



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 2688 Name William John Seward Corps

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

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>William John Seward</u>      |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>New Perlican</u>             |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>                      |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>19</u> years <u>2</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Fisherman</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>Naval Reserve</u>            |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 8. <u>Yes</u>                      |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....   | 9. <u>Yes</u>                      |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?....                                       | 10. { Name .....<br>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, William John Seward 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. May 2nd William J. Seward SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Hayward Marshall Signature of Witness.

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

I, William John Seward do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at St. John's on this 2nd day of May 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer H. D. Bridge 2nd Lieut

### †CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been 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.

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‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

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# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name William John Seward

Apparent age 19 years 2 months. Height 5 feet 6 inches

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36½ inches  
Range of expansion 2½ inches

Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Mr Daniel Burrier  
Hearts Content | Relationship Father  
Trinity Bay Particulars as to Marriage

(a) Christian and Surname of Women 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 Re-serve 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 " _____ [ " " ] _____ " _____ "									



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Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36½ inches  
Range of expansion 22 inches

Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

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					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>2-5-16</u>									<p>Joined at <u>Mt Airy</u> on <u>May 2<sup>nd</sup> 16</u></p> <p><u>to Overseas Service</u></p> <p><u>Discharged Medically Unfit. 18-8-16</u></p>
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>18-8-16</u> (date of discharge) <u>  </u> years <u>110</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 William John Seward  
aged 19 conducted at CLB  
Date: May 1/16 Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST FINDING

- 1 no
- 2 no
- 3 no
- 4 no
- 5 no
- 6 no
- 7 yes
- 8 yes
- 9 no
- 10 n
- 11 n
- 12 n
- 13 n
- 14 n
- 15 n
- 16 n
- 17 n
- 18 n
- 19 no Both
- 20 n
- 21 n
- 22 n
- 23 n
- 24 n
- 25 n
- 26 n
- 27 n
- 28 n
- 29 n
- 30 n
- 31 n
- 32 n

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33 yes scar left on 14 months  
34 S.C.  
35 126  
36 34-36 1/2  
37 \$ 400  
38 mother Mrs Daniel Burrer New Orleans J.B.  
39 mother

714

Signature of Medical Examiner: William Roberts

C.R. 2688

William John Seward was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ..... May 2nd 1916.  
Regimental No 2688 was allotted to Pte. W.J. Seward.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.



C.R. 7688

Major A. Montgomerie,

O.C. Headquarters.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to refer to you the annexed letter received from Mrs. Robert Snooks of New Perilleau under date 30th. Sept. requesting information as to the whereabouts of her son William John Seward.

His Excellency would be glad to receive any suggestion you have to offer as to tracing this man.

7 October 1913.

Private Secretary.



C.R. 2688

Abstract of Roll of Officers, N.C.O.s. and Men Discharged  
from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.  
Authority: Pay Office, St. John's.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
2688	Pte.	W. J. Seaward	Aug. 18th. 1916.	Med. Unfit.

C.R. 2688

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

#2688 Pte. W.J.Seward discharged, Aug.28th 1916, Medically

unfit

C.R. 2688

# 2688 J. Seaward.

Extract of report by Major L. Paterson, August 17, 1916.

"I am of opinion that this man is unfit for Military Service  
his condition is not due to Military Service."

*Original in M-52*

C.R. 2688

**Wm. J. Seward** was attested for General  
Service with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT ON **May 2nd 1916**  
Regimental No. **2688** was allotted to Ptes **W. J. Seward**

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March 25th 1919

Seward S. W. F.

2688

Pay Dept

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Seward OF Christian Name William John

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Birthplace:—Parish			County	
Examined	on 1 day of May 1916		on	day of 191
	at St. Johns		at	
Declared Age	19 years 2 days		years	days
Trade or Occupation	Fisherman			
Height	5 feet 6 inches		feet	inches
Weight	126 lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 36 1/2 inches			inches
	Range of expansion... 2 1/2 inches			inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number	1		
When Vaccinated	14 months ago			
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)	Lamont Petersen			
(Rank)	Major Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at St. Johns		at	
	on 1 day of May 1916		on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	1st Nfd. Reg	1888		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				











**1ST. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**

**IDENTITY CERTIFICATE**

This is to Certify that

(Name\*)

*Mrs. Elizabeth Snook,*

(Address)

*New Perlican, F.B.*

(Relation or otherwise)

*Mother.*

by

*William J. Seward*

Rank

*Pte.*

is the person nominated

Regl. No.

*2688*

to draw Allotment Pay, as authorized on Form K, No.

*2688*

dated

*July 7th* 1916

Date Allotment commences

*July 1st/16*

Dated at

*St. John's*

*July 7th* 1916

(Sig.)

*Chas. H. Cope, Capt.*

Officer Commanding

*B* Company

NOTE.—Allotments will be payable at the Regimental Pay Department Office, on and after the 7th day of the month following that for which Pay is due. On Week Days from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Payments can only be made on production of this Certificate.

Specimen Signature

*Snook*

*New Perlican, 11 Aug 1916*

Witness to Signature of Allottee

*W. Pittman*

*Elizabeth Snook*

Allottee

**PAYMENTS**

Date Paid	Amount	Payee's Signature	Date Paid	Amount	Payee's Signature
	15 50				
Sept 1	15 50				
Oct 1	15				
Nov 1	15 50				

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

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 (688) W3017/2124 100/0n 6/15ss 28 50

Forms  
B. 121.  
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Regiment of Newfoundland

Number of Sheet First

Signature of C. G. Company Chas. A. Coy. Capt

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay		
No. <u>2688</u>	<u>Seaward, W. J.</u>	Age on	<u>19</u> years <u>5</u> months	<u>Soldier</u>			
Joined _____	Date _____	Place and Date of Enlistment	<u>St. John's</u> <u>1/5/16</u>	Religion			
Joined _____	Date _____	Period of { with Colours _____ years. with Reserve <u>10 days</u> years.		Place of Birth			
Joined _____	Date _____			<u>Church of England</u>			

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>St. John's</u>	<u>18/7/16</u>	<u>Pte.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Drunk in Barracks</u>	<u>Sgt. Weston</u>	<u>Admonished</u>	<u>27/7/16</u>	<u>Major Montgomerie</u>	
<u>St. John's</u>	<u>4-8-16</u>	<u>Pte.</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Drunk in town (2)</u>	<u>Mc Donnell</u>	<u>3 days C.B.</u>	<u>4-8-16</u>	<u>Major Montgomerie</u>	<u>Chas. A. Coy. Capt</u>
<u>St. John's Medically Unfit 18/7/16</u>									
To be carried over									

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C.R. 2688

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,  
ST JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.  
January 14, 1920.

Dear Colonel Rendell:

Yesterday when I was visiting Waterford Hall, the following inquiries were made:

Wm. J. Seaward, of New Perlican, had been in the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve, No. 1691 X; subsequently in the Newfoundland Regiment; left the Newfoundland Regiment in August, 1916; joined Canadians; Canadian number 5422 -- 0 -- 1; date of joining Canadians, August 26th, 1916; discharged September 22nd, 1919; now in Waterford Hall under treatment. He wants to know how he is going to get paid, what pay he is going to receive, including separation allowances, patriotic allowances, and other amounts; what from the Navy, what from the Newfoundland Regiment, and what from Canada.

He says that he made an effort to get accurate information at the Department of Militia, but was unable to understand just what the situation was in his case.

2688  
2/5/16-18/16  
Med. unfit  
Constitution not due  
to service

Underage +  
given school  
by C.R.P.  
Taken ill +  
sent to hosp.  
for continuation  
of treatment



PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,  
ST JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

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Would you kindly write me fully in connection with  
this matter putting your letter in a form so that I  
could send a copy of it to the man.

Very truly yours,

Lieut. Col. Rendell,  
City.

*P.M.* What has he received as  
from R N A & from Regt ?

W. S. G. X SA

2688  
C.R. ~~2688~~

Jan. 22nd, 1920

The Honourable  
Prime Minister

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Jan. 14th, dealing with the case of Mr. J. Seaward of New Perlican, now at Waterford Hall.

This man whose R.N.R. No. is 1609X, has received at the Augmentation Pay due him for his services with the Royal Naval Reserve. He served in the Regiment No. 2688 - from the 2nd of June, 1916 to the 18th August, 1916, on which date he was discharged as medically unfit, his condition not being due or aggravated by military service.

On his return to this country he applied to the Civil Re-Establishment Committee for training, and as he was under military age on his first enlistment he came within the scope of their regulations for a course in general education. While undergoing this course he became ill and was sent to Waterford Hall for treatment, and his training is being continued there. While undergoing a course he is entitled to their allowance of \$60.00 per month. It is a rule of military hospitals that a man is paid only \$10.00 per month while he is an in-patient, and the balance of his monthly pay is credited to his account and paid to him on discharge from hospital.

This man has not yet made claim for War Service Gratuity and Separation Allowance, and no information has been received as to what payments in connection with these two allowances have been paid by the Canadians. I have instructed the Paymaster to forward to him a claim form for War Service Gratuity, and to his next of kin a claim form for Separation Allowance. These claims will receive immediate attention when they have been returned completed to this Department.

I have the honour to be  
Sir  
Your obedient servant

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.