

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 9546 Name Lewis Hancock Corps C.P.C.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your name? 1. Lewis Hancock
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. Salvage B.B.
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. yes
- 4. What is your age? 4. 18 Years 6 Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Fisherman
- 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, Lewis Hancock 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.

Lewis Hancock SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

E 16-3-17

Arthur Burgess Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Lewis Hancock 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 16th day of March 1917.

Signature of Attesting Officer Mark Ayrce 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.....

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 Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows.

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C.R.

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal
Mfld. Regt., St. John's, March 16th, 1917.

3546 Pte. Lewis Hancock.

Attached to the Strength March 16th, 1917.

C.R. 3546

Extract from Nominal Roll, embarked St. John's for Overseas 19~~1~~17

43546 Pte. H Hancock.

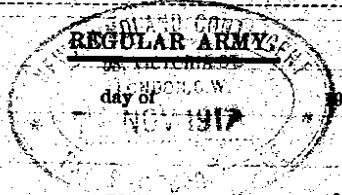
MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Handcock OF Christian Name Lewis

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish _____ County _____

		SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
Examined	on <u>16th</u> day of <u>March</u> 191 <u>7</u>	on	day of	191 <u>7</u>	
	at <u>St Johns</u>	at			
Declared Age	<u>18</u> years <u>6</u> months <u>0</u> days		years		days
Trade or Occupation	<u>Fisherman</u>				
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>7</u> inches		feet		inches
Weight	<u>142</u> lbs.		lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement	Grith when fully expanded	<u>38</u> inches			inches
	Range of Expansion	<u>4</u> inches			inches
Physical Development					
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left	
	/		/		
When Vaccinated					
Vision	R.E.—V= <u>4/6</u>		R.E.—V=		
	L.E.—V= <u>4/6</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>W.E. Procurier</u>				
(Rank)	<u>Lieut</u>				
	Medical Officer.				Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at <u>St Johns</u>	at			
	on <u>16th</u> day of <u>March</u> 191 <u>7</u>	on	day of		191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.	
	<u>411st</u>	<u>Regt</u>		<u>3546</u>	
Transferred to					
Became non-effective by					
(Signature)	on	day of	191	on	day of
(Rank)					



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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 J. M. Stirling Address _____

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated June 10th, 1917.

To Mr. William Handcock,
Salvage, B.B.

Regret to inform you that Officer Commanding Draft reports No. 3546, Private Lewis Handcock, admitted Hospital, Liverpool, suffering from measles. Upon receipt further information I shall immediately wire you, and trust that next report will be of his convalescence.

JOHN R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 3546

Extract from Telegram received from London, dated
May 9, 1918.

#3546 Hancock.

Reported wounded and missing April 1.

From
NEWFOUNDLAND WAR CONTINGENT ASSOCIATION
16th July 1918

To Pay and Record Office.

No. 55

Letter from Canadian Red Cross Society. dated 15th July 1918

Dear Miss Knox,

The following entry appeared on a German Red Cross List dated 14. 6. 18:

at STENDAL

HANCOCK, Lewis
35446

R. Newfoundland capt. 12.4.18
Armentieres
C. born 5.10.99 Salvage
adr. Salvage, Newfoundland

We think there is no doubt that this is the same man as L. Hancock 3546 whom you say was missing.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) E. R. BULKELEY

Copy of original message from Miss C.A. Knox

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
Ref. Nos. U. C.	✓ 6422
Rec'd	
Ack'd	
Ref. Nos. U. C.	
Comm.	
P. & P.	
R. & C.	✓
B. & E.	
P. S.	

Stamm-lager: STENDAL.
Principal-camp:

Datum der Ausfestigung:
Date:

oder
or
Bazarett:
Hospital:

Tag: 19 Monat: Mai Jahr: 1918
Day: Month: Year:

Zuname: H A N C O C K
Surname:

Vorname: Lewis
Christian name:

Rang: Gem.
Rank:

Reg. oder Korps: Royal Newfoundlands. Reg. Nr.: Komp.: C
Reg. or Corps: Reg. Nr.: Komp.:

Erkennungsmarke Nr.: 35446
Number of identification disc.: 35446

Gefangennahme: Ort: Armentieres Datum: 12.4.18
Capture: Place: Date:

Ob verwundet, Whether wounded, (Bullet. r. Leg) Schussverl. r. Bein
Bezeichnung der Wunde: Description of wound:

Geburt: Ort: Salvage Datum: 5.10.99
Birth: Place: Date:

Heimatort: Salvage.
Home place:

Adresse des nächsten Verwandten: Vater: William, Salvage, Bonosta Bay,
Address of next-of-kin: Newfoundland.

Casualty contacted 2/18/18

2016900

C.R. 3546

Extract from Orders by Major G.T. Mathias, D.S.O. Comdg.
1st Batta. R.Nfld. Regt. 5-8-18.

The u/m man previously reported "Wounded & Missing" 13-4-18
is now reported a prisoner of War in Germany.

3546 Pte. L. Hancock

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Extract from Casualties received from Pay and Record Office, London
dated August 22nd 1918.

#3546 Pte. L. Hancock

prisoner of war at Stendal, Saxony, is suffering from a bullet wound
in right leg.

C.R. 3546

Extract from Casualty from P.&R.O., London, dated
dated 25th. Sept. 1918.

List No: 170.

DIED OF WOUNDS AS
PRISONER OF WAR.

3546 Pte. L. Hancock.

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender _____ Address Department of Militia

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated September 21, 1918.

To William Hancock, Salvage, B.B.

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London, officially reports that ~~information~~ information has been received that #3546 Pte. Lewis Hancock died at St. John's Hospital Stendal Germany July 10th, GSW fracture of right thigh, intestinal catarrh & Sepsis. 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 C.E. Clergyman or School Teacher, Salvage, B.B. has been received and acted upon

FOR TYPEWRITER

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

No. 473.

The local Prisoners of War Hospital,

in writing *3576*
has notified that Lewis Hancock, English Prisoner of War,
Fisherman.

Aged: 18 years and 9 months.

Religion. Protestant.

Resident at : Unknown.

Born at : Salvage (?) Parents of the Deceased are unknown.

Died at : the Auxiliary Hospital, "St. John's Infirmary", Stendal,
on the 10th July, 1918, at 9 a.m.

The Registrar

Signed for: Wienecke.

It is hereby certified that the above extract is a true copy
from the Chief Death Register in the Registry Office at Stendal.

Stendal, 15th August, 1918.

The Registrar

Signed for : Wienecke.

Official Stamp here.

Cables and Telegrams :
"STROPTICAL," London.

Telephones:
VICTORIA 4923 & 4.

Communications to be addressed to the
CHIEF POSTMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS.

N.F.D. 112
DUPLICATE

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 10666/572/R.S.C. **J.R.** 3546

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.
23rd August, 1919.

To
The Minister of Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

SUBJECT:
3546 PTE. L. HANCOCK, deceased.
Reference Nos.

REPLY
Dated Sept. 11th 1919. 191
Please return **ORIGINAL** and retain **DUPLICATE.**

I enclose a card which has been received from the Prisoners of War Camp at Stendal, Germany, through the War Office, for transmission to the relatives of the above-named soldier. The card shows the monument erected in the Cemetery at Stendal where Pte. Hancock was buried.

Kindly acknowledge.

A. B. Anderson
Major,
Chief Staff Officer (London).

Received with thanks and forwarded to the next of kin of Pte. Hancock.

M.H.
Minister of Militia.

HA/NV

November 3, 1919

Mrs. Hancock,
Salvage
B.B.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a check
for \$113.96, balance of estate of late Ste. J.
Hancock, due you as administrator of his estate.

I also enclose herewith
Letters of Administration.

Yours truly,

J. C. R.

Major
PAYMASTER & O I/C R. CORPS.

LM-
Enc. 2

Feb 27/20

C.R. 3546

W W J Kendall
Department Militia
St Johns

Dear Sir

yours of the Dec 28
Received also that the
Memorial and Message
from His Majesty the King
and in sending this in
return I must say I am
more than thankful for
the same

I am yours
faithfully
Wm Hancock
Salvage
B. B.

CABLES AND TELEGRAMS:
"NUMONERAY," SOREPT, LONDON.

TELEPHONE:
VICTORIA 8374.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

47, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W.1.

Ref: 2348.

24th November, 1924.

The Archivist for
Militia Records,
General Post Office,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

3546 PTE. L. HANDCOCK.

Dear Sir,

This Office has been advised by the Imperial War Graves Commission that the grave of the above-mentioned Soldier which was originally in the Prisoners of War Cemetery at Stendal, N.V. Germany, has now been removed to Berlin South Western Cemetery, Stahnsdorf, Germany, Plot 1, Row "B", Grave 12.

For your information and that of the Next-of-Kin, the following explanation for this removal has been made by the Imperial War Graves Commission -

"In communicating this information to the next-of-kin will you please explain that the question of the British graves in Germany has for some time past been receiving the earnest consideration of the Imperial War Graves Commission."

"Some months ago several members of the Commission representing the United Kingdom and the Dominions went to Germany and visited the different Cemeteries. The matter was discussed fully with the Commission's staff on the spot, and they considered the various alternatives which had been suggested by their own staff and by the public generally."

"The result of this very exhaustive enquiry has been to persuade the Commission that the best and probably the only

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way of ensuring the proper and permanent maintenance of these graves is by moving them into an exclusively British plot. (where it is possible to arrange this satisfactorily in existing Cemeteries) or to form an entirely new Cemetery. The grave will then be permanently cared for by British personnel whom the Commission will appoint."

Yours faithfully,

Lambert for
D.G.R. & E.
Newfoundland Contingent.