



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 471 Name John Williams Corps

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? ..... 1. John Williams
2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. St. John's
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
4. What is your age? ..... 4. 35 Years ..... Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. Merchant
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. Yes **FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR**
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 Williams 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.

John Williams SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
AD Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, John Williams 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..... on this 11 day of Apr 1915

Signature of Attesting Officer AD

### †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.....191..... } Approving Officer.  
 Place.....

† 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).....

# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name James Wm Osborne  
 Apparent age 35 years 9 months. Height 5 feet 7 inches  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 37 1/2 inches  
 Range of expansion 2 1/2 inches  
 Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Joseph Osborne  
Channel | 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.  
 (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	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, 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 _____									
Joined at _____ on _____									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Total Service towards Engagement to _____ [date of discharge] _____ years _____ days									
" " " Pension " _____ [ " " ] _____ " _____ "									



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 2471 Name Jas. Wm. Osborne Corps .....

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>James William Osborne</u>    |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>Chambers</u>                 |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>                      |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>35</u> Years <u>9</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>machinist</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>                      |
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|  | 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, Jas. Wm. Osborne 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.

E. Apr. 10/16 James William Osborne SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
A. D. M. Bridge Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Jas. Wm. Osborne 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.

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A. D. M. Bridge Signature of Attesting Officer 2nd Lieut

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					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>10-4-16</u>									
Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>April 10<sup>th</sup> 16</u>									
Embarked <u>St John's St. Julian</u> for <u>Adm 28<sup>th</sup> 16</u>									
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Lt for discharge medically Dept Lhermie Antilles Anselme (France)</u>									
Arrived Newfoundland <u>11-10-16</u>									
<u>Discharged medically Dept 22-12-16</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>22-12-16</u> [date of discharge] <u>—</u> years <u>257</u> days									
" " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "									





This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (1)  
N. F. 1915

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 *James W. Osborne*

aged *38* conducted at *CLB.*

Date: *Apr 10/16* Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST

FINDING

- 1 *h.*
- 2 *h.*
- X* 3 *h.*
- 4 *h.*
- 5 *h.*
- 6 *h.*
- 7 *Yes*
- 8 *Yes*
- 9 *h.*
- 10 *h.*
- 11 *h.*
- 12 *h.*
- 13 *h.*
- 14 *h.*
- 15 *h.*
- 16 *h.*
- 17 *h.*
- 18 *h.*
- 19 *6/6 Ball*
- 20 *h.*
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- 26 *h.*
- 27 *h.*
- 28 *h.*
- 29 *h.*
- 30 *h.*
- 31 *h.*
- 32 *h.*

*2471*

*Scen left in 1900*  
*5'7"*  
*179*  
*35 3/4"*  
*4000 mouth*

*Mother parents* *Mr. Jos. Osborne Chameli.*  
*parents parents*

*W.R.* Signature of Medical Examiner: *William Roberts*



## DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA  
AND QUOTE NO.

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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

April 20, 1918.  
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Sir:-

#2471 ex-Pte. Jas. Osbourne.

With reference to the communication of April 20/18 from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor in connection with the above noted man, I enclose file of correspondence giving full information about his case.

His discharge certificate from the Forestry Companies would be endorsed by the Officer i/c Records in accordance with the finding of the D.M.S.

The documents should be returned to the Central Registry when the matter has been disposed of.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*McIntosh*  
Major.

District Officer Commanding.

Newfoundland.

Acting Minister of Militia,  
City.

ENCLOSURE.



# DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

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AND QUOTE NO.

2471

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

Apl. 20th, 1918.



Major Montgomerie, O.B.E.  
District Officer Commanding.

Sir,

I am directed to forward you the enclosed, and to request that you be good enough to enquire into the subject matter thereof, furnishing the Minister with a report at your earliest convenience.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*C.G. Byrne* Lieut.  
Military Secretary.



C.R. 2471

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Lieut.

Military Secretary.

*Referring to Case  
of J.W. Osborne, Pte,  
formerly of Royal Field Regt.  
& latter of Forestry Corps.*

*Reg. No. 2471*

CR 2471

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Major.

District Officer Commanding.

Newfoundland.

Acting Minister of Militia,

City.

ENCLOSURE.

C.R. 2471

ANSWERED

The Acting Minister of Militia.

His Excellency has received a petition from J.W. Osborne, who served in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment as No. 2471, and subsequently reenlisted in the Forestry Battalion receiving the number 8343.

The petitioner states that he has been unfairly dealt with in his description on his discharge papers from the Forestry Battalion. He further states that he brought his case up to Major Montgomerie but received no satisfaction. The man also has a grievance that on his discharge he was reverted to his original number 2471 as in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and so he has two discharges under the same number one being favourable and the unfavourable.

His Excellency would be glad to be informed of the circumstances under which the man is unfavourable described in his discharge papers from the Forestry Battalion as although His Excellency is fully aware that there must be some reason for it, he would like to be able to reply to the man suitably, as this is a time when every means should be used to popularise the Newfoundland forces in order to obtain recruits.

*J. Hux-Nut*

Lieut. Colonel.  
Private Secretary.

20 April 1918.



Apl. 22nd. 1918.

Lt. Colonel Knox-Haven.

Private Secretary.

Government House.

Dear Colonel,

In reply to your memo of the 20th inst., having reference to the petition of J.W.Osborne, Esq., ex-private of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and the Newfoundland Forestry Companies, I beg to forward you file of correspondence in connection with this man, for the information of His Excellency the Governor.

Yours faithfully,

Actg. Minister of Militia.

P.S. Kindly return file at your convenience.

HON. DONALD MORISON, K.C.

CHARLES E. HUNT

**MORISON & HUNT**

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS AND  
NOTARIES

CABLE ADDRESS:

"MORISON" NEWFOUNDLAND.

A.B.C. COMMERCIAL CODE  
BEDFORD-MCNEILL MINING CODE  
WESTERN UNION CODE

St. John's, Nfld.

Oct. 30th, 1917.

C.R.4179

Major A. Montgomerie,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to thank you for your letter of yesterday's date with reference to Private J. W. Osborne, and for the information therein contained.

Yours faithfully,

*Morison Hunt*

D.

October 30, 1917.

Sir:-

(No. 2470 Ex-Pte. J. W. Osbourne.)

This man was discharged from the Newfoundland Regiment on December 22nd 1916, and certificate of his character endorsed on his discharge, by the Officer i/c Records.

I have received a communication from Messrs. Morrison and Hunt, solicitors, dealing with this man's case, in which the following statement is made:- "In connection with his discharge, we may say that he received a further certificate from Captain O'Grady, in which it was stated that he showed himself to be a keen and energetic soldier, and we have great pleasure in recommending him".

In view of the fact that military certificates are only issued to discharged soldiers by the Officer i/c Records, I shall be glad to have your explanation of the matter.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.

Captain O'Grady, Adjutant,  
Headquarters.



D.

October 29, 1917.

C.R. 4117

Sir:-

(Ex-Private J.W.Osbourne.)

Reference your communication October 29th.

This man came from Chhannel and enlisted in the Regiment on April 10th 1916, giving his age as thirty-five years nine months.

In answer to the question of the Medical Examiner, as to whether he had ever had Rheumatism, he answered in the negative. On enlisting he described himself as a single man. Some time after he had been in the Regiment, he married at St. John's, and considerable pressure was brought to bear by his wife and others to obtain his discharge. He gave his occupation on enlisting, as machinist. He left here about August 1916, and on board ship complained of Rheumatism. This attack continued, apparently without intermission, during all the time he was at Ayr, a period of about two months, preventing him from performing any Military duties. His medical report at Ayr, shows that he described himself as a fisherman, and stated that eight or nine years ago, he had suffered from Rheumatism of legs and arms, for which he was laid up nine months. He stated at Ayr that he had pains in hip joints, ankles also in left arm in small of back and neck. He walked lamely with the use of a stick, and could hardly bear to put weight on the right foot at all. In consequence of this declaration his case was diagnosed as Chronic Articular and Muscular Rheumatism, and the soldier recommended for discharge. as per-

permanently unfit. He was returned to St. John's, and <sup>sent</sup> before a Medical Board, <sup>where</sup> as a consequence of the above statements he was recommended for discharge as permanently unfit. During all the time this man was at the Depot whilst awaiting his discharge, he could not apparently, get around without a stick, and when seen by anyone in authority, was always limping badly. Nothing further was heard from him until Sept. 1917, when he applied for enlistment in the Forestry Companies, and was passed by the Medical officer. Some time after this, attention was called to the fact that he had been previously in the Regiment, and discharged as permanently unfit. In order that his fitness might again be gone into he was sent before a medical board, especially as the medical officer who examined him said there was absolutely nothing the matter with him. He appeared before a medical board, who could not find anything the matter wrong with the man, and he claimed to be in perfect condition. In view of his various statements, the medical board gave as their conclusion that the man was a malingerer. It may be noted that when examined at Ayr, he gave his age as forty eight years. In view of the history of the case, it was considered undesirable to retain the services of this man in the Army.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Messrs. Morrison & Hunt,

City.

Major.

District Officer Commanding.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

**MORISON & HUNT**

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS AND  
NOTARIES

CABLE ADDRESS:  
"MORISON" NEWFOUNDLAND.

A. B. C. COMMERCIAL CODE  
BEDFORD-MCNEILL MINING CODE  
WESTERN UNION CODE

St. John's, Nfld.

Oct. 29th, 1917.

C.R. 4116

ANSWERED

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that Mr. James William Osborne, formerly Private of the Newfoundland Forestry Companies, No. 2471, has asked us to obtain for him, if possible, information as to his discharge on the ground of "being found undesirable".

Mr. Osborne served in the New York Infantry of the United States Army and his discharge therefrom in 1899 reads: "served in the Spanish-American war. Service honest and faithful, character excellent".

He became a member of the First Newfoundland Regiment on April 10th, 1916, and on December 22nd of that year he was discharged as "being physically unfit for war purposes". His certificate of discharge states "there is nothing in his conduct to prevent his becoming a good workman in civil life". In connection with his discharge we may say that he received a further certificate from Capt. O'Grady in which it is stated that "during the period he was in the Regiment he showed himself to be a keen and energetic soldier and we have great pleasure in recommending him".

In August last he joined the Forestry Company and we are informed by him that he gave faithful service and obeyed all orders. He does not know any reason why his discharge should



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St. John's, Nfld.

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read that he has been "found undesirable".

He is ready and willing to serve in the Company, if it is permitted, and he hopes he may be allowed to do so. If this cannot be granted him, he would like to receive a certificate of discharge that would be creditable to him.

We have the honour to ask that you may make an inquiry into the matter.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

*Morison & Hunt*

Hon. J. R. Bennett,  
Minister of Militia.

the Regiment, he married in St. John's, and considerable pressure was brought to bear by his wife

D.

C.R. 4496

October 25, 1917.

Sir:-

I have the honour by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 22nd inst.

No. 1889 Pte. V.G. Windeler.

This man enlisted in the Forestry Companies on May 17th, his medical report shows, that he took ill about a week after enlisting, was ill eighteen days, on duty for one week, again ill for eleven days. On being questioned he stated that he had had a similar attack of Myalgia about two years ago, he is a healthy young man. except for pains in the muscles of thigh, sometimes also in ankles and arms, he was before Standing Medical Board, who recommended that he be discharged as unfit for Forestry work. They also have certified that his disability is not due to, nor has it been aggravated by Military service.

No. 2471 Pte. J.W. Osbourne.

This man came from Channel, and enlisted in the Regiment on April 10th 1916, giving his age as 35 years 9 months. In answer to the question of the medical examiner, as to whether he had ever had Rheumatism, he answered in the negative. On enlisting, he described himself as a single man, some time after he had been in

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Nothing further was heard from him until Sept. 11th, 1917, when he applied for enlistment in the Forestry Companies, and was passed by the medical officer, attention having been called to his previous record, he was sent before a medical board in order that his fitness might again be gone into, this board could not find anything wrong with the man, and came to the conclusion, in view of his former statements that he was a malingerer. It may be noted that he did not apply for enlistment in the Forestry Companies, until separation allowances were granted.

I enclose copy of letter from the Director of Medical Services, in connection with the case.

Doctor Tait who is mentioned as the medical



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medical examiner, was a member of the original board that discharged, and also of the board that re-examined him.

In view of the history of the case, it was considered desirable to dispense with the services of Pte. Osbourne in the Army.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Major.

District Officer Commanding.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Dr. W. F. Lloyd,

Minister of Justice.

Oct. 25th, 1917.

The Hon., the Minister of Justice,  
O T T Y.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Oct. 22nd enclosing letter from Mr. B.G. Winsor, Triton, N.D.B., <sup>and a</sup> reference to the case of #2471 Pte. Osbourne.

I thank you for your particulars with reference to Pte. Osbourne, and the matter will have the attention of this Dept. at once.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

  
Major.

C.S.O., Dept. of Militia

In replying, the date of  
this letter should be quoted.



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October 22nd, 1917.

Dear Sir,

ANSWERED  
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I beg to enclose a letter I have received from Mr. B. G. Winsor of Triton, N.D.B. I should be glad if you would look into the matter.

There is another matter to which I would like to draw your attention. It is that of 2471 Pte. Osbourne. He enlisted in April, 1916; left for other side August 7th, 1916; sent back October 9th, 1916, after examination by Medical Board who pronounced him unfit on account of rheumatism. Osbourne says he went before Medical Board here who confirmed findings of Overseas Board without re-examination; and he was discharged as medically unfit.

From November, 1916 to April, 1917 he worked at the Post Office as night-watchman, but left on account of the low pay. From April, 1917 to September 11th he worked at Horwood Lumber Company, inspecting lumber. On September 11th Dr. Tait passed him as fit for the Forestry Company,

and

Hon. John R. Bennett,  
Minister of Militia,



In replying, the date of  
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and he was enlisted. He says he was examined three times and pronounced fit for active service.

As far as I can understand from his statements, he is being discharged from the Forestry Company and is not to be taken on for active service. His real age is 48 years. I lay the matter before you as Osbourne came to me, and as it is a matter for your Department. You will know what to do in the matter, and have full means of looking into the merits of the case.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. J. ...', is written over a horizontal line.

Minister of Justice.

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Minister of Justice.



# Department of Militia

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

October 18th., 1917

C.R. 3485

From: Director of Medical Services,  
City.

To: Minister of Militia,  
City.

2471 Pte. J. W. Osborne.

The enclosed copy of correspondence is forwarded  
for your information.

*Cluny Macpherson*

Major, D. M. S.



# COPY

October 18th.,

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From: Director of Medical Services,  
City.

To: Officer Commanding,  
Headquarters.

2471 Pte. J. W. Osborne:

The marginally noted man was before the Medical Board last night. He was normal in every way. One of the Board, Dr. J. S. Tait, who examined him on September 11th. for enlistment in the Forestry says that he was normal in every way at that time. His condition then and now as compared with his apparent condition when he was boarded in September and December 1916 make it apparent to the Board that this man is an accomplished malingerer.

If he were in England we should recommend that this man be sent to the front immediately. As it is, we are doubtful if any good purpose can be served by retaining him in the Army because as soon as it suits him to do so he would probably repeat the same tactics with every likelihood of obtaining his object.

He started the game last time on the passage to England and has never been to the front.

Major, D. M. S.

Copy to Minister of Militia.



# Newfoundland Forestry Companies

St John's, Newfoundland,

October, 8th, 1917. 191

Mr J W Osborne

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Sir;-

Re your communication regarding #2417. Ex Pte. J.W. Osbourne this man was examined by our M.O. Dr Tait on the 11th of Sept/17, enlisted and attested on the same date, this man claimed that he felt Physically fit in every particular, and as he claimed to be a lumberman, and anxious to do his bit, in any capacity he could fill, I thought him an eligible recruit, and accepted him accordingly.

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Capt.

Major Montgomerie.

Officer Commanding.

Oct. 5th. 1917.

From Officer Commanding,  
Headquarters.  
To Officer Commanding,  
Forestry Companies.

2417. Ex-Pte. Jas. Wm. Osbourne.

My attention has been called to the fact that this man has been enlisted and attested in the Forestry Companies. He was formerly attached to the Regiment and was discharged as the result of a Medical Board as having chronic and articular rheumatism.

He is not considered to be a fit and proper man for service either with the Regiment or the Forestry Companies.

Kindly let me have full report of the circumstances under which this man was reattested in the Forestry Companies.

I am informed that the Medical Officer, who passed him fit for the Forestry Companies, was also a Member



of the Standing Medical Board, which authorized his discharge from the Regiment.

Will you also arrange to have this man sent before the Standing Medical Board for further examination, at the first available opportunity.

Major,  
O.C. Headquarters.

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# Department of Militia

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*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

September 27th., 1917.

From: Director of Medical Services,  
City.

To: Minister of Militia,  
City.

2471, Pte. Jas. Wm. Osbourne.

Reference your memo Sept. 26th.

I consider, in view of the circumstances under which this soldier was discharged, that he is not a fit and proper man to be enlisted in the Forestry Companies.

*Clay Macpherson*

Major, D. M. S.

Sept. 26th. 1917.

From Minister of Militia,  
St. John's.  
To Director Medical Services,  
St. John's.

2471. Pte. Jas. Wm. Osbourne.

This soldier was discharged from the service as a result of a Medical Board held on December 8th. 1916, his disability being "Chronic Articular and Muscular Rheumatism".

I am advised that he has been passed as fit for service with the Forestry Companies by the Medical Officer examining recruits.

I do not know what the present arrangements are in this connection, but understand that the examination of recruits in the Forestry Companies is under the guidance of the Standing Medical Board. of which you are Secretary.

I shall be glad to know if, in view of the circumstances under which this soldier was discharged, whether you consider he is a fit and proper man to be enlisted in the Forestry Companies.

I would also suggest that where soldiers discharged from the Regiment, apply for admission in the Forestry Companies that the circumstances attendant upon such discharge be gone into before final Medical decision



is given.

Major,  
for Minister of Militia.

C.R. 2471

Extract from Roll of Officers N. C. O.'s and  
men discharged from the Royal Newfoundland  
Regiment.

<u>Regt. #</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
2471	pte.	J.W.Osbourne	22/12/16	Med.Unfit.

C.R. 2471

Extract from list of men discharged from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on various dates.

#2471 Pte Jas. W. Osborne. discharged Dec. 22nd, 1916,

Medically unfit



C.R. 2471

Extract from Telegram received from London,  
dated September 30, 1917.

Leaving Liverpool, Scandinavian, September 27th  
passage has been provided, Quebec, following  
for discharge:p

#2471 Pte Osbourne.

C.R. 2471

Copy of Cablegram to Governor St. John's Nfld from P.&.R.O. 30 Sep. 16.

2471, Pte Osborne.

Left Liverpool on Scandinavian 27th. Sept. Passage has been provided  
to Quebec. For Discharge.

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C.R. 2471

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas  
28/8/16.

2471 Pte. J.W. Osborne.



C.R. 2471

**Jas Wm Osbourne**

was attested for General Service with

the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on **April 10th.1916**

Regimental No **2471** was allotted to Pte **Jas Wm Osborne**

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th 1919

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J. M. Osborne.

C.R.

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Pg R.O

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

WAR SERVICE GRATUITY.

St. John's, Newfoundland.

Declaration required of Officers and men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who claims War Service Gratuity under Order-in-Council dated January 28th. 1919.

A complete reply must be given to every question in this Declaration. There must be no blanks and no dashes. If any question are not applicable, the words "NOT APPLICABLE" must be written out.

On completion this Declaration is to be returned to THE OFFICER I/C RECORDS, PAY & RECORD OFFICE, ST. JOHN'S.

Christian name. *James William* 2. Surname. *Osborne*

3. Rank. *Private* 4. Regtl. No. *2471*

5. Address in full to which future payments of gratuity are to ~~be~~ forwarded. *#. 31 Pleasant street St Johns Nfld*

6. Date of enlistment in the Regiment. *April 10/ 1916*

7. Name of dependent, if any, to whom Separation Allowance is being issued, or was being issued, immediately prior to your discharge. *Mrs. Elvina Osborne*

8. Relationship of such dependents. *wife*

9. Address in full of such dependent. *#. 31 Pleasant street St Johns Nfld*

10. Is said dependent, now, or was said dependent at any time in receipt of Separation Allowance on account of another soldier? *no*

11. Were you on active service only in Nfld. If so, give dates, and particulars of such service. *in Nfld and in Scotland*

12. Give total length of time which you served on active service, whether in Nfld, or Overseas. *257 days*



13. Have you had more than one enlistment? If so, give particulars of discharge and re-enlistments, and under what regimental numbers. *no*

14. Have you already received any payment of Post Discharge pay or War Service Gratuity? If so, state amount you and your dependents have already received and by whom paid. *no*

15. Have you been issued with a War Service Badge? *yes*

16. Have you, during the present war, served in the Imperial Forces. *no*

17. Are you entitled to receive, or have you received any Gratuity in the nature of Post Discharge Pay from the Imperial Forces? If so, state amount received, or to which you are entitled. *no*

18. Did you revert Overseas to a rank lower than the substantive rank held by you on your arrival in England? *no*

(b). If so, was such reversion in consequence of misconduct or inefficiency? *no*

19. Are you now serving in the Regt.? *no* If not give:- (a) Date of discharge. *Dec. 22 / 1914*. (b) Reason for discharge. *being physically unfit for war service*

20. Did you at any time serve at the front in an actual theatre of War? If so give particulars of places, and dates of such service. *no*

21. (a) Are you receiving treatment from the Civil Re-Establishment Com. (b). If so, are you in receipt of full pay and allowances from that Committee. *no*

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.



Signature of Applicant: *James William Osborne*  
 Place of Residence: *31 Pleasant street St Johns nfld*  
 Declared before me at: *St Johns nfld*  
 This *3rd* day of *March* 19*19*

*John M. McCarthy*  
 Signature of Barrister of the  
 Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate,  
 Notary Public, Justice of the Peace,  
 or Commissioner of affidavits.

POST DISCHARGE PAY.					
Date paid	Paid Soldier	Paid Dependent	War Service Gratuity		Net amount due
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Certified Correct.					Barrister.

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PAY LIST. *Sep. 1<sup>st</sup>* to *Sep. 29.* 191*6*. Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *7/1<sup>st</sup> Mfed. Regiment*  
 No. *5271* Rank *Private* Name *J. Osborne*  
 Died (a) at on the of 191 .  
 Deserted at on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

*J. Cunningham, Capt.* Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

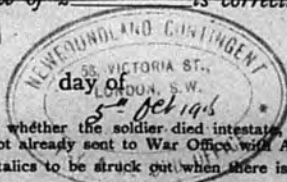
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[FORM 1.

Date.	Dr.	£	s.	d.		Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....					Balance Cr. last month .....			
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)					Pay <i>26</i> days at <i>1/10</i> from <i>1/16</i> to <i>26/16</i> <i>15 17 6</i>			
		£	s.	d.		Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay			
	191					days at from to			
	<i>15.9.16</i>	<i>1</i>				Messing allowance days at			
	<i>22.9.16</i>	<i>10</i>				from to			
	<i>26.9.16</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>1</i>		Clothing and kit allowance .....			
				<i>9</i>		Amount produced by the sale of Necessaries			
	<i>Acct. 70<sup>th</sup> day. 26 days = 1823</i>		<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>9</i>	Personal Clothing and Effects from Form 2...			
	Consolidated stoppage.....					Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	<i>Boot. a/c.</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>8</i>		Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	<i>Barrack draw.</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>4</i>		Balance due to the Paymaster.....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster								
		<i>£5</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>6</i>			<i>£5</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>6</i>

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ *5 17 6* is correctly chargeable against the Public (b).

Dated at this



191 .

Paymaster.

PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS

(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 A.F.B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.  
 (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.



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Medical Report on an Invalid.



Station Apr.

Date 23-9-16

1. Unit 2/1 Newfoundland Regt.

2. Regimental No. 2471.

3. Rank Private

4. Name OSBORNE, JAMES WILLIAM

5. Age last birthday 35

6. Enlisted { on 15 April 1916  
at St Johns, Newfoundland.

7. Former Trade { Fisherman  
or Occupation {

8. Disability.

Chronic Articular + Muscular Rheumatism

Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

9. Date of origin of disability.

August 1916 (as to present attack)

10. Place of origin of disability.

at sea (as to present attack)

11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case.

8-9 years ago suffered from Rheumatism of legs & arms for which he was laid up 9 months. His next attack was at the end of April 1916: a slight one. Present attack commenced on steamer during voyage from Newfoundland, & has continued ever since (2 months) without remission, crippling him & preventing him to do any military duties

12. (a) Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability.

Not due to military service

(b) If you consider it to have been caused by active service, climate, or ordinary military service, explain the specific conditions to which you attribute it (See notes on page 3).

13. What is his present condition?

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

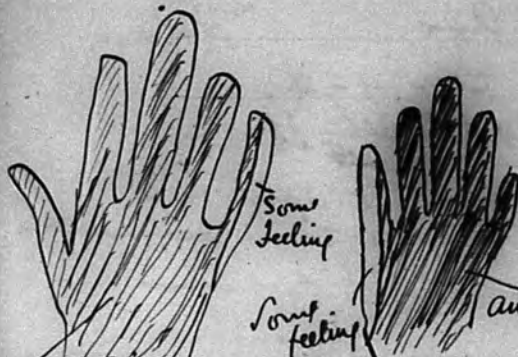
States that he has pains in hip joints, knees & ankles; also in left arm, is small of back & neck.

He walks lamely with the use of a stick - & can hardly bear to put weight on the right leg at all.

There is no swelling of joints.

Heart sounds pure; beat rapid 135 per min.

Atrophy of thenar eminence left hand. Anæsthesia of sensory anæsthesia in left hand as indicated: Grip fair.



14. If the disability is an injury, was it caused

- (a) In action?
- (b) On field service?
- (c) On duty?
- (d) Off duty?

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?

- If so—
- (a) When?
  - (b) Where?
  - (c) Opinion?

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?

18. In case of loss or decay of teeth. Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly\* attributable to active service?

19. Do you recommend

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or
- (b) Change to England?

Not applicable

Discharge as Permanently Unfit

Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith, except

Station \_\_\_\_\_

Officer in charge of Hospital.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Loss of teeth on, or immediately after, active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.

+ Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.



**ORIGINAL**

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

**MEDICAL HISTORY**

Surname Ostbourn OF Christian Name James W<sup>d</sup>

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE



Birthplace:—Parish		County			
Examined		SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
on	10 <sup>th</sup> day of April 1916	on	day of	191	
at	St. Johns N. F.	at			
Declared Age	30 years 9 mos days	years		days	
Trade or Occupation	Machinist				
Height	5 feet 7 inches	feet		inches	
Weight	129 lbs.			lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded...	37 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches		inches	
	Range of expansion..	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches		inches	
Physical Development...					
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left	
	Arm				
When Vaccinated					
Vision	R.E.—V=	4/6	R.E.—V=		
	L.E.—V=	6/6	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)	L. Mont Peterson				
(Rank)	Major	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at St. Johns	at			
on	15 day of April 1916	on	day of	191	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.	
	1st Messeg.	7th			
Transferred to ..					
Became non-effective by					
on	day of	191	on	day of	191
(Signature)					
(Rank)					







Oshorne, J

2471

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

No. 2471

Name Osbourne J. W.

1924

Date.	Particulars	Ch. No.	Dr.	Cr.	Bal.
Sept 30	By Pay 4 days @ 10			4 40	4 40
Oct 9	" " 9 " do			9 90	14 30
31	" " 22 " 1 <sup>60</sup>			35 20	49 50
Nov 30	" " 20 " 1 <sup>35</sup>			55 50	105 00
Dec 16	" " 16 " do			29 60	134 60
	Bonus			12 95	147 55
	Clothing			25 00	172 55
22	By Pay 6 days 1 <sup>35</sup>			11 40	184 65
Oct 10	To Pay	22	15 00		168 65
15	" "	28	15 00		153 65
27	" "	32	10 00		143 65
Nov 20	" "	38	10 00		133 65
11	" "	44	10 00		123 65
18	" "	48	10 00		113 65
Sept 30	By assumed wage		2 80		110 85
Oct 31	" " 31 "		21 70		89 15
Nov 30	" " 30 "		21 00		68 15
Dec 11	To Pay	66	10 00		58 15
18	" "	72	58 15		<del>0</del>
	Post discharge pay 9 days @ 11 <sup>9</sup>			100 10	100 10
	Bonus		12 95		87 15
Dec 23	To Pay		87 15		<del>0</del>
			283 75	283 75	0

Signed Alvany C. S. S.





RESERVATIONS REFERRED TO AT PARA. 8.

(To be signed by the soldier. When there are none, it is to be so stated and signed by the soldier.)

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*No reservations.*

*Signed J W Ashmore*



# Newfoundland Forestry Companies

2471

## ATTESTATION OF

No. ~~8343~~ Name James W Osborne Corps

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- |  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>James W. Osborne</u>         |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>31 Pleasant St</u>           |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>St John's</u>                |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>48</u> Years <u>2</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Lumber Inspector</u>         |
| 6. Are you Married? .....  | 6. <u>yes</u>                      |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....                       | 7. <u>yes</u> <u>1st A.F.L.D.</u>  |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 8. <u>yes</u>                      |
| 9. What is your Religion? .....  | 9. <u>Cof.S.</u>                   |
| 10. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in this roll of service as applied to Forestry Companies? ..... | 10. <u>yes</u> { Name .....        |
|  | { Corps .....                      |

I, James W. Osborne 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.

James W. Osborne SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

8 11/9/17

B. H. Ellis Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, James W. Osborne 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 serve His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in the United Kingdom, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1917

Signature of Attesting Officer

J. P. Gardner Capt

### †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.....191

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, 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).....

# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name James W. Osborne  
 Apparent age 48 years 2 months. Height 5 feet 8 inches  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded \_\_\_\_\_ inches  
 Range of expansion \_\_\_\_\_ inches  
 Distinctive marks Gray Hair Blue eyes

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Elvina Osborne  
31 Pleasant St | Relationship Wife  
St John 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.

<u>Elvina Backett</u> <u>Widow</u>	<u>St John</u> <u>1916</u>	<u>31 Pleasant St</u>	
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## Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth
<u>Sara</u> ( <u>Wife</u> ) <u>female</u>	<u>St John 1903</u>

## STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, 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 _____									
Joined at _____ on _____									
<u>Attached</u>	<u>St John</u>	<u>Oct 25/1917</u>							✓
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to \_\_\_\_\_ [date of discharge] \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ days  
 " " Pensions " \_\_\_\_\_ [ " " ] " \_\_\_\_\_ "





# 1st Newfoundland Regiment

HEADQUARTERS

St. John's, Newfoundland,

19. 10. 17. 191

of Paymaster

Reference 2471 Pte G. P. Osbourne  
Forestry Coy.

Above man has been squared up  
to and including Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1917, ~~and~~  
Has an allotment of 80¢ per day

Whaley O.C. 9 COY.  
1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT,  
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.  
for O.C. Forestry Coy

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Osborne

Christian Name J. W.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Port aux Basques County Nfld

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>Sept</u> day of <u>11</u> 191 <u>7</u> at <u>Headquarters</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191____ at _____	
Declared Age	<u>48</u> years		years	days
Trade or Occupation	<u>Lumber Inspector</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>8</u> inches		feet	inches
Weight	<u>135</u> lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded.... inches			inches
	Range of Expansion... inches			inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R. E.—V=		R. E.—V=	
	L. E.—V=		L. E.—V=	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
	(b)		(b)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection				
Approved by (Signature)				
(Rank)				
Enlisted	at <u>St. John's</u>		at _____	
	on _____ day of <u>Sept</u> 191 <u>7</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191____	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>Nfld Forestry Companies</u>	<u>2471</u> <u>82115</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
[Signature]	on _____ day of _____ 191____		on _____ day of _____ 191____	
[Rank]				



## Medical Report on an Invalid.

### NOTES:—

- (a) This report is solely concerned with Pensions.
- (b) A single copy only is required.
- (c) "Aggravated" being now a technical term, carrying right to pension, discrimination in its use is essential.
- (d) Be as brief as possible compatible with lucidity.
- (e) Avoid dubiety—"perhaps" "possibly" "might" and the like.
- (f) Only sufficient clinical data need be given to establish the degree of disability and assist the Board in arriving at a decision.

### Statement of Case

Station

C.C.C. Remond

Date

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1917

1. Unit *1st. Newfoundland*
2. Regimental No. *2471*
3. Rank *PLC*
4. Name. *Osborne, Jas. W.*
5. Age last birthday. *48*
6. Enlisted on *Dec. 11, 1917*  
at *St. John's*
7. Former trade or occupation *Labourer*
8. Disability *wound on face  
to eye & hand*

9. History



10. What is his present condition?

(This is the important question. Be brief—the clearer the case the less need be written. Read note f above.)

*Healthy* This man has made  
no complaint since he returned  
here. He can run up stairs  
like a young boy, and  
he has been on parade every  
day without any complaint

11. Was sanatorium operation advised and refused? *no*

12. Do you recommend discharge as permanently unfit? *no*

Signature

*Richard J. Tat*

Rank or Qualification

Remarks if any by Officer i/c Hospital.

Place

.....

Signature

.....

Date

.....

Rank

.....

# Opinion of the Medical Board.

In para. 13, the President should write "may" or "cannot" at x  
Erase inapplicable words.

13. For pension purposes, the disability x *Cannot* be considered as aggravated by—  
due to
- (a) Service during this war. *no*
- (b) Climate. *no*
- (c) Ordinary Military Service *no*

Remarks if any:— *Present condition compared with previous  
Board (Feb. 1916) and statement in Forestry Oct 11 1917  
show that this man is an accomplished lumberman*

14. At present his capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general labor market is lessened by:—  
(Here the president should write in Total, 4-5, 3-5, 2-5, 1-5).

Remarks if any:—

15. Is the disability permanent? *none*

16. Has the disability been aggravated by

- (a) Intemperance.
- (b) Misconduct.

17. The refusal of operation sanatorium is:—

- (a) Reasonable.
- (b) Unreasonable.

Remarks if any:—

18. We recommend discharge from retention in the Army

*Physically this man is fit for  
active service see Remarks*

Remarks if any:—

*vid. 13*

Signatures.

*L. Paterson, Major, President*  
*J. D. ...*  
*Clay Macpherson, Major*

Place *St. John's*  
Date *Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 1917*

APPROVED  
DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SERVICES  
Station *...* OCT 18 1917  
Date *...* No. *2471*  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

*Clay Macpherson, Major*  
Administrative Medical Officer.

D.

October 25, 1917.

Sir:-

I have the honour by direction, to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 22nd inst.

No. 1889 Pte. B.G. Windsor.

This man enlisted in the Forestry Companies on May 17th. His medical report shows, that he took ill about a week after enlisting, was ill eighteen days, on duty for one week again, then ill for eleven days. On being questioned, he stated that he had had a similar attack of Myalgia about two years ago. He is a healthy young man, except for pains in the muscles of thigh, sometimes also in the muscles of ankles and arms. He was before Standing Medical board, who recommended that he be discharged, as unfit for Forestry work. They have also certified that his disability is not due to, nor has it been aggravated by Military Service.

No. 2471 Pte. J.W. Osborn.

This man came from Channel, and enlisted in the Regiment on April 10th, 1916, giving his age as thirty five years, nine months. In answer to the question of the Medical Examiner, as to whether he had ever had Rheumatism, he answered in the negative. On enlisting, he described himself as single man. Some time after he had been in the Regiment, he married in St. John's, and considerable pressure was brought to bear by his wife, and others, to obtain



obtain his discharge. He gave his occupation then as machinist. He left here about August 1916, and on board ship complained of Rheumatism: this attack continued, apparently without intermission, during all the time he was at Ayr, a period of about two months, preventing him from performing any Military duties. His Medical Report at Ayr shows that he described himself as a fisherman, and stated that eight or nine years ago, he suffered from Rheumatism of legs and arms, for which he was laid up nine months. On his return to St. John's he was sent before a medical board on December 8th. On account of above facts, he was recommended for discharge as permanently unfit. During all the time that this man was at the Depot, he apparently could not get around without the aid of a stick, and when seen by anyone in authority was always limping badly. Nothing further was heard from him until September 11th, 1917, when he applied for enlistment in The Forestry Companies, and was passed by the Medical Officer. Attention having been called to his previous record, he was sent before a medical board, in order that his fitness might again be gone into. This board could not find anything wrong with the man, and came to the conclusion, in view of the former statements that he was an insingerer. It may be noted that, he did not apply for enlistment in The Forestry Companies until Separation Allowances were granted.

I enclose copy of letter from the Director of Medical Services, in connection with the case.

Dr. Tait, who is mentioned as the medical examiner, was a member of the original board that discharged, and

and also of the board that re-examined him.

In view of the history of the case, it was considered undesirable to retain the services of Pte. Osborne in the Army.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Major.

District Officer Commanding.

Newfoundland.

Doctor Lloyd,

Minister of Justice.

-PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE-

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

No. 2471 Army Rank Private  
 Name James William Osborne  
 (The man must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)  
 Corps First Newfoundland Regiment  
 Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c. Headquarters  
 (If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve of Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, & c., or to General staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)

Date of discharge December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1916  
 Place of discharge St. John's Nfld.

1. Description at the time of discharge.

Age	<u>48</u>	Years	<u>5 1/2</u>	Months		Descriptive marks.
Height	<u>5</u>	Feet	<u>7 1/2</u>	inches		
Chest (girth when fully expanded)					ins.	
measure range of expansion					ins.	
Complexion	<u>Fair</u>					
Eyes	<u>blue</u>					
Hair	<u>grey</u>					
Trade						
Intended place of residence (To be given as fully as practicable)	<u>31 Pleasant St. St. John's Nfld.</u>					

(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.)

2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of being permanently unfit for war service

(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)

3. Military Character:- Good

4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations:-  
There is nothing in his conduct to prevent him becoming a good workman in civil life

Certified that the above is an accurate copy of the character given by me on Army Form B.2687 and that Army Form D.489 was awarded in this case.  
*M. Howley*  
 Initials of Commanding Officer.





# Department of Militia

St. John's, Newfoundland,

October 18th., 1917

From: Director of Medical Services,  
City.

To: Officer Commanding,  
Headquarters.

2471 Pte. J. W. Osborne:

The marginally noted man was before the Medical Board last night. He was normal in every way. One of the Board, Dr. J. S. Tait, who examined him on September 11th. for enlistment in the Forestry says that he was normal in every way at that time. His condition then and now as compared with his apparent condition when he was boarded in September and December 1916 make it apparent to the Board that this man is an accomplished malingerer.

If he were in England we should recommend that this man be sent to the front immediately. As it is, we are doubtful if any good purpose can be served by retaining him in the Army because as soon as it suits him to do so he would probably repeat the same tactics with every livelihood of obtaining his object.

He started the game last time on the passage to England and has never been to the front.

*Cluny Macpherson*

Major, D. M. S.

*of Headquarters*

*In view of above report, please have the man  
Copy to Minister of Militia.*

*discharge as undesirable*

*Recommendation made  
for Minister of Militia*

*Oct 19/17*

Medical Report on an Invalid.

Station Alyr  
 Date 23. 9. 16

1. Unit H. Newfoundland Regt. 5. Age last birthday 48  
 2. Regimental No. 2471 6. Enlisted { on 15 April 1916  
 3. Rank Private { at St. John's Newfoundland  
 4. Name OSBORNE; JAMES 7. Former Trade { Fisherman  
WILLIAM or Occupation {

8. Disability.

Chronic Articular & Muscular Rheumatism.

Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

9. Date of origin of disability. August 1916 (as to present attack)  
 10. Place of origin of disability. at Sea (as to present attack)

11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case.  
8-9 years ago suffered from Rheumatism gley ranns for which he was laid up 9 months: His next attack was at the end of April 1916. Present attack commenced on steamer during voyage from Newfoundland, has continued ever since (2 months) without remission, crippling him preventing him to do any military duties.

12. (a) Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability.  
 (b) If you consider it to have been caused by active service, climate, or ordinary military service, explain the specific conditions to which you attribute it (See notes on page 3).

not due to military service

13. What is his present condition?

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

States that he has pains in hip joints, knees & ankles; also in left arm, in small of back & neck.

Palmar

Some feeling

Some feeling

Anaesthetic



Dorsal

He walks lamely with the use of a stick - can hardly bear to put weight on the Right leg at all. There is no swelling of joints. Heart sounds pure: head rapid 135. Atrophy of thenar eminence left hand. Sensory anaesthesia in left hand as in digital: Grip fair.

14. If the disability is an injury, was it caused

- (a) In action?
- (b) On field service?
- (c) On duty?
- (d) Off duty?

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?

- If so—
- (a) When?
  - (b) Where?
  - (c) Opinion?

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?

18. In case of loss or decay of teeth. Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly\* attributable to active service?

19. Do you recommend

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or
- (b) Change to England?

not applicable

Discharge on Permanently unfit

H. F. Wilson Lt. Col.

Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith, except

Station \_\_\_\_\_

Officer in charge of Hospital.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Loss of teeth on, or immediately after, active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.

+ Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.



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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname

*Osborne*

OF  
 Christian Name

*James*



Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined ... ..	on 10 day of April 1916	on day of 191	at St John's	at
Declared age ... ..	35 years	9 mos days	years	days
Trade or occupation ... ..	Machinist			
Height ... ..	5 feet 7 inches		feet	inches
Weight ... ..	129 lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded	37 1/2 inches		inches
	Range of expansion ...	2 1/2 inches		inches
Physical development ... ..				
Vaccination marks {	Arm ... ..			
	Number ... ..			
When vaccinated ... ..				
Vision ... ..	R.E.—V.= 6/6	R.E.—V.=		
	L.E.—V.= 6/6	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)	<i>Sgt Lancelot Latham</i>			
(Rank)	Major		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted ... ..	at St John's	at		
	on 12 day of April 1916	on day of 191		
	Corps	Regtl. No.	Corps	Regtl. No.
Joined on enlistment ... ..	<i>New Zealand 24/71</i>			
Transferred to ... ..				
Became non-effective by ... ..	on day of 191	on day of 191		
(Signature)				
(Rank)				



Used in connection with Pamphlet <sup>W.P. 1</sup>  
<sup>117 1914</sup>

Examination James W<sup>m</sup> Osborne  
aged 39 years Conducted at Fortaux, Basques

Date: Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 1916. Recruiting Office:  
Dubuq. & Seymour

No. Test	Finding
1	no
2	no
3	no
4	no
5	no
6	no
7	yes
8	yes
9	no
10	Sight for colours good
11	Good physique. no deformity
12	Spine straight. legs straight.
13	Teeth fairly good. Can masticate
14	Throat normal
15	No discharge from ears
16	Chest capacious & well formed
17	Lungs and heart sound
18	No tendency to heart or lung disease
19	Sight good in both eyes
20	Fingers and hands well formed
21	Palms of hands hard & callous
22	Wrists and elbows normal
23	Shoulder joints mobile
24	Feet and ankles strong. Slight varicose unimportant
25	Spine and hip joints mobile
26	No hammer toes or flat-foot
27	No hemorrhoids or fistula
28	Hearing good in both ears



No. Test	Finding
29	Right arm strong and well formed
30	Left arm " " " "
31	No abdominal weakness
32	No hernia or varicocele
33	Yes, 1900.
34	5ft. 6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> inches
35	130 lbs
36	Max 36. min 33.
37	40" per
38	Mother, Sarah Osborne
39	Mother

Wm Grant M.D.  
Med. Examiner

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MEMORANDUM

FROM 1 NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

HEADQUARTERS

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.

TO .....

.....

.....

*J. Osborne No 2471*

*A. F.P. 179(2) and D 400A.*

*A*

*A. F.P.*  
*Dec 25/15*



Notification by President of Medical Board of Approval of a Soldier's Discharge under Paragraph 392 (xvi) King's Regulations.  
(To be completed and dispatched on the day on which the discharge is approved)

To the Secretary.-

Pensions & Disabilities Board.  
St. John's. Nfld.

The Soldier named below has appeared before an Army Medical Board at this station and his discharge from the Service as "no longer physically fit for War Service" has THIS DAY been approved.  
(The discharge will be confirmed for a date 14 days after the date on this notification, See A G 1 1623 of 1916.)

Soldier's Surname Osbourne Christian names James William  
(in full)

Regt No and Rank 247. Pte. Regt or Corps 1st Bde.  
If T.F. this should be stated

His address on discharge will be 31 Pleasant St.

The Soldier states that AN allotment is being issued in respect of him. ~~NO~~

Station St. John's Date Dec  
  
 President of Board  
 (Approving Officer)



Notification by President of Medical Board of Approval of a Soldier's Discharge under Paragraph 392 (xvi) King's Regulations.

(To be completed and dispatched on the day on which the discharge is approved)

To the Officer I/C Records. \_\_\_\_\_

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(In full)

Regt No and Rank 2471 Pte Regt or Corps 1st Bde

His address on discharge will be 31 Pleasant St

The Soldier states that AN allotment is being issued in respect of him. ~~NO~~

Army Form D 400a and Army Form BI79 for the above named Soldier are forwarded herewith. Also B 178-a.

Station St John's Date Dec 8/16  
Clay Macpherson  
President of Board  
 (Approving Officer)



Certificates to be signed by the soldier on discharge.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances (including clothing allowance), and all just demands up to the present date, ~~subject to the reservations, of the claims noted on the~~ <sup>3rd page.</sup>

Place St. John's Med J. W. [Signature] (Signature of soldier)  
Date Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1916 G. F. [Signature] (Signature of witness)

(When a soldier is absent through illness or any other cause, and it is not desirable to forward these proceedings to him for signature, a manuscript copy should be sent for the man to sign, and when returned should be attached here.)

Confirmatio of discharge.

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed for 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec/16  
(Place) St. John's Med Signature [Signature]  
(Date) Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1916 Office Records

Commanding officers (for the Paymaster, if at Netley) will issue to every discharged soldier whose claim to pension, either on account of service or disability, is to be brought under the consideration of the Chelsea Board, a memorandum for his guidance on Army Form D.401, and will at the same time transmit to the Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, a descriptive return of the man on Army Form D.400.



PAY LIST *Sep 1<sup>st</sup>* to *Sep 29* 191*6*. Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT

Regiment or corps *2<sup>nd</sup> Newfoundland Regt.*  
 No. *2471* Rank *Private* Name *J. W. Osborne.*  
 Died <sup>(a)</sup> at on the of 191 .  
 Deserted at on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

*J. H. Edinshaw, Capt.* { *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 .....			
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay <i>26</i> days at <i>1<sup>10</sup>/<sub>16</sub></i> from <i>1<sup>9</sup>/<sub>16</sub></i> to <i>1<sup>5</sup>/<sub>16</sub></i>			<i>5 17 6</i>
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay			
	<i>12.9.1916</i>				days at from to			
	<i>15.9.16</i>	<i>1</i>			Messing allowance days at			
	<i>22.9.16</i>		<i>10</i>		from to .....			
	<i>26.9.16</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>	Clothing and kit allowance .....			
	<i>Allet 70<sup>th</sup> day</i>				Amount produced by the sale of Necessaries			
	<i>12 day - 18<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>3</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>9</i>	Personal Clothing and Effects from Form 2...			
	Consolidated stoppage.....				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	<i>Boot af.</i>			<i>8</i>	Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	<i>Barrack dam.</i>			<i>4</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster.....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster							
		£	<i>5</i>	<i>17</i>				<i>6</i>
						£	<i>5</i>	<i>17</i>
								<i>6</i>

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ *5 17 6* is correctly chargeable against the Public<sup>(b)</sup>.

Dated at this day of *Victoria St.* 191 .

*J. H. Edinshaw*  
 PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS

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

CHIEF CLERK  
*[Signature]*



## Descriptive Return of a Soldier Discharged on Account of Disability

**INSTRUCTIONS**—This form is to be completed in the case of every discharged soldier whose claim to pension, on account of disability, is to be submitted for the consideration of the Pensions and Disabilities Board.

This section should be completed in the Hospital at which a man is attending at the time of his examination by a Medical Board, or, if the man is not in Hospital, by the Medical Officer of the Unit or Command Depot. The Soldier should be given a full opportunity of examining it, as, if awarded a pension, his subsequent identification depends on his confirming this declaration. The "Rank," "Station," and "Date" should be in his own handwriting.

The form will then be attached to the Proceedings of the man's Medical Board and will be forwarded to the O. i/c. Records together with the remainder of the man's documents.

Changes occurring in the description subsequent to the date of admission to pension should be noted in red ink.

Name in full *James William Osbourne.*

Regiment from which discharged *1st. Newfoundland*

Regimental number *2471*

Intended address *31 Pleasant St.*

Height on discharge *5* Feet *7 1/2*

Color of hair on discharge *Grey*

Complexion *fai.*

Color of eyes *blue.*

Figure on discharge *medium.*

Christian name of Father *Joseph.*

Christian name of Mother *Sarah.*

Wife's maiden name in full *Elvina Jennings.*

Date and place of marriage *23 May 1916. St. John's N.Y.*

Christian names of children

Place and date of soldier's birth. *Pott. aux. - Bousquet. July 8, 1868.*

Nature and locality of civil employment required

I declare that I am the soldier referred to above and that all the particulars contained in the above statement are, to the best of my knowledge, correct

(Soldier's signature in full) *James William Osbourne*

(Rank) *PLC*

Station *St John's* Date *Dec 8 1916*

I certify that the above named soldier signed the foregoing declaration in my presence, and that the above description and details are, to the best of my knowledge correct.

*Sto Berden Leuit.*  
Medical Officer i/c Hospital.  
Unit, or Command Depot.

Station *St John's* Date *Dec 8/16*

COPY.

Army Form B. 179.

Medical Report on an Invalid.



Station *Apv*  
Date *23. 9. 16*

- 1. Unit *2/1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland Regt*
- 2. Regimental No. *2471*
- 3. Rank *Private*
- 4. Name *Osborne James William*
- 5. Age last birthday *35*
- 6. Enlisted { on *15 April 1916*  
at *St John's Newfoundland*
- 7. Former Trade or Occupation { *Fisherman*

8. Disability.

*Chronic Articular & Muscular Rheumatism*

Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

- 9. Date of origin of disability. *August 1916 (as to present attack)*
- 10. Place of origin of disability. *At Sea (as to present attack)*

11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case. *8-9 years ago. suffered from Rheumatism of legs & arms for which he was laid up 9 months. His next attack was at the end of April 1916: a slight one.*

*Present Attack. Commenced on steamer during voyage from Newfoundland & has continued ever since (2 weeks) without remission, crippling him & preventing him to do any military duties*

- 12. (a) Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability. *Not due to Military Service*
- (b) If you consider it to have been caused by active service, climate, or ordinary military service, explain the specific conditions to which you attribute it (See notes on page 3).



13. What is his present condition?

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

States that he has pains in hip joints, knees & ankles: also in left arm, in small of back & neck. He walks lamely with the use of a stick & can hardly bear to put weight on the right leg at all. There is no swelling of joints. Heart sounds pure: beat rapid 35 per min. Atrophy of the 1st eminence left hand sensory anaesthesia in left hand as indicated: grip fair.



14. Is the disability an injury caused by anaesthetic?

- (a) In action?
- (b) On field service?
- (c) On duty?
- (d) Off duty?

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?

- If so—(a) When?
- (b) Where?
- (c) Opinion?

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?

18. In case of loss or decay of teeth. Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly\* attributable to active service?

19. Do you recommend

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or
- (b) ~~Change to England?~~

Discharge as permanently unfit

\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith, except†

Station \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Officer in charge of Hospital.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Loss of teeth on, or immediately after, active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.

† Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.

## Opinion of the Medical Board.

NOTES.—(i.) Clear and decisive answers to the following questions are to be carefully filled in, by the Board, as, in the event of the man being invalided, it is essential that the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital should be in possession of the most reliable information to enable them to decide upon the man's claim to pension.

(ii.) Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," &c., should be avoided.

(iii.) The rates of pension vary directly according to whether the disability is attributed to (a) active service, (b) climate, or (c) ordinary military service. It is therefore essential when assigning the cause of the disability to differentiate between them (see Articles 1162 and 1165, Pay Warrant, 1913).

(iv.) In answering question 20 the Board should be careful to discriminate between disease resulting from military conditions and disease to which the soldier would have been equally liable in civil life.

(v.) A disability is to be regarded as due to climate when it is caused by military service abroad in climates where there is a special liability to contract the disease.

20. (a) State whether the disability is the result of (i.) active service, (ii.) climate, or (iii.) ordinary military service.

*no*

(b) If due to one of these causes, to what specific conditions do the Board attribute it?

21. Has the disability been aggravated by

(a) Intemperance?

*w*

(b) Misconduct?

*hw*

22. Is the disability permanent?

*yes*

23. If not permanent, what is its probable minimum duration?

To be stated in months.

24. To what extent is his capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general labour market lessened at present?

—

In defining the extent of his inability to earn a livelihood, estimate it at  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{8}$ , or total incapacity.

25. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?

—

26. Do the Board recommend

(a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or

*yes*

(b) Change to England?

Signatures:—

*J. S. Travis*

President.

*L. P. Peterson major*

*J. Sinclair Tait*

Members.

*Cluny Macpherson*  
Administrative Medical Officer.

*D.M.S.*

Station \_\_\_\_\_

Date *Dec 8 1916*

Station \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





# Newfoundland Forestry Companies

2471

## ATTESTATION OF

No. ~~8343~~ Name James W Osborne Corps

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>James W. Osborne</u> .....                     |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>31 Pleasant St.</u><br><u>St. John's</u> ..... |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>yes</u> .....                                  |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>48</u> Years <u>2</u> Months.....              |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Lumber Inspector</u> .....                     |
| 6. Are you Married? .....  | 6. <u>yes</u> .....                                  |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....                       | 7. <u>yes</u> <u>1st A. F. L. D.</u> .....           |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 8. <u>yes</u> .....                                  |
| 9. What is your Religion? .....  | 9. <u>Cof. S.</u> .....                              |
| 10. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in this roll of service as applied to Forestry Companies? ..... | 10. <u>yes</u> . { Name.....<br>Corps .....          |

I, James W. Osborne..... 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.

James W. Osborne SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

8 14/9/17

B. H. Ellis Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, James W. Osborne..... 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 serve His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in the United Kingdom, 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 13 day of Sept 1917  
Signature of Attesting Officer J. R. Gordyean Capt

### † 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..... 1917 } Approving Officer.  
Place.....

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‡ 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).....











*[Handwritten scribble]*



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

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

Feb. 17th, 1919 191

From Adjutant,  
Discharge Depot

To 2/Lt. Geo. Sceviour,  
Militia Department

2471 ex-Pte. J.W. Osborne

The above mentioned man has applied to me to certify that he was married while in the Regiment and that he was granted permission to do so.

I beg to say that he enlisted on April 9/16 and applied to me for permission to get married on May 23/16, which was granted by O.C. Depot.

*J. J. Brady*  
Captain  
Discharge Depot - Newfoundland

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THIS STATUTORY DECLARATION is to be filled in correctly in every detail, and a complete reply must be given to each question.

Each statement is considered as being made on OATH and the form is to be signed before a Barrister of the Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate or Justice of the Peace and returned to:-

THE PAYMASTER,  
Separation Allowance Branch,  
St. John's, Newfoundland.

1. Name in full of soldier. Rank. Reg't or Unit Reg't No.  
James William Osborne Plt 1st Regt 2471
2. Age of soldier. Married or Single  
66 49 years married
3. Name in full of wife  
Elvina Osborne
4. Address in full.  
31, Pleasant St St John's Nfld
5. Date of marriage.  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1916
6. Place of marriage.  
St Mary's Church St John's Nfld
7. Did marriage take place since soldier's enlistment.  
Yes
8. Was Commanding Officer's permission obtained? If not, why?  
Yes
9. If not married, how long have you been dependent on the soldier for your maintenance, and supported regularly by him on a bona fide permanent domestic basis.
10. Were you living with your husband immediately prior to his enlistment? If not, how long have you been separated.  
Yes
11. Is separation a legal one?

12. If legal, are you in receipt of alimony. If so, state amount.

13. If not legal, how long since your husband contributed to your support? Explain fully.

14. State amount of allotment received by you from soldier monthly.

\$ 21.70

15. From what date have you received allotment.

may 23<sup>th</sup> 1916

16. Name s of children      Age last Birthday      Name s of children      Age last Birthday

17. Are you already in receipt of Separation Allowance from any Source? If so, state amount.

no

18. Are you in receipt of payment from any Patriotic Fund? If so how much?

no

19. Have you made a previous claim for Separation Allowance. If not, why? Give particulars.

Discharged before came into force

20. Was your husband at the time of his enlistment an employee of the Nfld. Government?

no

21. In what capacity and in what place?

no Place

22. Is he in receipt of a salary as such while serving in the Nfld. Regiment. If so, how much?

no

I herewith make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and knowing it to be of the same force and effect as if made under Oath and in Virtue of the Evidence Act.

Signature of applicant Mrs. Clara A. [unclear]

Place of Residence 31 Pleasant St. St. John's Nfld



Declared and subscribed before me

at St. Johns

this 24 day of February 1919

Signature of Barrister of Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace

William D. Kelly  
Justice

This application must be signed by two responsible parties one of whom must be a clergyman, the other a representative of your local Patriotic Fund Committee, certifying that to the best of their knowledge, after careful enquiry, the above statements are correct

Signature of Clergyman Edgar H. Fletcher

Signature of member of Patriotic Fund Committee

[Handwritten Signature]

H.B. Marriage Certificate must accompany this application and will be returned after perusal. If marriage is after enlistment. Commanding Officer's permission in writing must be forwarded.



P.S.

3 1ST. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

I, J. K. Osborne, Regl. No. 2471

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of                      Dollars and fifty 70 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.:

Allotment begins May 1/16

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
2140	Mother	M <sup>rs</sup> . Joseph Osborne Channel		50
		M <sup>rs</sup> . J. K. Osborne	31 Pleasant St. A. C. H. Ave.	70
Cancelled. Chas. H. Ayne Capt.				
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.) A. D. O'Leary  
for  
Officer Commanding  
Company  
St. John's  
ap. 29 1916

(Sig.) J. W. O'Shane  
(Rank) Pte.



P.S.

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 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  
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Allotment begins May 1/16

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
2140	Mother	M <sup>rs</sup> . Joseph Osborne Channel		50
<p><i>Replaced by No 2055</i></p>				
Total Allotment, \$				

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(Sig.) A. Duttridge  
 for Officer Commanding  
 Company  
St. John's  
ap. 29 1916

(Sig.) J. W. Osborne  
 (Rank) Pte.



In any further  
correspondence on  
this subject please  
quote number and  
date of this Com-  
munication.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Headquarters, Sydney, N. S. S.

27th March 1916

From The Junior Major

185th "Overseas" Battalion, C. E. F.

To Sgt. J. W. Osborne,

Channel, Nfld.

2471

Many men from Newfoundland have enlisted in the Cape Breton Regiment. They are always welcome and especially so when trained. It is unlikely that they will get a better opportunity than with the 185th Cape Breton Highlanders and any who contemplate overseas service should come up at once and enlist with us.

*W. Hamilton*  
.....Major  
185th "Overseas" Battalion, C.E.F.  
(Cape Breton Highlanders)

Gony check!

*AW*

N<sup>o</sup> 334



# Newfoundland Forestry Companies.

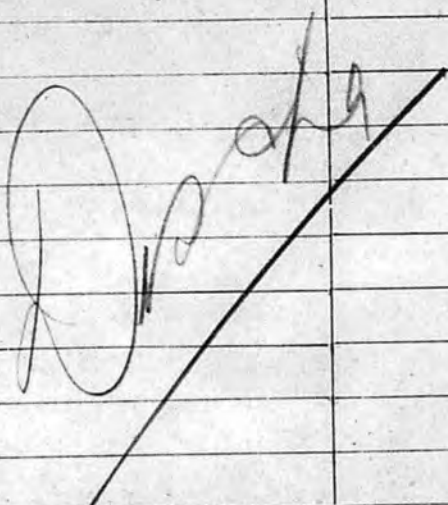
## ALLOTMENTS

2471

I, James M. Osborne, Regl. No. 5343

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of Eighty (80) Dollars and 50 Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person <sup>and</sup> or Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person <sup>and</sup> or Persons concerned, viz.:

Allotment begins Sept 11/17

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative, or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
249	wife	Elvina Osborne	311 Pleasant St.	
				
			Total Allotment, \$	50

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.) J. P. Goodyear capt  
Officer Commanding  
B Company

(Sig.) James M. Osborne  
(Rank) Pte

St. John's N.Y.  
Sept 11 1917





DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 87 <sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Dec 23<sup>20</sup> 1914

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of Eighty Seven <sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars.  
on account of Pay. P.T.O.  
balance for W. Osborne

Ch. No. 7391	Initials. EW
Pay Ledger. 194	Initials. awl
Gen. Ledger.....	Initials.....

Regtl. No..... Rank.....

No. 2471

Rank

PL-

Name

Osborne J.W.

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DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

$\$ \frac{50}{100}$

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1917

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of One \_\_\_\_\_  $\frac{50}{100}$  Dollars.  
on account of Pay.  
balance

- J. W. Ashmore

Ch. No. 94	Initials. W. G. P.
Pay Ledger 276	Initials. C. C. P.
Gen. Ledger 280	Initials. P. S.

Regtl. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_



No. 2471

Rank Pte.

Name J. W. Osborne.

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**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

*Royal Nfld. Regt.*

*Dept. of Militia,*

*ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.*

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Fold Here

OCT 20 1921

1921.

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

James W. Osborne

in respect of his service as No. 2471 Rank Pte.

Name J. W. Osborne Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received medal ok

Signature Jos W Osborne

Date 17-1-1972

Address 31 Pleasant Street

[P.T.O.]



C.R. 2471

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Newfoundland Forestry Companies  
depot St. John's dated October 27th 1917.

Services having been no longer required is discharged with  
effect from Oct. 25/17.

X  
2471, Pte. J.W. Osbourne.



Leport 2471  
Recruiting Form F. C., 1917.



# Newfoundland Forestry Companies

2471

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 8343 Name James W Osborne Corps

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>James W. Osborne</u> .....         |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>31 Pleasant St</u> .....           |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>St John's</u> .....                |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>48</u> Years <u>3</u> Months ..... |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Lumber Inspector</u> .....         |
| 6. Are you Married? .....  | 6. <u>yes</u> .....                      |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....                       | 7. <u>yes</u> <u>in R.F.L.D.</u> .....   |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 8. <u>yes</u> .....                      |
| 9. What is your Religion? .....  | 9. <u>Conf.</u> .....                    |
| 10. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in this roll of service as applied to Forestry Companies? ..... | 10. <u>yes</u> { Name .....              |
|  | { Corp's .....                           |

I, James W. Osborne 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.

James W Osborne SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

3-14-17

B. H. Ellis Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, James W Osborne 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 serve His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in the United Kingdom, according to the conditions of my service.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

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