

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1247

Name in full Edward James Gardner Age 23

Address British Hr, Trinity Bay.

Married Single

Color Fair Hair Dark Brown Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks Toe missing left foot.

Nearest relative Mother.

Address British Hr, Trinity Bay.

Dependents _____

Occupation Postal clerk. Present Wage 155⁰⁰ per month.

Previous service _____

Decorations _____

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment Apr Feb. 1 - 1915.

I, Edward James Gardner, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty, and that I will faithfully serve His Majesty in any place where I may be needed (or in the Colony of Newfoundland, as the case may be), against all His enemies and opposers whatsoever, according to the condition of my service.

Edward James Gardner

Declared before me this 27 day
of March 1914 5

J. Kinnis
Lieut.

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet

Reg. No. 1007

Name Edward Jason Gardner

Apparent age 33 years 0 months Height 5 feet 9 inches

Chest measurement (Girth when fully expanded _____ inches.
Range of expansion _____ inches.

Distinctive marks Color: fair, hair: Dark brown, Eyes: blue

Other distinguishing marks: Toe missing left foot

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Mrs. Gardner, British Harbour, 1 Bay, R.F.C.

Relationship Mother

Particulars as to Marriage.

(a) Christian and Surname of Women 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	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Re-serv 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>1/3/15</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>1 February '15</u>									
<u>Presented to</u> <u>L. Corp</u> <u>26/7/15</u>									
<u>Embarked at St. John's 22-4-15</u>									
<u>Landed Sulu Bay 1-12-15</u>									
<u>Embarked at Sulu 14-3-16</u>									
<u>Landed at Manila 22-3-16</u>									
<u>Missing 1-7-16</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above									

Total Service towards Engagement to 1-7-16 (date of discharge) DEATH 1 years 151 days

Pension

C.R. 1247

Edward J. Gardner was attested for General service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ... March 1st. 1915
Regimental No 1247 was allotted to Pte. Ed. J. Gardner

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

C.R. 1247

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas per
S.S. "Stephane" April 22, 1915.

1247 Pte. Gardiner E.J.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Gardner OR Christian Name Edward James

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish..... County.....

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>2</u> day of <u>Feb</u> 191 <u>5</u>		on day of 191.....	
	at <u>St Johns</u>		at	
Declared Age.....	<u>23</u> years days		..... years days	
Trade or Occupation.....	<u>Postal Clerk</u>		.....
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>9</u> inches		..... feet inches	
Weight	<u>138</u> lbs.		..... lbs.	
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded... <u>33</u> inches		..... inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>35 1/2</u> inches		..... inches	
Physical Development.....				
Vaccination Marks {	Arm		Arm	
	Number		Number	
When Vaccinated	<u>never</u>		.....
Vision	R.E.—V== <u>7</u>		R.E.—V==	
	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)	<u>Robertson</u>		.....
(Rank)	<u>Capt.</u>		.....
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St Johns</u>		at	
	on <u>1</u> day of <u>Feb</u> 191 <u>5</u>		on day of 191.....	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1st Regt</u>	<u>1547</u>	.....	.....
Transferred to.....	.....		.....
Became non-effective by.....	.....		.....
	on day of 191.....		on day of 191.....	
(Signature)	.....		.....
(Rank)	.....		.....

PAY LIST.

to 1st July 1916 Voucher No. _____

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland
 No. 1247 Rank L/Pl Name E. Gardner
 Died (*) Intestate at Israel on the 19 of July 1916
 Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 1916

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 <u>JUL 1 1916</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) £ s. d.				Pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
					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			
	Consolidated stoppage				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		<u>£</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>
								<u>0</u>

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

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 1916 Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the deceased 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.

CP 1247

REGIMENTAL ORDER

BY LIEUT.-COL. SIR. W.E DAVIDSON, K.C.M.G.

OFFICER COMMANDING

The following promotion by Lt. Col R. de H. Burton
is approved:-

No. 1247, Pte. E. J. Gardiner, E Co., to be Lance
Corporal, 26/7/15

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. 30 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT or CORPS } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } A Company

Regtl. No. 1247 Rank Lance Corporal
Name SARDNER, E.



Date July 1st., 1916.

Died Place France.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Memo, 29/3/17.

By whom made Officer i/c Newfoundland Records, London.

*Special 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.

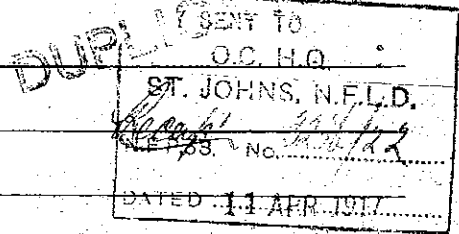
Burial Place

Burial 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) do
- (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.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } H. Birchell Capt. for Lt. Col., Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1, 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date 3rd. Echelon, 29/3/17.

C.R. 1247

1247 L/C. GARDINER E.J.

REPORT OF THE ...
... 7.11.16.

"REPORT DURING THE JULY 1916."

C.R. 1247

Extract of Casualty List received from P. & R.O. Dec 18th 1916.

1247, L. Spl. E.J. Gardener.

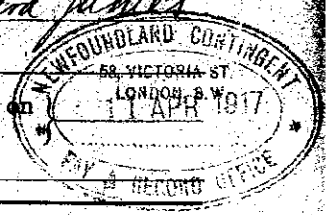
Previously reported Missing, ^{1/7/16} Now unofficially reported Killed 1/7/16

Authority. Letter to Officer i/o Records from 2/lt R.T. Smith, 1/6th
Seaforth Highlanders, who stated that he found the body of the above
man and buried him in shell-hole 22/11/16. He was in charge of a
burying party at the time. Date of letter 22/11/16.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Certified true copy

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland
 Regimental No 1247 Rank Capt Name Gardner Edward James
 Enlisted (a) 27.3.15 Terms of Service (a) Was Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion to present rank 28.7.15 Date of appointment to lance rank 28.7.15 Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. _____
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____



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				
		Embarked <u>London</u>		<u>30.4.15</u>	
		Disembarked <u>Gallipoli</u>		<u>1.12.15</u>	
		Embarked <u>Port. Suez</u>		<u>14.3.16</u>	
		Disembarked <u>Marseilles</u>		<u>22.3.16</u>	
<u>11.7.16</u>	<u>Milit</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>1.7.16</u>	<u>B 2.13</u>
<u>22.3.17</u>	<u>Port London</u>	<u>Returned</u>			

*Sgt J.A. Burchell Capt
 for O/C No. 1 Regular Infantry Section
 2nd Echelon*

(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, Shoemaker, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

I am on right-duty now
we get a convey quite often.

I shall be much obliged
if you will give me any
information you can as
soon as possible.

Yours very sincerely
Grace Gardner.

His address - Capt. G. J. Gardner
#1247 First Infan Reg.
B. C. I.

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Sister's Quarters
St. Luke's Terrace
Brighton
22. 8. 16

Capt. Linnecoe

Dear Sir :-

I received a
letter to day from my home
dated August 7th informing
me that my brother is among
the missing.

My Mother is very anxious
to know if you can give us
any further information

If he is a prisoner in Germany
do you think it more advisable
for me to send him parcels
from here instead of my
people sending them from
Newfoundland.

Sister Roberts is well and
working hard she wishes to
be remembered to you we
both like Brighton very
much I hope I shall be
able to stay on here a few
months longer for in
preference to being sent
elsewhere in England.

23rd August, 6.

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Miss Grace Gardner,
Sisters' Quarters,
St. Luke's Terrace,
Brighton.

Madam,

No. 1247, L/Cpl. E. J. Gardner.

I have received your letter of the 22nd inst., and have to inform you in reply that there is no evidence to show that your brother is a prisoner of war in Germany. He is still officially reported to be missing.

Any news which may come to hand regarding him will be communicated to you.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

for Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

H.A./N.W.

Home address.

7.7 Marquess Rd.
Cannonbury.
N. London.

B. O. Augustine
3rd Engineer
H. M. S. Elswick Home
Co. S. V. P. O.

Havre

France.

6th Dec, 1916.

To.

The war office, London.

Dear Sirs.

I hope there is no trouble to you for information; of Lance Corporal Edward James Gardner. - No. 1247. (A) Company, 1st Newfoundland Regiment; Engaged in 1st of July; drive at Beaumont-Hamel, not heard from since except that he is missing; I am asking on behalf of Miss Mable Young, who is his sweetheart & lives at Newfoundland; also his people are worrying; if you would oblige me by writing on receipt of my letter; I will be here for about 10 days; thanking you in anticipation;

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Yours Obediently,

Brommel Osmond Augustine

7 - DEC 1916

Stargo Military Hqs.
R. Heston Camp.
Salisbury Plain
Wiltshire.

5.12.16

To the Prisoners of War Information Bureau -
49 Wellington St. Strand W.C.

Dear Sir:-

I should be very much obliged if you could give me any information of my brother who has been missing since August - since the battle of the Somme we are unable to get any information - but that he is missing is such a long time not hear from him if he is a German Prisoner. He belongs to the 1st Newfoundland Reg. # 1247. Sgt. Edward J. Gardner B. C. Lt.

I remain

Yours sincerely
E. Gardner (Sister)

1247 Gardner

11th December,

6.

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Miss G. Gardner,
Fargo Military Hospital,
Rollestone Camp,
Salisbury Plain.

Madam,

No. 1247, Cpl. E.J. Gardner.

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., forwarded to this office by the Prisoners of War Information Bureau, regarding the above non-commissioned officer; I ^{and regret} beg to inform you that it has recently been unofficially stated that he was killed on July 1st. Although the official records still show him to be missing, there is little doubt that your gallant brother died in the memorable charge on July 1st, and I am afraid that this report must be regarded as authentic.

The difficulties of bringing in the bodies of the killed on July 1st were unsurmountable and hence it was that so many of the Newfoundlanders were reported "missing".

The unofficial statement regarding your brother came from an officer of the Seaforth Highlanders who went over the ground in November and has stated that he discovered the body of Cpl. Gardner, which apparently was identified by his disk.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

July 7th. 1917.

Mr. Arthur Gardner,

British Harbour, T.B.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$59.00,
being the balance of the estate of your late son,
No. 1247, E. Gardner.

You will note that the cheque is pay-
able to yourself and Mrs Gardner. It will there-
fore be necessary for both of you to endorse it,
before presenting it for payment.

Yours truly,

Lieut.
Deputy Paymaster.

Hon. J. H. Howley, C.B.E.
(Minister of Finance and Mines)
Capt. W. H. Parsons, R.A.M.C.

St. John's


April 1/19.

Captain J. H. Howley,
Pay Master.

Sir:

I herewith enclose cheque for \$450.00, on
account of, 1247, E.J. Gardiner, being refund ~~and~~ *of*
continuance of the allotment.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of same.


Asst. Secy,
Board of Pension Commissioners
for Newfoundland.


TMH/GC.

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

5/9/1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 1247 Rank *Sgt*
Name *Edward J Gardner*
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Harry Gardner (Sgd.)
Relationship.
Address *78 Hamilton Street
St. John's*

1241

RECEIPT.

I hereby certify that I have received the 1914-1915

STAR.

No 1247 Name E. J. Gardner

A. W.

Witness. J. L. Gardner

Date June 9th 1920

Place St. Johns

Mary Gardner

British Harbour

March 4th 1920

R

W. F. Rudell; Lieut. Col.

Dear Sir

With

many thanks I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Memorial scroll in memory of my son, and also His Majesty the King's message in memory of same, which came to hand in good condition the 28th Feb.

yours sincerely

Eli Gordust

