

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 1728 Name Richard S. Sellers Corps _____

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your name? 1. Richard S. Sellers
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. Western Bay South
Bay de Verde Dist.
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
- 4. What is your Age? 4. 19 Years 3 Months.
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Labourer
- 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

I Richard Stephen Sellers 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.

Richard Sellers SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Richard Sellers Signature of Witness.
E July 23/15

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I Richard Stephen Sellers 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 Western Bay South on this 23rd day of July 1915.
Richard Sellers
Signature of the Attesting Officer.

† 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, the 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) _____

Name Richard Stephen Sellars
 Apparent age 19 years _____ months. Height 5 feet 7 inches.
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36 1/2 inches.
 Range of expansion 4 1/2 inches.
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Mrs. ...
... | Relationship Mother
 Particulars as to Marriage.

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow.		(b) Place and date of marriage.	
(c) Present address.		(d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.	
(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	Promotions, 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>23-7-15</u>									
Joined at <u>M. John's</u> on <u>July 23/15.</u>									
Embarked <u>M. John's train</u> at <u>Quebec</u> <u>29/15</u>									Embarked for <u>R.C.I.</u> <u>25/16</u>
Disembarked <u>Quebec</u> <u>26/16</u>									
Arrived <u>at station</u> <u>12/16</u>									
Killed in action <u>16-10-16</u>									

Total Service forfeited as above ...

Total Service towards Engagement to 16-10-16 (date of discharge) 1 years 86 days
 " " " Pension " " " " " " " "

CR. 1728

Richard S. Sellars was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on July 23rd 1915
Regimental No. 1728 was assigned to Pte R. Sellars

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 20th, 1916.

R. 1728

Extract from Nominal Roll, G. Co., entrained St. John's 27/10 15 for Overseas

1728 Pte. R. Sellars.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Sellars

Christian Name Richard

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish.....

County Wilt

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>21</u> day of <u>July</u> 191 <u>8</u> at <u>55 John Wilt</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191	
Declared Age	<u>19</u> years _____ days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Labourer.</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>8</u> inches	_____ feet	_____ inches
Weight	<u>132½</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>36½</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>4½</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number	<u>1</u>		
When Vaccinated	<u>1914</u>			
Vision	R. E.—V	<u>2/10</u>	R. E.—V	
	L. E.—V	<u>2/6</u>	L. E.—V	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease				
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause Rejection				
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Thomas Paterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Capt</u>			
Enlisted	at <u>St John</u> on <u>23</u> day of <u>July</u> 191 <u>8</u>		at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps. <u>1</u>	Regtl. No. <u>1728</u>	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
(Signature)	on _____ day of _____ 191		on _____ day of _____ 191	
(Rank)				

Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.: 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
12-20-15	1 st Inoculation
19-11-15	Vacc. P.P. Graham. L. Camble
23-10-15	2 nd Inoculation
19-6-16	Fit for Foreign Service H. J. 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
St Johns N. A.					

1725

COMPANY 9

**THE
1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**

I hereby enlist for service at home or abroad in the King's
Forces under the following conditions:

For the duration of the present war, or until my
discharge.

Subject to the Army Act, the King's Regulations,
and to such ordinances as may apply or may be
made to apply to the British Regular Army.

Subject to the Newfoundland Volunteer Act,
5 George V., Chapter IV.

Signed R Sellers

Witness Thomas H.

Dated at Apr

19 June 1916

C.R. 1723

Extract from Nominal Roll of Mfld. Regt. Draft No.7
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Southampton,
25-6-16.

1728 Pte. R.S. Sellars.

1728

Extract from Casualties Received from P.&R. Office London,
Mar. 13th, 1917.

1728 Sellars.

Killed in action, October 16, 1916.

Counter No. _____

FOUNDLAND 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 John M. [Signature] Address _____

Line Number	Red	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated March 13, 1917.

To Mrs. Jeremiah Dalton,
Western Bay,
Bay de Verde.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports No. 1728, Private Richard S. Sellars, was killed in action October sixteenth, nineteen sixteen.

J.R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR: /
This message is not to be sent until receiving office notifies that message to Rev. Mr. Mercer has been delivered and acted upon.

FOR TYPEWRITER

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. 213 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } Newfoundland Regiment } Squadron,
 or } } Troop, Battery }
 CORPS } } or Company } D. Company

Regtl. No. 1728 Rank Private

Name SELLARS, R.

Died	Date	October 16th., 1916.	SENT TO O.C. H.Q. ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D. No. <u>317</u> MAR 23 1917
	Place	France.	
	Cause of Death*	Killed in Action.	

Nature and Date of Report Memo, 23/2/17.

By whom made O.C., Unit.

* 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.

Place _____

Burial Date _____

By whom reported _____

States 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 } H. Birchall Capt. for Lt. Col.,
 of Section Adjutant-General's }
 Office at the Base } Officer i/c. Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1,
 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date: 3rd. Echelon, 9/3/17.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

Newfoundland

No.

1728

Rank

Private

Name

Sellers R

Died (a)

Intestate

at

France

on the

16th of October

1916

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 1.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month	9	12	0
	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			
					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				Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£				£		
		9	12	0		9	12	0

CHECKED
2/11/17

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 9 12 0 is correctly chargeable against the Public (b).

Dated at this day of 191 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 with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.
(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

M

March 14, 1917.

Dear Madam,

It was with the greatest regret that the Government received a cablegram from the Record Office, London, intimating that your dear son, Private Richard S. Sellars, was killed in action on the 16th October last.

Permit me to express to you on behalf of the Government, as well as for myself, sincerest sympathy with you at this time. But though we feel the parting and though the heart is heavy with its loss yet it is a glorious thing to think that your gallant boy early responded to the call of duty and made his stand for the establishment of Righteousness, Truth and Liberty upon the earth. We are all proud of our brave and noble boys but no less do we esteem the unselfish fathers and mothers who so willingly gave their boys when the call of duty came. Though your son has laid down his earthly weapons he now wears the Soldier's Crown of Victory and his name is inscribed upon the glorious Roll of Honour and will be held in fragrant memory by all his fellowcountrymen. When the end of this war comes and an honourable and abiding peace will have been established, it will be your proud thought that your dear boy did to the utmost of his ability to bring about such result.

I trust that the Great Father may give you of his love and comfort at this time.

Believe me to be,

Yours sympathetically

Sellars
Mrs. Jenima Dalton,
Western Bay,
District of St. John's.

Colonial Secretary.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

CASUALTIES

Previously reported Killed in Action
Now reported Missing 16/10/16.

No. 1788, PTE. SKILLARS, R.

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Authority:
Daily Orders
Part II No.17c.
22/4/17.
3rd Echelon.

Copy

The Secretary,
War Office,
LONDON, W.C.

With reference to your memorandum - C.2. Casualties
13 X. 41309 dated 13th March, 1917, concerning No. 1728,
Private R. Sellars, Newfoundland Contingent, the report
"Killed in Action, 16/10/1916" concerning this man was first
made by the Officer Commanding 1st Battalion, Newfoundland
Regiment on 28/2/1917 on returning a nominal roll received
from this Office with Unit's observations. This casualty
was accordingly shewn in my C.1128 dated 7th March, 1917.

In reply to an enquiry from this Office dated
14/3/1917, asking for an explanation of the delay in reporting
this casualty, the Officer Commanding Unit stated that
Private Sellars was "Missing, 16/10/1916," and that this
casualty was reported by him on 20/10/1916. There is,
however, no trace of such report in the Battalion casualty
list for that or any other date, and it is evident that the
casualty ~~was~~ to Private Sellars was overlooked by the Officer
Commanding Unit until 28/2/1917.

In reply to further enquiry, the Officer Commanding
Unit reported that the casualty should read "Missing,
believed Killed", and when asked for evidence in support of
this report, he forwards a statement which does not justify
such a report. The report of "Missing, 16/10/1916" is,
therefore, substituted for that of "Killed in Action,
16/10/16" concerning Private Sellars in my C.1185 dated
3/5/1917.

(Sgd) Edw. Graham,
Major-General,
Deputy Adjutant General,
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon, B.E.F.

8th May, 1917.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

For information.

W. E. Davidson

Governor.

14 May, 1917.

No. 1157.

Code Telegram from Major Timewell.

(recd. 14 May, 1917)

Your Telegram 7th May (No. 515)

1728 Sellars presumed dead May 18th. Prosecuting
enquiry with 3rd Echelon.

100/17

C.R. 1728

Officer i/c.,
Regular Inf. Section No. 1,
G. H. Q.,
3rd. Echelon,
B. E. F.

Off. i/c. Records,
3rd Echelon, B.E.F.

Pay & Record Office

Off. S/c Records,
Newfoundland Regt.,

14th, May 7

G. H.Q.
3rd Echelon, B.E.F.

1728, SELLARS, PTE. R.

May 21st, 1917.

The following is an
extract of a cablegram from
the Governor of Newfoundland,-

"1728 Sellars is there any
hope that Sellars is alive".

There is no evidence
to hand to show that
Private Sellars has been
"Killed in Action".

Will you kindly
comment hereon?

Major,
Paymaster & O i/c Records.

signed.

Lt. for Lt. Col.

HA/WF

O. i/c Records, R.I.S. 1.
3rd Echelon, GHQ. B.E.F.

June 26th, 1918.

J.B.A.
Mrs. Dorcas Dalton,
Western Bay, C.B.

Dear Madam,-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$55.72,
being the balance of the Estate of the late #1728,
Private R. Sellers, payable to you as Administrator.
I also enclose Letter of Administration.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Capt.
Paymaster & C. i/o Records.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

50's 1/2

June 24th 1915

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment
the sum of *Fifty five* ——— *72* Dollars.
on account of *Pay Estate*
balance

Ch. No. <i>8004</i>	Initials: <i>EW</i>
Pay Ledger <i>2/2</i>	Initials: <i>L & P</i>
Gen. Ledger	Initials: <i>M & A</i>

Regt. No. _____ Rank _____

J.B.A.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records.

The Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld,

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

Aug 31 - 1941

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 1728 Rank Pte.
Name Richard L. Sellars
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Mr. Thomas Dalton (Sgd.)
his mother Relationship.

Address Western Bay

1921.

The accompanying Victory Medal and or British War Medal

is are forwarded herewith to

Mrs. Jeremiah Dalton (Mother)

in respect of his service as No. 1728 Rank Pte.

Name Richard S. Sellars Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~Nfld. Forestry Corps~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Receive

Medals

Signature

Mrs Jeremiah Dalton

Date

Sept 28th 1921

Address

Western Bay

[P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.
 (6-6) W 3072/24 1000m 6/55s 59 56

Number of Sheet 2
 Signature of O. C. Company J. J. J. J. J. J.

Regiment of Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	
No.	1721	A. S. Sellars	Age on 19 years 3 months	Trade <u>Labourer</u>	
Joined	Date	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	Religion	
Joined	Date	Date	<u>Albion's July 23. 1915</u>	<u>Methodist</u>	
Joined	Date	Date	Period of (with Colonel) 1 1/2 years	Place of Birth	
Joined	Date	Date	(with Reserve) 2 1/2 years	<u>Western Bay</u>	

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Discontinuance	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or order of discharge	By whom awarded	REMARKS
				Killed in Action 16/11/15					

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.