



First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 253

Name in full George Sparkes Age 20
 Address Wabana Bell Island Dominion No 2 mine
 Married
 Single Height 5ft 9in Weight 135 lbs
 Color Fair Hair Fair Eyes Blue
 Other distinguishing marks none
 Nearest relative Mother. Anne Sparkes.
 Address Bell Island
 Dependents none
 Occupation Miner Present Wage \$40⁰⁰ per month
 Previous service _____
 Decorations _____
 General Remarks _____
 Date of Enlistment _____

I, George Sparkes, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty and that I will faithfully serve His Majesty in any place where I may be needed (or in the Colony of Newfoundland) and as the case may be against all his enemies and opposers whatsoever according to the conditions of my service.

*Test for
14 Aug 1915
R.F. Sparkes*

George Sparkes

Declared before me this 2nd day
of Oct. 1914

Augustus Obrian
Off

Sept 2nd

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

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

Reg. No. 253

Name George Sparks

Apparent age 20 years months. Height 5 feet 9 inches.

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

Distinctive marks Color: Fair, Hair: Fair, Eyes: Blue

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Ann Sparks, Bell Island, St. John's East

Relationship Mother

Particulars as to Marriage.

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

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

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries.
					years	days	years	days	

Service towards limited engagement reckons from 2/9/14
 Joined at St. John's on 2nd September '14

*Embarked St. Helier for U.K. 3¹⁰/₁₄ Embarked St. Helier 20⁸/₁₅
 Disembarked St. Helier and entrained for Cairo 31²/₁₅ Embarked for
 Gallipoli 13²/₁₅ Landed Suvla Bay night of 19-20 Sept/18
 Admitted 24 Oct Suvla Barr 5¹²/₁₅ With Battalion 7³/₁₅ Embarked Port Sep 14³/₁₆
 Disembarked Agassiz 22⁷/₁₅*

MISSING 1⁷/₁₅

Presumed dead to have been killed.

Total Service forfeited as above

Total Service towards Engagement to 1-7-16 (date of discharge) 1 years 32 days

" " " Pension " " " " " " " "

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

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

Reg. No. 253

Name **George Sparks**

Apparent age **20** years months. Height **5** feet **9** inches.

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

Distinctive marks **Color: Fair, Hair: Fair, Eyes: Blue.**

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin **Anne Sparks, Bell Island, St. John's East.**

| Relationship **Mother.**

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) Signature of Officer verifying entry from certificate.

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

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth	(d)
		Verified from certificate

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed 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 2/9/14									
Joined at St. John's on 2nd September '14									
<i>Missing 1/7/16</i>									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days									
" " " Pension " _____ (") _____ " _____ "									



This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (1)
N. F. 1914

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 *George S Jenkins* 637
 aged *19* conducted at *Bur Island*
 Date: *Aug. 28th* Recruiting Officer: *N. J. Power*

NO. OF TEST	FINDING
1	<i>no</i>
2	<i>no</i>
3	<i>no</i>
4	<i>no</i>
5	<i>no</i>
6	<i>no</i>
7	<i>yes</i>
8	<i>yes</i>
9	<i>no</i>
10	<i>good</i>
11	<i>good & rough vision</i>
12	<i>good</i>
13	<i>good</i>
14	<i>good</i>
15	<i>good</i>
16	<i>good</i>
17	<i>good</i>
18	<i>good</i>
19	<i>good</i>
20	<i>good</i>
21	<i>good</i>
22	<i>good</i>
23	<i>good</i>
24	<i>good</i>
25	<i>good</i>
26	<i>good</i>
27	<i>good</i>
28	<i>good</i>
29	<i>good</i>
30	<i>good</i>
31	<i>good</i>
32	<i>good</i>
33	<i>yes even eyes</i>
34	<i>5 ft 10 in</i>
35	<i>145</i>
36	<i>52 1/2</i>
37	<i>4 or 5 per cent</i>
38	<i>nothing</i>
39	<i>no</i>

Fit *753* Signature of Medical Examiner: *[Signature]*



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Examination of George Spinks 637
 aged 19 conducted at Bur Island
 Date: Aug. 28th Recruiting Officer: N. J. Power

NO. OF TEST

FINDING

- 1 no
- 2 no
- 3 no
- 4 no
- 5 no
- 6 no
- 7 yes
- 8 yes
- 9 no
- 10 good
- 11 good & rough voice
- 12 good
- 13 good
- 14 good
- 15 good
- 16 good
- 17 good
- 18 good
- 19 good
- 20 good
- 21 good
- 22 good
- 23 good
- 24 good
- 25 good
- 26 good
- 27 good
- 28 good
- 29 good
- 30 good
- 31 good
- 32 good
- 33 yes arrange eye
- 34 5 ft 10 in.
- 35 145
- 36 32 & 34
- 37 4 or 5 jaw immov
- 38 nothing
- 39 no

F-it

Signature of Medical Examiner: [Signature]

[Signature]
 Percy Macpherson M.D.

G. Sparkes.

253.

P. + R. O.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Spinks OF Christian Name George

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish		County				
Examined	on	day of	191	on	day of	191
	at				at	
Declared age		20 years	days		years	days
Trade or occupation		<i>Mines</i>				
Height		5 feet	9 inches		feet	inches
Weight		135	lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded Range of expansion ...			inches			inches
			inches			inches
Physical development						
Vaccination marks { Arm Number		Right	Left		Right	Left
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) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection		(b)			(b)	
Approved by (Signature) (Rank)						
			Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at	<i>St Johns Nfld</i>		at		
	on	day of	191	on	day of	191
Joined on enlistment		Corps	Regtl. No.		Corps	Regtl. No.
		<i>Newfoundland. 253</i>				
Transferred to						
Became non-effective by						
	on	day of	191	on	day of	191
(Signature)						
(Rank)						

PAY LIST.

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to 12 July 1916 Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *1st Newfoundland*
 No. *253* Rank *Private* Name *D Sparks*
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *France* on the *12* of *July* 191*6*
 Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191*6*

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

(Commanding Squadron, Troop,
 Battery or Company.

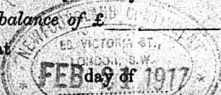
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Form 1.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month JUL 1 1916	<i>7</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2 1/2</i>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	£ s. d.				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	191				Messing allowance _____ days at from _____ to _____			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	"				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Consolidated stoppage				Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>7</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2 1/2</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
	£	<i>7</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2 1/2</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>4</i> <i>2 1/2</i>

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

Dated at _____
 this _____ day of _____ 191*6*



191 _____ Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, and sent to the War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.
 (b) Words in Italic to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

DC3/1917

Dear Sir

I am writing you

a few lines to ask
you to send a telegram

to C/o of L D Gore for

Grant, Clarke 1802

for 8 pounds quickly

and send it to ripon

Command Depo C/o 24 part.

this is my home address

Mrs William C. Halse

253 Hamilton Ave

I need it badly to pay

send it as quickly as

possible this is my
address. Pto Grant
helaru 1502 Les Compagn

Command Depo ripon

send it to 24 amt

& with no noting free

it good to

from

✓ You 8
 - 5 DEC 1917
 6-12-17
 PAID
 BY
 P

25 Jan
Newfoundland

8 Pounds

it comes in
a check you can
change it for me
and send it to
me please

Charles Geo.

253

Ray Dent

PAY LIST. to 31st July 1916. **Voucher No.**

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland
 No. 255 Rank Private Name G. Sparks
 Died Intestate at France on the 1st of July 1916.
 Deserted at on the of 191

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

{ Commanding Squadron, Troop,
 Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month July 1/16	7	4	2½
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at from to			
	£ s. d.				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	191				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from			
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	7	4	2½	Balance due to the Paymaster			
	£ 7 4 2½				£ 7 4 2½			

This account is to be returned with information received at the Pay & Board Office to the Commanding Officer of the Battalion and to the Adjutant General of the Army at the War Office.

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 7 4 2½ is correctly chargeable against the Public (c).

Dated at _____ 1916
 (Signature)

191

Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1615.

(b) Note in this column the amount out when there is no debtor balance.

PAY LIST.

to 22nd July 1916. Voucher No.NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland
 No. 255 Rank Private Name G. Sparks
 Died Intestate at France on the 1st of July 1916.
 Deserted at on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

 { Commanding Squadron, Troop,
 Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Form 1.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month July 1/16	7	4	2½	
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)	£ s. d.			Pay days at from to				
	191				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to				
	"				Messing allowance days at from to				
	"				Kit allowance				
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from				
	Consolidated stoppage								
	Balance due by the Paymaster	7	4	2½	Balance due to the Paymaster				
		£	7	4		£	7	4	2½

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

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

Dated at _____
 this FEB 2 1916 of _____

191

Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto; if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.

(b) Words in Italic to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

May 22nd. 1919

The Secretary,
Board of Pension Commissioners,
C i t y.

Re 253, Pte. G. J. Sparkes, dec.
Dear Sir

I have been directed to
acknowledge receipt of your letter of
May 20th. enclosing cheque for \$ 775.40
being refund of amount paid by this
Department in continuance of the above
deceased soldier's allotment, and to thank
you for same.

Yours truly,

Lieut.
For PAYMASTER.

THE BOARD OF
PENSION COMMISSIONERS
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Hon. Sir P. T. McGrath, K.B.E.,
(President Legislative Council),
Chairman.

Hon. J. A. Clift, K.C., C.B.E.,
(Minister Agriculture and Mines)

Capt. W. H. Parsons, R.A.M.C.



In reply refer to

No. 1075

St. John's

May 30/19

Capt. J. M. Howley,
Paymaster & O. i/c Records,
City.

Re. No. 253 Pte. G. J. Sparkes.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find cheque for Seven hundred and seventy-eight dollars and forty cents (\$778.40) being refund of amount paid in continuance of the above named soldier's Allotment:

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this amount.

Yours faithfully,


Asst. Secy.

LBD.

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR Nfld.

28.3-19

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

DEAD AND MISSING MEN.

No. 253
Rank Pte.
Name G. J. Sparks.

Sir:-

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

*Paid from allotments
80¢ per day 1/1/16
to 28/2/19 \$ 778 40*

Name Annie Sparks.
Address Bell Island C.B.
Pension \$24.00
Pension commences 2-7-16.

Kindly govern yourself accordingly, and advise me what deductions will have to be made.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

[Signature]
Asst. Secretary.

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THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR Nfld.

28.3.1919

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

DEAD AND MISSING MEN.

No. 77

Rank Pte.

Name S. M. Carew

Sir:-

I have the honour, by direction to advise you that a pension has been awarded to the father of the marginally noted, as follows:

Name David Carew

address 2 Brien St.

Pension 1/2

Pension commences 8-10-15

Kindly govern yourself accordingly, and advise me what deductions will have to be made.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

[Signature]

Asst. Secretary.

Paid from allotments
50¢ per day 1/10/16 to
28/2/19 \$440.50 from
P. Fund 1/1/15 to 30/9/16
\$167.00
440.50
\$607.50

62748

May 17, 1919

The Board of Pension Commissioners,
City.

Re No. 776, Pts. D. M. Carew

Dear Sirs:

Referring to your letter of March 28th 1919, I beg to state that the amount paid in continuance of this soldier's Allotment is Six hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents (\$607.50).

Yours truly

Paymaster & C. i/c Records **Captain.**

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS OF Nfld.

Mad 20/19/19

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

DEAD AND MISSING MEN.

No. 2637
Rank L. Cpl
Name R. Piddle

Sir:-

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

Name Wrd Piddle
address Grand Falls
Pension ~~3000~~ \$21/00 per month
Pension commences 6-12-16

*Paid from allotment
from 5/12/16 to 30/4/17
50[¢] per day \$ 73.50*

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

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant
C. C. McKe
Asst. Secretary.

B.P.C. Form 1.

May 17, 1919

Board of Pensions Commissioners,

City.

Re No. 253 Pte. G. J. Sparks

Dear Sirs:

Referring to your letter of March 28th.,
I beg to state that the amount paid on this soldier's
account in continuance of his allotment, is Seven
hundred and seventy-eight dollars and forty cents
(\$778.40). Cheque for refund will oblige.

Yours truly

Paymaster & Officer in Charge Records Captain

SEPARATION ALLOWANCE.

Claimant. *Annie Sparkes* *Mother*
On account of *Geo J Sparkes* No. *253* Rank *pt.*

Decision. *Approved*
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.....
.....

Date *July 9/1920*

W. A. Rudee *Serjt. Col.*
M. A. Dowley *Major*

Instructions.....
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Allotment of *80[¢]* per day payable to *Mrs A Sparkes*
his *mother* from *8/12/18* to *28/2/19*.
Discontinued on account of *Pension Board*.

R. L. Hummer

missing 1/7/16.

4377-33

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
(Separation Allowance Branch)

NOTICE

MOTHER

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, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace and returned to:

The Paymaster
Separation Allowance Branch
St. John's, Nfld.

(1) Name in full of soldier _____ Rank _____ Reg't or Unit _____ Reg't No. _____

George Joseph Sparkes. Pte. 1st Royal Nfld. 253

(2) Age of soldier _____ Married or single _____

19 years and 7 months Single (Widowed)

(3) Name in full of mother: _____ Age. Occupation _____ Permanent Address _____

Annie Sparkes 67 years. Housewife. Bell Island

(4) Give name of your husband _____ Age. Occupation _____ Where employed _____

George Sparkes (Widowed)

(5) If your husband is not supporting you give the reason.

(6) If your husband is a chronic invalid and totally incapacitated, state nature of malady. (A Medical Certificate must be enclosed with this document stating from what date husband has been totally incapacitated, and for how long incapacity is likely to continue).

(7) If you are a widow, state date and place of death of your husband

*June 20th 1895
Lance Cove Bell Island.*

(8) Have you married again since death of above mentioned husband?

No

(9) Names of your other children. Address in full _____ Age. Occupation. Married or single _____

<i>Michael Mc Carthy</i>	<i>Providence, P.I.</i>	<i>40 yrs</i>	<i>Engineer</i>	<i>Single</i>
<i>Mrs. Frank Hunt</i>	<i>Bell Island</i>	<i>Widow</i>		
<i>Mrs. John O'Brien</i>	<i>Bell Island</i>	<i>32"</i>	<i>Housewife</i>	<i>Married</i>
<i>Mrs. Patrick O'Brien</i>	<i>Bell Island</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Married</i>
<i>Mrs. Cath Murray</i>	<i>Bell Island</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Married</i>
<i>Mrs. James Murray</i>	<i>Bell Island</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Subsidiary</i>	<i>Single</i>

(10) State amount earned by (a) Yourself _____
(b) your husband _____

(11) State amount and source of any other income _____

*Thirty dollars per month
Widows Pension, Six dollars per quarter
Widows Pension.*

(12) State value of real property belonging to you and your husband

(13) State value of personal property belonging to you and your husband

(14) If husband is dead state value of real and personal property left by him

(15) Actual amount contributed by soldier during the year prior to his enlistment. *Over five hundred dollars about (\$500)*

(16) Was this amount contributed weekly or monthly *Monthly*

(17) Did this amount include payment of son's board, etc? *Including board only*

(18) State your son's trade or occupation prior to enlistment *Mechanist's assistant*

(19) State amount of his wages ~~per week~~ *\$40.00 to \$60.00 per month*

(20) State name and address of his last employer *Dominion Iron & Steel Co. Bell Island.*

(21) State amount of monthly support from son since enlistment *about \$24.00 per month allotment.*

(22) State amount of allotment received by you from son since enlistment *\$1287.20*

(23) State from what date did you receive allotment? *Nov 25th 1914*

(24) Actual amount contributed by other children *Weekly Monthly \$10 to \$20 when possible*

(25) Are any of these children in the employ of you or your husband? *no*

(26) If not receiving support from other children, state cause. Explain fully.

(27) With whom are you residing at present? *My daughter Annis, Bivert with me.*

- (28) Have you made a previous claim for Separation Allowance. If not, why? Give particulars? *no. Did not know of such an allowance prior to your notice in "Daily News"*

- (29) Are you already in receipt of any payment from any Patriotic Fund? If so, how much? *no*

- (30) Are you already in receipt of Separation Allowance from any source? If so, how much? *no.*

- (31) Was the soldier at the time of his enlistment an employee of the Nfld. Government? *no*

- (32) In what capacity and in what place? *X*

- (33) Is he in receipt of a salary as such while serving in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment? If so, how much? *X*

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. Annie Sparks*

Place of Residence *Bell Island*

Declared and subscribed before me at *Bell Island* this *11* day of *March* 1920

Signature of Barrister of the Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace. *H. G. Gammethy, P.*

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 investigation the above statements are correct and the soldier first above mentioned is the sole support of the applicant.

Signature of member of the Patriotic Fund Committee

C. J. Doyle, Chairman
J. M. Smith
P. F.

April 23, 1920

Mrs. Annie Sparkes,
Bell Island

Dear Madam:-

Referring to your application for Separation Allowance, I have been directed to ^{for} ask/further information concerning your son Michael McCarthy. Kindly advise me how long he has been away from home, whether he has contributed anything toward your support since he has been away, and if so, how often and the approximate dates of receipt

Please state further, whether he has enlisted, and if so, in what Corps, on what date, and what is his official number.

Yours truly

Major

Raymaster.

JMH/LM.

July 31, 1920

Mrs. Annie Sparkes,
Bell Island.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your application for Separation Allowance, I beg to state that same has been approved, and I enclose cheque for \$377.33, amount due you from the date of your son's decease.

Yours truly,

Major
Paymaster.

Enc.

10921 Bell Island
May 31st 1920

Paymaster Militia Dept.
Dear Sir,

on returning home
after a few weeks absence.
Your letter came to hand.
I believe it has been here
quite a while. I am afraid
I do not clearly understand
what connection Michael McCarty
has with the matter ~~in~~ hand.
I have been under the impress-
ion that recompense to dependants
of deceased soldiers of the Royal
Wyd. Regt. has to do ^{with} what these
soldiers and their dependants did
for this country and the British
Empire. Not what citizens of
the United States should be

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doing for us. My son (Michael
McCarty) has been a naturalized
citizen of the United States for eight
een years, and I have no claim
either on his earnings nor on
his adopted country.

He was brought up and
educated by his grandmother
the late Margaret O'Keefe of H.
Greece. I trust you will ^{give} this
lengthy explanation quite satis-
factory. Regarding the occasional
presents of money from my son
I cannot furnish you with any
definite amounts dates of receipts
etc. Hoping to get a favourable
response at your earliest con-
venience.

Yours truly,
Mrs Annie Sparks

Was drafted in Cl. 4
in U.S. Army.

Has been absent from
fld about 20 years.

Topsail
July 26th/20

Paymaster.
Dept. Militia.

Dear Sir,

When at your office
I forgot to tell you that I
am now living in Topsail
with my married daughter
Mrs Patk O'Brien. In case
of any correspondence please
address me care of her.

Yours truly

Mrs Annie Sparks
(formerly of
Bill Island).

LM-

August 7, 1920

The Postmaster
Bell Island, C.B.

Dear Sir:

On July 31st. a cheque addressed to Mrs. Annie Sparkes, was forwarded from this office. If in your possession will you kindly re-address it to Topsail, C.B., and oblige,

Yours truly,

Major
Paymaster.

Paymaster

Department: Milita

Dear Sir: as a dependant
 of Private George Sparks: ⁵253
 7th ~~1st~~ Regiment (discharged)
 who was the only hope of my
 declining years & think I am
 justified in seeking a
 seperation allowance would
 you please send me an
 application form as I can
 send in my claim before the
 limited time has expired

Yours truly

Mrs Annie Sparks

Jan. 12th 1920

Bell Island

January 31, 1920

Mrs. Annie Sparks,
Bell Island.

Dear Madam:

With reference to
your letter of recent date, I enclose here-
with form of claim for Separation Allow-
ance, which kindly have completed in the
presence of a Magistrate or a Justice of
the Peace, and return.

Yours truly,

Lieut.
For Paymaster.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$44.⁰⁸

June 7th 1918

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment
the sum of Forty four Dollars.
on account of Pay Estate
balance

Ch. No. 7475	Initials EW
Pay Ledger 36	Initials EW
Gen. Ledger	Initials

Regtl. No. Rank

No. 253

Rank

Pte.

Name

G. Sparks

Anasa Sparks

Bill Island

June 13th. 1918.

Mrs Anna Sparks,
Bell Island, C.B.

J.P.B.

Dear Madam,-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$44.08, being the balance of the estate of the late No. 253, Private G. Sparks, payable to you as Administrator. I also enclose Letters of Administration.

Yours faithfully,

Capt. & Paymaster &
Officer i/c Records.

J/H.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,



The Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

Dec 19th 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 253 Rank Private
Name George Sparkes
Royal Newfoundland Regt.



Mrs Anna Spark (Sgd.)
Mother Relationship.

Address Top sail



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

OCT 21 1921



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

Mrs. Anne Sparks (Mother)

in respect of his service as No. 253 Rank Pte.

Name George Sparks

Royal Nfld. Regt.

1st Bn. Canadian Corps

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received

Victory & British War Medals

Signature

Mrs Anna Sparks

Date

January 12th 1922

Address

Topsail - now Latic Bell Island

W.P.L.S.
[P.T.O.]

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. 253 Name G Sparkes

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

Date

July 31st 1920

Place

Leavesail

Name

Annie Sparkes

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

Bell Island
Feb. 2nd 1920

Dept. of Militia,
Gentlemen,

C.R. 253

Mrs Anne Sparkes
is in receipt of Memorial Scroll
& message, and desires to thank
His Majesty - the King for the
kind thoughts and sympathy which
prompted both.

Yours truly,
A. S. Sparkes.

C.R. 253

RECEIPT.

I hereby certify that I have received the 1914-1915

STAR.

No 253 Name Pt. George Sparks

Witness Harold W. Sparks

Date Dec. 6th 1919

Place Bell-Island

November 23rd, 1916.

Dear Madam,

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

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

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

With sincere sympathy,

Believe me to be,

Your obedient servant,

Mrs. Anne Sparks,
Bell Island.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 253

Extract of Casualty received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated August 5, 1917.

#253 Pte. G. Sparkes.

"Missing."

C.R. 253

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

(Extract from Army Form B. 215 from C.C. Infld. Regt.
dated 1/7/16.)

#253 Pte. G. Sperkes, A. Co.,

Missing 1/7/16. ✓

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated

July 31st, 1916.To **Mrs. Anne Sparks,**
Bell Island.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
London, officially reports No. 253 Private George
Sparks as Missing.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

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

253 Pte. G. Sparks.

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

C.P. 253

Abstract from Mineral Well embarked St. John's per A.S.
Mineral. Oct. 6, 1914.

253 Sparks Geo.

C.R. 253

Geo. Sparkes was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT onSept. 2nd, 1914.
Regimental No. 253 was allotted to Pte Geo. Sparks.

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland

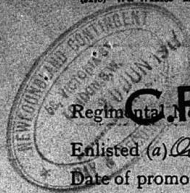
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Regimental No. 253 Rank Pte Name G. Sparkes

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

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

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____



C.R.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				

		Embarked St. John's, NFLD.		3/10/14.	
		Disembarked Alexandria		1/9/15.	
		Embarked for Gallipoli		13/9/15.	
22/12/15.	26 C.C.S.	Admitted, Sceptic Series	24 C.C.S.	5/12/15.	C 5124.
<u>24/1/16</u>	<u>24 GND</u>	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>24 GND</u>	<u>13/1/16</u>	<u>L673</u>
<u>11/3/16</u>	<u>unit</u>	<u>with 1st Battalion</u>	<u>unit</u>	<u>7/3/16</u>	<u>B213</u>
		Emb'd Port Suez		14.3.16	
		Disembk'd MARSEILLE S		22.3.16	
<u>14/7/16</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Missing</u>			

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 ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D.
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 MAJOR FOR
 G. H. S. 3rd Echelon
 G. H. S. 3rd Echelon

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into, the Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also specify qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.T.O.)

