

# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 2545 Name Ambrose A. O'Neill Corps

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

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| <p>1. What is your name? .....</p> <p>2. What is your full Address? .....</p> <p>3. Are you a British Subject? .....</p> <p>4. What is your age? .....</p> <p>5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....</p> <p>6. Are you Married? .....</p> <p>7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....</p> <p>8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....</p> <p>9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....</p> <p>10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?....</p> <p>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? .....</p> | <p>1. <u>Ambrose A. O'Neill</u>.....</p> <p>2. <u>Fermeuse Nfld</u>.....</p> <p>3. <u>Yes</u>.....</p> <p>4. <u>29</u> Years <u>7</u> Months.....</p> <p>5. <u>fisherman</u>.....</p> <p>6. <u>No</u>.....</p> <p>7. <u>No</u>.....</p> <p>8. <u>Yes</u>.....</p> <p>9. <u>Yes</u>.....</p> <p>10. { Name .....<br/>Corps .....</p> <p>11. { II. <u>Yes</u>.....</p> |
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I, Ambrose A. O'Neill.....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.

Ambrose A. O'Neill.....SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

A. Massey.....Signature of Witness.

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

I, Ambrose A. O'Neill.....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 Fermeuse on this 20 day of April.....1911

Signature of Attesting Officer H. W. Bridges

### †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)

Dist. Measurement (Range of expansion) inches

Distinctive marks

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT**

Name and Address of next of kin | Relationship

**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 19-4-16									
Joined at <i>St John's</i> on <i>April 19<sup>th</sup> 16</i>									
<i>Embarked at John's St. Section for 1st 19<sup>th</sup></i>									
<i>Joined Battalion 22-10-16 Wounded 21-4-17</i>									
<i>Admitted 8 Oct 1916</i>									
<i>Died of Wounds 22-4-1917</i>									

Total Service forfeited as above

Total Service towards Engagement to 22-4-17 (date of discharge) 1 years 4 days

C.R. 2545

Ambrose A. O'Neill was attested for General Service with  
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on April 19th 1916  
Regimental No. 2545 was allotted to Pte A.A. O'NEILL.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th 1919



To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname O'Neill OF Christian Name Ambrose

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	County			
Examined	on 19 day of June 1916	at 20 John St. N. 5	on	day of 191
Declared Age	29 years 2 mo days		years	days
Trade or Occupation	Suberman			
Height	5 feet 8 inches		feet	inches
Weight	140 lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 37 1/2 inches			inches
	Range of expansion... 5 inches			inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
	Arm			
Number				
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V=4/6		R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V=5/6		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)	<i>Samuel Peterson</i>			
(Rank)	Major		Medical Officer.	Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at 8th John St		at	
	on 17th day of April 1916		on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	1st Kemptley	2545		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
(Signature)	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Rank)				



This Form is to be filled out by the Medical Examiner.  
 In the spaces below should be entered the findings in the routine of examination set forth in the Appendix. Care should be exercised that each finding be entered after the number below which corresponds to the number of that test.

Examination of Anthony O'Neill  
 aged 29 conducted at ClB  
 Date: Apr 19-1916 Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST FINDING

NO OF TEST	FINDING
1	No
2	No
3	No
4	No
5	No
6	Yes. left 1910 winter
7	Yes.
8	Yes. hearing defective left ear
9	No.
10	N
11	L
12	L
13	L
14	L
15	L
16	L
17	L
18	L
19	6/6 Best.
20	N
21	L
22	L
23	L
24	L
25	L
26	L
27	L
28	L
29	L
30	L
31	L
32	L
33	No
34	5'8"
35	140
36	31 1/2 lbs
37	\$500.00 y
38	Sister Mrs. Mary Ellen O'Neill, Terence
39	Sister

Signature of Medical Examiner William J. Roberts

Regiment or corps

No. *2545*

Rank

*Pte*

Name

*Wheeler, A.*

Died (a) *Well 315*

at

*Israel*

on the *22<sup>nd</sup>* of

*April*

191*7*

Deserted at

on the

of

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I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Form I.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month	<i>22</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>17</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			
	Consolidated stoppage				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>11</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>10</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		<i>£ 11</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>11</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>10</i>

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 11 3 10 is correctly chargeable against the Public.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

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Paymaster.

Dated at

*NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT*

(a) Here state whether the debtor died intestate, or whether he left a Will. If the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.

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

CHECKED  
11/6/17



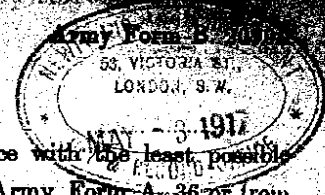
C.R. 2545

Extract from Nominal Roll of Mfld. Regt. Draft No. 12  
Embarked Southampton, 11-10-16. from 2nd Bn. Depot. to  
1st Bn. B.E.F.

2545 Pte. A. O'Neill.

ORIGINAL.

FIELD SERVICE.



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.

REGIMENT } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT. Squadron, Troop, Battery } A Company  
or  
CORPS }

Regtl. No. 2545 Rank Private

Name O'NEILL, A.

DUPLICATE.

SENT TO  
O.C. H.Q.  
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.  
I.F.P. 38. NO. 1207/413  
DATED 17 MAY 1917

Date April 22nd., 1917.

Died Place 8th. Casualty Clearing Station, France.

Cause of Death\* Died of Wounds received in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Memo, 22/4/17.

By whom made O.C., 8th. C.C.S., France.

Specialist 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 will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not to hand.  
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) do  
(c) as a separate document do

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.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } *Doobie*  
Lieut. for Lt. Col.,  
Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1,  
3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date 3rd. Echelon, 28/4/17.

C.R. 2545

Extract from War Office List G.1179.

INFANTRY REGIMENT.

#2545 Pte. A.O'Neill.

Died of Wounds 22-4-17. R/b O.C. 8th C.C.S. 22-4-17

# NEW ZEALAND POSTAL TELEGRAMS

## 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 McArthur Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated May 1, 1917.

To Rev. J. Enright, C.C.  
Fermeuse.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports No. 2545, Private Ambrose A. O'Neil, brother of Mary E. O'Neil, Fermeuse, died of wounds at Eighth Casualty Clearing Station, France, April twentysecond. Please inform relatives.

J.R. BENNETT  
Colonial Secretary

FOR TYPEWRITER

Admiral's,  
Lermeuse,  
May 11/14.

answer me the following  
questions concerning him—  
In what battle did he fall?  
What part of France was  
he in?

How can I manage to get  
something belonging to him  
like his watch, ring etc?  
Will these be sent home?

Thanking you in  
anticipation

I remain,

Yours most gratefully  
Mary E. O'Neill

J. R. Bennett Esq.  
Colonial Secretary,  
St. Johns.

Dear Sir:—

Many thanks for  
your kind letter of  
sympathy which I  
received on May 10th. My  
brother's death was indeed  
a great blow to me. I  
loved him so much I  
really thought he would  
not be killed but alas!  
Providence ordained  
it otherwise.

Will you kindly

15th May, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, regarding your brother. I cannot be quite sure of the place, but it was somewhere around Monchy that the Newfoundland Regiment was engaged. The War Office will take charge of his effects, and these will be sent back here to the Deputy Paymaster, and be distributed as soon as possible. It will probably take four to six months before this can be done, but the Authorities will take the utmost care in this matter.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Mary E. O'Neill,  
Admirals,  
Fernwood.

Colonial Secretary.

**Casualty Form Active Service.**

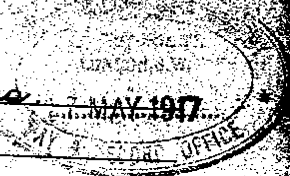
Regiment or Corps 2/1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland Regt

Regimental No. 2545 Rank Pte. Name O'Neill Ambrose

Enlisted (a) 19.4.16 Terms of Service (a) Maxi. Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_



*Confidential*

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., 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	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B, 213, Army Form A, 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked Southampton.		11 Oct. 1916.	
		Disembarked Rouen.		12 Oct 1916.	
		Joined Batt.		22 Oct 1916.	
22.4.17	O.C. Unit	Wounded in action	With Batt	23.1.17.	
28.4.17	8. C.C.I.	Ad. 9. St. Mault Leg Ampt. Post.	France.	21.4.17.	B.213.
22.4.17	8. C.C.I.	Crushed	Do	21.4.17.	ED.3547.
		Deer of Wounds.	Do	22.4.17.	Memo. H.5745/1
		(Multiple S. Wds. Ampt. R leg)			

*J. Loshell  
Lieut  
O/O 1<sup>st</sup> Reg. Inf. Bn.  
Ch. 312*

(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) S.E., Signaller, Steamer Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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Copy of "Will"

of

2525, Pte. A. O'Neill.

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March 10.

In the event of my death I give the whole of  
my property and effects to my sister Mary E. O'Neill,  
Admirals, Fermeuse, Newfoundland.

Signature. Ambrose O'Neill.

Rank and Regiment. Pte. 1st Nfld.

Certified True Copy.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

F. W. Marshall., Lieut.

January 14, 1920

Mrs. Mary E. O'Neill,  
Farmhouse  
Hfid.

Dear Madam:

I enclose  
herewith cheque for \$58.46, being balance  
of estate of late Pte. A. O'Neill, due you  
as Administratrix of his estate.

I am also  
enclosing herewith Letters of Administration.

Yours truly,

*J. C. B.*  
Major  
Paymaster.

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Mar. 2

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

Aug 14 1921

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I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services

the late No. 2545 Rank *SGT*

Name *Ambrose J O'Neil*

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

*Mrs* *Mary E O'Hull* (Sgd.)

*Sister* Relationship.

Address *Admiral's Terrace*



1921.

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

Miss Mary E. O'Neill (Sister)

in respect of his service as No. 2545 Rank Pte.

Name Ambrose A. O'Neill Royal Nfld. Regt.  
~~Nfld. Forestry Coy.~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory Medal & B. W. Medal

Signature Mary E. O'Neill

Date Oct 21 / 21

Address Admirals Cove Fox house

[P.T.O.]

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. *2545* Name *R. O'Neil*

To Certify that I have received the AB 64 of the above named Soldier.

WMS. *Mary E. O'Neil*

Date *Aug. 15/1910*

Place *Admiral's Cove, Bermuda*

N.B. For completion and return to the Department of Militia insert in corner of envelope "AB 64"

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.  
 (Sec. W5017/124 1000m 6/155 53 56)

Regiment of 1st New Brunswick  
 Signature of O. C. Company [Signature]  
 Number of Sheet 1

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No. <u>1005</u>	Enlistment	Grade <u>Private</u>
Joined <u>1914</u>	Ago on <u>29</u> years <u>2</u> months	Religion <u>R.C.</u>
Joined _____	Place and Date of Enlistment <u>St. John's</u>	Place of Birth <u>New Brunswick</u>
Joined _____	Period of { with Colours / <u>4</u> years. with Reserve / <u>35</u> years.	

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Remarks
<u>France</u>	<u>19.9.16</u>	<u>S/Pl</u>		<u>Unfit for duty from 1st of Nov. 1916</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1 day G.C.</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
				<u>Death of Wounds</u>	<u>22.17</u>		

To be carried over

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July 25, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I beg to inform you that in a report respecting Gravesites, which has been received from the Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries, it is stated that No. 2545, Private A. O'Neil was buried at Duisans British Cemetery, 4 miles W.N.W. of Arras.

Yours faithfully,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Miss Mary E. O'Neil,  
Permeuse.