

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2534 Name Joseph Mesh Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your name? 1. Joseph Mesh
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. Keels, Bow Bay
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
- 4. What is your age? 4. 20 Years 7 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. No
- 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. No

I, Joseph Mesh 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.

E. Apr. 13. Joseph Mesh SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Chas. ... Signature of Witness.

Joseph Mesh OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.
I, Joseph Mesh 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 13th day of April 1916.
Signature of Attesting Officer W. D. ...

†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..... 1916
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)

C.R. 2534

Jos. Mesh was attested for General Service with
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on April 13th 1916
Regimental No. 2534 was allotted to Pte Jos. Mesh.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th 1919

C.R. 2534

Extract from Nominal Roll and Muster of St. John's for Overseas,
per C. . . Sicilian July, 19, 1916.

2534 Pte. Mesh J.

C.R. 2524

Extract of Nominal Roll Draft (All Ranks) to 1st Bn.,
B.E.F. Embarked Southampton.

2524 Pte. J. Mesh.

11-10-16.

Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisted

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname *Meech*

Christian Name *J. Meech*

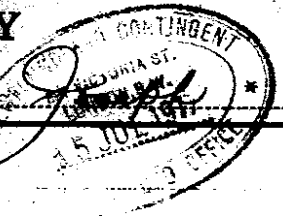


Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <i>13</i> day of <i>April</i> 191 <i>6</i>		on _____ day of _____ 191 <i>6</i>	
	at <i>St. John's</i>		at _____	
Declared Age	<i>20</i> years <i>7</i> mos. <i>—</i> days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<i>Fisherman</i>		_____	
Height	<i>5</i> feet <i>9 1/2</i> inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	<i>145</i> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <i>36</i> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <i>6</i> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks	Arm		Right	Left
	Number			
When Vaccinated	_____		_____	
Vision	R.E.—V= <i>6/5</i>		R.E.—V=_____	
	L.E.—V= <i>4/24</i>		L.E.—V=_____	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
	(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<i>Lamont Paterson</i>		_____	
(Rank)	<i>Major</i>		_____	
Enlisted	at <i>St. John's</i>		at _____	
	on <i>18</i> day of <i>April</i> 191 <i>6</i>		on _____ day of _____ 191 <i>6</i>	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<i>21</i> <i>Regts Regt</i> <i>2534</i>		_____	
Transferred to	_____		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____		_____	
(Signature)	_____		_____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	



[P.T.O.]

Form P/K.

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Statement of Account of No. 2554, Pte. Mesh, I.

"H" Company. From 23/12/16 to 26/5/17 = 155 (both days inclusive)

Date	Pay Book Col. No.	Particulars	No. of days.	@ per day.	Dr.		Cr.		Dr.			Cr.			
					\$	c.	\$	c.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
		Cr.													
1		Pay	155	1			155	00							
2		Field Allowance	155	10			18	50							
3		Ration " 7/5/17-26/5/17 Other Allowances										1	0	0	
4		Total Pay & Allowances					170	50				35	0	8	
5		Converted into Sterling @ \$4.86 $\frac{2}{3}$													
6		Balance from previous Pay Book to 22/12/16													
7		Total Credits (in £ s. d.)										41	1	8	
		Dr.													
8		Forfeited Pay													
9		Allotments	155	70	108	50									
10															
11		Total Stoppages (in \$ c.)			108	50			22	5	11				
12		Converted into Sterling @ \$4.86 $\frac{2}{3}$													
13		Fines													
14		Clothing and Necessaries													
15		Arms and Accoutrements													
16															
17															
18		Total Stoppages (in £ s. d.)													
19		Casual Payments					6	3	2						
20		1st Payment Pay & Record Office					12	0	0						
21		2nd "						18	0						
22		3rd "													
23		Total Cash Payments							19	1	2				
24		Balance from previous Pay Book													
25		Total Stoppages & Cash Payments													
26		Final Cash Payment													
27		Balance (debit)...													
28		" (credit)...													
		PAY & RECORD OFFICE, 58, VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, S.W.													
		29th June, 1917.													
									£	41	7	1	41	7	1

Handwritten signature and date: 20/6/17

Regiment or corps *Royal Newfoundland Regiment*
 No. *2534* Rank *Private* Name *Wesley J. ...*
 Died *Will 372* at *France* on the *9th* of *October* 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.

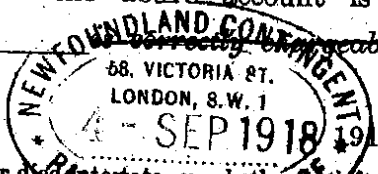
Form 1.

Date	Dr.	£ s. d.			Cr.	£ s. d.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month <i>9/10</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</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	<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£				<i>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>

CHECKED.
86
4/9/18

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

Dated at _____
 this _____ day of _____



 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 RECORD FORM B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.
 (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

9874/145/PA/WF

PAYMASTER & CHIEF OF RECORDS,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
688, 31/10/1917
100, 100, 100, 100

Officer Commanding,
1/1st. Newfoundland Regt.
B. E. F.

Pay & Record Office,

8th, September 7

2554, PTE. JOSEPH MESH.

With reference to the
following letter from this
Soldier 2/9/17 (5055),-

"Will you kindly oblige me
"by changing this Post Office
"Order for me enclosed in
"this letter for \$6.00 and
"forward the money on to me
"in the most convenient way,
"and in doing so, Sir, you will
"oblige."

Postal Money Order,
"King's Cove 5605" is returned for
signature of payee and your instructions
as to whether Mesh's request
may be complied with, please.

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

18/9/17

Herewith authority from
Pte. Mesh to draw the
Amount and place it to
his Credit

Signed J. J. Fair
Capt

\$400

J. J.

2/55

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

ORIGINAL

DUPLICATE

REGIMENT (OR CORPS) Newfoundland Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company _____

Regimental No. 2534 Rank Private

Surname Mesh. Christian Names J.

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

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d/ 14/10/17.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

SENT TO
O.C. H.Q.
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.
M.P.P/38. No. 11507/17
DATED 21 DEC. 1917

* 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.

Burial { Place _____ Date _____
By whom reported _____

State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not received
a Will or not { (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.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.

Station and Date { G.H.Q. 3rd. Echelon. 20/10/17. Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base { J. Neary 2nd. Lt. for Mjr.
Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section

C.P. 2534

Extract from Casualties received from P.A.H. Office London.

Mar. 13th, 1917.

Handsworth;

2534 Mesh.

Gunshot wound right eye.

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPH

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

J. R. Bennett
J. R. Bennett Sec. - Address

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated

March 13, 1917.

To

Mrs. William Mesh,
Keels, B.B.

Regret to inform you that Record Office,
London, officially reports No. 2534, Private Joseph
Mesh, has been admitted to Wandsworth suffering from
gunshot wound right eye.

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

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

Counter No. _____

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

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

John M. Sullivan

Signature of Sender _____

Address _____

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated March 21, 1917.

To Mrs. William Mesh,
Keels, B.B.

Replying to my cablegram of enquiry for particulars extent of injuries and condition No. 2534, Private Joseph Mesh, Record Office, London, today cables now convalescent, eye not disabled.

J.R. BENNETT

Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 2534

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal Field. Regt.
Station 3rd Echelon 27-10-17.

2534 Pte. J. Mesh.

Killed in Action 9-10-17.

October 25, 1917

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender

John S. A. Dawson

Address

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated

October 25, 1917.

To

Rev. S. A. Dawson,

King 's Cove.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports No. 2534, Private Joseph Mesh, son of Mrs William Mesh, Keels, was killed in action October ninth. Please inform relatives.

R.A. SQUIRES

Colonial Secretary

FOR TYPEWRITER

May 11, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Mesh:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you, one package of effects, which belonged to your son, the late #2534 Pte. J. Mesh of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am enclosing herewith, receipt. Will you kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

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

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Captain.

Mrs. William Mesh,

Keels, B. B.

Enc'l 1.

PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Received from Militia Department t

Package of effects of the late

late Joseph Mesh

Signed

Mary Ann Mesh

Date

May 18th 1918

DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

dated.....

COPY OF WILL

of

No. 2534, Pte. J. Mesh.

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property
and effects to my mother Mrs. Mary Ann Mesh, Keels, Bonavista
Bay. Newfoundland.

(Sig) Joseph Mesh, Private
1st Newfoundland,

Jan 23rd, 1917.

Certified True Copy.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

OFFICE PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS.

August 1, 1919

Mrs. Mary A. Mesh,
Kehle,
R.R.

J. C. B.

Dear Madam:

I enclose herewith cheque
for \$19.80, balance of estate of late Pte.

J. Mesh

Yours truly,

Capt.
for Paymaster

IN-

April 27, 1920

From: Paymaster & O 1/c Records

To : Board of Pension Commissioners.

Re No. 2534, J. Mesh

The amount paid in continuance of the above man's
allotment is \$526.40.

Major
Paymaster

10337

March 17th 1920

Department of Militia

writing to you to see if there is any money due ~~for~~ me for my deceased son 2534 pte Joseph Mesh who was killed in action on Oct 9th 1917 and as I understand he is entitled to the gratuity money that is for the other soldiers and sailors and if it is due me I would like to receive as I certainly want my own and no other more hoping to hear from you as quick as possible and if not I will see further into it

I remain yours truly

Mary Ann Mesh

Address Neels 13 13

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To ensure that as far as may be possible none of the next of kin of those who have fallen in the War shall fail to receive the Memorial Plaque, it is requested that on receipt of the enclosed Plaque this card be signed at the bottom and posted. No stamp is required.

Mary Ann Mesh

(2249) Wt. 21551/AP6599 10/19 900M (20) D.St.

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental Number **C.R. 2534**

Rank **Pte** Regiment or Corps **2^d Newfoundland**
 Surname **Mesch** Christian Name **Joseph**
 Religion **R.C.E.** Age on Enlistment **20** years **7** months.
 Enlisted (a) **13/4/16** Terms of Service (a) **W.I.** 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		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked	Southampton		1 OCT 1916
		Disembarked	Southampton		1 OCT 1916
		Joined Battalion		22 OCT 1916	
	88 LA.	Admitted Inflamm C. I. Foot trans C. R. S.		1/11/16	ED 5374
		Re-joined Battalion		7 NOV 1916	Coll.
	G.C. Unit	Wounded in action	France	2/3/17	B213
	2/2 LA CO	Adm. Gen. Sec.	France	2/3/17	ED 889
	"Aberdonian"	Invalided to England		9.3.17	W 3083
		in 5 S. Hosp, Roubaix			
			J. Burchell		CADRETT

for Officer i/c 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 will be entered.
 (b) Signaller, Shoing-Smith, &c.

[P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4, 121.
(4-87) W-3172124 1000m 6/18c 28 56

Army Form B, 121.
Number of Sheet *First*

Regiment of *1st Leinster*

Signature of O. C. Company *A. W. ... Capt.*

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No. <i>2534</i>	Regimental Number and Name <i>Meek J.</i>	Enlistment	Trade <i>Fireman</i>
Joined	Date	Age on <i>20</i> years <i>7</i> months	Religion <i>C. of E.</i>
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment <i>Apr. 4. 76.</i>	Place of Birth <i>Leinster</i>
Joined	Date	Period of (with Colours / with Reserve) <i>189 years. 3 1/2 years.</i>	

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award of order of merit with this	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<i>Batt</i> <i>Company</i>	<i>2/7/17</i>	<i>Plt</i>		<i>Absent from Duties until 10.30 pm.</i> <i>Killed in Action 9/19/17</i>	<i>Sgt Butcher</i>	<i>4 days S.S.</i>	<i>13/7/17</i>	<i>Capt. A. P. Mabey.</i>	<i>NA</i>

To be carried over