



# First Newfoundland Regiment

## ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 531

Name in full William Joseph O'Keefe Age 23

Address 78 Fleeming street

Married Single Height 5.6" Weight 145 lbs.

Color S. Hair dark Eyes blue

Other distinguishing marks tattoo anchor and W. OK on right arm

Nearest relative father Peter

Address as above

Dependents none

Occupation fireman Present Wage 28<sup>00</sup> per mo.

Previous service \_\_\_\_\_

Decorations \_\_\_\_\_

General Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

I, William Joseph O'Keefe, 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.

Declared before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 1914

*Witness for Peter O'Keefe*  
*Witness for O'Keefe*  
*Witness for O'Keefe*

*Wm. O'Keefe*

*Sept 15*

**DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.**

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

Reg.No.521

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Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded        inches.  
 { Range of expansion        inches.

Distinctive marks Hair: Dark, Eyes: Blue

Other distinguishing marks: Tattoo anchor & W.O'K. on right arm

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.**

Name and Address of next of kin Peter O'Keefe, 28 Flemming St., St.John's

| 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.	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

**Particulars as to Children.**

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

**STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.**

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Re-served 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>15/9/14</u>									
Joined at <u>St.John's</u> on <u>15th September '14</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above .. .. .									
Total Service towards Engagement to .. .. . (date of discharge) .. .. . years .. .. . days									
" " " Pension " " " ( " ) .. .. . " .. .. .									

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 (c) Present address. (d) Signature of Officer verifying entry from certificate.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d) Verified from certificate.

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Embarked. S.S. <u>Horizon</u> for <u>16/3/14</u>									
Ret. and entries for <u>6mths 3/2</u>									
Sailed <u>19/20 Sept 15.</u>									
Proceeded to <u>King 16/4</u>									
Embarked Port <u>Aug 14/4</u>									
Embarked to <u>E.F. 20/15</u>									
Landed <u>13/9</u>									
Landed <u>15/7</u>									
Landed <u>22/7</u>									
Missing 1/1916									
Total Service forfeited as above ... ..									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>1-7-16</u> (date of discharge) <u>1</u> years <u>290</u> days									
" " " Pension " " " " " " " "									

**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

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of  
the late No. 521 Rank

Name William Joseph O'Keefe  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Peter J. O. Keefe (Sgd.)  
Father Relationship.

Address 28 Fleming Street

C.R. 521

28 Fleming Street,

27th Feb., 1920.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your communication of the 16th inst., informing me that your Department was not the recipient of an acknowledgement of the 1914 - 15 Star, forwarded to me on the 3rd December, 1919, I beg to state that as there were no details received at the time, I was not aware of the fact that you should be acquainted of its receipt, consequently the matter was overlooked.

I am herewith acknowledging same referred to above.

Yours sincerely,

.....Peter O'Keefe.....

2nd Lieut, H.C. Janes,  
Casualty Officer,  
Dep't of Militia,  
CITY.

m. P.

no. 521

C.R. 521

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28 Fleming Street,  
3rd February, 1920.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your communication forwarding Memorial Scroll, I herewith extend to you my sincerest thanks for same, and beg to state that owing to some unforeseen reason this reply has been delayed.

Again thanking you,

I remain,

*Mr. and Miss. O'Keefe*

Col. W.F. Rendell,  
Dep't of Militia,  
CITY.

November 23rd, 1916.

Dear Sir,

For some time past the Imperial Government have been making enquiries in relation to those men of the First Newfoundland Regiment who have been reported missing since the action of the 1st July. I very much regret to state, however, that from the correspondence which has taken place, a copy of which I enclose, it is evident that none of them are Prisoners of War in Germany, and the authorities are, therefore, reluctantly forced to the conclusion that all these gallant men, whose names are given in the enclosed list, and one of whom was very dear to you, were killed in that fateful action on the 1st of July.

I desire to express to you on behalf of the Government, as well as for myself, the sincerest sympathy in this time of sorrow. We feel the loss of our loved ones, but it will, no doubt, be some consolation to you to think that he, for whom you now mourn, willingly answered the call of King and Country, did his part nobly, and fell, facing the foe, in defence of the principles of Righteousness, Truth and Liberty. Though he has laid down the earthly weapons of warfare, he now wears the Soldier's Crown of Victory, and his name will be inscribed upon the Glorious Roll of Honor, and be held in fragrant memory by all his fellow-countrymen. When the victory is won, and Peace again reigns upon the earth, it will be a comforting thought to you that in this glorious achievement he bore no small part.

I trust that you may have the Grace and consolation of the Great Father of us all at this time.

With sincere sympathy,

Believe me to be,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Peter O'Keefe,  
28 Fleming Street.



C.R. 521

# 521 O'KEEFE W. ✓

EXTRACT OF CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED FROM THE P & R O 7.11.16.

"REPORTED MISSING JULY 1.1916."

31st July, 1916

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. 521

Private William J. O'Keefe

has been posted as Missing.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Peter O'Keefe,  
28 Fleming Street.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 521

Extract of "casualties" received from Pay & Record Office, 10  
London, dated July 31, 1916.

(Extract from Army Form B. 510 from C.C. Field. Regt.  
dated 1/7/16.)

#521 Pte. W. O'Keefe, A.Co.,

missing 1/7/16. ✓

C.R. 521

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Extract from Nominal Roll Co. 1st. Bn. Nfld. Regt.  
Embarked, at Devenport for Active Service 20-8-15

Disembarked Alexandria, 31-8-15, Proceeded to Abbassia,  
Cairo, same date. Embarked ~~for~~ Alexandria for Gallipoli  
13-9-15.

521 Pte. W.O'Keefe



C.R. 521

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

"Florizel" Oct/3//4.1914.

521 O'Keefe WM.J.



C.R. 521

William O'Keife was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ... Sept. 15th-14.  
Regimental No 521. was allotted to Pte. William O'Keife.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland

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Regimental No. C.R. 521 Rank Pte. Name W. O'Keefe

Enlisted (a) Oct 2/14 Terms of Service (a) Duration of war Service reckons from (a) Oct 2/14

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

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

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 St. John's, NFLD.		3.10.14	
		Disembarked Alexandria		1.9.15	
		Embarked for Gallipoli		13.9.15	
		Embk'd Port Suez		14.3.16	
		Disembk'd MARSEILLES		22.3.16	
11.7.16	Unit	Unit Awarded Medal No. 1 Distinguished Service Medal Missing	Lieutenant Lance	12.5.16 7 JUL 1916	01810. 20.5. 16 (188) B 213.

COPY SENT TO  
O.C. H.Q.  
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.  
279  
NOV 1917

*Joseph*  
Lieut.  
MAJOR FOR  
O. i/c No. 1 Reg. Infantry Section  
G.H.Q.. 3rd Echelon

(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, Shooing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. [P.T.O.]

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Number of Sheet \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of O. C. Company *L. J. Carthy*

Regiment of \_\_\_\_\_

Printed and Sold by Gale & Polden, Ltd., Wellington Works, Aldershot. 2/6 per 100.20,712-s.

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay
No.		Age on	years months		
521	O'Keefe J.W.	19		Tailor	
Joined	Date	Date of Enlistment		Religion	
		15/9/14		R.C.	
Joined	Date	Period of	with Colours 1 290 years.		
Joined	Date		with Reserve 365 years.		

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
Bustard	1914 22 Nov	Pte		Absent + out of bounds from Nov 22 to Nov 23	Sgt Clare	5 days CC	24/11/14	Major Burlon	Forfeit 2 days pay under R.C. with cloth
Jnt George	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pte		Malmigning + not parading for inoculation	Lieut Wakefield	2 days CB	15/12/14	Capt Carthy	
Jnt George	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pte	1	Drunk + disorderly striking NCO	Sgt Gardner Pte Vail Sgt Clare	96 hrs detention	13/12/14	Lt Col Burston	cloth
Jnt George	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pte		Absent from 9.15 am parade until 9.30 pm Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cpl Newman Sgt McConnell	4 days CB	24/12/14	Lt Col Burston	Forfeit 4 days pay under R.C. with cloth
Inverness	1915 2 Jan	Pte		Absent from tattoo till 2 p.m. Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cpl Munro Sgt Boyle	7 days CB Fined 1/3	7/1/15	Lt Col Burston	Forfeit 5 days pay under R.C. with cloth
Jnt George	9 Jan	Pte	2 3	Drunk in Inverness Drunk + creating a disturbance in barracks after lights out Topps carried over	Sgt McLeod Sgt Seward Cpl Newman Cpl Churchill	72 hrs detention	9/1/15	Lt Col Burston	cloth
				Missing 1/16					

Army Form B. 121.

Brought forward

Edinburgh	11/3/15	Pte.	Absent from parade 9 am.	Cpl. Greene	2 days C.B.	11/3/15	Lieut. R.H. Jett	R.H.J.
Edinburgh	10/3/15	Pte. 4	① Drunk on High Street at 9.45 p.m. ② Violently resisting arrest ③ Kicking a N.C.O.	<del>Capt. Carty</del> S.I. Stephenson S.M.P. & C. Bartlett	12 hours detention	21/3/15	St-Col. Burton	Fined 5/- R.H.J. according to scale
Edinburgh	8.4.15	Pte.	Absent from tattoo till 9.30 p.m. 9.4.15	Cop. James	3 days' C.B.	10.4.15	Capt. Carty	Forfeits 1 day's pay
Edinburgh	10.4.15	Pte. 5	① Drunk and creating a disturbance on defaulters' parade at 9.30 p.m. ② Resisting arrest. ③ Biting Sgt. of Guard	Sgt. MacLeod S.C. Knight	Fined 5/-	12.4.15	St-Col. Burton	Forfeits 1 day's pay. R.H.J. Jr.
Stots Camp	20/7/15	Pte.	1) Absent from Parades 9.15 a.m. and 3.15 p.m.	Cpl. Stick.	5 days CB	21/7/15	Capt. Carty.	J.E.A.B. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Recd.
"	21/7/15	"	2) Absent from 9.15 a.m. Parades					
Stots Camp	21/7/15	"	⑥ Drunk in camp and causing disturbance among the prisoners	Capt. Carty Lieut. James	24 hrs. F.P.No. 2	22/7/15	Lt. Col. Burton	Fined 5/- J.E.A.B.
Stots Camp	5/7/15	"	Absent from Parade 9 am	Cpl. Manning	3 days C.C.	5/7/15	Lieut. Raley	J.E.A.B.
Stots Camp	7/7/15	"	Refusing to obey my orders	Capt. Dupre	7 days C.C.	8/7/15	Lieut. Raley	J.E.A.B.







W. J. O. Keefe

521

P. R. O.

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Army Form O. 1625.

**PAY LIST.**

to 12 July 1916 Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps 12 Newfoundland  
 No. 521 Rank Pvt. Name W. O'Keefe  
 Died (a) Intestate at France on the 12 of July 1916  
 Deserted at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of 191 .

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 .....	17	7	9/2
	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 .....			
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	17	7	9/2	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		£17	7	9/2		£17	7	9/2

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

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 O. 1815.  
 (b) Words in *italics* to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

W. Keefe W. F.

521

Ray Dept

July 7th.1917.

Mr. Peter O'Keefe,

28 Fleming Street.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$102.62,  
being the balance of the estate of your late son,  
No. 521, W. O'Keefe.

You will note that the cheque is pay-  
able to yourself and Miss M. O'Keefe, It will there-  
fore be necessary for both of you to endorse it,  
before presenting it for payment.

Yours truly,

Lieut.  
D/Paymaster,





**PAY LIST.** to 1st July 1916. Voucher No.

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Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland  
 No. 521 Rank Private Name W. O'Keefe  
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 Deserted at on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 { Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
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	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month July..... 1/16.....	17	7	9½
	<i>Cash issues</i> (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			
	"				This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to / / and is therefor subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.			
	"							
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	17	7	9½	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		£ 17	7	9½		£ 17	7	9½

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 \_\_\_\_\_

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINENT  
 FEB 21 1916  
 PAYMASTER'S OFFICE

191 .

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- (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 O. 1815.  
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