

FIRST NEW BRUNSWICK REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2475 Name Ford, Gardner Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. Frederick Joseph Lewis Gardner
2. What is your full Address? 2. Britts R. H. TB
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
4. What is your age? 4. 23 Years 8 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Fisherman & 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, F. J. Gardner 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.

Fred Gardner SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
W. H. Bridge Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.
I, Ford Gardner 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 11 day of Apr 1916
Signature of Attesting Officer W. H. Bridge

† 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 red ink as enlisted in the (Regiment).

Name *Frank Gardner*
 Apparent age *23* years *8* months Height *5* feet *9*
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded *36* inches
 Range of expansion *2 1/2* inches
 Distinctive marks

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin *Mr. W. B. Gardner*
100 T.B. | 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 <i>11-4-16</i>									
Joined at <i>St. John's</i> on <i>April 11th 16</i>									
				<i>Embarked at John St. Julian for Oct 19th 16</i>					<i>Embarked for Oct 11th 16</i>
				<i>Disembarked France 22-10-16</i>					<i>Disembarked 14-4-17. Fotheringhay 23rd</i>
				<i>Died of pneumonia at that hospital</i>					<i>Fotheringhay</i>
				<i>28-12-18</i>					
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Engagement to *28-12-18* (date of discharge) *28-12-18*

C.R. 2475

Fred J.L. Gardner was attested for General
Service with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT ON April 11th 1916
Regimental No. 2475 was allotted to Pte. Fred J.L. Gardner

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia.

March 25th 1919

C.R. 2475

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,
per S.S. "Sicilian" July 19.1916.

2475 Pts. Gardiner H.J.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish		County	
		SPECIAL RESERVE.	REGULAR ARMY
Examined	on 10 day of April 191	on	day of 191
	at St. Johns 7. 71.	at	
Declared Age	23 years 8 ^{mo} days	years	days
Trade or Occupation	fraternal & lumberman		
Height	5 feet 9 inches	feet	inches
Weight	137½ lbs.	lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 36 inches		inches
	Range of expansion... 23 inches		inches
Physical Development			
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right
	Number		Left
When Vaccinated			
Vision	R. E.—V= 6/6		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)	Samuel Paterson		
(Rank)	Major	Medical Officer.	Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at St. Johns	at	
	on 18 day of April 191	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.
	1st Reg.	2495	
Transferred to			
Became non-effective by			
	on	day of 191	on
(Signature)			

No. 2154

8 AUG 1916

3 1ST. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

I, Frederick Gardner, Regl. No. 2475

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of Dollars and Twenty Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person ^{and} _{or} Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person ^{and} _{or} Persons concerned, viz.:

Allotment begins May 1/16

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
2151.	father	Eli Gardner, British As.	T.B.	70
		Commencing 2/7/16.		
Total Allotment, \$				

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, countersigned by the Officer Commanding Company and handed to the Paymaster as authority to make the required payments on application.

(Sig.) H. Outbridge
for
Officer Commanding
St. John's
Company

(Sig.) Frederick Gardner
(Rank) Pte.

COPY OF TRANSLATION.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

No. 738,

PARCHIM, DECEMBER 30, 1918.

The Military Hospital in this Place notify that the English Prisoner of War: Farmer Fred Gardner, Soldier in the Newfoundland Regiment. 26 years of age, of English Religion, domicile unknown, born in unknown; single (unmarried); Son of William Gardner, residing in British Harbour, Newfoundland, and his late wife (further particulars missing); has passed away in the Military Hospital, in Parchim, on the 30th '28' of December, in the year Nineteen hundred and eighteen at 4 o'clock p.m.; the cause of death, pneumonia.

THE REGISTRAR

as representative of: A. DOLLING.

That the above extract is similar in sound to the chief Death register in the Mecklenburg Schwerin registrars office, Parchim in Parchim, is herewith confirmed.

Parchim 30th December 1918.

THE REGISTRAR

as representative of:

A. DOLLING

Mecklenburg Schwerin Registration
Parchim.

Kriegs-Gefangenen-Schlüssel

Name des Absenders
Name of the sender

Mr F. Gardner

Persönliche Nr.
Personal Nr.

2475

Geschrieben den
Written on

9/16th 1917

Dear Sir

Having received a letter from you 15th I am glad to know that you heard of me in favour of work also that my parents have been notified at home. I would be pleased to know if you would forward my address to the British Red Cross as I haven't received any parcels regards to food. Please deduct 10 shillings from my pay

per month and forward the
same to the Red Cross as
parcels containing food will
be thankfully received, also
a pair of boots for a
clothes of a medium size
at your earliest convenience
by so doing you will
oblige your truly

BRANFORD
ACTEL
BY
DATE

Geprikt F. a.
Postüberwachungsstelle

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
PAY & RECORD OFFICE
16636
9 NOV 1919
1289/1

Rolo
Fred. Gardner
Company
Newfoundland Regiment

C/A/P.W.

Newfoundland Contingent,
68, Victoria Street,
London S. W. 1,
England,

20th November 1917.

2475, Pte. F. Gardner,
1st Newfoundland Regiment,
Kriegsgefangenen-Stammlager,
Friedrichsfeld,
Germany.

With reference to your letter dated 16/9/17 (8868). The Newfoundland War Contingent Association have been advised of the non-receipt of your food parcels. As 2 parcels per fortnight are sent to you through the Central Prisoners of War Committee, it is unnecessary to allot money to the British Red Cross Society; but if you wish the maximum amount of 10/- per month to be remitted to you please advise.

A parcel of clothing was sent to you on 25/9/17. The sizes are noted for future guidance.

Please notify this Office of any change of your address.

HA/JC

17 Nov 1917
Rec'd. ~~1917~~ 27th 1917
File No. ~~1917~~
I have been
and received no parcel
yet. will you try and
send me clothes &
a pair boots no 8
also some food if
any parcel would be
very valuable and
oblige yours truly
Pte F. Gardner

British Army
May 26th 1917

Lieut. Howley
Dear Sir

I am mailing you the
photo of my son, ^{Plt} Fred. J. S. Gardner, who has been
missing since 14th April drive. He was quite tall of high
complexion with dark hair & eyebrows, with a dimple
in his chin. His number is 2475. He was long
featured. I have no other particulars to give of him.
About 24 years of age. I hope please God it will be
found that he is a prisoner in Germany

Yours truly
Eli Gardner

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated

May 13, 1917.

To

Mr. Eli Gardner,

British Harbor, T.B.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,

London, officially reports ~~No. 2475, Private Fred~~

J. L. Gardner, missing April fourteenth

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

Cable Connection with all the World

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I request that the following Telegram may be forwarded according to the foregoing Conditions, by which I agree to abide.

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender

Address

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated 20th July, 1917.

To Mr. Eli Gardner,
British Harbor, T.B.

Have pleasure in informing you Record Office London to-day reports No. 2475 Private Fred J. L. Gardner Prisoner of War at Limburg Germany.

R. A. SQUIRES,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

British Forces

Nov. 14th 1917

Mr. R. A. Squires

(80)

Dear Sir

On Sunday the 12th inst. I received a letter from my own Pt. Frederick Gardner (Prisoner of War Germany) dated Aug. 5th was captured the 14th April drive. He asked me to send him some parcels, saying the boys who were captured before them were receiving parcels, but they had not received any at the time of his writing. Would you kindly inform me what he has had any parcels sent him since the above mentioned date. I should be very glad indeed to forward parcels to him if it is permissible for me to do so. I should be glad to hear from you concerning the matter. By so doing you will greatly oblige

yours truly

Edi Gardner

G.

19th November, 1917.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., I desire to say that the existing regulations prevent the sending to Prisoners of War parcels from private persons. This work is, however, well looked after by the Newfoundland War Contingent Association of London, England, through whose instrumentality three parcels, containing food and clothing, are sent to each Prisoner of War every fortnight. I have no doubt that since the date of your son's letter, August 5th, parcels have been received by him and others who were captured on the same date. Of course you will understand that under existing conditions in Germany the delivery of every parcel sent might not possibly be guaranteed, but the matter is well looked after by the Newfoundland War Contingent Association and other organizations on the Continent, with a view to procuring for our lads, who may be Prisoners, a regular supply of the necessaries of life.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Eli Gardner,
British Harbor, T. B.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 2471

Jan. 17th 1919.

Mr. Eli Gardner,
British H.R.T.B.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Minister of Militia to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Jan. 10th, in which you are making enquiries re your son, No. 2475, Pte. Fred J. S. Gardner, who is a Prisoner of War in Germany, and in reply I beg to state that up to date we have not received any news of his having arrived in England, but we are inclined to think that all of our soldiers who were Prisoners are in France awaiting their turn to be sent over to England, and I do not think that you have any cause to worry, as those who have been repatriated have been sent over in small parties.

Trusting that in the course of a few days, we will be able to send you the good news of his safe arrival in England, in the meantime we are forwarding your enquiry on to our Pay and Record Office, London, and upon receipt of an answer we will immediately communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut.

C.R. 2475

Extract from Casualties from Pay & Record Office, London
Dated March 25th 1919.

2475; Pt . F. Gardner.

DIED AS PRISONER OF WAR.

Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street, S.W.
24th March 1919.

C.R. 2475

Extract from Casualties received from Pay and Record Office,
London dated 12th. March 1919.

Reference casualty returns No. 132 of 1919.

2475 Pte F. Gardner.

is now stated officially to have died of grippe at Parchim
Camp, Germany, on 28/12/18, and buried on grave No. 957
(presumably at Cemetery at Parchim Camp).

Eli Gardiner Esq.,
British Hr., T.B.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to our letter of August 17th concerning No. 2475, Pte. F. J. S. Gardiner, and in accordance with the Casualty notification sent you on January 25th, I would state that the inquiry that was being made by our Record Office, London, for particulars concerning this soldier, crossed the letter from the British Help Committee, to the Central Prisoners of War Committee dated Dec. 30th. It is apparent that the British Help Committee lost no time in sending their notification, and it is regretted that that letter took so long to arrive in London.

If any further particulars come to hand, you will be at once notified.

I wish to express my very sincere sympathy, and I am sure that it must be extremely hard to learn such sad news at a time when you were looking forward so eagerly to his return to this Country.

Yours faithfully,

H. H. H.

CHIEF CLERK OFFICE.

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender _____ Address Dept of Militia

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated **Jan. 25th, 1919**

To **Eli Gardiner, British Hr., T.B.**

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London,
officially reports **No. 2475, Private Fredrick J.L. Gardiner** died at **Parchim Germany** on **Dec. 28th** of **La Grippe**. Authority: **letter from British Help Committee to Central Prisoners of War Committee dated Dec. 30th, 1918**

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J.R. Bennett

Minister of Militia.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:

This Message is not to be delivered until Receiving Office notifies that Message to **Church of England Minister or School Teacher, British Hr. T.B.** has been received and acted upon

FOR TYPEWRITER

British Harbour

Jan'y. 10th 1919

C.R. 2475

J. R. Bennett Esq

Minister of Militia

Dear Sir

I beg to ask could you please inform me if nearly all the held prisoners are out of Germany. I have been watching the papers pretty closely, but have not seen my son Lt. Fredrick Gardner's name yet mentioned. I fear something is wrong with him, otherwise he would have turned up before this. The last postal we had from him was dated the 8th Sept. 1918. He then reported of being well. He

'had been working on a farm
for quite a while before writing,
in fact. I am feeling quite anxious
about him. I suppose there is some
way to find out where he is alive or
not, if there is any information
in any way that you could give
me in the matter, I should feel
very thankful to you indeed, also
if there is any thing on my part to
do, to find out where he is I shall
be only too glad to do it. I shall
be glad to hear from you by
your earliest - by so doing
you will greatly oblige

yours truly
Eli Gardner

P. S. His address on the last
Portals received as under

Pt. Fred. Gardner 2475
Infld Regiment
Kriegsgefangenenlager Parchim (Meckl)

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2475 Rank Pvt.
Name John J. Gardner
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Eli Gardner (Sgd.)

Father Relationship.

Address

British Harbour



~~August 31~~ 1921.

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

Mr. Eli Gardner (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2475 Rank Pvt

Name Fred Gardner (dec) Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~1st Bn. 1st Div. 1st Regt.~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory Medal & British War Medal

Signature Eli Gardner

Date Sept. 7th 1921

Address British Harbour

[P.T.O.]

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment **C. I. R. 2475**
1866

Rank Pte Regiment or Corps 21 Newfoundland Regt
 Surname Gardener Christian Name Ford
 Religion C of E Age on Enlistment 23 years 8 months.
 Enlisted (a) 4/4/16 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 Date	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 215, Army Form A. 36, 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. 215, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
			Embarked	11 OCT 1916	
			Disembarked	12 OCT 1916	
		Joined Battalion		22 OCT 1916	

16 APR 1917

OC. P. D. MISSING

Was Off. Prisoner of War in Germany
 captured at Monchy

14.4.17

Off. German in Capt
 forwarded by
 General led brook

S. Gardener

(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, Shoenig-Smith, &c.

Army Form B. 121-
 Number of Sheet 1 of 1
 Signature of O. C. Company Alberstein
beata

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Regiment of 1st Newfoundland
 Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

W. P. Griffiths & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.
 (H.K.) W.0117/114 1000m 6/15m 25 50

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	By whom awarded	REMARKS
No.	Name	Age on	years	months				
2475	Jordan J	23	8	months	Zebraman			
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment			Religion			
Joined	Date	April 11 1916			6 of England			
Joined	Date	Period of (with Colours) 7 years.			Place of Birth			
Joined	Date	(with Reserve) 3 1/2 years.			Newfoundland			
Place	Date of Offence	Rank	OFFENCE		Cases of Drunkenness			
			Receiving 14 17					
			Died of Pneumonia 28-12-18					

To be carried over