



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

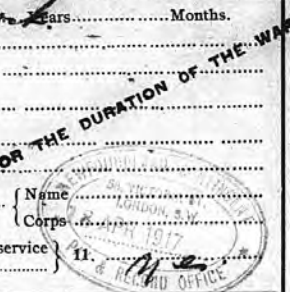


ATTESTATION OF

No. 2317 Name A. C. Shears Corps _____

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. Ralph C. Shears
2. What is your full Address? 2. 9 Kings Road
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
4. What is your Age? 4. 18 Years Months.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? No
6. Are you Married? No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? 10. { Name _____
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. Yes



I, A. C. Shears 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.

Ralph C. Shears SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

F. Marshall Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION

I, Ralph C. Shears 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 25 day of March 1917

Signature of the Attesting Officer: R. P. Holloway

† 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
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, the 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 Ralph C. Shears

Apparent age 18 years 3 months. Height 5 feet 6 3/4 inches.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36 1/2 inches.
Range of expansion 4 1/2 inches.

Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Alfred H. Shears
9 Kings Road | 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	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank.	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension	Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					years days	years days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from _____							
Joined at _____ on _____							
Total Service forfeited as above							
Total Service towards Engagement to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days							
" " " Pension " _____ (") _____ " _____ "							

2317



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2317 Name R. C. Shears Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment

- 1. What is your name? 1. Ralph C. Shears
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. 9 Kings Road
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
- 4. What is your age? 4. 18 Years 3 Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Clerk
- 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. { Name
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. Yes

I, R. C. Shears 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.

Ralph C. Shears SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

F. Ward Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION

I, Ralph C. Shears 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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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 25 day of March 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer R. P. Hallaway

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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

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Date 1916 } Approving Officer.
Place

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Particulars as to Children

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					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>10-3-16</u>									
Joined at <u>St Johns</u> on <u>March 20th 16</u>									
<u>Discharged March 13th 1919</u>									
<p><u>Embarked at John's Pt. Victoria for W.O. 19th 16</u> <u>Embarked for B.L.S. 3rd 16</u> <u>Admitted 25th H.M.S. 6th 16</u> <u>Invalidity 12th 16</u> <u>Admitted 1/2nd 16</u> <u>then Home Depot 16th 16</u> <u>Invalidity to England 1st 17</u> <u>Admitted 3rd H.M. Bandmaster 17th 17</u> <u>Surgeon attached 26th 17</u> <u>Embarked for B.L.S. 5th 17</u> <u>Joined unit on the field 3rd 17</u> <u>Wounded 20-11-17</u> <u>Admitted 37th H.M. 21st 17</u> <u>Invalidity to England 5th 17</u> <u>Admitted 5th London 4th 17</u> <u>W.O. 5th 17</u> <u>Surgeon attached 21st 17</u> <u>Embarked for B.L.S. 21st 17</u> <u>Joined 13th 17</u> <u>W.O. 10-11-18</u> <u>Band 11th 18</u> <u>Transferred from B.L.S. to Winchester 19th 17</u> <u>to 11th for demobilization 30th 17</u> <u>W.O. 11th 17</u></p>									
<u>Demobilization at Johns 13-3-1919</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Service towards Engagement to <u>13-3-19</u> (date of discharge) <u>2</u> years <u>359</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

Ralph C. Sears

aged

18

conducted at

C. H. B.

Date:

5 Mar 13/16

Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST

FINDING

1

no

2

no

3

no

4

no

5

no

6

no

7

eyes

8

eyes

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n. 6/4 - R 6/6

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Hammer Sw. Rt. 21. 2nd Sw. not a Disqualify

27

n

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n

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n

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n

32

n

33

yes 2 Scars left arm

34

5-6 1/2

35

126 lbs.

36

32-36 1/2

37

15 per cent.

38

Folder Alfred Sears 9 16 mg Red
Gum

39

So report March 20th 1916

2317

Signature of Medical Examiner:

S. W. Darden

7/11

Shears, R. C.

C.R. 2317

P. V. R. O.



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ALLOTMENTS

I, Ralph C Shears, Regl. No. 2317

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of 60 Dollars and 00 Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person ^{and}/_{or} Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person ^{and}/_{or} Persons concerned, viz.:

Allotment begins July 1st 1916

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
2447	father	Ralph C Shears	King St	60
Commencing 21/7/16				
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.) Charles Aye
 Officer Commanding
21 Jones
 Company
June 1916

(Sig.) Ralph C Shears
 (Rank) plc

11th, April

7

3222/2

The Postmaster General,

St. John's,

Newfoundland.

HT/WF

No. 2317, PTE. R. C. SHEARS.

Letter from the above named Private,
together with one from Sophia Brown, returned herewith for
what action may be deemed necessary.

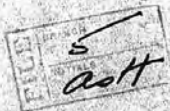
According to records here, the only two
men bearing this name in the Regiment are,-

1671, Pte. John James Shears

1274, " John Robert Shears

both from Robinsons', Bay St. George.

Major,
Paymaster & O i/c Records.



11th, April

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No. 557

Date 18/1/1918

(1) To the Officer i/c Records,

Newfoundlanders.
58 Vic St London S W (Station).

(2) The Officer Commanding,

Newfoundland Regt.
Ays. (Station).

(3) The Paymaster,

58 Victoria St
London S W. (Station).

Regimental No. 2314

Rank and Name Pte Shears, R. C.

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland R.

has been granted a furlough from 19/1/18 to 28/1/18

His address while on leave will be:—

58 Victoria St
London S W.

I consider he is fit for • Duty.
 Inapplicable.

A. C. Culbert
Officer in charge

2nd Vol. H. Hospital,
Officer in charge (Station).

• Strike out that which is inapplicable.

Four copies to be made, and one copy sent to each Officer mentioned above and one copy filed in the Office.

*Admitted #44
15/1/18
Gz. 5th Lond. Regt.*



No. 557

Date 18/1/1918

(1) To the Officer i/c Records,

Newfoundlanders.
58 Vic St London S.W. (Station).

(2) The Officer Commanding,

Newfoundland Regt.
Ayr. (Station).

(3) The Paymaster,

58 Victoria St
London S.W. (Station).

*Admitted #11
15/1/18
Sgt. 5th Lond. Lys.*

Regimental No. 2314

Rank and Name Pte Shears, R. G.

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland R.

has been granted a furlough from 19/1/18 to 28/1/18

His address while on leave will be:—

58 Victoria St
London S.W.

(B 8034) Wt. w. 7389-8429 1,000,000 10/16 H & S (E 459.)

Amending Slip, Army Form W. 3016.

Only for use with Men returned from an Expeditionary Force or from Garrisons Abroad.

I consider he is fit for* {
i. Duty.
ii. ~~Employment~~
iii. ~~Employment~~

* Strike out that which is inapplicable.

27/Gen. No. 15711.
WAR OFFICE
(A.G.S.)
27/9/16.

NOTE.—This slip cancels corresponding paragraph of Army Form W. 3016 and the slip 24/Gen. No. 4518, A.G. 1, dated 30th Nov., 1915.

* Strike out that which is inapplicable.

Four copies to be made, and one copy sent to each Officer mentioned above and one copy filed in the Office.

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N.F.P.80

(2004) Wt. W0726 M3885. 10,000,000. 9/17. G. & Co.

PAYMASTER & OFFICER ⁱⁿ RECORDS,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
From ENGLAND.

MEMORANDUM.

From O. R. V. & RECORD OFFICER
5th. London General Hospital,
St. Thomas's Hospital,

To Officer Commanding,
5th London Gen. Hosp.
Lambeth.

Paymaster & Officer i/c Records
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria St., S.W.1.
ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office

Lambeth S.E.1.

27th December 1917

December 29th. 1917.

2317. Pte, R. C. Shears,2317. Pte. Shears. R.C.

With reference to the following
telegram (8138) from the Hon.
Minister of Militia, received
25/12/17

Kindly forward the £L.O.O.
to me, so as I can hand same
to the above mentioned man.

"pay to 2317, shears, £1:0:0"

Kindly advise whether this
amount is to be remitted to you
for payment to this Soldier or
retained for Credit of his
account.

with
F. W. J. [Signature]
Major
Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
PAY & RECORDS OFFICE.

1105 14 *8292*

cd'd 31 DEC 1917

ck'd / used

cf. Nos. 1411

E. Baker Capt. for Colonel,

Commdg. 5th. London General Hospital

cmd.

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

ENGLAND.

To, Officer Commanding,
5th London Gen. Hosp.
St. Thomas Hosp.

Pay & Record Office,
31st December 1917

2317, pte. R. C. Shears,

Reference reverse, - Postal
Draft for £1:0:0, is enclosed
for payment as indicated.

A. A. Minshall Maj.
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records

From O.C.,
5th London Gen. Hosptl,
Lambeth, S.E.1.

To.- Paymaster & Officer
i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent
58, Victoria Street
S.W.1.

Jan. 2nd 1918.

Postal Draft for £1
has been received and
handed to this man.

Embarked
Comdg. 5th. Lond. (City of Lond.) Gen. Hospl. Col.



5th. London General Hospital
St. Thomas's Hospital,
London, S. E.

No. _____

N.F.P./45.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

To: Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. (1).

*OK
4/18*

Please remit to

Pte Ralph C Shears

No 2317 C. Co.

the sum of one pounds ten shillings, on
account of any balance that may be due to me.

Ref No

(£1-10-0).

Regtl No. 2317 Rank

Pte 5118

Name

Ralph C Shears

Approved

Officer i/c.,

Dated at

St Thomas's Hosp

Jan 7th

1918

W. H. H. H. H. Hospital:
Comdg. 5th. Lond. (City of Lond.) Gen. Hosp.

No. 13713/5

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

N.F.P./90.

From:

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.

To:

Officer Commanding,
5th London Gen. Hospital

Lambeth.

12th December 1917

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Subject: 2317, Pte. Ralph G. Shears

ANSWER

With reference to the following telegram (7681) from the Hon. the Minister of Militia, received 1/12 17

*Pay to 2317, Shears, £1:0:0

This amount has been placed to credit of his account for your payment 12/11/17

Kindly advise whether this amount should be remitted to you for payment to this Soldier, or retained to credit of his account.

[Signature]
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
POST & RECORD OFFICE

File No. 3182

Rec'd. JUN 18 1917

A. No. 18/6/17

Post No. Major Linnell

File No.

Cable
V29
sent

Major Linnell
Dear Sir,

would you
please send a telegram
to my Father asking him
to wire £2 to me.

Yours truly
Pte R. B. Shears
No 2317 H. Co.

Mr A. H. Shears
9 Kings Road
St Johns
Newfoundland

Racecourse
Ays

No. 529

ANGLO-AMERICAN WESTERN UNION DIRECT UNITED STATES CABLEGRAM



Prefix		Code		SENT		FOR STAMPS
WORDS		CHARGE		To	By	THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.
15				VIA ANGLO.		

18/8/17 TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

To. EFM A H SHEARS
9 KINGS ROAD
STJOHNS (NEWFOUNDLAND)

PLEASE WIRE TWO POUNDS TO AYR

SHEARS

Depot

15
22

37 1/2

3 1/2

CHECKED.
G. B.
8/10/17

*Notified Depot 7.154
19/6/17
main
NO 125*

*Charge to the Shears
2317*

(Authorised)

NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED. { Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

Signature _____ Address 58 Victoria St. S.W. 1.

CABLE ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.

Form
C. 248
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MEMORANDUM
PAYMASTER & OFFICER I.C. RECORDS,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
38, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
ENGLAND.

From The Officer Commanding,
2nd Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regt.
Buxley Down Camp.
To The Paymaster,
London, S.W.

To Officer Commanding,
2/R Newfoundland Regt.
Winchester
ANSWER. 1098

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Orderly Room,
Jan. 21st 1918.

Pay & Record Office,
22nd January 1918

Herewith A.F. N 1497
requisition for cash for
week ending Jan. 25th 1918.

Cheque for £835, has been
forwarded to London City &
Midland Bank, for credit of:

- G.C. "O" Co.Lt. G.Emerson, £300
 - " "D" Co.Cap. J.E.J. Fox, 135
 - " "P" Co.2/L.G. Tresise, 200
 - " "H" Co.Maj. March, M.C. 200
- £835

Please forward supply
of Company Pay Books also
N.F.P. 36. & RECORD OFFICE.

20 Company Pay Books, and a
supply of N.F.P. 36, are being
forwarded under Separate Cover
to-day.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
PAYMASTER & RECORD OFFICE.

RECEIVED
22 JAN 1918

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2319

R.P.S.

Major
Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records

FM/S.

No. 13737/6



Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1,

12th December 1917.

To: Officer in Charge,

5th London General Hospital,

St. Thomas Hospital,

With reference to request of:

(No) 2317 (Rank) Pte (Name) R. C. Shears

Cheque No. 7906 for £1: 0: 0 is enclosed for payment
to this Soldier as may be deemed fit.

Kindly complete Receipt Form on back of cheque before
presenting at a Bank, please.

Received from the O.C.
5th London. General Hospital
on Dec. 12th 1917.

Pte R. C. Shears
no 2317

H. H. Minnowell Major,

Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONT. HOSPITAL
AD. RECORD

St. Thomas' Hospital

12 DEC 1917

Dec 10th 1917

Majr J. H. Jewell

Oh # 1-0-0
AW. 12/12/17

Dear Sir,

I arrived here
Dec 6th from France and as
I have no money, I should like
to have a pound (£1) in
advance if it could be
managed. I should like
to have it as soon as possible
as I need it badly.

Yours truly

13737



R. C. Shears
No 2317 1st Field Regt
St Thomas' Hosp

Comdg. 5th Lond. (City of Lond.) Gen. Hospl.

Newfoundland Contingent,
Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street, S.W.1.
4th February, 1918.

Dear Karn,

I enclose letter from No. 2317,
Pte. Shears. I understand he is
classed I Duty and therefore may
not be available. If he is, and
there is a prospect of him being
available to remain here for any
appreciable length of time, I could
do with the services of such a man.

I have written to Lord Morris,
and on receipt of his reply will let
you know whether Saturday or Monday
next will suit his convenience.

Yours sincerely,

No. _____

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

N.F.P./55.

To: No 2317
Pte R. B. Shears.

Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1,

25th January 1918

Herewith Postal Draft No 702654/ £1
being REMITTANCE FROM HEADQUARTERS

Please acknowledge receipt hereon.

(Sig.) Ralph C Shears 2317 J. H. J. Mansfield

(Date) Jan 25th 1918 Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.



BRANCH Hazelley Down Camp
Winchester

ACTED UPON *By* 20th 1918.

AV.

Dear *Timewell,*

DATE

Reference your letter of the
4th concerning 2317 Pte. Shears.

I am very sorry I can't send
you this man because he is ill and likely
soon to be fit for overseas.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. A. Timewell

CAPTAIN.

ADJUTANT 2ND BATT. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Major H. A. Timewell

P&R. Office

Royal N.F.L.D. Regt.

London, S.W.

PAY & RECORD OFFICE

Ref. No. *1896*

Rec'd. **21 FEB 1918**

Ack'd. *N*

Am'd.

File No.

Since the date which the attached letter was written
23¹⁷ Lieut Ralph Thears has received his parcels.

Whilst on furlough ex hospital he called at the office
& took two parcels away with him & requested the others
to be sent on to him at the depot, Winchester.

These were sent on 4/2/18.

M.P.

St. Johns
Newfoundland
Jan 18/1918

FILE NO.	
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NO. 6.	
NO. 7.	
NO. 8.	
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Major Finewell
Dear Sir

Pardon me for writing you, but if not troubling you too much could you let me know if two parcels reached the Pay + Record Office in the R. C. Shears 231 of 1st & 7th Reg. posted in St. Johns Nov 19/17 and if so were they sent on to France before Dec 6 the date on which the Shears reached the 5th London General Hospital. The

St. Johns
Newfoundland
Mr. A. St. John
9 St. John's Road

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reason for asking is that I was
most anxious that he should get
those parcels as they contained
his Christmas cake gifts &c and
he is only a boy & is sadly dis-
appointed not getting anything
from home the festive season last
year. he was most unfortunate
too although in a rest camp in
France he did not get either his
Christmas New Year or Birthday
Parcels its both disappointing to
both Mother & Son.

I quite understand parcels are
not sent back from France

but I hardly think Nov 19 parcel
had time to be sent on. I am
enclosing a list of parcels I've
posted many I know have not
had time to reach England.
I had a letter from my boy
today written Dec 2^d and the
last parcel he received was
posted here Oct 2nd which he got
a few days before he went in
Action Nov 19 I think as he was
wounded Nov 21st

Waiting your reply
I remain Yours truly
J. Shears

St. John's
Newfoundland
Jan 15 1918

Dear Sir
Major Sumner

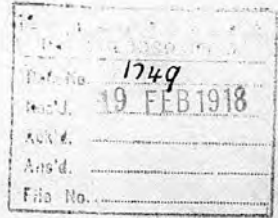
Excuse me for writing you, but
if not wanting for the month
could you tell me how many of the
papers received the pay + record

Office in the R. C. Shearn 231/1st
8 3/4th Reg. posted in St. John's Nov 19
and so you they sent on to
France before Dec 6 the date on
which the Shearn received the 5th

London General Hospital. The



Mr A. H. [Signature]
9 King Road
St. John's
Newfoundland



Parcels that Oli Ralph Shears had not received
up to Dec 27 1917.

Polled in St. Johns Newfoundland

Oct.	23 rd	one	parcel
Nov	12 th	two	parcels
Nov	19 th	two	parcels
Dec	16 th	one	parcel
Dec	17 th	two	parcels
Dec	24	one	parcel.
Jan	15	one	parcel.

3247/1/P.S.

1st March,

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Mrs. A. H. Shears,
9, King's Road,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

Madam: 2317, Pte. R. C. Shears.

With reference to your letter of 18/1/18 (1749) regarding parcels for the above-named man: I have to inform you that since your letter was written Pte. Shears has received most of his parcels, probably all of them.

Whilst on furlough ex hospital he called at this Office and took two parcels away with him, and requested that any others should be sent on to him at the Depot, Winchester. Six were forwarded on 4/2/18. Doubtless, your son has since written you himself on the subject.

It is advisable to make all enquiries for parcels at the Post Office in St. John's, so that they may be traced by their registered numbers from the office of origin.

I am,
Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

Major,
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

HA/JC

1588/86/P&A

The Hon. the Minister of
Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

FM/WF 11th, February 8

2317, PTE. R. G. SHEARS.

March 2^d 1918.

With reference to exchange of telegrams:

[Signature]

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"Synoptical. London.
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"Military."
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"Synoptical. London.
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"Military."
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"(presumably 2317) - Shears - with
"money he may need - money remitted -
"December 8th - and - December 24th -
"through this office.
"Military."
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"With reference to my telegram
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"Military."
5. Despatched 19/1/18 (117),-
"Military. St. John's.
"Reference your telegram 13/1/18 -
"awaiting - hospital - authority -
"2317 - Shears.
"Synoptical."

*Signed J. P. Bennett
Acting Min. of Militia*

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23/4/18

[Signature]

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Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.



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Posted 1 - MAR 1918

The Hon. the Minister of
Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

FM/WF 11th, February 1918

2317, PTE. R. O. SHEARS.

March 21st 1918.

With reference to exchange of telegrams:

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Acting Minister of Militia

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"December 8th - and - December 24th -
"through this office.
"Military."

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Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. i/o Records.



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C.R. 2317

Extract from Nominal Roll of Nfld. Regt. Draft 11 Man
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Southampton,
3.10-16.

2317 Pte. R. Shears,

C.R. 2317

Extract of DAILY ORDERS PART II ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
DEPOT ST. JOHN'S. MARCH 3rd/19.

The Discharge of the undernoted has been APPROVED by O.C.
Discharge Depot from noted date:
27/2/19.

#2317 Cpl. Ralph Shears.

C.R. 2317

Extract of DAILY ORDERS PART II ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND
REGIMENT IN FRANCE DATED 31/1/19.

CONFIRMED TO RANK.

#2317 A/Cpl. J. Shears.

14/1/19.

C.R. 2317

Extract from Nominal Roll of MFLA. Regt. Draft No. 28
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Folke-
stone, 5-8-17.

2317 Pte. R. Shears.

C.R. 2317

Extract of DAILY ORDERS PART II ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
IN FRANCE DATED 20/11/18.

Appointed A/Cpl.

#2317 Pte. R. Shears.

26/10/18.

C.R. 2317

Extract from Nominal Roll Draft #51, to B.E.F. Maberked
Folkestone, 51-8-18.

2317 Pte. Shears R.C.

C.R. 2317

Extract from O.R.D.E.R.S. by Lt. Col. G. Mathias, D.S.O.
Commanding 1st Battalion Royal Newfoundland Regiment,
dated 5/9/18.

The following arrived today and is posted to the
following company.

B. COMPANY.

2317, Pte. R. Shears.

Telephone :
VICTORIA 147.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Communications to be addressed to the
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS,
and the following No. quoted :

MEMORANDUM.

1895/86/PAA

No. _____

C.R. 2317

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

To
The Hon. the Minister of
Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

FM/WF 11th, February, 1918.

SUBJECT:

2317, PTE. R. G. SHEARS.

Reference Nos.

REPLY

Dated **March 21,** 1918

Please return **ORIGINAL** and retain **DUPLICATE.**

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"receive - explain - clearly."
"Military."
5. Despatched 19/1/18 (117), -
"Military. St. John's."
"Reference your telegram 15/1/18 -
"awaiting - hospital - authority -
"2317 - Shears."
"Synoptical."

Noted.



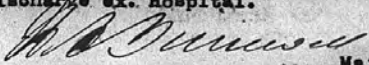
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Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c. Records.

ORIGINAL

SUBJECT

PAY AND RECORD OFFICE

BY VICTORIA STREET

LONDON S.W.

RECEIVED
VICTORIA
STREET
LONDON S.W.

C.R. 2317

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated January 21, 1918.

The following man discharged from No. 1 Military Hospital
Canterbury 19/1/18~~999~~ and granted furlough to 28/1/18.

Fit for 1 Duty

Auth:- A.Fs. W.3016 from Hospitals.

#2517 Pte. R.C. Shears. ✓

C.R. 2317

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated January 15, 1918.

O.C. 5th London General Hospital, S.E. Reports.

#2317 Pte. Shears. ✓

Transferred to V.A.D. Hospital, Ashford, Kent, 15/1/18.

Auth Memo from Hospital.

C.R. ~~3127~~
2317

Copy of Telegram ~~23127~~ despatched to Synoptical
London, dated January 11, 1918.

with money.

Can you furnish 3127 Shears/ he may need money,
remitted December 6 and 24th through this office.

December 9, 1917.

Dear Sir.

I beg to inform you that additional information has to-day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that NO. 2317, Private Ralph G. Shears, has now been admitted to the 5th London General Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Alfred H. Shears,
9 King's Rd.

C.R. 2317

#2317 Pte. Ralph C. Shears.-----

Extract of Casualty list received December 9, 1917.

Nature of Wound previously reported.

At 5th London General Hospital.

C.R. 2317

Extract of Casualty received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated December 8/1917.

#2317 Pte. R.C. Shears. ✓

Gunshot wound both legs.

† 5th London General Hospital, Lambeth, S.E.
6/12/17.

C.R. 2317

Extract of Casualty received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated ~~2317~~ December 6, 1917.

#2317 Pte. R.C. Shears. ✓

Wounded 20/11/17.

C.R. 2317

-# 2317 Pte. Ralph C. Shears.-----

Extract of Casualty list received December 1st, 1917.

Gunshot Wounds Right Arm, Head and Thighs

At 7th Canadian General Hospital, Etaples November 22.

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December 1, 1917.

Sir.

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Dear

I regret to have to inform you that a report has this day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that—
 No. 2317, Private Ralph C. Shears, was at 7th
 Canadian General Hospital, Etaples, November 22nd,
 suffering from mild gunshot wounds in the right arm, head
 and thighs.

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

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Alfred H. Shears,
 9 Kings Rd.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 2317

#2317 Pte. Ralph C. Shears. ✓

Extract of Casualty list received December 1, 1917.

Gunshot Wound Right Arm Head and Thighs mild.

At 7th Canadian General Hospital, Etaples November 22.

February 20, 1917.

Dear Sir.

I regret to have to inform you that a report has this day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that No. 2317. Private Ralph C. Shears, has been admitted to Wandsworth suffering from inflammation connective tissue legs.

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

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Alfred H. Shears,
9 King's Rd.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 2317

Extract from Telegram received from London, dated ~~22nd~~
February 19, 1916.

At Wandsworth. I.C.T. Legs. #2317 Pte. Shears,

C.R. 2317

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,
per S.S. "Sicilian" July 19, 1916.

2317 Pte. Shears R.C.

C.R. 2317

Extract of DAILY ORDERS PART II ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND
REGIMENT DEPOT ST. JOHN'S DATED MARCH 18th/19.

The Discharge of the undernoted on Demobilization
has been CONFIRMED by Officer i/c Records from
noted date.

2317 Cpl. Ralph Shears.

13/3/19.

C.R.

2317

Extract from War Office List No. 7. 1450
dated 4/12/17.

#2317 Pte. R. C. Shears.

FOUNDED

20/11/17

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C.R. 2317

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal
Nfld. Regt. II-2-19.

The Undernoted returned from Overseas and reported
to Depot 7-2-19.

Reprinted on A/C of Demobilization

2317 Cpl. Ralph Shears,

C.R. 2317

Extract from Criminal Bill of The Royal High. Regt.
~~Ministerial Department, 1819~~
Referred to S. S. Carrison, Jan. 30th, 1819.

2317 Shears.

C.R. 2317

Extract from Medical Report the Royal W.M. Regt.
number 21-1-19.

The Unfortunatess who was commenced from
M.M.F. in the 2nd No., Winchester 19-1-19 awaiting
repatriation.

apl
2317 ~~200~~ R. Shears,

C.R. 2317

Extract from Daily Orders, Part 11, UNIT: The Royal Field. Regt.
dated 29th. Dec. 1917.

Strength.

2317 Pte. R.C. Shears

Invalided to U.K. 5/12/17. Wled.

C.R. 2317

Extract from War Office List No. 6113 Jan. 26th. 1917.

2517 Pte Shears, R.....LOT. legs, slt.³....Adm. 12 Gen.H es.
Roman 19th. Jan. 1917

EXTRACT FROM STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT TO 30-1-19 FROM PAY AND
RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

2317 Cpl. Shears, R.C.

Dr. Bal. 23-2-2

plus 1 day's pay (31-1-19)

This transferred to Pay Office 3-4-19

C.R. 2317

Ralph C. Shears was attested for General
Service with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT ON Mar. 20th 1916.
Regimental No. 2317 was allotted to Pteg R.C. Shears

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger;

Dept. of Militia.

March 25th 1919

Shears B.

2317

Ray Dept

March 14, 1919

#2217 Cpl. Ralph C. Shears,
#9 Kingd Rd.,

City

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed "Discharge Certificate

No. 1308."

Yours truly,

Paymaster & O. I. C. Captain,
Records

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE

1. No. 2317 Rank Capt Name Shears R
 Intended place of residence 9 Kings Road St Johns
 2. Occupation clerk
 Classification of soldier E Medical Category AI

3. The above named man is discharged in consequence of... DEMobilIZATION

Eligible for War Service Gratuity

4. His accounts are correctly balanced and I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me, in accordance with Regulations.
 Place St Johns
 Date FEB 27 1919
 Commanding Discharge Depot
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE

5. I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances (including clothing allowance) and all just demands up to the present date, and hereby release the Discharge Depot, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, of all financial responsibility in my connection.

SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT OF OVERSEAS PAY ACCT.

Place and date ST. JOHN'S 27-2-19
 Signature of soldier R. B. Shears
 Signature of witness P. Dicks Capt

CIVILIAN RE-ESTABLISHMENT CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER

6. I hereby certify that I am in a position to resume civilian occupation immediately on discharge.

Place and Date ST. JOHN'S 27-2-19
 Signature of soldier R. B. Shears
 Signature of witness W. J. Eaton R. Q. M.

STATEMENT OF SERVICE

7. Enlisted for service 13-3-16 No of days on Military Service 1076
 Discharged from service 27-2-19 Plus 14 days

APPROVAL OF DISCHARGE

8. The discharge of the above mentioned soldier is hereby approved to be confirmed by the Officer in Charge Records, The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, twenty-eight days from date.

Place ST. JOHN'S
 Date FEB 27 1919
 Officer Commanding Discharge Depot
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE

9. The discharge of above mentioned soldier is hereby confirmed.

Place St Johns
 Date March 10/1919
 Officer in Charge Records
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

and B 2079/1208

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The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 317 Rank Company Name Shears R. G.
 Date of Enlistment 3-3-16 Address 9 Kings Rd. District St. John's
 Occupation Electrician Classification for Discharge FE Medical Category FE
 Recommendation S.M.B. _____ Disability Rating _____

Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N.F. P/36	B 268	B 121	1	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	1
B 178	W 3494	B 122	2	Board 1st	" 2	
B 178a	D 400A	B 1915		do 2nd	" 3	3
B 179	D 400B	Form L		do 3rd	" 4	
B 179a	D 400C	Form K		do 4th	" 5	
B 179b	B 103	ME 2			" 6	
B 179c	B 120	M 93				

Date 26-2-19

M. W. C. C. C.
 O. C. Discharge Depot.

PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

1. Civil Re-Establishment.

I am _____ in a position to resume civilian occupation.

R. G. Shears

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date _____

2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

- (a) Clothing Allowance payable \$60.00
- (b) Clothing Supplied *[Signature]*

Date 27-2-19

O i/c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. _____ to his home at _____ and Release Certificate No. 1257 issued.

Date 27-2-19 *P.A.S.* *C. S. Dicks Capt*
Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 13/3/19

Date 27/2/19 *H.M. [unclear] [unclear]*
Depot Paymaster.
SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT OF OVERSEAS PAY ACCT

Discharge approved for 27-2-19

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P/36	B 268.	B 121.	2	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1.	1	<i>J. H. [unclear]</i>
B 178.	W 3494	B 122.		Board 1st.	" 2.	2	
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Date 28-2-19 *C. S. Dicks Capt*
Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—
Officer i/c Records.
Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

Eligible for War Service Gratuity

FEB 27 1919

Date _____ *R. H. [unclear] Capt.*
O. C. Discharge Depot.

Received the above noted documents from O. C. Discharge Depot.

Date _____

Civil Re-establishment Committee



I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have had an interview with the Vocational Officer of the Civil Re-establishment Committee or other recognized vocational agent of the Committee who has explained to me the provisions made by the Committee for the industrial re-training of disabled or partially disabled sailors and soldiers as well as the readiness of the Committee to assist any returned sailors and soldiers (whether disabled or not) to find employment. My decision is as follows:

To work as Clerk.

R. C. Shears

Signature of Man.

Reg. No. 2317

C. Dicks Capt.

Signature of the Vocational Officer or his Representative.

Place

St. John's

Date

27/2/19

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Shears

OF

Christian Name Ralph C.

Table I—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	13 th	March		
	at	St. John's.	at	
Declared Age	18	years	3	months
Trade or Occupation				
Height	5	feet	6 ³ / ₄	inches
Weight			126	lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded		36 ¹ / ₂	inches
	Range of expansion		4 ¹ / ₂	inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right		Right	
	Left		Left	2.
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V=	6/6	R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V=	6/24	L.E.—V=	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease				
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection				
Approved by (Signature)	<i>Samuel Peterson</i>		<i>28 JAN 1918</i>	
(Rank)	Capt. Medical Officer.		Capt. Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at	St. John's	at	
	on	18 day of March	on	day of
		1916		191
	Corps.		Corps.	
	Regtl. No.		Regtl. No.	
Joined on Enlistment	1 st Newfoundland Regt. 2307		NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINENT.	
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of	on	day of
		191		191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Table II.—Only for admission to hospital or to the sick list in case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number Days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of further use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, etc., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
3 rd LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL WANDSWORTH.	17	2	17	16	4	17	I.C.T. Les.	58	Reported out 9/11/17. Rest Camp. Further hospital camp 9 weeks On ad: septic sore on R. leg. Puslo.	St. Murphy Capt R.A.M.C.
6 th LONDON (CITY OF LONDON) R.A.M.C. (T.) GENERAL HOSPITAL	12	17	15	1	18		Shell wds. multiple		Both thighs, face, abdomen - 2.5 in R. arm near upper humerus + another near os pubis.	2. Opperly Capt
Asylproctos Hilsea.	15	1	18	18	1	18	"	3	"	Franklin Capt R.A.M.C.
	25	6	18	8	8	18	20 Jomonhon.	45	St. James' Street London. Fit to return Unit.	

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Class for Demobilization

6.

Report of Demobilization
Travelling Board, held on soldier for
discharge.

Discharge Depot: Headquarters The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Date *18.2.19*

Regimental No. *2317*.....

Name *S. Mans* *R. M. P. C.* *96*

Address

Present Medical Category *A1*

Recommended for:— { (a) Immediate discharge
(b) ~~Standing Medical Board~~

R. H. Last Capt

O.C. Discharge Depot.

Members of Board {

J. P. Paterson

Senior Medical Officer

Geo Burden

M. O. Depot



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 *Ralph Shears*

Regiment from which discharged *Royal Newfoundland*

Regimental number *2317*

Intended address *9 Kings Road*

Height on discharge *5 Feet 8*

Color of hair on discharge *Brown*

Complexion *Fair*

Color of eyes *Blue*

Descriptive Marks *Scars Back Thighs*

Figure on discharge *Medium*

Christian name of Father *Alfred*

Christian name of Mother *Shepherd*

Wife's maiden name in full *—*

Date and place of marriage *—*

Christian names of children *—*

Place and date of soldier's birth *St John's 9-1-1906*

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) *Ralph Shears* *Cpl.*
(Rank)

Station *St John's* Date *18-2-19*

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.

Medical Officer, Hospital,
Unit, or Command Depot.





Regiment or Corps *1st Rfld*

Rank *Pte* Surname *Shears* Christian Name *Ralph G 1747*

Religion *L of C* Age on Enlistment *18* years *3* months.

Enlisted (a) *Mar 29/16* Terms of Service (a) *Duration of War* Service reckons from (a) _____

Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____

Extended { _____ } Re-engaged { _____ } Qualification (b) _____
or Corps Trade and Rate _____

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked	Embarked Southampton	3 OCT 1916	
		Disembarked	Disembarked ROUEN	4 OCT 1916	
		Joined Battalion	14 OCT 1916		
	<i>88 SA.</i>	<i>Admitted I.C.T. transf. C.P.S.</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>4/11/16</i>	<i>ED 5620</i>
<i>18/11/16</i>	<i>C.P.S.</i>	<i>Admitted Do. Do.</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>8/11/16</i>	<i>ED 6221</i>
	<i>14 C.P.S.</i>	<i>Discharged To Duty</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>22/12/16</i>	<i>ED 18160</i>
	<i>36 C.C.S.</i>	<i>Admitted I.C.T. legs</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>19/1/17</i>	<i>ED 9009</i>
	<i>12 & H.</i>	<i>Adm. do</i>	<i>Rouen</i>	<i>19.1.17</i>	<i>H.A. 6113</i>
	<i>2 Con Def.</i>	<i>Adm. do</i>	<i>Rouen</i>	<i>27/1/17</i>	<i>HA 6237</i>
	<i>St. David</i>	<i>Invalided to England</i>		<i>16/2/17</i>	<i>W 5083</i>
			<i>W Branchell</i>		<i>CAPTAIN</i>
			<i>for Officer i/c</i>		<i>No. 1 Regular Infantry Bn</i>

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.

(b) Signaller, Shoning-Smith, &c.

[P.T.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 *Ralph C* 2. Surname *Shears*

3. Rank *Corporal* 4. Regt. No. *2317*

5. Address in full to which future payments of gratuity are to ~~be~~ forwarded. *9 Kings Road City*

6. Date of enlistment in the Regiment. *March 20th 1916*

7. Name of dependent, if any, to whom Separation Allowance is being issued, or was being issued, immediately prior to your discharge. *"Not Applicable"*

8. Relationship of such dependents. *"Not Applicable"*

9. Address in full of such dependent. *"Not Applicable"*

10. Is said dependent, now, or was said dependent at any time in receipt of Separation Allowance on account of another soldier? *"Not Applicable"*

11. Were you on active service only in Nfld. If so, give dates, and particulars of such service. *"No"*

12. Give total length of time which you served on active service, whether in Nfld. or Overseas. *Two years three hundred and fifty nine days*

13. Have you had more than one enlistment? If so, give particulars of discharge and re-enlistments, and under what regimental numbers.....

"Not Applicable"

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?.....

"No"

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.....

"Not Applicable"

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?.....

"Not Applicable"

19. Are you now serving in the Regt.? If not give:- (a) Date of discharge.....

March 13th 1919

"No"

(b) Reason for discharge.....

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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.....

"Yes"

France 29-9-16 to 17-2-17. France & Belgium 7-8-17 to 4-12-17. Belgium 2-9-18 to 19-1-19

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.....

"Not applicable"

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: *R C Shears*
 Place of Residence: *9 Kings Road*
 Declared before me at: *St. Johns* City
 This *20* day of *Mar* 19*17*
Royal Edmund

Signature of Barrister of the
 Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magis-
 trate, 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
.....	<i>5 00</i>	<i>3 50 00</i>
.....
.....
Certified Correct.			Prynaster.	

BOARD OF PENSIONERS

Jan. 25th, 1918

Mr. Andrew Wright,
Times Office,
City.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your enquiry regarding payment
to 317 Shears, cable has been received from
Chief Paymaster, London, stating, that he is
awaiting Hospital Orders before making the pay-
ment.

Yours faithfully,

Capt. & Paymaster.

9 Kings Road
January 16 '17

Dear Sir—

I beg to advise you that I have not yet received the December allotment of my son, Private Ralph C. Shears # 2317. Will you kindly see that this is sent to the above address at your earliest convenience and oblige?

Respectfully yours,
Alfred C. Shears
per BMS

Lieut. Jm. Howley
Deputy Paymaster
1st Regt. Regt.

ST. JOHN'S, FEB 28 1919

Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Billeting Account,

To *Cpl. R. Shears*

Billeting Soldiers as undermentioned

from *Feb 21st /19* to *Feb 28th /19*

<i>2317. Cpl. R. Shears</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>20</i>

Certified correct for \$ *7. 20*

R. J. Joseph A. Snowscent
Billeting Officer.

Reg. No. *2317* Rank *Plt* Name *Shears Ralph*
Attested Address *9 Kings Road*
Allotment Allottee
Date of Allotment Returned from Overseas *2-19*
Embarked for Overseas Cause *Discharge*

FEB 20 1919

PASSED TO DEMOBILIZATION OFFICE

27.2.19

DISCHARGE APPROVED ON DEMOBILISATION

C.R.

2317

RECEIPT.

FOR ISSUE OF RIBBAND OF VICTORY MEDAL/1914-1919.

I certify that I have received an issue of 2 inches
of Ribband of British Victory Medal-1914-1919.

NO. *2317*.....NAME.....*R B Shears*.....

DATE.....*Jan 2nd 1919*.....

PLACE.....*St Johns*.....



Fold Here

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

Royal Nfld. Regt.,

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

Fold Here

SEP 23 1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**

is/are forwarded herewith to

Ralph G. Shears

in respect of his service as No. **2317** Rank **A/Cpl.**

Name **R. G. Shears** **Royal Nfld. Regt.**
~~Nfld. Forestry Corps~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received

Victory & British War Medals

Signature

R G Shears

Date

Sept 28th 1921

Address

9 Kings Rd

[P.T.O.]

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. 7317 Name RC Shears

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To Certify that I have received the AB 64 of the above named soldier.

Name R. C. Shears

Date July 27th 1920

Place St. Johns

N.B. For completion and return to the Department of Militia insert in corner of envelope "AB 64"

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1st Royal Newfoundland
 Rank Pte Surname Shears Christian Name Ralph G.
 Religion C of E Age on Enlistment 18 years 3 months
 Enlisted (a) 20/3/16 Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 20/3/16.
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Extended Re-engaged Qualification _____
 or Corps Trade and Rate _____
 Occupation Clerk Signature of Officer [Signature]

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
			Embarked ...	31 AUG 1917	
			Disembarked...	1 AUG 1918	
			ARRIVED ...	2 SEP 1918	
			Joined Batta Mon	5 SEP 1918	
			Transferred to U. K.	26/10/18	B213 7/18
			for Re-patriation		Part 2 3/E
					Capt for Lt Col
					2nd Officer 1/c No 1 Infantry Section
					G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted in Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c.

[Signature] - Lt Col. Shears, Street 9 Kings Road, St Johns Wood

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

2317

DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 2317 Rank Capt Name Shears R. G.
 Date of Enlistment 13.3.16 Address 9 Kings Rd District St John's
 Occupation Bank Classification for Discharge F.F. Medical Category F.F.
 Recommendation S.M.B. Disability Rating

Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N.F. P/36	B 268	B 121	1	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	1
B 178	W 3494	B 122	2	Board 1st	" 2	3
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Date 26.2.19 W. W. Capt
 O. C. Discharge Depot

PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

i. Civil Re-Establishment.

I am in a position to resume civilian occupation.

R. G. Shears

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date

a. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

- (a) Clothing Allowance payable £65.00
 (b) Clothing Supplied Sept. 1916

Date 27-2-19 O i/c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. to his home at and Release Certificate No. 1257 issued.

Date 27-2-19 *J.A.S.* *C.B. Dickes Capt.*
Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 13/3/19

Date 27/2/19 *H. Mrs. H. W.*
Depot Paymaster.

STATEMENT OF ADJUSTMENT OF OVERSEAS PAY ACCT.

Discharge approved for 27-2-19

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P36	B 268	B 121	1	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	1	<i>Strom B</i>
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B 179b	B 103	ME 2	2		" 6		
B 179c	B 120	M 93					

Date 28.2.19 *C.B. Dickes Capt.*
Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—

- Officer i/c Records.
- Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

Eligible for War Service Gratuity

Date FEB 27 1919 *R.H. Salt Capt.*
O. C. Discharge Depot.

Received the above noted documents from O. C. Discharge Depot.

Date March 3/1919 *[Signature]*