

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 531

Name in full William Joseph O'Keefe Age 23

Address 78 Fleming Street

Married Single Height 5'6" Weight 145 lbs.

Color S. Hair Dark Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks tattoo anchor and W. O.K. on right arm

Nearest relative father Peter

Address as above

Dependents None

Occupation fireman Present Wage 3.00 per mo.

Previous service _____

Decorations _____

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment _____

I, William Joseph O'Keefe, 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 21st day of October 1914

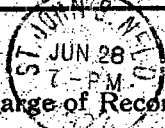
Notary

Wm. O'Keefe

Notary

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,



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Dept. of Militia,

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Dept. of Militia
St. John's. *June* 1922

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. *521* Rank *Private*
Name *William Joseph O'Keefe*
Royal Newfoundland Regt. *N29*
Peter J. O'Keefe (Sgd.)
Father Relationship
Address *208 Fleming Street*

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. Peter O'Keefe,
28 Fleming Street.

31st July, 1916

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 No. 521
Private William J. O'Keefe

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. Peter O'Keefe,
28 Fleming Street,

Colonial Secretary

A C.R. 521
Extract from Nominal Roll Co. 1st. Bn. Field. Regt.

Embarked, at Devonport for Active Service 20-8-15

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

521 Pte. W.O'Keefe

No. 521

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

"Florizel" Oct/3//4.1914.

521 O'Keefe WM. J.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland

Regimental No. C.R. 521 Rank Pte. Name W. O'Keefe

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. 213, Army Form A. 38, 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. 38, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Enlist'd ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D.		3.10.14	
				1.9.15	
		Enlist'd Fort Belvoir		13.9.15	
		Disembk'd MARSEILLES		14.3.16	
		Unit Awarded Medal No. 11		22.3.16	
11.7.16	Unit	Missing	Lancement	12.5.16	01810 20.5.16 (188)
			Lance	7 JUL 1916	18.2.13

ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D.
279 1/17/13

Joseph
Lieut.
MAJOR FOR
O. i/c No. 1 Reg. Infantry Section
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon

(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) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. [P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Number of Sheet

Regiment of _____

Signature of O. O. Company L. J. Carty

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Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay
No.	<u>O'Keefe J. W.</u>	Age on	<u>19</u> years <u> </u> months	<u>Tailor</u>	
Joined	Date	Date of Enlistment	Religion		
Joined	Date	<u>13/9/14</u>	<u>R.C.</u>		
Joined	Date	Period of	with Colours	<u>290</u> years.	
Joined	Date		with Reserve	<u>305</u> years.	

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Charge of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>Bustard</u>	<u>22 Nov 1914</u>	<u>Pte</u>		<u>Absent + out of bounds from Nov 22 to Nov 23</u>	<u>Sgt Clare</u>	<u>5 days CC</u>	<u>24/1/15</u>	<u>Major Burdon</u>	<u>Forfeit 2 days pay under R.W. Act</u>
<u>Art George</u>	<u>14th Dec</u>	<u>Pte</u>		<u>Maliciously + not parading for mobilisation</u>	<u>Sgt Wakefield</u>	<u>2 days CB</u>	<u>15/1/15</u>	<u>Capt Carty</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>Art George</u>	<u>12th Dec</u>	<u>Pte</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Drunk + disorderly striking NCO</u>	<u>Sgt Gardner</u> <u>Pte Vail</u> <u>Sgt Clare</u>	<u>9 hrs detention</u>	<u>13/1/15</u>	<u>Lt Col Burdon</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>Art George</u>	<u>28th Dec</u>	<u>Pte</u>		<u>Absent from parade from 9.15 am to 9.30 pm Dec 23rd</u>	<u>Cpl Newman</u> <u>Sgt McCoun</u>	<u>4 days CB</u>	<u>24/1/15</u>	<u>Lt Col Burdon</u>	<u>Forfeit 4 days pay under R.W. Act</u>
<u>Inverness</u>	<u>2 Jan 1915</u>	<u>Pte</u>		<u>Absent from tattoo till 2 p.m. Jan 6th</u>	<u>Cpl Newman</u> <u>Cpl Boyle</u>	<u>7 days CB</u> <u>Fined 1/3</u>	<u>7/1/15</u>	<u>Lt Col Burdon</u>	<u>Forfeit 5 days pay under R.W. Act</u>
<u>Art George</u>	<u>9 Jan</u>	<u>Pte</u>	<u>2</u> <u>3</u>	<u>Drunk in Inverness + creating a disturbance in barracks after lights out</u>	<u>Sgt Richard</u> <u>Sgt Seward</u> <u>Cpl Newman</u> <u>Cpl Churchill</u>	<u>7 hrs detent</u>	<u>9/1/15</u>	<u>Lt Col Burdon</u>	<u>Cost</u>
				<u>Missing 1 T6</u>					

Army Form B. 121.

Brought forward

Edinburgh	11/3/15	Pte.	Absent from parade	Cpl. Lewis 2 days C.B.	11/3/15	Lieut. R.H. Jack	R.H.J.
Edinburgh	10/3/15	Pte.	① Drunk on High Street at 9.45 p.m. ② Violently resisting arrest ③ Kicking a N.C.O. Absent from tattoo till 9.30 p.m. 9.4.15 ④ Drunk and creating a disturbance on defendant's parade at 9.30 p.m. ⑤ Resisting arrest. ⑥ Biting Sgt. of Guard	S. C. Stephenson 12 hours S.M.P. & C. Barrett 1 detention Cpl. James 3 days C.B. Sgt. MacLeod S.C. Knight	11/3/15	St. Col. Burton	Fined 5/- according to scale R.H.J.
Edinburgh	8/4/15	Pte.	Absent from tattoo till 9.30 p.m. 9.4.15	Cpl. Skelton 3 days C.B.	10/4/15	Capt. Carby	Forfeits 1 day's pay R.H.J. Sr.
Edinburgh	10/4/15	Pte.	① Drunk and creating a disturbance on defendant's parade at 9.30 p.m. ② Resisting arrest. ③ Biting Sgt. of Guard	Sgt. MacLeod S.C. Knight	12/4/15	St. Col. Burton	Forfeits 1 day's pay R.H.J. Sr.
Shots Camp	20/7/15	Pte.	① Absent from parade ② Absent from parade	Cpl. Skelton 3 days C.B.	21/7/15	Capt. Carby	Forfeits 2 days' pay R.H.J.
Shots Camp	21/7/15	"	③ Drunk in camp and causing disturbance among the prisoners Absent from parade Refusing to obey in order	Capt. Carby Sgt. James Cpl. Manning Capt. Ayre	22/7/15	Lt. Col. Burton	Fined 5/- R.H.J.
Shots Camp	5/7/15	"			5/7/15	Lieut. Raley	Forfeits 1 day's pay R.H.J.
Shots Camp	7/7/15	"			8/7/15	Lieut. Raley	

