

# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 7953 Name John James Kavanagh Corps

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

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|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>John James Kavanagh</u> .....     |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>For Coe, Brim, P.B.</u> .....     |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u> .....                     |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>24</u> Years <u>6</u> Months..... |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Fisherman</u> .....               |
| 6. Are you Married? .....  | 6. <u>No</u> .....                      |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....                             | 7. <u>No</u> .....                      |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 8. <u>Yes</u> .....                     |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....   | 9. <u>Yes</u> .....                     |
| 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. <u>Yes</u> .....                    |

FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR

I, John James Kavanagh..... 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.

John James Kavanagh.....SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Chas. H. Ayle.....Signature of Witness.

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

I, John James Kavanagh..... 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 15th day of July.....1916.

Signature of Attesting Officer Chas. H. Ayle 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, viz:—(Name).....re-enlisted in the (Regiment).....on the (Date).....

Apparent age 24 years 6 months Height 5 feet 8 inches

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 39 1/2 inches  
 Range of expansion 4 1/2 inches

Distinctive marks .....

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin John Kavanagh, Fox Cove,  
Burru, B.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.	
(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.I. Sicilian for dett 28<sup>th</sup> 16</u>									<u>Embarked for 156 S. 30-11-16 joined unit 12-12-16 Wounded 28-2-17</u> <u>Admitted 2 1/2 London to C.S. 4.500. L. base 25-2-17 Dis to base 8-3-17</u> <u>Joined unit France 13-4-17</u> <u>Died of Wounds to Casualty Clearing Station 9-10-17</u>
<u>for 156 S. 30-11-16</u>									
<u>Admitted 2 1/2 London to C.S. 4.500. L. base 25-2-17</u>									
<u>Joined unit France 13-4-17</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 9-10-17 (date of discharge) 1 years 91 days

C.R. 2953

J.J.Kavanagh was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on July 11th 1916.  
Regimental No 2953 was allotted to Pte. J.J.Kavanagh

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.

C.P. 2953

Extract from original will submitted at. John's for Overseas,  
10, 8/10.

2953 Pte. J. Kavangh.

C.R. 2953

Extract from Nominal Roll Draft (All Ranks) to 1st Bn.  
Bd.F. Embarked Southampton.

2953 Pte. J.J. Kavanagh.

30-11-16.

Form 100 (Revised 1916) for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting in the Regular Army.

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Lavanaugh OF Christian Name John James

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	at	on	at
Examined	11 day of July 1916	St. John's H.F.	day of	191
Declared Age...	24 years	6 months	years	days
Trade or Occupation...				
Height	5 feet	8 inches	feet	inches
Weight		148 lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded...		inches	
	Range of expansion...		inches	
Physical Development...				
Vaccination Marks {	Right	Left	Right	Left
	Arm			
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)	<u>Lanmont Paterson</u>			
(Rank)	Major			
	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at	5th Johns	at	
	on	11 day of July 1916	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
		11th (A) Coy 2953		
Transferred to..				
Became non-effective by.				
(Signature)	on	day of 191	on	day of 191

Details: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Medical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
28-7-16	1 <sup>st</sup> Inoculation <i>LP</i>
3-8-16	2 <sup>nd</sup> " <i>LP</i>
9-8-16	3 <sup>rd</sup> " <i>LP</i>
30-8-16	Vacc. <i>LP</i>
13-11-16.	Fit. for Foreign Service. <i>J.W.</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



Regiment or corps *Limpurgian*  
 No. *2953* Rank *private* Name *Harvanagh J J*  
 Died *intestate* at *France* on the *9* of *Oct* 191*7*  
 Deserted at on the of 191*7*

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 <i>9/7</i> .....			<i>22/4/9</i>
	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 interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster				Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
	<i>22/4/9</i>				<i>22/4/9</i>			
	£ <i>22/4/9</i>				£ <i>22/4/9</i>			

CHECKED  
*7/4/18*

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ *INDIA* is correctly chargeable against the Public<sup>(b)</sup>.

Dated at this day of 191

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 War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form C. 1815.

(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

**ORIGINAL.**

**FIELD SERVICE**

NEWFOUNDLAND B. 2090A.  
 8001113, N.F.L.D.  
 N.F.P. 38. No. 14307/153  
 DATED 21 DEC 1917

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. 218 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official sources.

REGIMENT (OR CORPS) Newfoundland. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } D. Coy.

Regimental No. 2953 Rank Private.

Surname KAVANAGH Christian Names J.J.

Died { Date 9/10/17. Place France or Belgium.

Cause of Death\* Died of wounds received in action.

Nature and Date of Report Extract from 61 C.C.S. report d/10/10/17.

By whom made D.A.A.G. 12/10/17.

\* 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.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not received, (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.P.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 } 3rd Echelon Signature of Officer in charge of Section } L. Heaney 2nd Lt. for Major,  
Date 15/10/17. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base

Officer i/e No. 1 Infantry Section.

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

## Cable Connection with all the World



### All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

The Management may decline to forward the Message, though it has been received for transmission; but in case of so doing shall refund to the Sender the amount paid for its transmission.

In case the Message shall never reach its destination by reason of any neglect or default of the N. P. T. or its Servants whilst the Message remains under the control of the N. P. T., they will refund the amount paid by the Sender for such Message.

The N. P. T. shall not be liable to make compensation beyond the amount refunded as above for any loss, injury, or damage arising or resulting from the non-transmission or non-delivery of the Message, or delay or error in the transmission or delivery thereof, howsoever such transmission, non-delivery, delay, or error shall have occurred.

The control of the N. P. T. over the Message shall be deemed to have entirely ceased for the purposes of these Conditions at any point where, in the course of the transit of the Message to its destination, it may be entrusted by the N. P. T. (and the N. P. T. shall have full power so to entrust the Message) for further transmission by or through any system, service, or line of Telegraph belonging to or worked by any administration or authority not controlled by the N. P. T. exclusively, although worked as part of or in connection with the Telegraphic system or service of the N. P. T.

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

*John J. Kavanagh*

Address

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated 7th March, 1916.

To Mr. John Kavanagh,

Burin.

Regret to inform you that Record Office,

London, officially reports No. 2953 Private

John J. Kavanagh at 5th General Hospital Rouen

February twentyseven Gunshot Wound Face Severe.

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

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 5 Sent by Mo Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_ Check 11/- No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place from Berlin 9

To J R Bennett  
col Secty

Kindly telegraph  
me all information  
you possibly can  
about my son  
John Kavanagh

No enquiry respecting this Message will be attended to without the production of this paper.

Counter No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Sender *John J. Kavanagh* Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Reel	By	Sent	Check
		<i>John J. Kavanagh</i>	<i>Sec.</i>	

Dated March 16, 1917.

To Mr. John Kavanagh,  
Burin.

Replying my enquiry Record Office, London, today reports No. 2953, Private John J. Kavanagh, convalescent.

J.R. BENNETT  
Colonial Secretary

FOR TYPEWRITER



C.R.

2953 Pte. J. Kavanagh.

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Extract of "Daily Orders" Newfoundland Regiment part 2,  
G. H. Q., 3rd Echelon, B.E.F, dated October 20, 1917.  
Died of Wounds, 10/10/17.

Recd of [unclear]  
9/10/17  
W.C.S. France

H.M.S. Bucker Ramgate

Dear Sir

would you forward me  
information of my Brother death  
His name is Pvt John Haveragh  
No 2952 - D. comp 3rd Bat first  
Newfoundland Reg. I would  
be very please to know at your  
early request you Truly

Yours truly  
J. Haveragh  
H.M.S. Bucker  
Ramgate  
Kent

BRANCH
Reb
ACTED UPON
BY [Signature]
DATE 19/11/17

ST. NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT
PAY & RECORD OFFICE
Ref. No. 6913
Rec'd. 17 NOV 1917
Am'd. [Signature]
Am'd. [Signature]
File No.

H.M.S. "Buckler",  
G, 10. S.N.6.  
Ramsgate.

2/12/17.

Sir,-  
Could you forward my Brothers personal effects belongings to me at Ramsgate for I believe it would be better than sending them home to Newfoundland. I had a letter from Mother and she is afraid they get lost so you could send them to me, I am his brother Albert Kavanagh.

I remain,  
Yours truly,  
Albert Kavanagh.

P.S. Will you kindly reply  
and also let me know if his name was down as J.J.Kavanagh,  
2953. Yours always.

(2)

Albert Kavanagh,  
H.M.S. Buckler,  
G.10.S.N.6.  
Ramsgate.  
25/1/18.

EFFECTS AND ESTATE OF 2953, Pte.J.J.KAVANAGH, (Deceased).

With reference to your letter 2/12/17, (7661) relative to the personal effects of the late 2953 Pte J.J. Kavanagh. These can only be handed over to the deceased Soldier's Father as his next of Kin. If you think it would be your father's wish for you to take possession of your brother's effects, you should write and tell your father to instruct the Minister of Militia accordingly. Meanwhile pending further advice from you the effects are being retained at this Office.

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Rods.

(3)

26/1/18.  
H.M.S. "Buckler",  
Ramsgate.

Dear Sir,-  
I have received your letter of January 25th, and am very much obliged to you for your acceptance of my brother's belongings. I thought it best to send it to me as it may be torpedoed if you sent it to St. John's, Newfoundland, so if you will write I will get my Mother's approval. I shall write to-day. I am very sorry for troubling you in your work, so if you have got them there, please keep till I get a reply from Mother.

Yours truly,  
A.A. Kavanagh.

8/9/18. (4)  
A.A.J.Kavanagh, 2nd Hand,  
H.M.T. "Neilsmith",  
Milford Haven, S. Wales.

Dear Sir,  
If you have not sent my brother's clothes to Nfld. my Mother told me to tell you I should take his belongings for if you would send them home she said it would upset her again, so if you will forward them to me I shall take them to her. Well Sir, I have been shifted about so much I could not write before. I have been promoted lately so I had no time to answer your letter. If you send them please send them to this address,  
Mrs A.A. J. Kavanagh, No.5.Margate Rd, Ramsgate, Kent.

(Sd) A.A.J.Kavanagh.

(5)

15408/1/E&E.

A.A.J. Kavanagh,  
H.M.T. Neilsmith,  
Milford Haven,  
S. Wales.  
28/9/18.

EFFECTS AND ESTATE OF 2653, PTE. J.J. KAVANAGH,  
(DECEASED) ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

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With reference to your letter 8/9/18, (8241): Your brother's effects can only be handed over to you under authority of the Minister of Militia. In order to obtain possession it will be necessary for you to write and tell your mother to advise the Minister of Militia what her wishes are regarding her son's effects. Meanwhile copies of your letter are being forwarded to the Minister for his attention.

FM/WF.

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

A. A. J. Kavanagh 2nd Hand  
H.M.T. Milomith  
Melford Haven South Wales

824  
Sept 18/88

15635  
M.M.  
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Dear Sir

If you have not sent my Brother  
Clothes to Newfoundland my Mother  
Told me to Tell you that I should  
Take his belonged for if you would  
send them home she said it would  
up set her again so if you will forward  
them to me I shall take them to her  
well Sir I have been ship's about  
so much I could not write before  
I have been Promoted Satty so I had  
no Time to answer your letter if  
you send them Please find them to  
This address

17.30  
A. A. J. Kavanagh  
No 2 Margate Rd  
Ramsgate  
Kent

I Beg To Remain  
yours truly A. A. J. Kavanagh  
Let me know Sir

C.R. 1953

Nov. 9th, 18

Mrs. John Kavanagh,

Burin

Dear Madam:-

We have received communication from the Record Office, London to the effect that the following effects which belonged to the late No. 2953, Pte. J.J. Kavanagh, are at present in their custody:-

1 Disc, Pouch,  
Pipe, Purse,  
knife, photo,  
Religious Book  
Letters, 3 Medallions.

Will you kindly inform us of your wishes regarding the disposal of the above articles; whether you wish them to be forwarded to your son, A.A.J. Kavanagh, H.M.S. "Seilsmith", Milford Haven, S. Wales, or if they are to be delivered to you.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

1050/1/P&A

C.P.&O.1/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contg.  
58, Victoria Street  
London, S.W.1.

A.A.J. Kavanagh, 2nd.  
Band. H.M.T. Neilsmith  
Milford Haven,  
South Wales.

17th. Jan: 9

EFFECTS AND ESTATE OF 2953.PTE.J.J.  
KAVANAGH (DECEASED) ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND  
REGIMENT.

With reference to previous correspondence relating to your late brother's effects:  
The Minister of militia states that your Mother now wishes for his effects to be forwarded to her, as she fears that your address may have been changed, and if the articles were forwarded to you they might be lost in transit through uncertainty of address.

Major.  
Chief Paymaster & O.1/c Records.

FM/MN

C.R. 2953

Feb. 14th

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John Kavanagh Esq.,  
Dublin.

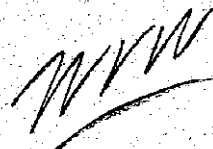
Dear Mr. Kavanagh:

It is my regrettable duty to have to forward to you one cotton bag containing the effects which belonged to your late son No. 2953 Pte. John Jas. Kavanagh, of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Herewith enclosed you will find receipt, kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement and in the added sorrow that the receipt of these effects must entail.

Yours sincerely,



Lieut.

Casualty Officer.

C.R. 2953

RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ONE COTTON BAG CONTAINING EFFECTS OF THE BATE  
NO. 2953 PTE. J. J. KAVANAGH.

DATE

Mar 8 1919

SIGNED

John Kavanagh

April 5rd. 18

Mr. John Kavanagh,

Burin.

Sir:-

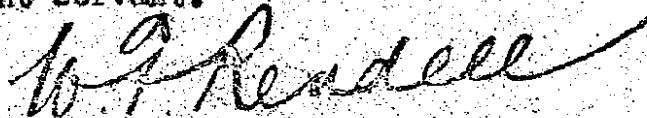
The following description of Grave pits,  
has been received from the War & Record  
Office, London, of:-

"#2953 Pte. J. Kavanagh, (Report  
"Præven 3.72) Place of Grave  
"Dozinghem British Cemetery  
2 1/2 miles North, of Poperinghe.  
"Reported by Graves Registration  
"Units."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



Major Chief Staff Officer.

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of  
the late No. 2953 Rank Plt  
Name John Gas Lavanagh  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Elizabeth Lavanagh (Sgd.)

Mother Relationship.



St. John's District.

SEP 8

1921.

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

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. John Kavanagh (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2953 Rank Pte.

Name John J. Kavanagh Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Sept 27

Signature Elizabeth Kavanagh Mother

Date Sept 28

Address Tray Cross Barron District

[P.T.O.]





C.R. 2953

Jos Lane  
April 9<sup>th</sup> 1920

Department of Militia  
St Johns

Dear Sir: I received memorial  
scroll of my son Pte J. J. Kavanagh  
and also message from King.  
I'm proud that he is not forgotten.

Yours sincerely  
John Kavanagh.