

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2600 Name James Cook Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment

1. What is your name? 1. James Cook
2. What is your full Address? 2. Hickman's Str. T.B.
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
4. What is your age? 4. 20 Years 3 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Lumberman
6. Are you Married? 6. No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? 7. No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? 8. Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? 9. Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? 10. { Name
Corps
11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? 11. Yes

I, James Cook 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.

C. of. 26/16 SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
H. Dubbridge Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, James Cook 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. John's

on this 26 day of Apr 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer H. Dubbridge 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 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 services, 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).....

C.R. 2600

James Cook was attested for General
Service with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT ON April 26th 1916
Regimental No. 2600 was allotted to Pte. James Cook.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger;

Dept. of Militia.

March 25th 1919

CR 2600

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

2600 Pts. Cook James.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname

Cook

OF

Christian Name

James

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

Cook

County

James

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on 25 day of April 1916		on day of 191	
Declared Age	20 years 3 days		years days	
Trade or Occupation	Lumberman			
Height	5 feet 5 inches		feet inches	
Weight	148 lbs.		lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 39 inches		inches	
	Range of expansion... 2 inches		inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm		Right	Left
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V= 6/9		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>Liam Patterson</i>			
(Rank)	Major		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at St John's on 25 day of April 1916		at on day of 191	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	1st nfld Reg. 2600			
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on day of 191		on day of 191	
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

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

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
4/7/16	1 st Inoculation LP
11/7/16	2 nd " " LP
16-8-16	Successful Vaccination. H. F. W.
7-10-16	3 rd Inoculation Para I. H. F. W.
6-10-16	Fit. for foreign service H. F. 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. P. 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 James Cook

aged

20

conducted at

C. L. B.

Date:

Apr. 25th

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	5/8 Right 6/6 Left
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	5'5"
35	148
36	37/39
37	# 300

38	mother	Mrs John Cook	Southerde Battery Row
39	no		

Signature of Medical Examiner:

William Roberts

C.R. 2600

Extract from Nominal Roll of Mfld. Regt. Draft No. 13
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.S.L.F. Embarked South-
ampton, 24-10-16.

2600 Pte. J. Cook.

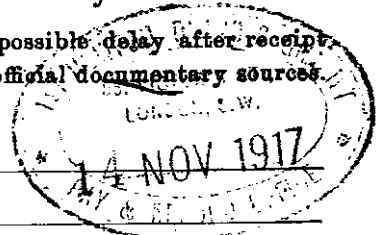
C.R. 2600

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.

DUPLICATE



REGIMENT OR CORPS Newfoundland. Squadrons, Troop, Battery or Company C.Co.

Regimental No. 2600 Rank Private.

Surname COOK. Christian Names J.

Died { Date 4/11/17. Place France or Belgium.

Cause of Death* Died of wounds received in action.

Nature and Date of Report Extract from 64th.C.C.S., 5/11/17. (C.R. N/16132).

By whom made O.G. 63th.C.C.S.

* 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) in Pay Book (Army Book 61) Not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not received
a Will or not { (c) as a separate document Not received.

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 G.H.Q. 5rd. Echelon 8/11/17. Signature of Officer in charge of Section [Signature] Adjutant-General's Office at the Base 2nd. Lt. for M.J.R.
Officer in/c No. 1 Infantry Section.

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender _____ Address _____

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated 11th October, 1917.
 To Mr. Geo. Crutch,
 Hickman's Harbor, T.B.

Cook

Regret to inform you that Record Office
 London, officially reports No. 2600, Private James
 Cook at Sixtyfourth Casualty Clearing Station, October
 tenth, dangerously ill compound fractured Skull.

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

~~JOHN R. BENNETT,~~ R. A. SQUIRES,
 Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

2600 PTE. JAMES COOK.

C.R.3844

EXT.OF CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED OCT.23rd 1917.
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DANGEROUSLY ILL. NOW RE-
PORTED IMPROVING OCT.16th

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Signature of Sender _____ Address _____

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated 30th October, 1917.

To Mr. George Crutch,
Hickman's Harbor, T. B.

Cook

Record Office London today reports condition of No. 2600
Private James Cook improved October twentyfifth.

R. A. SQUIRES,
Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender

James Cook
James Cook

Address

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated November 6, 1917.

To Mr. George Crutch,
Hickman's Hr., T.B.

Cook

Record Office, London, today reports that there was no change in the condition of No. 2600, Private James Cook, on October thirtyfirst.

R.A. SQUIRES
Colonial Secretary

FOR TYPEWRITER

Counter No. _____

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

John M. Shilling

Signature of Sender _____

John M. Shilling

Address _____

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated November 9, 1917.

To Mr. George Crutch,

Hickman's Harbor, T.B.

Cook

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports No. 2600, Private James Cook, died of shell wounds forehead, compound fracture of skull, Sixtyfourth Casualty Station France November fourth.

R.A. SQUIRES

Colonial Secretary.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:

This message is not to be sent until receiving office notifies that message to Rev. Thos. Pitcher, Britannia, has been delivered and acted upon.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 2600

GRAVE SITES.

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated December 24, 1917.

Place of Grave: Mondingham British Cemetery, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles
N.W. of Poperinghe.

Reported by: Graves Registration Units. ✓

#2600 Pte. J. Cook.

Date of Death 4/11/17.

Reported/ Proven 2.99.

April 2nd. 18.

Mr. George Crutch,
Hickman's Harbor,
Trinity Bay.

Sir:-

The following description of Grave Site,
has been received from the Pay & Record
Office, London, of :-

"#2600 Pte. J. Cook, (Report
Proven. 2.99.) Place of Grave
"Mendingham British Cemetery,
"4 1/2 miles E.W. of Poperinghe."
"Reported by Graves Registration
"Units."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. S. Readell
Major Chief Staff Officer.

May 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Crutch:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you, one pack age of effects, which belonged to your son, the late #2600 Pte. J. Cook 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 Crutch,
Highman's Harbour.

PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Received from Militia Department

Packages of effects of the late No 2600 yte J. Cook

Signed Mr. George Critch

Date May 20th 18

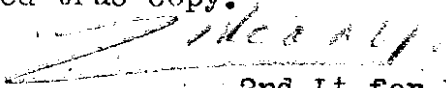
Copy of "Will" of 2600 Pte. Cook. J.

" In the event of my death I leave my money to Mister George Crutch
as my father is dead and he took me and brought me up
Hickmans Harbour
Trinity Bay.

(Sgd). Pte. James Cook,
1st. Newfoundland,
December 29th. 1918.

Certified true copy.

22/11/17.
G.H.Q. 3rd. Echelon.
B.E.F.


2nd. Lt. for Major,
Officer i/c No. 1. Infantry Section.

100
Hickman's Co
Trinity Bay.

Capt. J. Howley.

Dear Sir: -

Some time ago
"January 17th" I wrote to
the Department of Mexico
about the November allotment
due me of the late Pte
James Cook, which had
not reached me. You
answered my letter saying
you hoped to have the
matter finalized, in a
few days. Since then
I received one allotment

Nov. 14. 18

Rev. Thos. Pitcher,
BRITANNIA, T.B.

Dear Sir:

7600
With reference to your letter of
Nov. 1st. regarding the allotment of No. 2600, late
Private James Uook, I beg to inform you that we are
forwarding a cheque on the 7th. of December in pay-
ment for the allotments from Dec. 1/17 to Aug. 31/18.

Since Aug. 31/18 we have been forward-
ing allotment cheques regularly each month to George
Critch, Hickman's Harbour, and I assume the money he
is inquiring about is for payment for the period
from Dec. 1/17 to Aug. 31/18, when it was discontinued.
and for which I am forwarding you cheque next month.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.
For Paymaster.

2660

540191

To ensure that as far as may be possible none of the next of kin of those who have fallen in the War shall fail to receive the Memorial Plaque, it is requested that on receipt of the enclosed Plaque this card be signed at the bottom and posted. No stamp is required.

704

George C. Britch

(2249) W.C. 2155/AP659 10/19 900M (20) D.S.

Hickman's Str.

July 1st /22.

O. C. B.
Wld. Conty.
St. J. R. D.

Dep. no (G. 408)

Dear Sir:-

I beg to
acknowledge receipt of
photographs in duplicate
of my adopted sons
grave (also, pt. J. Cook)
I assure you that
this was most highly
appreciated by me,
as well as the many
friends & relatives of
the boy.

I also was pleased
to receive the
memorial plaque, which
I have forwarded
receipt of, as requested.

Thanking you for
all the trouble you
& your department
has taken to
accomplish these
little tokens, which
I feel sure will in
years to come testify
to the competence of the
authorities concerned.

Yours very truly
G. B. B. Gatch

1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. George Critch (Fosterfather)

in respect of his service as No. 2600 Rank Pte.

Name James Cook Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory medal - British War Medal
as stated above.

Signature George C. Critch

Date Oct 1st/21.

Address Stickman St. S. B. H. Rd.

[P.T.O.]

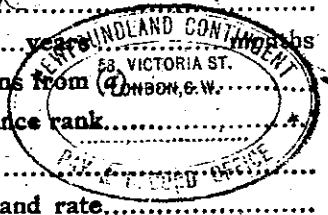
CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Army Form B. 103.

Regiment *1st Battalion*

Casualty Form Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *1st Battalion*
 Rank *Private* Surname *Cook* Christian Name *J*
 Religion *Methodist* Age on Enlistment *26*
 Enlisted (a) *26.4.16* Terms of Service (a) *Duration War* Service reckons from (a) *1st Bn. G.W.*
 Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank
 Extended (.....) Re-engaged (.....) Qualification (b)
 or Corps Trade and rate
 Occupation Signature of Officer



Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 30, 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. 30, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
			Embarked <i>Shamilton</i>	<i>24/10/16</i>	
			Disembarked <i>Rouen</i>	<i>25/10/16</i>	
		<i>Joined Battalion</i>		<i>7.11.16</i>	
		<i>With</i>		<i>23.1.17</i>	
<i>9.10.17</i>	<i>O. Clark</i>	<i>Wounded in Action</i>		<i>9.10.17</i>	<i>BS 12.10.17</i>
	<i>64 CCS</i>	<i>Ad. sh. Face Skull</i>		<i>9.10.17</i>	<i>C.D. 1007</i>
<i>27.10.17</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Remaining Rep. Ser. Ill</i>		<i>10.10.17</i>	<i>C.D. 2852</i>
					<i>64 CCS</i>
					<i>11/10/17</i>
<i>10.11.17</i>	<i>G. H. 2nd Battalion</i>	<i>2nd</i>			<i>2nd Field Coy</i>
					<i>Infantry Section</i>

(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, etc.
 W. 5527—M.M.S. 1903a 7/17 (2000) C. F. & S., Ltd., Form B. 103, 8/12/16

