



# First Newfoundland Regiment

## ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 763  
18  
 Name in full Michael Joseph O'Neill Age  
16 Duckworth St  
 Address  
 Married Single Height 5' 4" Weight 117  
 Single Dark Hair Dark Brown Eyes Blue  
 Color  
 Other distinguishing marks  
 Nearest relative A O'Neill (Brother)  
Mt. Cashel  
 Address  
 Dependents  
 Occupation Labourer Present Wage 5.00 weeks  
 Previous service

Decorations  
 General Remarks  
 Date of Enlistment December 16<sup>th</sup>

I, Michael Joseph O'Neill 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 condition of my service.

Michael O'Neill  
 Witness

Declared before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day  
 of December 1914

Eric S. G. ...

**DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.**

(To correspond with Entries on the Medical History Sheet.)  
Applicable to all ranks.

Reg. No. 763

Name Michael Joseph O'Neill

Apparent age 18 years    months. Height 5 feet 4 inches.

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

Distinctive marks Color: Dark, Hair: Dark Brown, Eyes: Blue

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.**

Name and Address of next of kin A. O'Neill, Mount Cashel, St. John's

Relationship Brother

**Particulars as to Marriage.**

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.  
(c) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

(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 Reserve 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>16/12/14</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>16th December '14</u>									
		<u>Repeater</u>		<u>23/10/15</u>					
Total Service forfeited as above ... ..									
Total Service towards Engagement to (date of discharge) ... years ... days									
" " " Pension ( " ) ... ..									

## DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

(To correspond with Entries on the Medical History Sheet.)  
Applicable to all ranks.

**Reg. No. 783**

Name **Michael Joseph O'Neill**

Apparent age 18 years \_\_\_\_\_ months. Height 5 feet 4 inches.

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

Distinctive marks **Color: Dark, Hair: Dark Brown, Eyes: Blue**

### INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin **A. O'Neill, Mount Cashel, St. John's**

Relationship **Brother**

#### Particulars as to Marriage.

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.  
(c) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

#### Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

### STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

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					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <b>16/12/14</b>									
Joined at <b>St. John's</b> on <b>16th December '14</b>									
<i>Missing 1/7/16</i>									
<i>Embarked S.S. Dominion St. John's 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub>.</i>									
<i>Disembarked Alexandria and entrained for Cairo 31<sup>8</sup>/<sub>5</sub>.</i>									
<i>Landed Suez Bay night of 19. 20 September 1915</i>									
<i>With Battalion 26<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> Embarked Port Suez 14<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub>.</i>									
<i>Embarked 21<sup>6</sup>/<sub>5</sub> 20<sup>8</sup>/<sub>5</sub>.</i>									
<i>Embarked for Gallipoli 13<sup>8</sup>/<sub>5</sub>.</i>									
<i>Admitted Douglas' Depot 23<sup>10</sup>/<sub>5</sub></i>									
<i>Disembarked Gallipoli 22<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub>.</i>									
<b>MISSING 1-7-1916</b>									
Total Service forfeited as above ... ..									
Total Service towards Engagement to <b>1-7-16</b> (date of discharge) <b>1</b> years <b>198</b> days									
" " " Pension ( " ) " " "									

M. J. O'Neill

C.R. 763

P.K.O.



To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname O'Neill OF Christian Name Michael J

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish..... County.....

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	at	on	at
Examined .....	2 <sup>nd</sup> day of Dec. 1914	St. Johns.	day of	191
Declared Age.....	18 years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation....	Labourer			
Height .....	5 feet	4 inches	feet	inches
Weight .....		117 lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded...		34 3/4 inches	
	Range of expansion...		2 3/4 inches	
Physical Development...				
Vaccination Marks {	Right	Left	Right	Left.
	Arm .....			
Number .....				
When Vaccinated .....	1906.			
Vision .....	R. E.—V=	N	R. E.—V=	
	L. E.—V=		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)	C. J. Macpherson			
(Rank)	Capt.			
	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted .....	at	St. Johns	at	
	on	16 <sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1914	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment .....	Corps.	1 <sup>st</sup> Nflda Regt.	Corps.	
	Regtl. No.	763	Regtl. No.	
Transferred to..				
Became non-effective by.				
(Signature)	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Rank)				

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

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
1 <sup>st</sup> 24. 2. 15	J. V.
2 <sup>nd</sup> 6. 3. 15	
26. 4. 15	Vac
15-8-15	Fit for Foreign Service

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. Johna	Dec 16/15	Feb. 5/15			
J. S. Dominion	Feb. 5/15	" 16/15			
Edinburgh Castle	" 16/15				



1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

*H. J. O'Neil*

*763.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Regl. No. \_\_\_\_\_

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons concerned, viz. :

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
<i>764</i>	<i>Grant Mother</i>	<i>Mrs. S. McKeegan</i>	<i>St. John's Nfld.</i>	<i>4.00</i>
Total Allotment, \$				

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, countersigned by the Officer Commanding Company and handed to the Paymaster as authority to make the required payments on application.

Sig.) *H. J. O'Neil*  
 Officer Commanding  
*H. J. O'Neil*  
 Company *5*

(Sig.) *Michael C. O'Neil*  
 (Rank) \_\_\_\_\_



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**PAY LIST.**

Army Form O. 1625.

to 1st July 1916 Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland  
 No. 763 Rank Pte Name W. O'Neil  
 Died<sup>(a)</sup> Intestate at France on the 1st 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 <b>JUL 1 - 1916</b> .....	12	18	1/2
	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 .....			
	"				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	12	18	1/2	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		£	12	18		£	12	18
				1/2				1/2

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 191 . 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.





O'Neil, W. J.

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Gay Sept.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

**COPY.**

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland.

Regimental No. 463. Rank Pte. Name M. J. O'Neill.

Enlisted (a) 16/12/14 Terms of Service (a) One year Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged 12/8/15. 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. 86, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked St John's N. F. L. D.		3. 2. 15.	
		Dis. as Alexandria.		1. 9. 15.	
18. 10. 15.	Dongola	Embarked for Gallipoli. III, Dysentery. A 36. Admitted	School Hosp. Port Said.	13. 9. 15.	
29. 1. 16.	Unit.	With Battalion.	Unit.	23. 10. 15.	Auth. A. 16001.
		Embarked Port Suez.		26. 1. 16.	of 213.
		Disembarked. Marseilles.		14. 3. 16.	
11. 7. 16.	Unit.	Missing.	France.	22. 3. 16.	
				1. 7. 16.	of 213.

*J. Hookin.  
Lieut.  
for  
O/c No 1 Reg. Inf Section.  
G.A.R. Gen. Fob.*

(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, Shooting Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

**PAY LIST.**

to 1st July 1918. Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps **3rd Newfoundland**  
 No. **783** Rank **Private** Name **O'Neill**  
 Died/Intestate **at France** on the **1st** of **July** **1918**.  
 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 <b>JULY 1/18</b> .....	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1 1/2</b>
	Coal 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 .....			
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1 1/2</b>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		<b>£</b>				<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1 1/2</b>

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office for **FEB 22 1917** and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 12 18 1 1/2 is correctly chargeable against the Public.

Dated at this 1918 Paymaster.

(1) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed to the Voucher, and the name of the Executor or Administrators should be stated, with Army Form E. 2020 or Army Form O. 1015.  
 (2) Where the balance is in the debit column there is no further balance.





**PAY LIST.**

to 1st July 1916. Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps **1st Newfoundland**  
 No. **763** Rank **Private** Name **W. J. O'Neil**  
 Died (Intestate) at **France** on the **1st** 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 July 1/16 .....	12	18	1½		
	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 .....					
	"									
	"									
	"									
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....					
	Balance due by the Paymaster	12	18	1½	Balance due to the Paymaster .....					
		£	12	18	1½		£	12	18	1½

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to FEB 22/1917 and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.

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



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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 so done. War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.

(b) Words in italics to be a blank, but when there is no debtor balance.



PAY LIST.

to 1st July 1916. Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland  
 No. 763 Rank Private Name M. J. O'Neil  
 Died (Intestate) at France on the 1st 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 July 1/16 .....	12	18	1½
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at from to .....			
	£ s. d. 191				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to .....			
	"				Messing allowance days at from to .....			
					Fit 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)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	12	18	1½	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
	£ 12 18 1½				£ 12 18 1½			

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



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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 so done. 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.

November 5th 1919.

Secretary, Board of Pension Commissioners,  
City.

Re #763, Pte H. J. O'Neill. Deceased.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 16th,  
I beg to state that the amount paid in continuance  
of this soldier's allotment is six hundred and twenty  
dollars and forty cents. (\$620.40)

Yours truly,

Major S.  
Paymaster

RS/.

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR WFLD.

16-4-19.

The Paymaster & Officer i/c Records,  
St. John's Wfld.

DEAD AND MISSING MEN.

No. 763.  
Rank Pte.  
Name M. J. O'Neil

Sir:-

I have the honour, by direction  
to advise you that a pension has been awar-  
ded to the mother of the marginally  
noted, as follows:

Name Elizabeth McKellop  
Address 16 Duckworth St  
Pension 1/2.  
Pension commences 2-7-16

Kindly govern yourself acco-  
rdingly, and advise me what deductions  
will have to be made.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

[Signature]  
Asst. Secretary.

B.P.C. Form 1.

1/7/16 @ 604  
1/5  
30/4/19 \$620 <sup>40</sup>/<sub>xx</sub>

Noted Discontinued 20/4/19  
B McKellop mms







C.R.

763

Michael J. O'Neil was attested for General Service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on .....Dec..16th 1914.  
Regimental No. 763 was allotted to Pte M.J. O'NEIL.

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps Unfoundland

213

Regimental No. CR 4763 Rank Pte Name W.D.O. Webb

Enlisted (a) 16/12/14 Terms of Service (a) one year Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged 15/8/15 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, N.F.L.D.		3/2/15.	
		Disembarked Alexandria		1/9/15.	
		Embarked for Gallipoli		13/9/15.	
18/10/15.	"Dongola"	Ill, Dysentery A 36 admitted	School Hosp., Port Said	23/10/15.	Auth. A 16001. <i>R</i>
29/1/16	<i>Unit</i>	<i>unit with Battalion</i>	<i>unit</i>	26/1/16.	<i>B 213.</i>
		Embk'd Port Suez		14.3.16	
		Disembk'd MARSEILLES		22.3.16	
11.7.16	<i>Unit</i>	<i>unit</i>	<i>France</i>	1 JUL 1916	<i>B 213.</i>

COPY SENT TO  
O.C. H.Q.  
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.,  
279  
NO. 1  
2 - JUL 1917

*Boole*  
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, Shoing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.T.O.)

C.R. 763

Extract from Hospital Roll St. John's Embarked per U.S. "Dominion"  
Company Feb. 2, 1915.

763 Pte. Neil N.



C.R. 763

Extract of Sick and Wounded N.C.Os. and Men of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force: No. H. 2865, dated Nov. 10th. 1915.

763 Pte. M.J.O'Neill

1st. Newfoundland.....Dysentery.....Adm. Govt. Hospital  
Port Said 23rd. October 1915.



C.R. 763

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

763 Pte. M.O'Neill.

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

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December 2, 1905

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. 763, Private Michael Joseph O'Neill, was admitted to Government Hospital, Port Said, on the 23rd October suffering from dysentery. This information has been received by mail.

I trust that later reports will bring news of his convalescence.

Any further information received at this Office as to his condition will be at once notified to you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. O'Neill,  
Mount Cashel.

Colonial Secretary.

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MAY 12 1916

G.  
Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that additional information has to-day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that

No. 763, Private M. J. O'Neill is now reported with the First Battalion and has been removed from the Casualty Lists.

This information has been ~~transmitted~~ received by mail.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. O'Neill,  
Mount Cashel.

Colonial Secretary.



July 31, 6

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Sir.

Dear

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 **Private Michael J. O'Neil** **No. 765.**

missing

has been posted as

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr. A. O'Neil,  
Mount Cashel.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 763

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated July 31, 1916.

(Extract from Army Form B. 213 from O.C. Mfla. Regt.  
dated 1/7/16.)

#763 Pte. M.O'Neill, C.Co.,

Missing 1/7/16. ✓

C.R. 763

#763 M. O'NEILL.

EXTRACT OF CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED FROM THE PAY & RECORD OFFICE  
LONDON DATED AUGUST 5th 1916.

"MISSING."



C.R. 763

# 763 O'NEILL M. ✓

EXTRACT OF CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED FROM THE PAYEE  
RECORD OFFICE LONDON DATED 7.11.16.

"REPORTED MISSING JULY 1, 1916."

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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. A. O'Neil,  
Mount Cashel.