

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 279

Name in full William Robert McTivren Age 19

Address 24 Springdale St.

Married Single Height _____ Weight _____

Color Fair Hair Light Eyes Brown

Other distinguishing marks None

Nearest relative Father and Mother

Address Portugal Cove Road

Dependents None

Occupation Shoe-cutter Present Wage \$7.50 per week

Previous service None

Decorations None

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment _____

I, William Robert McTivren, 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 conditions of my service.

Declared before me this 1st day
of October 1914
W. J. Marshall

William Robert McTivren
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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name William Robert McNiven

Apparent age 19 years _____ months. Height _____ feet _____ inches.

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

Distinctive marks Color: Fair, Hair: Light, Eyes: Brown

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin McNiven, Portugal Cove Rd.,

St. John's | Relationship Father & Mother.

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) Signature of Officer verifying entry from certificate.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d) Verified from certificate.

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth	(d) Verified from certificate

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 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>7/9/14</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>7th September '14</u>									
<i>Missing 4/7/16</i>									
<i>Embarked at St. John's for duty in Embarked at 1st 20th Dec 14</i>									
<i>Left and returned for duty in Embarked for Gallipoli 13th Dec</i>									
<i>Landed in Gallipoli 19th Dec 15. Admitted to H.S. 28th Dec</i>									
<i>Discharged to home 16th Dec. Chinese Battalion 26th.</i>									
<i>Embarked at St. John's 22nd Dec 15</i>									
<i>Missing 1/7</i>									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>17-16</u> (date of discharge) <u>1</u> year <u>298</u> days									
" " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "									

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				<u>Embarked St. Helier for U.K. 23rd 74. Embarked 14th 7th 2075. Disembarked</u>					
				<u>West and entrained for Cairo 31st 74. Embarked for Gallipoli 73rd 75.</u>					
				<u>Landed Sulva May night of 19.20 Sept/15. Admitted H.S. Formosa 28th 75.</u>					
				<u>Discharged to base 16th 75. Joined Battalion 26th 75.</u>					
				<u>Embarked Port Said 14th 75. Landed at Biscarville 22nd 75.</u>					
				<u>Missing</u> <u>1st 76</u>					
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>17-16</u> (date of discharge) <u>1</u> years <u>298</u> days									
" " " Pension " " " " " " " "									

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May 20, 1919.

Lieut H Maddock.

Would you kindly let me know if there is any money due me from the late Pte. 279 William R. McNiven, killed July 1st 1916.

And Oblige

Fredrick McNiven.

Portugal Cove Road

cp Mrs Courtney

48 Freshwater Rd.

Amount of \$300.00 paid Oct 3/16

\$190⁴ to

Fredrick McNiven of St Johns East
Portugal Cove Road

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May 23, 1919

Mr. Fred McEiven,
Portugal Cove Road,
City, E.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter
of May 20th. I beg to advise you that the
balance of your late brother's estate of
\$190.41, was paid to you, and that is all the
money due on his account.

Yours truly,

Lieut.
For PAYMASTER

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

Sept. 9th 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of

Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 279 Rank

Name William Robert McQueen
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Mr Frederick McQueen (Sgd.)

Father Relationship.

Address 48 Freshwater Road.

Fold Here

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



To the Officer in Charge of Records,

Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.

Fold Here



OCT 5 1921

1921.

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

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. Fred. McNiven (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 279 Rank Pte.

Name William R. McNiven Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~Nfld. Regimental Co.~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received 

Signature

Mr. Fred. McNiven

Date

October 8th 1921

Address

48 Freshwater Road.

[P.F.O.]

C.R. 279

RECEIPT.

I hereby certify that I have received the 1914-1915

STAR.

No 279 Name Pte. W. R. MacRiven

Witness. Fred McRiven Mrs. MacRiven

Date Dec. 13th 1919

Place Portugal Cove Road

November 23rd, 1916.

Dear Sir,

For some time past the Imperial Government have been making enquiries in relation to those men of the First Newfoundland Regiment who have been reported missing since the action of the 1st July. I very much regret to state, however, that from the correspondence which has taken place, a copy of which I enclose, it is evident that none of them are Prisoners of War in Germany, and the authorities are, therefore, reluctantly forced to the conclusion that all these gallant men, whose names are given in the enclosed list, and one of whom was very dear to you, were killed in that fateful action on the 1st of July.

I desire to express to you on behalf of the Government, as well as for myself, the sincerest sympathy in this time of sorrow. We feel the loss of our loved ones, but it will, no doubt, be some consolation to you to think that he, for whom you now mourn, willingly answered the call of King and Country, did his part nobly, and fell, facing the foe, in defence of the principles of Righteousness, Truth and Liberty. Though he has laid down the earthly weapons of warfare, he now wears the Soldier's Crown of Victory, and his name will be inscribed upon the Glorious Roll of Honor, and be held in fragrant memory by all his fellow-countrymen. When the victory is won, and Peace again reigns upon the earth, it will be a comforting thought to you that in this glorious achievement he bore no small part.

I trust that you may have the Grace and consolation of the Great Father of us all at this time.

With sincere sympathy,

Believe me to be,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Fred McHiven,
Portugal Cove Road.

July 31,

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Dear Sir,

I regret to have to inform you that a report has this day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that
Private William R. McNiven
No. 279.

has been posted as missing.

Should any further information be received concerning him, such information will be at once communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Fred. McNiven,
Portugal Cove Rd.

Colonial Secretary.

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December 22, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that additional information has to-day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that No. 279, Private William R. McNivan, who was previously reported as suffering from diarrhoea at Alexandria on October 2nd, is now reported as having been discharged to Montazah Convalescent Hospital from 15th General Hospital Alexandria, Nov. 12th.

This information has been received by mail.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Wm. McNivan,
Portugal Cove Rd.

C.R. 279

Extract from Nominal Roll of AGO. 1st Bn. Nfld. Regt.
Embarked at Devenport for active Service 20-8-15.

279.Pte. W.R. McNiven.

Disembarked Alexandria, 31-8-15. Proceeded to Abbassia,
Cairo, same date. Embarked Alexandria for Gallipoli
13-9-15.

C.R. 279

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's per S.S.

"Florizel" Oct. 4. 1914.

— 279 McNevin Wm. Robt.

Casualty Form-Active Service.

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Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland

Regimental No. C.R. 279 Rank Pte. Name W. B. McInven

Enlisted (a) Oct 2/14 Terms of Service (a) Duration of war Service reckons from (a) Oct 2/14

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } 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. 212, Army Form A. 85, 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				
				8/10/14.	
				1/9/15.	
				13/9/15.	
3/10/15.	"Formosa"	Ill, Debility	H.S. "Formosa"	28/9/15.	Auth. A 36, 3/10/15. " A 12315, 6/10/15.
6/10/15.	15th. Genl. Alexandria.	Admitted	15th. Genl. Alexandria.	2/10/15.	A 12315.
17/12/15.	do	Discharged to base	Alexandria	16/12/15.	B 213.
29/1/16.	Unit	Joined Batt.	Lucy	21/1/16.	B 213.
				14.3.16	
				22.3.16	
11.7.16	Unit	Missing	France	1 JUL 1916	B 213

[Handwritten signature]

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Lieut.
MAJOR FOR

O. i/c No. 1 Reg. Infantry Section

(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 should be entered.
(b) e.g., Signaller, Shoing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

