

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 1973 Name Richard H. Taylor Corps _____

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Richard H. Taylor</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address?..... | 2. <u>5 Morse Street</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>yes</u> |
| 4. What is your Age?..... | 4. <u>21</u> Years..... <u>19</u> Months. |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling?..... | 5. <u>Quartermaster</u> |
| 6. Are you Married?..... | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? | 7. <u>No</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? | 8. <u>yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? | 9. <u>yes</u> |
| 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. <u>yes</u> |

I, Richard H. Taylor 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 H. Taylor SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Donald W. Gage Signature of Witness.

G. 700.5th 1915

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Richard H. Taylor 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, Newfoundland on this 10th day of November 1915.

Donald W. Gage 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 1915 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: _____

C.R. 1973

Richard H. Taylor was attested for General
Service with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT ON Nov. 8th 1915,
Regimental No. 1973 was allotted to Ptes R.H. TAYLOR.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger;

Dept. of Militia.

March 25th 1919

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Taylor

Christian Name Richard

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County Wiltshire

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>2</u> day of <u>Nov</u> 191 <u>5</u> at <u>St John Wiltshire</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191____ at _____	
Declared Age	<u>21</u> years		_____ years	
Trade or Occupation	_____		_____	
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>8</u> inches	_____ feet	_____ inches
Weight	<u>141</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded... <u>36</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>3</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks {	Right		Right	
	Left <u>3</u>		Left	
When Vaccinated	_____		_____	
Vision	R.E.—V== <u>6/6</u>		R.E.—V== _____	
	L.E.—V== <u>6/6</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 Paterson</u>		_____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	
Enlisted	at <u>St John</u> on <u>2</u> day of <u>Nov</u> 191 <u>6</u>		at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191____	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1st Wiltshire</u>	<u>1973</u>	_____	_____
Transferred to	_____		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____		_____	
(Signature)	_____		_____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	

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Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.: Examination for Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or prolongation of Service; Issue of Medical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
Nov. 24/16	1 st Inoculation
" 20/15	2 nd " "
24-12-16	Vaccinated
19-6-16	Fit for Foreign Service H.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
<i>St. Johns R'ld</i>					

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PROMOTION.

Regimental Order.

By Lt. Col. Sir W. E. Davidson, Officer Commanding.

The Lt. Col. has been pleased to approve the following appointment.

"F" Company.

To be Lance Corporal,

Pte. R. Taylor.

(to date from 17th December.) 1915.

REGIMENTAL NO. 1473

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,
6 George V., Chapter IV.

Signed W. Maylor

Witness James [unclear]

Dated at Apr
1916

Regiment or corps *New Zealand*
 No. *1973* Rank *Private* Name *Taylor R H*
 Died *(Intestate)* at *France* on the *14* of *April* 191*7*
 Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191*7*

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>1st 17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>7</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>11</i>	<i>7</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£				£		
		<i>18</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>7</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>7</i>

Alc.
 18/4/18
 CHECKED

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 _____ 191*7* Paymaster _____

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be submitted 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.

May 13,

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Dear Sir,

I regret to have to inform you that a report has this day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that

No. 1973, Private Richard H. Taylor,

has been posted as **missing April 14th.**

Should any further information be received concerning him, such information will be at once communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. F. Taylor,

5 Maxse St.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 1973

Extract of Communication received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated October 15, 1917.

#1973 Pte. H.R. Taylor.

Posted as "Missing" 14/4/17. and presumed Dead for
official purposes 17/11/17.

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November 8, 1917.

Dear Sir,

It is with very deep regret that I have to intimate to you that a report has now been received from the Newfoundland Pay and Record Office, London, to the effect that those men of the First Newfoundland Regiment who were reported missing on April 14, 1917, are now believed to have been killed in that fateful action.

I fully realize all that this means to you. Your gallant son George, one of the bravest and most fearless in the Regiment, had already laid down his life in defence of the Empire, yet your two sons, Richard and Frederick, did not falter, but came forward with quiet determination to carry on the work which their heroic brother had not been able to complete.

While our hearts mourn the loss of our bravest and our best, yet one cannot but feel proud that we have families that are able to produce such noble men, and that the quiet of years of peace has not stifled the sense of honour, the spirit of manhood or devotion to country which inspired our ancestors. You as a father, and Newfoundland as a Colony, may well feel proud of the three splendid heroes who unselfishly gave their lives in this fight of the oppressed against the oppressor.

In your great sorrow I desire to express to you and to your family, on behalf of the Government as well as for myself personally, the most sincere sympathy

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Let me assure you that the hearts of the whole community go out to you and yours at this your time of sorrow.

I am able to sympathize with you all the more deeply, and join with you in your sorrow the more intimately, because a number of those nearest and dearest to my own life have given their all on the fields of France and Flanders.

May He who is the Lord of the whole earth, as well as the Great Father of us all, give to you at this time of your bereavement His comfort and His peace.

Sincerely yours,

Colonial Secretary.

E. F. Taylor, Esq.,
5 Maxse Street.

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

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I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 1973 Rank Plt
Name Richard H. Taylor
Royal Newfoundland Regt. R. H. Taylor (Sgd.)
Father Relationship.
Address 5th Water St

SF 28 1921.

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

Mr. E.F. Taylor (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 1973 Rank Pte.

Name Richard H. Taylor Royal Nfld. Regt.
No.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received _____

Signature E.F. Taylor

Date October 12/21

Address 5 Main St

[P.T.O.]

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

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Regiment or Corps 21st Indpd Regt Regimental Number 4978
 Rank Plt Surname Jaylor Christian Name Richard N
 Religion Methodist Age on Enlistment 21 years 10 months.
 Enlisted (a) Nov. 8/15 Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) June 19/16
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Extended () Re-engaged (June 19/16) Qualification (b) 20 NOV 1917
 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. 103, Army Form A. 85, 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. 103, Army Form A. 85, or other official documents
		Embarked <u>Reception</u>			<u>25 6 16</u>
		Disembarked... <u>Reception</u>			<u>26 6 16</u>
		Joined Battalion	<u>12 JUL 1916</u>		
	<u>88 FA.</u>	<u>Admitted Gonorrhoea trans</u>	<u>36 CCS</u>	<u>3-11-16</u>	<u>ED 5374</u>
	<u>36. 688.</u>	<u>Admitted Gonorrhoea trans</u>	<u>36 CCS</u>	<u>4-11-16</u>	<u>ED 5385</u>
			<u>With SATT</u>	<u>25. 6. 17</u>	
	<u>14. 6. 17</u>	<u>Ad. Gonorrhoea</u>		<u>28. 2. 17</u>	<u>ED 1038</u>
<u>25. 3. 17</u>	<u>to</u>	<u>discharged to duty</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>7. 3. 17</u>	<u>ED 1540</u>
<u>5 APR 1917</u>	<u>OC. Bn.</u>	<u>MISSING</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>5 APR 1917</u>	<u>B 213</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 will be entered.
 (b) Signaller, Shoening-smith, & Co.
 (B09150) W 15012-513 J. P. & Co., Ltd. Forms/B103A. [P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Number of Sheet 1

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Regiment of 21st Newfoundland

Signature of O. C. Company [Signature]

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	
No.	<u>R. Taylor</u>	Age on	<u>21</u> years	<u>Accountant</u>	
Joined	<u>1973</u>	months	<u>19</u>	Religion	
Joined	<u>1973</u>	Place and Date of Enlistment	<u>St. John's</u>	Place of Birth	<u>Newfoundland</u>
Joined	<u>1973</u>	Period of	<u>10.10.1975</u>	Place of Birth	<u>St. John's</u>
Joined	<u>1973</u>	with Colours	<u>3 1/2</u> years	Place of Birth	<u>St. John's</u>
Joined	<u>1973</u>	with Reserve	<u>3 1/2</u> years	Place of Birth	<u>St. John's</u>

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>17 June</u>	<u>Apr 1944</u>	<u>Left.</u>		<u>I. Cheat for Tobacco under midnight 16.6.16</u> <u>II Cheat for Tobacco under 11.30 PM 15.6.16</u> <u>III Cheat for tobacco on parade</u> <u>Missing 14/17</u>	<u>Cpl Sheers</u> <u>Cpl Sheers</u> <u>Cpl Hayes</u>	<u>Forfeit 3 days</u> <u>Forfeit 3 days</u> <u>Forfeit 3 days</u>	<u>17.6.16</u>	<u>St. O.C.</u> <u>Unit Officer</u>	<u>Forfeit 3 days</u> <u>Forfeit 3 days</u> <u>Forfeit 3 days</u>

To be carried over