

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT C. of S.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2950

Name John Benjamin Ridgley Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

<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>John Benjamin Ridgley</u></p> <p>2. <u>Little Bay West Antigua Bay</u></p> <p>3. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>4. <u>21</u> Years <u>4</u> Months</p> <p>5. <u>Seaman</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 Corps</p> <p>11. <u>Yes</u></p>
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I, John Benjamin Ridgley 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.

23 July 1865/16 John Benjamin Ridgley SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

..... Charles Aye Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, John Benjamin Ridgley 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 10th day of July 1916.

Signature of Attesting Officer Charles Aye Capt

† 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..... } Approving Officer.

Place..... }

† 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.

2950

John Ridgley was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ...July 10th 1916
Regimental No. 2950 was allotted to Pte John Ridgley

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

C.R. 2950

Extract from General Staff Report of the John's Sea Service,
20/8/50.

2000 Pte. JLB. Ridgley.

1950

... for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting ...

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Ridgley OF Christian Name John Benjamin

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish _____ County _____

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on 10 day of July 1914 at <u>St John's Hospital</u>		on _____ day of _____ 1911 at _____	
Declared Age	25 years 4 months		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	fisherman		_____	
Height	5 feet 4 inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	128 1/2 lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 37 1/2 inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... 2 1/2 inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks	Arm	_____	Right	Left
	Number	_____	_____	_____
When Vaccinated	_____		_____	
Vision	R. E.—V=	6/6	R. E.—V=	_____
	L. E.—V=	6/6	L. E.—V=	_____
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a) _____		(a) _____	
	(b) _____		(b) _____	
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Samuel Paterson</u>		_____	
(Rank)	Major		_____	
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St John's Hospital</u>		at _____	
	on 10 day of July 1914		on _____ day of _____ 1911	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	<u>1st Royal Regiment</u>	Corps.	_____
	Regtl. No.	<u>2950</u>	Regtl. No.	_____
Transferred to	_____		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____		_____	
	on _____ day of _____ 1911		on _____ day of _____ 1911	
(Signature)	_____		_____	

Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, ac.: Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature	
27-7-16	1 st Inoculation	T. G. P. L.P.
3-8-16	2 nd "	L.P.
9-8-16	3 rd "	L.P.
30-8-16	Vacc	L.P.
13-11-16.	Fit. for foreign service J. H. 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



29/50

Extract from Nominal Roll of Nfld. Regt. Draft No.14
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Southamp-
ton, 30-11-16.

2950 Pts. J. Ridgley

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

No. *2950.*

Rank *Private*

Name *Ridgway W.B.*

Died (a) *intestate*

at *France*

on the *19th* of *April* 191*7*.

Deserted at

on the _____ of _____ 191*1*.

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.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month <i>19.4.17</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</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>6</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		<i>£</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>9</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>9</i>
			<i>0</i>				<i>0</i>	

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ *6 9 0* is correctly chargeable against the Public Contingent.

CHECKED
17.7.17

Dated at

this _____ day of _____ 191*7*
LONDON.

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PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE

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 B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1515.

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

Report of Death of a Soldier in Battle
 delay after receipt of notification of death from other official documents or sources

REGIMENT } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } B Company



Regtl. No. 2950 Rank Private

Name RIDGLEY, J.



Date April 16th., 1917.

Died Place 8th. Casualty Clearing Station, France.

Cause of Death* Died of Wounds received in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Memo, 16/4/17.

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

* Only 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.

Place

By 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 1/6 Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1, 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date 3rd. Echelon, 23/4/17.

Counter No. _____

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS



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. M. Bennett Address _____

Line Number	Rate	Check
	per day sent see by	

Dated April 21, 1917.

To Mr. Joseph Ridgley,
Little Bay West, F.B.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports No. 2950, Private John B. Ridgley, died of gunshot wound in chest at Eighth Casualty Clearing Station, France on April sixteenth.

J.R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR

This message is not to be sent until receiving office notifies that message to Rev. G.S. Templeton, Belleoram, has been delivered and acted upon.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 2950

Little Bay West

June 21/19

The Dept. Militia
St. Johns
apl'd.

Dear Sir:-

Yours to hand & would
be very pleased to get my
galliant sons grave fixed
as your letter says. My sons
Name. Was. Str. John. B.
Kidgley No 2950. First-
Newfoundland Regiment-
Died C. Company Died
16th April 1917. Would be
Pleased to get this forwarded.

at Once. And ~~can~~ get the
Photograph at their
Earliest convenience.

I am yours

Truly,

Wm. Joseph Ridgley
Little Bay West
Via Harbor Briton

April 9th 1918.

Joseph Ridgley, Esq.,

Little Bay, West, N.B.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$37.99,
being the balance of the estate of the late No.
2950, Private J. B. Ridgley, payable to you as
Administrator. I also enclose letters of
Administration.

Yours faithfully,

Capt. & Paymaster &
Officer i/o Records.

Enclosures 2.
JMH/JH.

11th September, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that information has now been received from the Newfoundland Pay and Record Office, London, with respect to the Gravesite of Private J. B. Ridgley.

Private Ridgley was buried at Duisans British Cemetery, 4 miles N.W. of Arras.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Jas. Ridgley,
Little Bay West, F.B.

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental Number 2950

Regiment or Corps 2/1 Newfoundland Regt.

Rank Pte Surname Ridgley Christian Name John B. E.

Religion B. M. E. Age on Enlistment 21 years 10 months.

Enlisted (a) St John's Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 10/4/16

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.

Date	Report From whom received	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
		Embarked	St Hampton	30 NOV 1916	
		Disembarked	Raven	1-DEC 1916	
	<u>1stly Hosp.</u>	<u>Admitted N.Y.D. (Str)</u>	<u>Rover</u>	<u>3/12/16</u>	<u>Sta 4794</u>
	<u>2nd Can Dep.</u>	<u>Admitted V.D.G.</u>	<u>Rover</u>	<u>21/1/17</u>	<u>Sta 6223</u>
	<u>1stly Hosp.</u>	<u>Admitted N.Y.D. str</u>	<u>Rover</u>	<u>23/1/17</u>	<u>Sta 6238</u>
	<u>29 F.B.D.</u>	<u>Joined Base Dep.</u>	<u>Rover</u>	<u>9/2/17</u>	<u>Non Roll.</u>
<u>17.3.17</u>	<u>O.C.</u>	<u>Joined Battalion</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>6 MAR 1917</u>	<u>B 213</u>
<u>15.4.17</u>	<u>O.C. Unit</u>	<u>Wounded in Action</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>14 APR 1917</u>	<u>B 213</u>
<u>16.4.17</u>	<u>& 66 A</u>	<u>Died of Wounds</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>16.4.17</u>	<u>Next 12344/4</u>
					<u>G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon</u>

(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 must be entered.
(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

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 (1909) W-0172124 1000m 6/1884 33 56

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

Regiment of Newfoundland
 Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Prodigy Pay

Regimental Number and Name <u>1700 Rudgeley B.</u>		Enlistment Age on <u>21</u> years <u>4</u> months		Type <u>Regular</u>
Place and Date of Enlistment <u>[Signature] Date 5/19/16</u>		Place and Date of Enlistment <u>[Signature] Date 5/19/16</u>		Rank <u>Cpl.</u>
Period of { with Colony } <u>281 days</u>		Period of { with Reserves } <u>281 days</u>		Place of Enlistment <u>[Signature]</u>

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Case of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	By whom awarded	REMARKS
				<u>Deed of Honour</u>	<u>16 17</u>			

To be entered over