

# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 1745 Name Richard Spurrel Corps \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| <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>Richard Spurrel</u></p> <p>2. <u>St. John's, Newfoundland</u></p> <p>3. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>4. <u>20</u> Years <u>5</u> Months.</p> <p>5. <u>Labourer</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 _____<br/>Corps _____</p> <p>11. <u>Yes</u></p> |
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\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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) \_\_\_\_\_



C.R.

1745'

Richard Spu~~t~~rell was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on <sup>27th</sup> ~~July 27th~~ 1915.  
Regimental No 1745 was allotted to Pte. R. Spu~~t~~bell

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

C.R. 1745

Extract from Original Roll, 9/ Co., stationed Ft. John's for Overseas 27/10/18

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#1745 Pte. R. Spurrell

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname S. Spurrell

Christian Name Richard

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County W. Lfd

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>29</u> day of <u>July</u> 191 <u>5</u> at <u>St Johns W. Lfd</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191____ at _____	
Declared Age	<u>21</u> years _____ days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Fisherman</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>6</u> inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	<u>130</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>35</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>2</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated	<u>1/0</u>			
Vision	R. E.—V	<u>6/9</u>	R. E.—V	
	L. E.—V	<u>6/9</u>	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)	<u>Samuel Peterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Capt</u>			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St Johns</u> on <u>29</u> day of <u>July</u> 191 <u>5</u>		at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191____	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps. <u>1<sup>st</sup> W. Lfd Regt</u>	Regtl. No. <u>1745</u>	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on _____ day of _____ 191____		on _____ day of _____ 191____	
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

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

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
12. 10. 15	1st Inoculation
19. 11. 15	Vacc. R. P. Graham Lehamb.
23. 10. 15	2nd Inoculation.
19. 6. 16	Fit for Foreign Service <span style="float: right;">H. G. W.</span>
4. 1. 17	Died of Wounds 12 Gen. Hosp. Rouen <span style="float: right;">H. G. W.</span>

**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 John 10/14/16					



Regimental Number 1745

Company 4

THE  
1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

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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 Richard <sup>no</sup> Sparrell  
mastr.

Witness H. A. Rowse (2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut)

Dated at Q. B.

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1916

C.R. 1745

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

1745 Pte. R. Spurrell.

C.R. 1745

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&.R.O.  
December 6th. 1916.

1745, Pte B. Spurrell.

Wounded 21/11/16.

C.R. 1745

Copy of Cablegram to Governor St. John's Nfld.  
from P.&R.O. 6/12/18.

1745, Spurrell. ✓

13th General Hospital Rouen 3rd December Seriously ill  
Gunshot Wound left thigh.

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHIC

## 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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated December 7, 1916.

To Mr. Moses Spurrell,  
Random, T.B.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,

London, officially reports ~~No. 1745, Private Richard Spurrell,~~ was seriously ill gunshot wound left thigh at Twelfth General Hospital Rouen, December third.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you and trust that the next report will be of his convalescence.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

NEWFOUNDLAND

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 50 Sent by OD Rec'd by Jm Check 57

Place from Hodges Cove

DEC 11 1914

To Richard Spurrell

no 1745 / First Field Regt

15. E Force  
12<sup>th</sup> Hospital  
Rouen  
90 Col Secty  
St John's

Sympathy and prayers  
Cable condition

Moses Spurrell

Country No. \_\_\_\_\_

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender Luc M. Spurrell Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check
		pro Dept Sec -			

Dated December 12, 1916.

To Mr. Moses Spurrell,  
Random, T.B.

Record Office, London, today reports No. 1745,  
Private Richard Spurrell, improving.

J.R. BENNETT

Colonial Secretary.

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

C.F. 1745  
1916

Extract of Casualty List Received from P. & R.O. Dec 22, ~~1917.~~

1745 Pte R. Spurrell.

O.C. 12th. General Hospital Rouen. Reports 21st Dec. 1916.

Formerly Seriously, Now Dangerously Ill. G.S.W. L. Thigh.

C.R. 1745

Extract from Daily Orders part II, Unit the Royal  
Newfoundland Regiment, from 3rd. Echelon, B.E.F. dated  
6/1/17.

1745 Pte. R. Spurrell.

Died of wounds 4.1.17, 12 Gen. Hospital, Rouen.

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Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated January 6, 1917.

To Mr. Moses Spurrell,  
Random, T.B.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports that your son, No. 1745, Private Richard Spurrell, died of wounds on January fourth at the Twelfth General Hospital, Rouen.

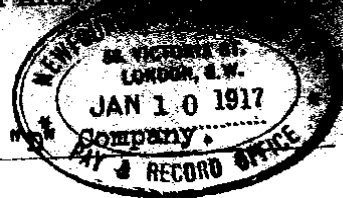
J.R. BENNETT  
Colonial Secretary.

#### NOTE FOR OPERATOR;

This message is not to be sent until Receiving Office notifies that message to Rev. W. A. Butler, Hodge's Cove has been delivered and acted upon.

FOR TYPEWRITER

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with a delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 218 or Army Form B. 219 or other official documentary sources.



REGIMENT } 1/Newfoundland Regt. Squadron,  
or } Troop, Battery  
CORPS } or Company

Regtl. No. 1745 Rank Private.  
Name SPURRELL R.

Died { Date 4-1-17.  
Place 12 General Hospital, ROUEN. France.  
Cause of Death\* G.S.W. Left Thigh.

Nature and Date of Report Telegram. R 62458. 4-1-17.

By whom made O.C. 12 General Hospital, Rouen.

\* 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.

Burial { Place Not to hand  
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) "  
(c) as a separate document Not known.

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 } Mr. Buchell CAPTAIN.  
of Section Adjutant-General's } for Officer in Charge, General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon.  
Office at the Base

Station and Date G.H.Q. 3rd Ech: 6-1-17.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland

Regimental No. 1745 Rank Pte. Name Shurell, Richard

Enlisted (a) 28/7/15 Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 28/7/15

Date of promotion } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }  
to present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged 24/5/16 Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

*Certified true copy*

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., 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	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked	Southampton	25/6/16	
		Disembarked	Rouen	26/6/16	
		Joined Battalion		12/7/16	
27/11/16		P.C. killed wounded in action	France	21/11/16	B. 213
21/11/16		C.C. S. admitted G.L.W. L. thigh	France	20/11/16	E.D. 6458
		12 Gen Hqs admitted do do	Rouen	27/11/16	H.A. 4641
		P.C. 12 Gen Hqs Died of wounds.	12 Gen Hqs	4/1/17	Idem
		Hqs. Rouen	Rouen		n. 6245
2. M. Bruchell Captain. Co. officer 1/c regular Infantry Section. General Headquarters, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn. 6 <sup>th</sup> Division.					

(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.

**PAY LIST:**

to *4 January* 191*7*

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps

No. *1745*

Rank *Private*

Name *R. Spurrell*

Died (a) *of wounds*

at *Raven*

on the *4* of *January* 191*7*

Deserted at

on the

of

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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>4. 1. 17</i> .....	<i>18</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>84</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 .....			
"					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	<i>18</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>84</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....	<i>18</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>84</i>
		£						
		<i>18</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>84</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>84</i>

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

Dated at

this

day of

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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 C. 1815.

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

M

January 9, 1917.

Dear Sir,

It was with the greatest regret that the Government received a cable from the Record Office, London, reporting that your son, Private Richard Spurrell, had died of wounds on January 4th at the 12th General Hospital, Rouen.

Permit me to express to you on behalf of the Government, as well as for myself, sincerest sympathy in your time of sorrow. 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 boy has laid down the earthly weapons of his warfare 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 fellow countrymen. 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 ~~Our~~ Great Father of us all may give you of his love and comfort at this time.

Believe me to be,

Yours sympathetically,

Mr. Moses Spurrell,  
Randem, T.B.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 1745

Extract of Daily Orders part 11, from 1st Newfoundland  
Regiment, 3rd Echelon.G.H.Q., February 3, 1917.

GRAVE SITE.

#1745 Pte. R. Spurrell.

Died of Wounds 4/1/17. Buried St. Sever Cemetery Extension  
Rouen, Grave No. 67. (Report Grand Quevilly 1/36).

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March 11th. 1918.

Mrs Moses Spurrell,  
Butler's Cove,  
Random, T.B.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$108.10,  
being the balance of the estate of the late Pte.  
R. Spurrell, payable to you as Administrator. I  
also enclose Letters of Administration.

Yours faithfully,

Cant. & Paymaster &  
Officer i/c Records.

Enclosures 2.

JH.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$108<sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 1918

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of One hundred eight <sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars.  
on account of Pay. Estate  
balance

Ch. No. 1585	Initials. aw.
Pay Ledger 95	Initials. [Signature]
Gen. Ledger 67	Initials. [Signature]

Regtl. No. Rank

[Handwritten mark]

**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.

*June* 1922

(75)

I beg to acknowledge receipt of

Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of

the late No. *1745* Rank *Plt.*

Name *Richard Spurrell*

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

R

*Mrs Moses Spurrell* *XX*  
(Sgd.)

Relationship.

Address *Butter Cove G. Bay*

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Number of Sheet. 1

Signature of O. C. Company [Signature]

Regiment of 1st Newfoundland

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4A.  
 46-48, W. 40/72/24 1000m 6/1888 53 56

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
No.		Age on	20 years 5 months	Tisherman					
1745	R. Spurrell	Place and Date of Enlistment	27 July 1917	Religion					
		Period of	(with Colours) 1 1/2 years. (with Regt) 1 3/4 years.	Place of Birth					
		Joined	Date	Hearts Case					
		Joined	Date						
		Joined	Date						
		Joined	Date						
Place	Rank	Date of Offence	OFFENCE						
			Died of Wounds 4/77						

To be carried over