



First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 408

Name in full Thomas Joseph Hackett, Age 23.

Address 18 Holloway St., St. John's,

Married S. Height 5' 5" Weight 152.

Single
Color Flesh, Hair Light Brown, Eyes Blue.

Other distinguishing marks Scar on Right cheek.

Nearest relative Mother, (Elizabeth)

Address 18 Holloway St.,

Dependents None.

Occupation Telegraph Operator, Present Wage 14.00 per month

Previous service _____

Decorations _____

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment _____

I, Thomas Joseph Hackett, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty and that I will faithfully serve His Majesty in any place where I may be needed (or in the Colony of Newfoundland as the case may be) against all his enemies and opposers whatsoever according to the conditions of my service.

Thos Hackett

Declared before me this first day
of October 1914

J. J. March

Sept. 8th
31st

J. J. Hackett

408

P. T. R. O.



674

This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (1)
H. F. 1914

In the spaces below should be entered the findings in the routine of examination set forth in the Appendix. Care should be exercised that each finding be entered after the number below which corresponds to the number of that test.

Examination of *Hackett Thomas Joseph*

aged *23* conducted at

Date: *3/10/14.* Recruiting Officer:

NO. OF TEST	FINDING
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- 1 *no*
- 2 *no*
- 3 *no*
- 4 *no*
- 5 *no*
- 6 *no*
- 7 *no*
- 8 *yes*
- 9 *yes*
- 10 *no*
- 11 *N*
- 12 *N*
- 13 *N*
- 14 *N*
- 15 *N*
- 16 *N*
- 17 *N*
- 18 *N*
- 19 *N*
- 20 *N*
- 21 *N*
- 22 *N*
- 23 *N*
- 24 *N*
- 25 *N*
- 26 *N*
- 27 *N*
- 28 *N*
- 29 *N*
- 30 *N*
- 31 *N*
- 32 *N*

408

three years ago.

5 ft 7 1/2 in
139 lbs

35 - 38

35 in mouth

Mother Elizabeth Hackett 15 Holloway St

Cluny Macpherson M.D.

Signature of Medical Examiner:

1-4
408

EXTRACT FROM CAMP ORDERS BY MAJOR R. DE H. BURTON,
COMMANDING FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
NOVEMBER 30th, 1914.

4. No. 408, Pte, T. Hackett having been
declared illegally absent and deficient
of kit by Court of Enquiry from 31st.
October, 1914, is struck off the strength
of the Regiment accordingly.
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DEC 7 1914

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

FROM PAY DEPARTMENT,

Post Office

St. John's, Nov. 15th 1914

To *Capt. H. St. Dimeville*

Paymaster

SUBJECT

Allotment No 476

Thomas Joseph Hackett

Private T. Hackett, Regt. No. 408, has deserted from the Regiment. He has allotted to Mrs E. Hackett, 18 Holloway Street, St. John's. Four dollars (4⁰⁰) per week.

Please instruct Regimental Office at St. John's to stop further payments.

*J. H. Marshall
Pay Dept.*

*Recd
18/11/14*



Proceedings on Discharge.

(When forwarded for confirmation the documents named on page 4 should be enclosed.)

No. <u>408</u>	Army Rank <u>Pk</u>
Name <u>Hacker, B 28</u> <small>(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)</small>	
Corps _____	
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c. _____ <small>(If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve or Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, &c., or to General Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)</small>	
Date of discharge _____	
Place of discharge _____	
1. Description at the time of discharge.	
Age _____ years _____ months Height _____ feet _____ inches Chest measure- { girth when fully expanded _____ ins. } range of expansion _____ ins. Complexion _____ Eyes _____ Hair _____ Trade _____ Intended place of residence { _____ (To be given as fully as practicable) { _____	Descriptive marks.
<small>(The measurements and description should be carefully taken on the day the man leaves his unit, but in the case of men sent home from abroad for discharge, the age and intended place of residence should be left blank to be filled in by the Officer who confirms the discharge at home.)</small>	
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of _____ _____ _____	
<small>(The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the discharge certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the No. and date of the letter to be quoted.)</small>	
3. Military character :— _____	
4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations :— _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	
Certified that the above is an accurate copy of the character given by me on Army Form B. 2067* and that Army Form D. 489 was awarded in this case.	
Initials of Commanding Officer. _____	
Army Form B. 2088 has been issued to* _____	

To be filled in on the soldier quitting the Colours.

(1)

PAY LIST.

to Oct 31 1914. Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps 1st New South Wales Regt.
 No. 408 Rank Private Name T. Kachett
 Died at on the 31st of October 1914.
 Deserted at on the 31st of October 1914.

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.....			13 1/2
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at , from to.....			
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay			
	191				days at from to.....			
	"				Messing allowance days at			
	"				from to			
	"				Clothing and kit allowance			
	<i>Allotment paid to No 20 lit. 70 days @ 4⁰⁰/week 112⁰⁰</i>				Amount produced by the sale of Necessaries			
	Consolidated stoppage			29 4	Personal Clothing and Effects from Form 2...			
	Balance due by the Paymaster			13 1/2	Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
		£		13 1/2	Deferred Pay or Gratuity.....			
					Balance due to the Paymaster.....			13 1/2
						£		13 1/2
								29 4

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 29 4 is correctly chargeable against the Public.

Dated at this day of



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PAYMASTER & Receiver

(a) Here state whether the soldier died testate or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War-Offices with A.F.B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.
(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

WORCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY.

TEL. NO. 21. COUNTY POLICE STATION,



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Sir, ~~or Madam,~~ Re Capt. Thomas Hackett
N^o. 409, Newfoundland
Regiment.

At 11.15 pm on Saturday 9th inst.
the above named soldier
surrendered to the police here,
and stated that he was an absentee
or deserter from Colwall Military
Hospital, near Malvern, since
the 24th April last. On that
date he states he should have
returned to his Depot in Victoria
Street, London, he states he
enlisted in September 1914.

He is 24 years of age, 5 feet 5½

inches high, fresh complexion,
dark brown hair, blue eyes, and has
a small blue dot on web of each
thumb.

Please send escort for
him to Bromsgrove.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
John Chace
Superintendent.

Officer Commanding,
Newfoundland Regiment,
London Depot,
Victoria Street,
London.

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SERIALIZED	FILED
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Adm.	
Ans'd.	
File No.	

"A" Form.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C.2121

(in pads of 100).

No. of Message _____

Prefix Code m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent			Date.....
.....	At.....m.		From.....
.....	To.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
.....	By.....		
TO Superintendent Constabulary Brooms Grove Worcestershire				
Sender's Number.	Date of month.	In reply to Number.		AAA
* 150	11/6/17			

Reference	your	letter	tenth	aaa
408	private	Thomas	Joseph	Hackett
deserted	from	Newfoundland		Regiment
at	Salisbury	Plain	31/10/14	aaa
he must	now	belong	to	another
Regiment	aaa	enquire	Colwall	Military
Hospital	Synoptical			

From			
Place			
Time			
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z) 58, Victoria St. S.W.1.	
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		

* This line should be erased if not required.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 5637/1.

From
PAY & RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.
 11th June 1917.

To The Superintendent,
 Worcestershire Constabulary,
 County Police Station,
 Bromsgrove.

SUBJECT: 408, Thomas Joseph Hackett.

REPLY

Reference Nos.

Dated



1917

With further reference to your letter of the 10/6/17: I confirm my telegram of this date:-
 "Reference your letter tenth aaa
 "408 Private Thomas Joseph Hackett
 "deserted from Newfoundland
 "Regiment at Salisbury Plain
 "31/10/14 aaa he must now belong
 "to another regiment aaa enquire
 "Colwall Military Hospital"

Sir
 Thomas Joseph Hackett has a scar on his right cheek and he admits he is the man.

It is thought possible that Hackett may now belong to another regiment. If this is, on enquiry, found to be so, will you kindly communicate with this office, giving the name of his regiment, his exact regimental number and rank?

He now states that his does belong to another Regiment viz: Thomas Murphy S.5472 Rifle Brigade, Manchester. States he joined this Reg^t and gave the name of Thomas Murphy.

Your description of Hackett appears to be similar to the one on the attestation at this office, except that the latter states he has light brown hair and his age in October/1914 was stated to be 23 years.

Has the man in custody a scar on his right cheek?

Yes
 Please send 2/6 each for him.

Please note that his former regimental number was 408.

H. A. Anderson
 2/Lt.
 for Paymaster & O. 1/c. Records.

SEARCHED	<i>John Oberlinth</i>
INDEXED	<i>John Chase</i>
Ret. No.	3066
Rec'd.	JUN 12 1917
Acc'd.	<i>supr</i>
Ans'd.	
File No.	

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C.3121
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message _____

Prefix Code m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent		Service.
.....	At.....m.			From.....
.....	To.....			By.....
.....	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO {	OFFICER	IN	CHARGE	RECORDS
	RIFLE	BRIGADE		

Sender's Name: WINCHESTER	Day of Month: 13/6/17.	In reply to Number:	AAA
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137	55472	Thomas	Murphy
Rifle	absentee	from	Colwall
Military	near	<i>Malvern</i>	now
in	at	Worcestershire	
County	Station	Bromsgrove	kindly
arrange	escort		
	Synoptical.		

From			
Place			
Time			

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

58, Victoria Street, B.W.I.

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Offi cer i/c Records,
Rifbe Brigade,
Winchester.

15th June, 7.

THOMAS JOSEPH HACKETT
alias
THOMAS MURPHY.

I enclose copy of minutes
confirming my telegram despatched
to you this date and showing what
has passed between this office and
the Superintendent of the
Worcestershire Constabulary, for
your attention, please.

For Paymaster & O. i/c Records

5735/2

The Superintendent,
Worcestershire Constb'y,
County Police Court,
Bromsgrove.

HA/NW

15th June, 7.

THOMAS JOSEPH HACKETT

I have to acknowledge receipt of your reply to my minute No. 5637/1 and enclose resume of what has taken place to date.

If the escort does not arrive for Hackett within reasonable time, will you please get into touch with Colwall Military Hospital, as Private Hackett, alias Murphy, does not come under the jurisdiction of this Contingent.

for Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

No. 6053/3.

MEMORANDUM.

HA/RC.

From

PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
88, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

From



To The Superintendent,
Worcestershire Constabulary,
County Police Court,
Bromsgrove.

To The Paymaster Officer
Newfoundland Contingent
Victoria Street
ANSWER. London

Pay and Record Office,

21st June, 1917.

Bromsgrove

22/6 1917

Thomas Joseph Hackett.
alias Thomas Murphy.

Sir,

With reference to my No. 5734/1,
of 13/6/17: Will you please say how
the above man was disposed of?

With reference to Thomas
Joseph Hackett. (alias) Thomas
Murphy, I have to inform
you that he was conveyed
by an escort of the Rifle
Brigade, to Winchester, on
the 15th June 1917.

W. J. Dineen Major,
Paymaster & O. i/c. Records.

A Descriptive Return was
forwarded to the commanding
officer, Rifle Brigade, Winchester,
same date.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
J. M. Chase
Superintendent

1ST N. W. FOUNDLAND & RECORDS
PAY & RECORD OFFICE
Ref. No. 3299
Rec'd. JUN 23 1917
Ack'd.
Ans'd.
File No.

THOMAS JOSEPH HACKETT.

Copy to Govr.

1. Letter 10/6/17 (3024) from the Superintendent Worcestershire Constabulary to the Paymaster & Officer i/c Records, Newfoundland Contingent.

Re S/Cpl. Thomas Hackett, No. 409 Newfoundland Regt.

At 11.15 p.m. on Saturday 9th inst. the above named soldier surrendered to the police here, and stated that he was an absentee or deserter from Colwall Military Hospital, near Malvern, since the 24th April last. On that date he should have returned to his Depot in Victoria Street, London. He states he enlisted in September 1914.

He is 24 years of age, 5 feet 5½ inches high, fresh complexion, dark brown hair, blue eyes, and has a small blue dot on web of each thumb.

Please send escort for him to Bromsgrove.

(Sd.) John Chare.

2. Memo. No. 5637/1, 11/6/17 from Pmr. & O. i/c Rds., Nfld Contgt., to the Superintendent, Worcestershire Constabulary.

With further reference to your letter of the 10/6/17, I confirm my telegram of this date:

"Reference your letter tenth aas Private Thomas Joseph Hackett deserted from Newfoundland Regiment at Salisbury Plain 31/10/14 aas must now belong to another regiment
"aas enquire Colwall Military Hospital."

It is thought possible that Hackett may now belong to another regiment. If this, is, on enquiry, found to be so, will you kindly communicate with this office, giving the name of his regiment, his exact regimental number and rank?

Your description of Hackett appears to be similar to the one on the attestation at this office, except that the latter states he has light brown hair and his age in October 1914 was stated to be 23 years.

Has the man in custody a scar on his right cheek?

Please note that his former regimental number was 408.

3. Reply thereto, 12/6/17 (3066).

Thomas Joseph Hackett has a scar on his right cheek and he admits he is the man.

He now states that he does belong to another regiment viz. Thomas Murphy, S 5472 Rifle Brigade, Winchester. States he joined this Regt. and gave the name of Thomas Murphy.

Please send escort for him.

(Sd.) John Chare. Supt.

4. Telegram No. 137, 13/6/17 to O. i/c Rds., Rifle Brigade, Winchester, from Pmr. & O. i/c Rds., Nfld Contgt.

S5472 Thomas Murphy Rifle Brigade absentee from Colwall Military Hospital near Malvern now in detention at Worcestershire County Police Station Bromsgrove kindly arrange escort.

5. Memo 5734/1, 13/6/17 from Pmr. & O. i/c Rds. Nfld Contgt. to O. i/c Rds. Rifle Brigade.

I enclose copy of minutes confirming my telegram despatched to you this date and showing what has passed between this office and the Superintendent of the Worcestershire Constabulary, for your attention, please.

6. Memo 5735/2, 13/6/17 from P & R.O. to Supt. Worcestershire Constabulary

I have to acknowledge receipt of your reply to my minute No. 5687/1 and enclose resume of what has taken place to date.

If the escort does not arrive for Hackett within reasonable time, will you please get into touch with the Colwall Military Hospital, as Private Hackett, alias Murphy does not come under the jurisdiction of this Contingent.

7. Memo 6053/3, 21/6/17 from P & R.O. to Worcestershire Constabulary

With reference to my No. 5734/1, of 13/6/17: will you please say how the above man was disposed of?

8. Reply thereto, 22/6/17 (3299).

With reference to Thomas Joseph Hackett, alias Thomas Murphy, I have to inform you that he was conveyed by an escort of the Rifle Brigade, to Winchester on the 15th June, 1917.

A descriptive return was forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Rifle Brigade, Winchester, same date.

(Sd.) John Chare.

Subject: Dispensation of Trial.

COPY.

To Headquarters,
No. 7 District,
WARWICK.

Copy to Genl. 13/7/17

I beg to forward the attached particulars of Service of No. S/5472, L/Cpl. Thomas Murphy, Rifle Brigade, who is charged with fraudulent enlistment, and to request that authority may be given for his trial to be dispensed with.

He states that:-

His correct name is Thomas Joseph Hackett.

Enlisted. At St. John's, Newfoundland, in the 1st Newfoundland Contingent, 8th September, 1914, and was allotted Regtl. No. 408.

Deserted 31st October, 1914, soon after arrival in England.

His record shows that:-

Re-enlisted into Rifle Brigade 10th November, 1914.

Posted to Expeditionary Force 19th August, 1915, where he served until 13th September, 1916, being appointed A/Cpl. on 9th February, 1916. He was awarded the Military Medal for services in the Battle of the Somme about 24th August, 1916. He was invalided home suffering from shrapnel wounds.

This N.C.O. absented himself from this Depot on 8.6.17. He states that it was his intention to proceed to London to give himself up at the Headquarters of the Newfoundland Contingent. He got in the wrong train, and having discovered this, left the train at Bromsgrove, where he gave himself up to the Civil Police on 9.6.17. Correspondence attached.

(Sgd) F.M. Sandys-Lumsdaine, Lt.Col.
Sutton Coldfield.
5.6.17.

for Brigadier General,
Commanding, Command Depot.

Extract from A.F. A.46.

Copy to you.
13/7/17

Form of Order dispensing with Trial in cases of Desertion
and Fraudulent Enlistment.

As it appears from the annexed descriptive return that
No. S/5472 .Lce.Corpl. T.J. Murphy of the Rifle Brigade regiment,
has signed a confession of having been guilty of

FRAUDULENT ENLISTMENT.

The (a) General Officer Commanding No. 7 District hereby
dispenses with the trial of the said soldier, with effect from
10th November 1914, and orders that he shall suffer no deduction
from pay, and that he shall be held to serve on his present
Attestation.

Signed at Warwick this Eighth day of July 1917.

(Sgd) G. Steele, Captain,
Staff Captain No. 7 District.

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Hackett, T.

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Ray Dept.

PAY LIST.

to 31st October

1916. Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland
 No. 408 Rank Private Name T. Hackett
 Died (a) at on the of 191
 Deserted at on the 31st of October 1916.

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.
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	"				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				Clothing and kit allowance			
	Allotment paid to Nov. 20/14--21 dys @ 4.00 pr wk = £12.00	2	9	4	Amount produced by the sale of Necessaries			
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		£	2	9	Deferred Pay or Gratuity.....			
					Balance due to the Paymaster.....	1	16	2½
		£	2	9				

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 2 9 4 is correctly chargeable against the Public.

Dated at *St. John's*, *31st* day of *August* 1916.



J. H. Marshall
 PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

The name is Murphy now & he is a
Rifleman & we have no more
responsibility for him

N.F.P/35

But he must be a fine fellow

Pay & Record Officer, when sober

58, Victoria Street, W.S.D.
London, S.W. (1), 10.8.17

1917

13/7.

No 7054

To:

H. B. The General.

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With the compliments of:
PAYMASTER & OFFICER i/c RECORDS.

Extract of Regimental Order dated August 14, 1917.

By Lieut. Col. Sir. W.E. Davidson, K.C.M.G., Officer Comdg.

#408, Pte. Thomas Joseph Hackett, Newfoundland Regiment, who was posted as a deserter on October 31st, 1914, has been traced under the name of Thomas Murphy, under which name he re-enlisted in the Rifle Brigade on November 10th, 1914, and is now a Lance Corporal since February 9th, 1916.

Private Hackett - as Murphy - of the Rifle Brigade, won the Military Medal for distinguished conduct on the Battle of the Somme on August 24th, 1916.

Lance Corporal T. Murphy is no longer a member of the Newfoundland Regiment, but this notice is published to show that he has redeemed his character as a soldier.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

No 6194

Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S. W.,
1917.

To:

Mr. the Governor.
St. John's.

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With the compliments of:
PAYMASTER & OFFICER i/c RECORDS.

THOMAS JOSEPH HACKETT.

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S5472 Thomas Murphy Rifle Brigade absentee from Colwall Military Hospital near Malvern now in detention at Worcestershire County Police Station Bromsgrove kindly arrange escort.

5. Memo 5734/1, 13/6/17 from Pmr. & O. i/c Rds. Nfld Contgt. to O. i/c Rds. Rifle Brigade.

I enclose copy of minutes confirming my telegram despatched to you this date and showing what has passed between this office and the Superintendent of the Worcestershire Constabulary, for your attention, please.

6. Memo 5735/2, 13/6/17 from P & R.O. to Supt. Worcestershire Const

I have to acknowledge receipt of your reply to my minute No. 5637/1 and enclose resume of what has taken place to date.

If the escort does not arrive for Hackett within reasonable time, will you please get into touch with the Colwall Military Hospital, as Private Hackett, alias Murphy does not come under the jurisdiction of this Contingent.

7. Memo 6053/3, 21/6/17 from P & R.O. to Worcestershire Constabulary

With reference to my No. 5734/1, of 13/6/17: will you please say how the above man was disposed of?

8. Reply thereto, 22/6/17 (3299).

With reference to Thomas Joseph Hackett, alias Thomas Murphy, I have to inform you that he was conveyed by an escort of the Rifle Brigade, to Winchester on the 15th June, 1917.

A descriptive return was forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Rifle Brigade, Winchester, same date.

(Sd.) John Chare.

C.R. 408

Captain A. Montgomerie,
Adjutant,
First Newfoundland Regiment.

I annex copies of two letters received from
Captain H.A. Timewell, Paymaster.

- (1) 8th December. Private T. Hackett. This man should be struck off the strength as a Deserter. The Order should be published by you, as Adjutant, in Regimental Orders in the Royal Gazette.
- (2) 10 Dec. Letters concerning Regimental Affairs. Please forward a copy of this letter to the Hon. Secretary of the Finance Committee.

Governor.

24 December, 1914.

(1) Hackett's receipt

(2) Copy to Col Secy for information

(3) Copy to Adjutant (Capt Montgomery) to strike off the strength
as a deserter. The order sh^d be published by you, as

Adjutant, in 1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Regt Order in
the Royal Gazette.

W.E.D.

24.12.14

C.R. 408

RECORD OFFICE

58 VICTORIA STREET

LONDON S.W.

8th. DECEMBER 1914.

LIEUT. COL. SIR W.E. DAVIDSON K.C.M.G.

COMMANDING

1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ST. JOHNS NFLD.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose copy of " Extract
from Camp Orders " 30th. November 1914., and have this
date cabled Captain Montgomery, Deputy Paymaster:

" No.408 Hackett struck off strength
31st. October stop Allotment."

I understand that all efforts to apprehend Hackett
have so far failed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. J. Maxwell

CAPT.

PAYMASTER

21/H.A.T./F.B.

EXTRACT FROM CAMP ORDERS BY MAJOR R. DE H. BURTON,
COMMANDING FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND BATTALION.

NOVEMBER 30th. 1914.

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4. No. 408, Pte. T. Hackett having been declared illegally absent and deficient of kit by Court of Enquiry from 31st. October, 1914, is struck off the strength of the Regiment accordingly.

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7/12/14.

C.R. 408.

Extract from List of Deserters from the Royal Nfld.
Regt.

408 Pte. D. Hackett.

Deserted from Pond Farm Camp, Salisbury Plain, Wilts.
31-10-14.

C.R. 408

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's per S.S.

"Florisel" Oct 4, 1914.

408 Hackett Thos. J.

Thos. J. Hackett was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ...~~Sept.~~ 1914.....
Regimental No. 408 was allotted to Pte T. J. Hackett.

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia;

March 25th. 1919.