

FIRST NAME

ATTESTATION OF

No. 4140

Name Wesley Sparks Corps Mtd

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your name? 1. Wesley Sparks
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. Alex Bay B. Bay
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
- 4. What is your age? 4. 30 Years 2 Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Postman
- 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, Wesley Sparks 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.

Wesley Sparks SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.
I, Wesley Sparks 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 as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration, and taken the oath before me at on this 19th day of July 1917.
Signature of 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

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

Name Wesley Spatcher
 Apparent age 20 years 7 months. Height 5 feet 9 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 37 inches
 Range of expansion 3 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin _____
 _____ | Relationship Father

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	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>19-11-17</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>November 19-17</u> .									
<u>Embarked St. John's St. Michael's 11-12-17</u>									
<u>Embarked for B.C. 25-5-18</u>									
<u>Died of Wounds. 14-10-18</u>									
<u>Buried on Terra Tutta Cemetery near Westchester 24 miles S of Annetdale.</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 14-10-18 (date of discharge) years 330 days

C.R. 4140

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Wld.
Regt. Nov. 19th, 1917.

4140 Pte. W. Sparks.

Attested for General Service with the 1st Wld. Regt.
and posted to S. Co., and assigned numbers as shown with
effect from Nov. 19th, 1917.

C.R. 4140

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas.
per S.S. "Florissal". Dec. 11, 1917.

#4140 Pte. W. Sparkes.

C.R. 4140

Extract of Nominal Roll Draft (All Ranks) to 1st
Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Folkestone 2

4140 Pte. W. Sparkes

25-5-18.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Sparks OF Christian Name Wesley.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Alexander Bay P.B. County Wfld

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	19 th	Nov		191
	at	St Johns	at	
Declared Age	20	years		days
Trade or Occupation	Fisherman			
Height	5	feet 9 inches	feet	inches
Weight		162 lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded	39 inches		inches
	Range of Expansion	3 inches		inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
	Arm	2 Scars		
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) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<i>Lamont Patterson</i>			
(Rank)	Major			
	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at	St. Johns	at	
	on	19	on	day of 191
		day of Nov		
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	1st Regt	4140		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on	day of	on	day of
		191		191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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 OR CORPS _____ Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } **D.**
Regimental No. **4140** Rank **Private**
Surname **Sparkes.** Christian Names **W.**



Died { Date _____ Place **Belgium.**
Cause of Death* **Died of Wounds received in Action.**

Nature and Date of Report **B 213 d/21-10-18.**

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.

COPIES SENT		DATE

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 61) **Not received** (b) in Small Book (if at Base) **Not received**
(c) as a separate document **none received**

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.

Station and Date } _____ Signature of Officer in charge of Section } *Chamberlain*
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base }

C.R. 4140

Extract from Casualties No. G. 1731 dated 31-10-18.

4140 Pte. W. Spars.

Died of wounds 14-10-18.

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPH



Cable Connection with all the World

C.R. 4140

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 _____ Address **Dept of Militia.**

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent by	Check

Dated **Nov. 4th 1918**

To **Thomas Sparks, Alexander Bay B.B.**

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London, officially reports **No. 4140, Private Wesley Sparks** died of wounds **October 14th**

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J.R. Bennett
Minister of Militia.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:

This Message is not to be delivered until Receiving Office notifies that Message to **Methodist Minister** or **School Teacher** has been received and acted upon

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 4140

June 10th. 1919.

Thomas Sparkes, Esq.,

Alexander Bay.

R.B.

Dear Sir:-

It is my regrettable duty to have to forward to you by Registered mail, One parcel containing some effects which belonged to your late son No. 4140 Private W. Sparkes of the 40th Newfoundlad Regiment.

I am enclosing herewith receipt, will you kindly sign same and return to this Department at your earliest convenience.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement and in the added sorrow which the receipt of these effects must entail.

I am, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

RG,

Lieut.
General

M.F. A.3.
20M-10-17



C.R. 4140

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DEPT. OF MILITIA
AND QUOTE NO.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,

June 10th 1919.

RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA:

1. Parcel

Containing the effects of ^{my} ~~your~~ late son
#4140, Pte. W. Sparkes.

Signed *Mrs. T. Sparkes.*

Date.. *20/6/19*.....

No. of Paper 1475


PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Name Sparks W

C.R. 4140

Rank Private

Regiment ROYAL ARMY INFANTRY REGIMENT

Article	Where stored	Notified by
<u>1 Package - Containing:- Disc; Photos; 2 Reliq books; Badge; 3 metal rings; mirror; Comb; Purse; 2 Coins.</u>		
	Final disposal	
		

Remarks : - Casualty Advice : - Deceased, 14-10-18

Next of Kin : - Father : - Thomas Sparks
Alexander Bay

R.B.

SEPTEMBER 13th 1919.

Mrs. Thos. Sparks,
Alexander Bay.

Dear Madam:

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. to the Minister of Militia, with reference to your Allotment which you claim was not received for July month.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Paymaster with a request that he look into the matter and reply to you direct.

Yours faithfully,

CGB

Captain,
Military Secretary.

C.R. 4140

June 14th 1919.

Thomas Sparkes, Esq.,

Alexander Bay.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed to inform you that information has been received of the burial place of your son #4140, late Pte. W. Sparkes, who died of wounds 14/10/18. This report states that he was buried at German Hil. Cemetery, near Waterdamhoek $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.E. of Passchendaele.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement and in the added sorrow which the receipt of this information must entail.

Yours Sincerely,

Lieut.

CASUALTY OFFICER.

FAE/AV.

66.
August 9, 1919

Mrs. Ellen Sparkes,
Saunders' Cove.,
B.S.R.

Dear Madam:

I enclose herewith
cheque for \$59.10, balance of estate of
late Pte. E. W. Sparkes, due you as
administratrix of his estate.

I am also enclosing
herewith Letters of Administration.

Yours truly,

Capt.
PAYMASTER & O I/s Records.

(120)

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To ensure that as far as may be possible none of the next of kin of those who have fallen in the War shall fail to receive the Memorial Plaque, it is requested that on receipt of the enclosed Plaque this card be signed at the bottom and posted. No stamp is required.



Thomas J. Paris

(2249) Wt. 21551/A16599 10/19 8004 (20) D.St.

Army Form B. 103

Regimental Number *417 P*

Casualty Form - Active Service

Regiment or Corps *H. Royal Newfoundland*

Rank *Pte* Surname *Sparks* Christian Name *Wesley*

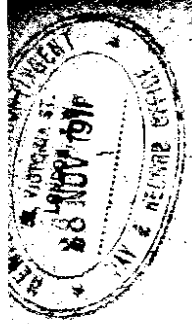
Religion *Methodist* Age on Enlistment *20* years *3* months

Enlisted (a) *19.11.17* Terms of Service (a) *Duration* Service reckons from

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

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b) of Corps Trade and Rate

Occupation *Fisherman* *J. M. Curran* Officer



Report		Record of promotion, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.26, 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.26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked			
		Disembarked			
<i>21/10/18</i>	<i>Sparks</i>	<i>Red of Wounds</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>14/10/18</i>	<i>B.213</i>
	<i>J.M.S.</i>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(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, Shooting-Smith, &c. W. 3423 312725 21-0-11 4/17 (3361); C. P. & S., Ltd., Form B.103 E/1907. P.T.O.

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. 4140 Name W. Sparks

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

Name Thomas Sparks

Date July 28, 1920

Place Alexander Bay, R.P.

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

Launders Cove,
Alexander Bay
Jan. 23rd 1920

Minister of Militia,
St. Johns,

C.R. 4140

Dear Sir:—

Please find enclosed P.O. Order
for \$3.96 in payment of inscription,
numbering 58 letters, which I wish
to have engraved on my deceased son's
tomb-stone overseas. I have filled in
form and am mailing it today.

Yours truly,

Mrs Thomas Sparkes.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Form B 121
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Number of Sheets *over*
Signature of O. C. Company *W. W. W. W.*

Regiment of *1st Newfound*

Good Conduct Badges, Service pay or proficiency pay

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade
No.	<i>4140 Sparks Woolley</i>	Age on	<i>20 years 2 months</i>	<i>Stockman</i>
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment		Religion
Joined	Date	<i>St Johns</i>		<i>M. E. M.</i>
Joined	Date	Period of	<i>1911-17</i>	Place of Birth
Joined	Date	<i>with Colours 3 30 years.</i>		
		<i>with Reserve 36.5 years.</i>		

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or order discharging with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS

Died of wounds 14 17

To be carried over