



4 THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT /

ATTESTATION OF

No. 4974

Name John Cairns

Corps CofC

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. John Cairns             |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. Great James Highway Bay |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. Yes                     |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. 19 Years .....          |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. Stationer               |
| 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, John Cairns 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.

9-5-18

John Cairns

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, John Cairns 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 9 day of May 1918

Signature of Attesting Officer

Asdicks Lieut

†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 compiled with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the .....

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date May 9 1918

Place St. John's

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, 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) .....



The Rectory, C.R. 4974  
Pushthrough,

January 28, 1919.

Dear Sir,

Mr. John Cairnes, of Great Jervis,  
Hermitage Bay, has asked me to say, in reply  
to your letter of Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 1918, asking for particulars  
of the grave of his son No. 4974, Private John Cairnes,

1. The grave is in the C. E. Cemetery, Pushthrough.
2. No Headstone of any kind has been erected.

Yours faithfully,

Wm. Hall

Lieut. Col.

W. F. Rendell,

Chief Staff Officer.

Department of Militia.

St. John's.

C.R. 4974

Dec.. 30th, 1918

Mr. John Caines,  
Jerveis,  
Hermitage Bay

Dear Sir:-

The Army Council have requested that they may be furnished with particulars of the Graves of all Officers Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men of His Majesty's Forces, raised in any part of the British Empire, who died in the Overseas Dominions during the present War. I should be glad, therefore, if you would inform me of the following particulars concerning No. 4974, Private John Caines:-

- 1..... Location of Grave (for example: Methodist Cemetery, Carbinear)
- 2..... Whether the Grave has been temporarily or permanently marked, that is, what kind of Headstone, ~~has any~~ has been erected.

A reply to this letter at your earliest convenience would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Lient. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

C.R. 4974  
Counter No.

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**(NOT TRANSMITTED)**

Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address Dept of Militia.

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated

June 6th 1891

To

John Gaines, Jervis, Hermitage Bay

Kindly advise wishes as to disposal of body of your son  
body embalmed and coffined.

W.F. Rendell, Lieut.Col.

C.S.O.

for Minister of Militia





C.R. 4974

**THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
**HEADQUARTERS**

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*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

November 6th/16 191

**From: Officer Commanding,  
Depot.**

**To : D.O.C., Newfoundland,  
Militia Department.**

4974, Pte. John S. Caines(Deceased)

Reference attached memo from Deputy Minister of Justice concerning above named soldier. The only record of effects that we have at the Depot is a receipt for a watch and \$1.36 from Depot to Paymaster. We have no record of a suit case or quantity of ~~with~~ civilian clothes being received at the Depot.

It was not till the end of August that the Inventory system was adopted whereby a correct record was kept of all a man's clothing and personal effects.

With regard to this special case of Pte. Caines'. It is quite likely that the articles mentioned were not in barracks at all but were left at some Boarding House in town.

*R.H. Lait*

Captain,  
O.C. Depot.

RHT/TJW

4974

John S Camier

John Camier  
Great Jones  
Hermitage Bay

1 Suit Case

1 quantity civilian clothes  
inclg 2 new suits

~~at \$5.~~ not returned

Dec June 5<sup>th</sup> . 1816

C.R.

C.R. 4974

July 23, 1918.

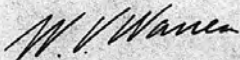
Mr. John Caines,  
Great Jervois,  
Hermitage Bay.

Dear Mr. Caines:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you through "Register Post" one Watch, which belonged to your son the late #4974 Pte. John Caines of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Trusting you will receive same in good condition, I am,

Yours sincerely,



Lieut.  
for Lieut.Col.C.S.O.



C.R. 4974

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal  
Nfld. Regt. St. John's, dated June 6th, 1918.

#4974 Pte. G. Caines.

Died at General Hospital, St. John's, on June 5th 1918.  
Struck off the strength from that date.



C.R. 4974

**THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
**HEADQUARTERS**

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

June 6th., 1918.

From O. C.  
Depot.

To D. O. C.  
Militia Department.

Sir:-

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Above noted man died at the General Hospital last night of Phneumonia. Casualty was reported to Orderly Officer last night by D. M. S.

Pending instructions regarding disposal of body Mr. John C. Oke, Undertaker, has been asked to take charge of body and will have same embalmed and coffined.

I have the honor to be,

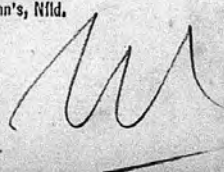
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Casualty office*  
*For further information*  
*See*



*Attest*  
Ass't Adjutant  
Depot The Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
St. John's, Nfld.



C.P. 4974  
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Dated **June 6th, 1918**

To **Church of England Minister or School Teacher, Jervois  
Hermitage Bay.**

Regret to inform you that No. 4974, Private John Gaines died at General Hospital of measles complicated by pneumonia June 5th please inform next of kin.

**W.F. Rendell, Lieut. Col.**

**Chief Staff Officer**

**for Minister of Militia.**

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Dated June 5th . 1918.

To  
John Cains Esq.  
Jervis. Hermitage Bay.

Regret to inform you that your son Private 4974  
John Cains is dangerously ill at the General Hospital  
St. John's, suffering from pneumonia.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately  
wire you and trust that next report will show his con-  
dition improved.

Lieut. Colonel  
for Minister of Militia.

FOR TYPEWRITER

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal 22<sup>d</sup>.  
Regt. St. John's, dated May 10, 1918.

#4974 Pte. J. Caines.

Attested for General Service with the Royal 22<sup>d</sup>. Regt.  
from 9.5.18



Depot 4974

November 8th/18

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RHT/TJW

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LINEN BOND

UNRECORDED

July 16th, 1916

From Asst. Adjutant,  
Depot

To Quartermaster,  
Depot

Herewith please find effects of deceased  
soldiers, as follows:

5367	Pts.	G. Fudge	Purse, contg.	\$2.78
4912	"	J. Osbourne		14.39
4864	"	G. Dave	\$3.50	
8580	"	E. Sims	1 only watch,	and chain
4974	"	J. Caines	1 " "	and \$1.36
5471	"	V. Hall	1 " "	and chain and \$13.68.

Kindly sign enclosed receipt.

LINEN BOND

June 6th.,

8.

From O. G.  
Depot.

To Paymaster & Officer i/o Records,  
Department of Militia.

4974 Pts. J. Gaines.

Above noted man died at St. John's General Hospital on night 5-6-18. I send herewith papers on file in connection with him at Depot. His account has been squared on Company Pay Books up to, and including 5-6-18, and he has a Credit Balance of seventeen dollars and eighty-cents (\$17.80) which amount is now transferred to your department for transmission to his next of kin.

He has an allotment of sixty cents (60¢) per day current from June 1st.

INVINCIBLE

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4974

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*PK.  
CDD*

*W. W. L.*  
Ass't Adjutant  
Depot The Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
St. John's, Nfld.

204424

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

*The Royal Nfld. Regt.*

*Dept. of Militia,*

*ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.*

7d: Nfld. Militia

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's,

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>

1921  
ADMN  
ST. JOHN'S  
SEP 10  
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NEWFND

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services  
the late No. 4974, Rank AC

Name John Cairnes

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

John Cairnes (Sgd.)

(Father) Relationship.

Address Great-ferrie via Pushthrough

Reg. No. 4974 Rank Pt Name Carnes John  
 Attested \_\_\_\_\_ Address Great James St. B.  
 Allotment 6a Allottee Mrs John Carnes (Mother)  
 Date of Allotment 1-6-18 Returned from Overseas \_\_\_\_\_  
 Embarked for Overseas \_\_\_\_\_ Cause \_\_\_\_\_

<u>10<sup>5</sup>/<sub>16</sub></u>	<u>Vacc.</u>		
<u>14<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub></u>	<u>Ad. General Hosp.</u>	<u>Pneumia throat glands.</u>	
		<u>Died at General Hospital St. Johns 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> Do 599</u>	
<u>18-5-16</u>	<u>Adm. Barracks</u>	<u>Hosp.</u>	<u>Gen.</u>
<u>27-5-16</u>	<u>Drooping</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>light dry.</u>
<u>31-5-16</u>	<u>Re-adm.</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>cool</u>

From 5-6-18

Record of Deaths.

11974 Pte J. Barnes  
Great Lewis.

Died General Hospital 5-6-18  
of Pneumonia. Body capped  
and embalmed by J.B. O'Ke.

Funeral to Railway Station

11-6-18. Body sent to  
Great Lewis - via Rushborough.

C.R. 4974

Jan. 4th, 1920

Rev. U.G. Vivian,  
St. Thomas' Rectory  
Pushthrough.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21st Dec. regarding a letter addressed to this Dept. by you some time ago in relation to the gravestone of the late No. 4974 Pte. John Caines.

I might state that the letter referred to by you was not received by this Department; and I now beg to inform you in reply to your enquiry that a headstone will be furnished for erection over the grave of Pte. Caines. This stone will be engraved with the Rank, Name, Regiment, etc. of the soldier, and on the bottom will be inscribed the inscription chosen by his parents. When further particulars regarding this stone have been received, I shall duly notify his next of kin

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer



C.R. 4974

ST. THOMAS' RECTORY,

PUSHTHROUGH,

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1920

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I forwarded a letter to you in reference to a tombstone for

John Snook Leames who died in St. Thomas Gen. Hospital June 5<sup>th</sup> 1918 and whose body was brought here to Pushthrough for burial.

We have so far heard nothing of that letter. Will you please inform me as to whether the Militia Dept. will supply the stone or not?

Very truly yours

W. Swain

4974  
~~2829~~  
C.R.

April 27th, 1921

Secretary,  
Board of Pension Commissioners

Dear Sir:-

Herewith, please, copy of letter from  
Mr. John Gaines, Great Jervois, Fortuna, with respect  
to the matter of pension. Will you be good enough  
to look into his case and reply to him direct.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

C.R.

4974

April 27th, 1921

Mr. John Caines,  
Gt. Jervis,  
Pushthrough, Fortuna

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 9th has been received and duly noted. In reply I might state, with reference to the permanent memorial to be erected over the grave of No. 4974 Pte. John Caines, that the Government has decided to pay the cost of the personal inscriptions, and no charge will be made against you in this connection. The memorials to be erected in Newfoundland have not yet been forwarded, no definite information is at hand as to when they might be expected; but just as soon as this Dept. learns anything further in this respect, you will immediately be notified.

With reference to the part of your letter regarding pension matters, I beg to say that copy of your letter has been passed to the Board of Pension Commissioners, with request that they look into your case and reply to you direct.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,  
CHIEF STAFF OFFICER

Newfoundland Customs.

4974

Port of Gaulois June 27<sup>th</sup> 1923.

W. F. Mendell Esq.,

Chief-Staff Officer,

Dear Sir,

I have received your communication in reference to the grave of Pte. J. Gains, and have arranged with Mr. John Rowsell, Sub-Collector, at Pouchtrough who will attend to the matter. If you would kindly send the stone direct to Pouchtrough in care of Mr. Rowsell, it would prevent delay.

I have the honour

to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W<sup>m</sup>. R. Andrews J.P.

July 3 23

Wm.R.Andrews Esq. J.P.

Gaultois.

Dear Sir, I thank you for your letter of June 27th,  
concerning the grave of #4974 Pte.J.Gaines, Pushthrough.

The headstone is being shipped, immediately, to Pushthrough,  
and trust it arrive intact.

The attached may be of service to the contractor, and will  
give the measurements of the curb.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would undertake to  
have this work finished as soon as possible.

Faithfully yours,

Lieut.Col.

Chief Staff Officer.



July 14 23

Wm.R.Andrews Esq. J.P.

Gaultois.

Dear Sir, With reference to our letter of July 3rd, re attached instructions, we find that we were wrongly advised concerning the quantity of lumber and cement needed, and are enclosing a corrected copy for your information.

Faithfully yours,

Lieut.Col.  
Chief Staff Officer.



4974

# Newfoundland Customs.

Port of Rushthrough Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1923

To Staff Colonel Rendell  
Militia Department  
St John's

Dear Sir

I am sending  
you enclosed herewith bills of material  
and labour for the completing of the  
concrete frame around the grave of no 4974  
Private John Bains. You communicated with  
Mr Andrews of Gaultois about this work  
but he being unable to manage it, living  
so far away, asked me to do it for him  
(and ~~which~~ he no doubt informed you of his doing so)  
I am sorry this work was so long in action  
but I couldn't get anybody to take the  
work in hand before. I have followed  
your instructions concerning the

# Newfoundland Customs.

Port of \_\_\_\_\_

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concreting and thinks the job will be satisfactory. About half a barrel of cement was left over but if I can sell it before it gets spoiled I will return the money. Trusting everything will be to your approval.

I remain

Yours truly

John Rowsell  
Sub collector

NOTICE is hereby given that this Company does not undertake to carry any freight whatsoever for delivery at any of the flag stations or at any other stations along the line of Railway, or at any other place, unless the same is specifically provided for in the contract of carriage, and the responsibility of the Company for the safety and care of the delivery of the freight received by them shall cease when the said freight has been landed on the platform at such station, or put over the wharf to be taken into any boat, vessel or truck, or other usual place of landing at such place, to any station or port at which there are no warehousing facilities, or under other circumstances, when there is an agent of the Company at that point or not, after the freight is landed at such station or port.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**—A charge of not less than \$1.00 per car per day, or fraction thereof, will be made when cars are delayed beyond forty-eight hours loading or unloading.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE.**—See that your freight is properly marked and avoid loss or miscarriage of goods. Ask for circular instructions re marking freight.

Form 352

1300

# SHIPPING BILL

[REVISED MAY 1st, 1917.]

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## THE REID NEWFOUNDLAND COMPANY, LIMITED, RAILWAY DEPARTMENT

This Company will not be responsible for any Goods mis-sent, unless they are consigned to Stations or Ports of Call on their System. Rates, Weights and Quantities entered on receipt of Shipping Notes are not binding on the Company.

St. Johns Date July 5 1920

RECEIVED from Dept. of Militia

the undermentioned Property, in apparent good order, addressed to

4974 Pt. J. Barnes  
Phalthrough

to be sent by the said Company, subject to the terms and conditions stated hereon and the otherside hereof and agreed to by the Shipping Note delivered to the Company at the time of giving this Receipt therefor.

No. of Packages and Species of Goods	Marks	Weight, Lbs.	Charges
1 Headstone		60	

WILSON'S MARK

Freight may be carried on the decks of steamers at the Company's option and freight so carried shall be carried at the owner's risk.

Attention is called to the special contract above mentioned and printed on the other side of the Shipping Bill.

R. DUFF

Agent.

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December 17th., 1923.

James Roberts Esq.,  
Pushthrough, F.B.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith cheque drawn in your favour for \$12.00 in settlement of account with this Department.

Enclosed please find receipt which you will kindly sign and return to this Office.

Again thanking you for your assistance in this important work and assuring you that the same is appreciated by this Department,

I have the honour to be,

Yours very truly,

Officer i/c Records, Lieut.

December 17th., 1923.

Jacob Garland Esq.,  
Pushthrough, F.B.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith cheque drawn in your favour for \$1.50 in settlement of account with this Department.

Kindly sign the enclosed receipt and return to this Office, please.

Yours very truly,

Lient.  
Officer i/c Records.

December 17th., 1923.

Thomas Garland Esq.,  
Gaultois, F.B.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith cheque drawn in your favour for \$13.00 in settlement of account with this Department.

Kindly sign the enclosed receipt and return to this Office, please.

Yours very truly,

Lieut.  
Officer i/c Records.



December 17th., 1923.

Estate of John E. Lake,  
Pushthrough. F.B.

Sirs,

I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith cheque drawn in your favour for \$2.48 in settlement of account with this Department.

Kindly sign the enclosed receipt and return to this Office, please.

Yours very truly,

Lieut.  
Officer i/s Records.

December 17th., 1925.

John Abbott Esq.,  
Pushthrough, F.B.  
Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in enclosing herewith  
cheque drawn in your favour for \$4.06 in settlement of account  
with this Department.

Enclosed please find receipt which you will  
kindly sign and return to this Office.

Yours very truly,

Lieut.  
Officer i/c Records.



December 17th., 1923.

Albert Cook Esq.,

Gaultois. F.B.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find cheque drawn in your  
favour for \$1.80 in settlement of account with this Department.

Kindly sign the enclosed receipt and return  
to this Office, please.

Yours very truly,

Lieut.  
Officer i/c Records.