u>July 11<sup>th</sup> 16</u>									
<u>Embarked St Johns S.S. Seaboard for Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 16</u>									<u>Embarked for S.S. 3/7/17</u>
<u>Disembarked France 3-6-17. Joined 15<sup>th</sup> 17</u>									
<u>Wounded 11-8-17</u>									
<u>Killed in Action 10-8-17</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 16-8-17 [date of discharge]. 1 years 27 days

C.R. 2952

Lee J. Collins was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on July. 11th. 1916.  
Regimental No 2952 was allotted to Pte. L.J. Collins

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

C.R. 2952

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,  
29/8/18.

2952 Pte. I.J. Collins.

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY



Surname *Collins*

OF Christian Name *L. W. James*

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish..... County.....

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <i>10</i> day of <i>July</i> 19 <i>16</i> at <i>St. Johns B.S.</i>		on _____ day of _____ 19 <i>1</i>	
Declared Age	<i>18</i> years <i>2 mo</i> days <i>Express-Man</i>		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<i>Express-Man</i>		_____	
Height	<i>5</i> feet	<i>5 1/4</i> inches	_____ feet	_____ inches
Weight	<i>113</i> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <i>35</i> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <i>5</i> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks	Arm	_____	Right	_____
	Number	_____	Left	_____
When Vaccinated	_____		_____	
Vision	R. E.—V	<i>6/6</i>	R. E.—V	_____
	L. E.—V	<i>6/6</i>	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>Lamont Paterson</i>		_____	
(Rank)	<i>Major</i>		_____	
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <i>St. Johns B.S.</i> on <i>10</i> day of <i>July</i> 19 <i>16</i>		at _____ day of _____ 19 <i>1</i>	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Transferred to	<i>1st Royal Regiment 21st</i>		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____		_____	
(Signature)	on _____ day of _____ 19 <i>1</i>		on _____ day of _____ 19 <i>1</i>	

Board: ...  
 Foreign Service; Expedition; ...  
 gical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
28-7-16	1 <sup>st</sup> Inoculation <i>TRP</i>
3-8-16	2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>LP</i>
9-8-16	3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>LP</i>
30-8-16	Vacci <i>LP</i>

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



**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT**

Regiment or corps **Newfoundland**  
 No. **2952** Rank **Pte**  
 Died (a) **Intestate** at **France**  
 Deserted at

Name **L. J. Collins**  
 on the **16** of **August** 191**7**  
 on the of 191**1**

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 .... <b>16/8/17</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>
	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			
	Consolidated stoppage .....							
					This account is <sup>checked</sup> in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to // // // and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		<b>£</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>
								<b>9</b>

*16 Paid  
11/12/17*

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, ~~and that the debtor balance of £~~ **NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT** ~~is chargeable on~~

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ day of **1 DEC 1917** 191**7**



\_\_\_\_\_  
 CHIEF PAYMASTER OFFICE  
*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 the War Office by Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.  
 (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

**ORIGINAL**  
**FIELD SERVICE.** Army Form B. 2090a.

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

REGIMENT OR CORPS } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT } Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } D Company

Regimental No. 2952 Rank Private

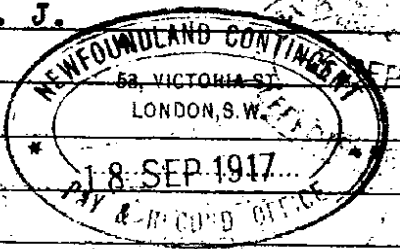
Surname COLLINS Christian Names L. J.

Died { Date Aug. 16th., 1917. Place Belgium.

Cause of Death\* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213, 26/8/17.

By whom made O.C., Unit.



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

Burial { Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

By whom reported \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Station and Date } 31/8/17. } Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature] }  
 Adjutant-General's Office at the Base

(1452) W6687/M:350 200,000 10/16 JFW (E222) Forms/B2090a/2

MAJOR  
 O. i/c No. 1 Reg. Infantry Section  
 G.H.Q., 3rd Division

August 27, 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. 2952, Private Lee J. Collins, was wounded August 16th.

I trust that later reports will bring news of his convalescence.

Any further information received at this Office as to his condition will be at once notified to you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. James Collins,  
16 Balsam St.

Colonial Secretary.

September 5, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I regret to inform you Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to-day reports No. 2952, Private Leo. J. Collins, who was previously reported wounded, was killed in action on the 16th August.

Yours sympathetically,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Jas. Collins,  
16 Balsam St.

C.R.4396

2952 PTE.LEO J.COLLINS.

EXT.OF CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED SEPT.5th.1917.  
KILLED IN ACTION AUG.16/17, PREVIOUSLY RE-  
PORTED WOUNDED SAME DATE.

10512/178./Records./HA-JC.

C.R. 2952-

PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS,  
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,  
53, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1,  
ENGLAND.

O.C.  
1/1st Newfoundland Regt.

ANSWERED  
NOV 13 1917

Officer Commanding,  
1/1st Newfoundland R.,  
B. E. F.

PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS,  
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,  
53, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1,  
ENGLAND.

16th Oct., 1917.

11th October, 7

2952, Pte. L.J. Collins,  
Deceased.

Following telegram has been received from the Hon. the Minister of Militia, St. John's, Nfld.

"Cause enquiry to be made as  
"to- date of death- and-  
"circumstances of- 2952-  
"Collins- please advise-"

Will you please advise to enable me to reply.

2952, Pte. L.J. Collins was killed in action on Aug. 16th 1917, and was reported by the O.C. 4th Worcester Regt as buried on August 22nd at U.21. Central near Denain Farm.

*Sept*) A.L. Hadow,  
Lt.-Col.,  
Commdg 1st Newfoundland Regt

Major,

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Nov. 18th, 1917.

Mr. James Collins,  
16th Balsam Street,  
C I F Y.

Sir:-

With reference to your enquiry as to the date and circumstances of the death of your son, I have the honour to inform you that the following reply has been received to our wire sent from this Dept. to the Pay & Record Office, London:-

"2952, Pte. L. J. Collins was killed in action on Aug. 16th, 1917, and was reported by the O.C. 4th Worcester Regt. as buried on Aug. 22nd at U. 21. Central near Domain Farm."

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Minister of Militia

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November 16, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I desire to inform you that a report has now been received from the Newfoundland Pay and Record Office, London, which states that Private Leo J. Collins, who was reported killed in action on August 16th, was buried on August 22nd at M 21 Central near Denain Farm.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. James Collins,

16 Balsam St.

May 11, 1918.

Mr. James Collins,  
16 Balsam Street.

Dear Mr. Collins:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you, one package of effects, which belonged to your son, the late #2952 Private A. Collins 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.

Enc'1 1.

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 2/1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland

Regimental No. 2952 Rank Plt. Name Collins Leo

Enlisted (a) St. Johns Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 11

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_



**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY**

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., 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	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		<u>Embarked.</u>	<u>Foldstone.</u>	<u>3. 6. 17.</u>	
		<u>Dis</u>	<u>Boalogue.</u>	<u>3. 6. 17.</u>	
		<u>Joined Battalion</u>		<u>19. 6. 17.</u>	<u>B 218</u>
<u>18. 8. 17.</u>	<u>O. 6. Unit.</u>	<u>Wounded in Action.</u>	<u>Belgium</u>	<u>16. 8. 17.</u>	<u>B 213.</u>
		<u>Now Reported.</u>			
<u>26. 8. 17.</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>Killed in Action</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>16. 8. 17.</u>	<u>B 213.</u>

*S. Aldridge.*  
*Major*  
*c/o No 1 Reg Inf. Centre.*  
*Q. B. S. 3rd Esch.*

(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) e.g., Signaller, Shooting Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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. 2957 Rank 16  
Name Leo James Collins  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.



James J. Collins (Sgd.)  
Father Relationship.

Address 46 Balfour Street  
St. John's

\_\_\_\_\_ 1921.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mr. James Collins (Father)**

in respect of his service as No. 2958 Rank Pte.

Name Leo. J. Collins Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Nfld. Forestry Corps

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received The War & Victory Medals

Signature J. J. Collins

Date Sept - 19/21

Address 16 Balmain St.  
St. John's

[P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form 100  
Number of Sheets  
Signatures of O. C. Company

Regiment of *1st Buffs New Zealand*

W. P. Griffiths & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4, 121.  
(89) W5617212 100m 8/10s 86

Good Conduct Badge or Proficiency Pay

No.	Regimental Number and Name	Enlistment		Place	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or expiry of certificate	By whom awarded	REMARKS
		Age on 18 years	months									
2457	<i>Collins R.J.</i>	18	7	<i>St. Johns</i>			<i>Working as a yeoman &amp; being absent 7 days after being called three times</i>	<i>Lt. Mitchell</i>	<i>two days C.B.</i>	<i>14/8/16</i>	<i>Capt. A. Agre</i>	<i>O.R.E.</i>
	<i>Appt</i>			<i>11/7/16</i>			<i>Charles to an N.C.O.</i>	<i>Sp. H. Mann</i>	<i>3 days C.B.</i>	<i>12/10/16</i>	<i>2nd Lieut. H. Murray</i>	<i>N.C.O.</i>
							<i>Absent 10 days till 11.30 pm</i>	<i>R. C. Aldred</i>	<i>3 days C.B.</i>	<i>6.11.16</i>	<i>Capt. Birmingham</i>	
							<i>Church parade</i>	<i>Sp. G. Gannon</i>				
							<i>Absent from tattoo roll for 10 days</i>		<i>7 days C.B.</i>	<i>2/12/16</i>	<i>Capt. Hearn</i>	<i>for 10 days pay</i>
							<i>call 29/10/16 paraded 9 am 2/12/16</i>					
							<i>(1) Drunk, creating disturbance in barracks</i>	<i>Sp. Davis</i>	<i>7 days C.B.</i>	<i>19-12-16</i>	<i>2nd Lieut. W. Hittaker</i>	
							<i>(2) Striking an N.C.O.</i>	<i>Sp. Newell</i>				
							<i>(3) Striking a Private</i>	<i>Sp. Dawling</i>				
							<i>Quacking out of barracks</i>	<i>Sp. Eaton</i>	<i>9 hours P.P.M.</i>	<i>19/11/16</i>	<i>Lt. Col. W. Hittaker</i>	<i>for 10 days pay</i>
							<i>for 10 days pay</i>					
							<i>for 10 days pay</i>					
							<i>for 10 days pay</i>					

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

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 (1943) W4017223 100ms 4/11s 45 86

Army

Signature of Officer in Charge

Regiment of *Northumberland*

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No. *100*  
 Name *Mr. Caccino. Lt.*  
 Date *2.9.17*  
 Date  
 Date  
 Date

Enlistment  
 Ago on *18* months  
 Place and Date of Enlistment *Algeria 11-17-16*  
 Period of { with Colours / 37 years.  
 { with Reserve / 36 years.

Place of Birth *Algeria*

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cause of Discontinuance	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or expiry depending on unit	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<i>Alg</i>	<i>13.4.17</i>	<i>Pr.</i>		<i>Disobeying orders</i>	<i>Sgt. McKay</i>	<i>14 days</i>	<i>14.4.17</i>	<i>Lot. Col. Whitehead</i>	
	<i>2.5.17</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Absent from 11.45 am parade till 1.50</i>	<i>Cpl. Spence</i> <i>Sgt. Madigan</i>	<i>detention</i>	<i>2.5.17</i>	<i>Capt. S. Robertson</i>	
				<i>Absent from 11.00 till 1.00</i>	<i>Sgt. Brindley</i>	<i>5 days CB</i>			
				<i>1</i>		<i>2 days CB</i>			
				<i>1</i>		<i>2 days CB</i>			

Army Form B. 121.

To be carried over

C O P Y.

St. John's,

Feb'y. 2nd/20.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your application for pension on account of 2448 and 2952 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.

Sgd. C.C.Oke.

Asst. Sec'y.

C.R. 29  
C O P Y.

Feb. 28th, 1920

Mr. J. J. Collins,

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. regarding War Service Gratuity on account of your sons No. 2448 Pte. Geo. Collins and No. 2952 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 you 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 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,