

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2420

Name James Phelan

Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. James Phelan
2. What is your full Address? 2. 77 Merrimack Road St. John's
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
4. What is your age? 4. 18 Years 5 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Laborer
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. Yes
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. Yes

FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR

I, James Phelan 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. A. [Signature]

R. P. Holloway

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, James Phelan 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 5 day of April 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer

R. P. Holloway

†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:—(Name).....re-enlisted in the (Regiment).....on the (Date)

Name James Phalen
 Apparent age 15 years 5 months. Height 5 feet 6 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 34 inches
 Range of expansion 4 inches
 Distinctive marks

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin James Phalen
77 M. Symington Road | Relationship Father
St. Johns.
 Particulars as to 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>4-4-16</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Joined at <u>St. Johns</u> on <u>April 4th 16</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | <u>Embarked St. Johns S. S. Sullivan for</u> |
| | | | | | | | | | <u>St. Johns 19th 76 Embarked for 1st Lt. 3-10-16</u> |
| | | | | | | | | | <u>Admitted 14-10-16</u> |
| | | | | | | | | | <u>Admitted 15th 77</u> |
| | | | | | | | | | <u>Admitted 3rd Lt. 11th 77</u> |
| | | | | | | | | | <u>Embarked for 1st Lt. 1-3-18</u> |
| | | | | | | | | | <u>Killed in Action 13-4-18</u> |
| Total Service forfeited as above..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Service towards Engagement to <u>13-4-18</u> (date of discharge) | | | | | | | | | |
| " " " Pension " " " " " " | | | | | | | | | |

C. 2420

Jas. Phelan was attested for General
Service with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT ON April 4th 1916
Regimental No. 2420 was allotted to Ptes J. Phelan.

AUTHORITY:

Recrd Ledger;

Dept. of Militia.

March 25th 1919

C.R. 2420

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,
per S.S. "Sicilian" July 19, 1916.

2420 Pte. Phealen J.

~~ORIGINAL COPY~~

to 191 . Volume No. **NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Posted

Regiment or corps No. 2420 Rank Pte Name Phelan
Died Intestate at France on the 13th of April 1918
Deserted at on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

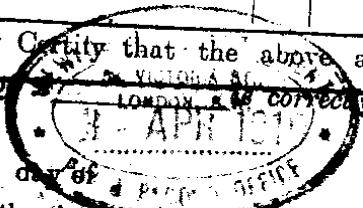
Form L.

| Date | Dr. | £ s. d. | | | Cr. | £ s. d. | | |
|------|--|---------|----|----|---|---------|----|----|
| | | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| | Balance Dr. last month | | | | Balance Cr. last month 13.4.18 | 2 | 16 | 1 |
| | 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 | | | |
| | " | | | | | | | |
| | " | | | | | | | |
| | Consolidated stoppage | | | | | | | |
| | Balance due by the Paymaster | 2 | 16 | 1 | Balance due to the Paymaster | | | |
| | | £ 2 | 16 | 1 | | £ 2 | 16 | 1 |

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

P.S.D.
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I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of ~~is~~ correctly chargeable against the ~~PROBATION~~ CONTINGENT,
Dated at this day of 191 .



191 . CHIEF PAYMASTER'S OFFICE

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

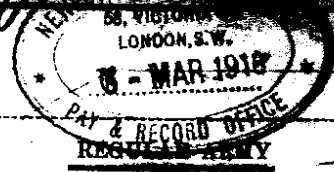
James Phelan

Christian Name *James*

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County



| | | SPECIAL RESERVE. | | | |
|---|---|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Examined | on <i>3rd</i> day of <i>April</i> 191 <i>6</i> | on | day of | 191 | |
| | at <i>St John's N.I.</i> | at | | | |
| Declared Age | <i>18</i> years <i>5 mo</i> days | | years | | days |
| Trade or Occupation | <i>Labourer.</i> | | | | |
| Height | <i>5</i> feet <i>6</i> inches | | feet | | inches |
| Weight | <i>119</i> lbs. | | | | lbs. |
| Chest Measurement | Girth when fully expanded... <i>34</i> inches | | | | inches |
| | Range of expansion... <i>4</i> inches | | | | inches |
| Physical Development | | | | | |
| Vaccination Marks | Right | Left | Right | Left | |
| | | <i>1</i> | | | |
| When Vaccinated | <i>7 years ago 6/6</i> | | | | |
| Vision | R.E.—V— | | R.E.—V— | | |
| | L.E.—V— <i>6/6</i> | | 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>James Paterson</i> | | | | |
| (Rank) | <i>Capt</i> | | Medical Officer. | | Medical Officer. |
| Enlisted | at <i>St John's</i> | at | | | |
| | on <i>3rd</i> day of <i>April</i> 191 <i>6</i> | on | day of | 191 | |
| Joined on Enlistment | Corps. | Regtl. No. | Corps. | Regtl. No. | |
| | <i>1st New Regt.</i> | <i>2420</i> | | | |
| Transferred to | | | | | |
| Became non-effective by | | | | | |
| (Signature) | on | day of | | 191 | |
| (Rank) | | | | | |

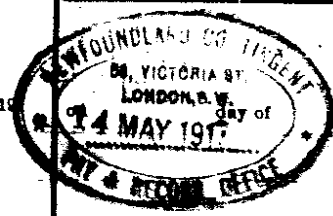


Table II.—Only for admission to hospital or to the

| Name of Hospital | Admitted to Hospital | | | Discharged from Hospital | | | Disease | Number Days in Hospital | Remarks syphilis, adenitis |
|--|----------------------|-------|------|--------------------------|-------|------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Day | Month | Year | Day | Month | Year | | | |
| 8 RD LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL WANDSWORTH. | 26 | 1 | 17 | 7 | 5 | 17 | Acute Nephritis | 101 | |
| Hursley Camp | 21 | 1 | 18 | 25 | 1 | 18 | Scabies | 8 | |
| Hursley Camp | 2 | 2 | 18 | 14 | 2 | 18 | Scabies. | 12 | |

Table III.—Records: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculation, Extension of Service, Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or prolongation of Service, Medical appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.

| Date | Brief Details, and Signature |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| 30/6/16 | 1 st Inoculation LP |
| 10/7/16 | 2 nd LP |
| 18/8/16 | Successful Vaccination N.G.W. |
| 30-9-16 | Paratyphoid Inoc. N.G.W. |
| 29-9-16 | Fit for foreign service N.G.W. |

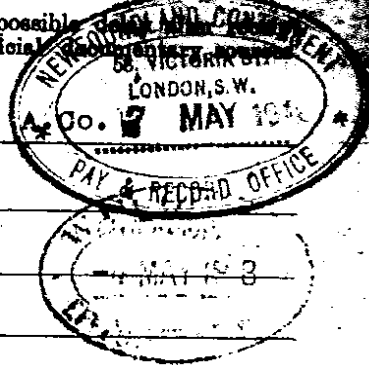
TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.

| 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 |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | | |

FIELD SERVICE

Army Form B. 2090A

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay, and accompanied by a copy of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official source.



REGIMENT OR CORPS Royal Newfoundland.

Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company

Regimental No. 2420,

Rank

Private.

Surname Phelan,

Christian Names

J.

Date 13-4-18.

Place

France or Belgium.

Died

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B. 213 d/22/4/18.

O.C. Unit.

By whom made

| | | | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| <p>COPY SENT TO O.C. H.Q. ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D. N.F.P. 38. DATED</p> | Specify 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. | (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) | <u>Not received.</u> | (b) in Small Book (if at Base) | <u>Not received.</u> | |
| | Will or not | (c) as a separate document | <u>None received.</u> | | | |
| | All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will be forwarded to the War Office. | | | | | |
| | Any information 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,
29-4-18.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section }
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base }

[Handwritten Signature]

Lieut. for MAJOR

C.R. 2420

Extract from Nominal Roll of Mfld. Regt. Draft No.11
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F. Embarked South-
ampton. 3-10-16.

2420 Pts. J. Phelan.

January 30, 1917.

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. 2420, Private James Phelan, who was previously reported seriously ill of nephritis at Rouen, January 20th, has been admitted to Wandsworth still suffering from the same disease.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. James Phelan,
77 Merrymount Rd.

St. John's, N.S., Oct. 1st. 1917.

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Hon. John R. Bennett,
Minister of Militia,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you to ask you if you would kindly interest yourself in the case of my son Private Jas. Phelan, #2420 A. Co., 3d. Battalion.

I have already sent three sons to the front, one Wm.A. Phelan, was killed on the 12th. of October, the second son Douglas is now at Barry, Scotland waiting to be forwarded to France, and the third Jas. mentioned above.

Jas. was on active duty in France, from Oct. to Jan. 1916, when he was retired to Wandsworth Hospital with kidney trouble, and subsequently put on light duty at Ayre; he has since been stricken off the draft as being unfit. From letters from the boy himself, and from his Mother's and my own knowledge of the weakness of his constitution, I am convinced that although he was enthusiastic in volunteering, he will never make a fit soldier, and will always continue to be more or less a handicap to the battalion. I write therefore, to ask you Mr. Bennett, to kindly interest yourself and have him returned home where his Mother would be prepared to look after him in the way his weak condition requires.

Should you be able to bring this about, I know you would

St. John's, B.C.,

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greatly please his surviving brother, who being more robust is better able to do his "bit", and console his Mother by giving her an opportunity to take care of a son who will always continue to need careful attention and watchfulness.

Anticipating your kindly support in this matter,

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

James Shelan

*77 Merymeeting Road
City*

C.R. 2420

Extract from Telegram despatched to Synoptical, London,
dated May 3rd, 1918.

Please inform whereabouts 2420 Phalen.

March 5th 18

Officer Commanding,
2nd Battalion,
The Royal Newfoundland Regt.,
Hazeley Down Camp,
Winchester, England.

#2420, Pte. James Phelan

Sir:-

The father of the above mentioned soldier states that he was on active service in France from October, 1915, to January, 1916, and was then sent to Wandsworth with kidney trouble, and later returned to the Depot Ayr, and put on light duty. Mr. Phelan states from his and Mrs. Phelan's knowledge of the weakness of this soldier's constitution, and also judging from Pte. Phelan's letters that he is convinced that he is now permanently unfit. Mr. Phelan is anxious to know the present condition of this soldier, and if it is likely that he will be repatriated for discharge. W.A. Phelan, was killed on the 12th October, and Pte. Douglas Phelan is now serving with the 2nd Battalion.

I should be glad if you will give this case your attention and let me have your report. Many applications for furlough are received but in most cases the only reason stated is the wish of parents to have their boys come home for a short period. In such cases the reply given is that only men recommended for discharge can be repatriated.


Acting Minister of Militia



The Honourable,
The Minister of Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

NEWS

No 2420 Pte. James Phelan.

In reply to your No 2420 of March 5th 1918, the above mentioned soldier was passed as being Medically fit by the Medical Officer of this Battalion.

He proceeded to join the 1st Battalion, B.E.F. on the 1st March 1918.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Deane".

Hazeley Down Camp,
Winchester,
Apl. 4th 1918.

LIEUT. COLONEL.
COMMANDING 2ND BN. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

CD.2420

Extract from Telegram received from London, dated
May 6th, 1918

#2420 Pte. Phalen.

Killed in Action April 13th

May 5th. 1919

James Phelan, Sr.,
77, Merrymeeting Road,
C I T Y.

Dear Sir:

I enclose cheque for \$22.14, amount of
balance of estate of late Pte. T. Phelan, due you as Administrator

Yours truly,

Capt.
Paymaster & O i/c Records.

[Handwritten signature]

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

8th. Sept. 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2420 Rank *AT*

Name *James Phelan*
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Mary A. Phelan (Sgd.)
Mother Relationship.

Address *Merry* *City* *Road. St. John's.*
Newfoundland.

OCT 11 1921.

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

Mr. James Phelan (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2420 Rank Pte.

Name James Phelan Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~Nfld. Forestry Corps~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory & WW Medal

Signature Mary Phelan (Mother)

Date 12th Oct 1921

Address Merford Road

[P.T.O.]

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty

Regiment *1st Battalion, 1st Infantry Division*

Rank *Plt* Surname *Johnston* Christian Name *John*

Religion *St John* Age on Enlistment *18* years *2* months

Enlisted (a) *St John* Terms of Service (a) *duration* Service reckons from (a) *4.4.16*

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b)
 or Corps Trade and Rate

Occupation *Labourer* *private* Signature of Officer.

RECEIVED
 16 MAY 1918

| 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 ... 1 MAR 1918 | | |
| | | | Disembarked.. 3 MAR 1918 | | |
| 22 APR 1918 | <i>of duty</i> | | | | <i>3/4/18</i> |
| | | | | | <i>Killed in Action</i> |
| | | | | | <i>MAJOR</i> |
| | | | | | <i>Infantry Section</i> |
| | | | | | <i>G.H.Q., 3rd Inf...</i> |

(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, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Form B. 121. Printed, Old Bailey, E.C. 4. London W. 1. 1916.

Regiment of 1st. Lancers

Signature of O. C. Company [Signature]

Number of Sheet 1

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

| | | | | |
|---|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Regimental Number and Name <u>2200</u> | Enlistment Age on <u>18</u> years <u>5</u> months | Trade <u>Cavalry</u> | Religion <u>R.C.</u> | Place and Date of Enlistment <u>St. Johns, 18/11/16</u> |
| Joined _____ Date _____ | Period of { with Colours <u>1 1/2</u> Years { with Reserve <u>2 1/2</u> Years | Place of Birth <u>St. Johns</u> | | |

| Place | Date of Offence | Rank | Cases of Drunkenness | OFFENCE | Names of Witnesses | Punishment awarded | Date of award or discharge with trial | By whom awarded | REMARKS |
|----------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>Capt.</u> | <u>8/8/16</u> | <u>Pte</u> | | <u>late for 4:45 AM Parade</u> | <u>Capt. McQuinn</u> | <u>3 days C.B.</u> | <u>8/8/16</u> | <u>W. P. A. Adell, Major</u> | <u>R.M.H.</u> |
| <u>Capt.</u> | <u>26/16</u> | <u>"</u> | | <u>Refusing to obey orders</u> | <u>Sgt. Bank</u> | <u>48 hrs. F.P. #2.</u> | <u>26/16</u> | <u>S. G. Webster</u> | <u>Res. F.</u> |
| <u>Private</u> | <u>7/9/16</u> | <u>"</u> | | <u>Absent from Parade 6:30 a.m. until 8 a.m.</u> | <u>Capt. McQuinn</u> | <u>3 days C.B.</u> | <u>7/9/16</u> | <u>Captain Fox</u> | <u>L.C.E.</u> |
| <u>"</u> | <u>14/9/16</u> | <u>"</u> | | <u>Late at 7:15 parade</u> | <u>Charles W.</u> | <u>2 days C.B.</u> | <u>24/9/16</u> | <u>Capt. Fox</u> | <u>OK</u> |
| <u>Capt.</u> | <u>19/9/16</u> | <u>"</u> | | <u>Absent from 6:30 am parade</u> | <u>Sgt. Fox</u> | <u>2 days C.B.</u> | <u>27/9/16</u> | <u>Capt. Fox</u> | <u>OK</u> |
| <u>"</u> | <u>22/9/16</u> | <u>"</u> | | <u>Not answering department call from 9 pm to 9:30 pm</u> | <u>Sgt. Webster</u> | <u>48 hrs F.P. #2</u> | <u>22/9/16</u> | <u>Lt Col. Webster</u> | <u>OK</u> |
| <u>"</u> | <u>6-7-17</u> | <u>"</u> | | <u>Absent from 6:30 am Parade</u> | <u>Smith</u> | <u>7 days 1 day pay</u> | <u>7-7-17</u> | <u>Capt. H. Rendell</u> | <u>OK</u> |
| <u>"</u> | <u>10-7-17</u> | <u>"</u> | | <u>Absent from 6:30 am Parade</u> | <u>Murray</u> | <u>3 days C.B.</u> | <u>10-7-17</u> | <u>[Signature]</u> | <u>OK</u> |
| <u>"</u> | <u>14-7-17</u> | <u>"</u> | | <u>Drunk after hours To be carried over</u> | <u>Murray</u> | <u>7 days 1 day pay</u> | <u>14-7-17</u> | <u>Capt. Marshall</u> | <u>OK</u> |
| | | | | <u>Killed in action 13/7/17</u> | | | | | |