



First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 973

Name in full John Edgar Vaters Age 22

Address Victoria Carbonear

Married Single Height 5' 9 1/2" Weight 160 lb

Color Fair Hair Fair Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks Tattooed on middle finger of left hand

Nearest relative Father (Laphet Vaters)

Address Victoria Carbonear

Dependents None

Occupation Railroading Present Wage \$50.00 per month

Previous service None

Decorations None

General Remarks Recruited for service in Newfoundland

Date of Enlistment 16th January 1915

Recruited for service in Newfoundland

I, John Edgar Vaters 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.

John Edgar Vaters

Declared before me this 6th day

of February 1915

Ernest Shepley

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

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

Reg. No. 973

Name John Edgar Vaters

Apparent age 33 years 0 months. Height 5 feet 0 1/2 inches.

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

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

Other distinguishing marks: Tattooed on middle finger of left hand

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Japhet Vaters, Victoria, Carbonar, Nfld.

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) |
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Particulars as to Children.

| Christian Names | Date and Place of Birth |
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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. |
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| | | | | | years | days | years | days | |
| Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>18/1/15</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>16th January '15</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>Sep'tic R. Hand</u> | | <u>5/11/15</u> | | | | | |
| | | <u>V.V.D.</u> | | | | | | | |
| | | <u>Mosphalta Pyrexia</u> | | <u>20/12/15</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Embarked S.S. Stephens St. John's 20/15. Embarked to C.I. 20/15</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Quarantined Hep. and enteric fever for Cairo 31/15. Embarked for Hellipoli 10/15</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Landed Salva Bay night of 19/20 Sept 15 Admitted H.S. Keltner Castle Pyrexia 29/15</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Admitted Mosp halte Sept 9 Nov 5/15. Discharged to duty 21/15 Embarked B.C.F. 14/15</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Wounded 1-7-16 Admitted 27 S.H. S.S.H. Upper Lip 2/16 Invalided to England 5-7-16</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Admitted Wandsworth 6-4-16 Furlough then attached depot 7-7-16 Embarked B.C.F. 12/16</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Joined Battalion 25/16 Messing 14/17 Prisoner of War 23/17 Address Kuyppage 12/17</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Released Arrived South 25/17 Arrived Japan 27/17 Total Wounded 27-12-18. Furlough 28/17. 28/17</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Discharged and for demobilization 30/17. Arrived Newfoundland 7/19</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Demobilized in St. John's 27-3-19</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Service forfeited as above | | | | | | | | | |

Total Service towards Engagement to 27-3-19 (date of discharge) 4 years 71 days.
Pension

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

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

Reg. No. 975

Name John Edgar Vaters
 Apparent age 22 years months. Height 5 feet 9 1/2 inches.

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

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

Other distinguishing marks: Tattooed on middle finger of left hand

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Japhet Vaters, Victoria, Carbonar, Nfld.

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.
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| | | | | | years days | years days | years days | years days | |
| Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>16/1/15</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>16th January '15</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Discharged March 29/1919</i> | | | | | | | | | |
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| Total Service forfeited as above | | | | | | | | | |

Total Service towards Engagement to (date of discharge) years days.

" " " Pension (date of discharge) years days.

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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.

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REMOVED

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

is/are forwarded herewith to

John E. Vaters

in respect of his service as No. 973 Rank Pte.

Name J.E. Vaters

Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~Nfld. Forestry Corps.~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received

Service & Victory Medals

Signature

J.E. Vaters

Date

Oct 1st 1921

Address

Orbitria

[P.T.O.]

Receipt for Army Book 64

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No. 973 Name J. E. Baker

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

Date July 28 1920

Place Dist. of Columbia

Name J. E. Baker

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

[Handwritten mark]

C.R. 973

RECEIPT.

I hereby certify that I have received the 1914-1915

STAR.

No 973 Name J. S. Valero

Witness. _____

Date Dec 20 1919

Place Victoria

Carbonar

HP

C.R. 973

June 10th. 1919.

Mr. J. Waters

Victoria.

Carbonez.

Dear Sir:-

I am forwarding to you by Registered mail One parcel containing some effects belonging to your son No. 973 Pte. J.E. Waters, of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am enclosing herewith receipt, will you kindly sign same and return to this Department at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.
Casualty Officer.

ENCLOS. 1.
BC.

C.R. 973

RECEIPT FOR ISSUE OF
RIBAND OF 1914-15 STAR.

I certify that I have received an issue
of 3 inches of Riband of 1914-15 Star.

973 Name... *John E. Vaters*.....

Date... *29/3/19*.....
Place... *Victoria*.....

Please sign, and return to Dept. of Militia.

C.R. 973

CIRCULAR LETTER

St. John's,

March 15th 1919.

Riband of 1914-15 Star.

Please complete the following claim and return it to this Department. If possible, call at Room No. 3 for your issue.

W. F. Readell
Lieut. Colonel.

Chief Staff Officer.

CLAIM FOR ISSUE OF RIBAND
of 1914-15 STAR.

Department of Militia,

St. John's.

I hereby make claim for issue of Riband of 1914-15 Star.

I certify that I am entitled to this issue, having served on* *Gallipoli*

from *Sep. 10th* 1915 to *Dec 28th* 1915.

(Date) *24/3/19* (NO) *973* (Rank) *pte.* (Name) *John E. Waters*

(Place) *Victoria / Carbonear*

*Fill in theatre of War where you served in Gallipoli, Mudros, Lemnos, or Western Egyptian Frontier.

*Riband posted to above address
27/3/19*

C.R. 973

Extract from Daily Orders part II, Depot St. John's
dated March 14th., 1919.

The discharge of the undernoted on demobilization has
been APPROVED by Officer Commanding discharge Depot
on 13-3-19.

#973 Pte. John Vaters.

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C.R.

Extract from Daily Orders part II, Depot St. John's
dated 21-3-19.

The discharge of the undernoted on demobilization has been
CONFIRMED by Officer i/o Records on 27-3-19.


#973 Pte. John Vaters.

C.R. 973

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal
WMA. Regt. St. John's, 11-2-19.

The information returned from Germany and reported to
Dept. 7-2-19.

973 Pte. John Vaters



C.R. 973

Extract from Nominal Roll of the Royal MIA. Regt.
Embarked S.S. Corsica, Jan. 30th, 1918.

973 Vaters.

John E. Valero of Victoria in the Electoral District of Carboneau in the Northern District of Newfoundland, do solemnly and sincerely declare that

(A) I enlisted in the first Newfoundland Regiment on the 16th day of January 1915 and proceeded overseas on the 2nd day of March 1915

(B) I was in Company D. in France
(b) Was captured and made prisoner at Monchy Le Prie on the 14th day of April 1917

(c) The details of my life and treatment while under capture are set forth in a statement hereto annexed marked "A"

(d) The circumstances of our capture at Monchy Le Prie when we were attacking at Monchy Le Prie when we suddenly found ourselves surrounded, the Germans having taken the trench we left in the rear.

and I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provision of an Act made and passed in the sixth year of the reign of his late Majesty King WILLIAM the Fourth, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act of the present session of Parliament, intituled 'An Act for the more effectual Abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the State and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits, and to make other provisions for the abolition of unnecessary Oaths.'"

973 Ex. Pt. John E. Valero

Made and subscribed at Carboneau in the Northern District of Newfoundland, this nineteenth day of March in the year of Our Lord 1920 before me, one of His Majesty's Justices in and for the said Island.

A. Penney J.P.

A

This is the statement referred to in the
Statutory declaration of 473 by Pte J. B.
Minters herein annexed taken before me
this 19th day of March 1939. *J. J. Payne*

I was taken prisoner on April 11th 1917. At Monchy le Priee
was taken to ~~Dona~~ Doia same day. with pretty good
food for about three days, they treated us good as
they were expecting some information from us
our sergeants were questioned by the German officers
and the English Chaps were ~~also~~ asked individually
if their Colonel gave orders to fire on the German
Soldiers - - after three days we were put on Board
train for Germany as we thought. But the next
place found us in Belgen. At Lieo. we were
marched through the streets to Gott-Me Donald
we saw some other English Prisoners there but
we wernt allowed to speak to them - - but we
didnt need them to speak as we could see
for ourself the look of starvation on their faces
we were put into a dark under ground room
with 3. 7 x 9 Glass li Light it. 80 Men in one room
Concrete floor to lay on - we were 12 hours
before we received our first issue of Rations
we then received something like to (2) Loaves of
Bread for 80 Men - we also received some
Soup - - water strained from four - Croust.
about half pint a man - as Hungry as we were
of from our steel helmets - - as they went taken
from us at that time - we spend (6) six days
laying in one position we wernt room enough
to move - after our five days ~~was~~ up
there come in an Officer and gave us out
orders

We could speak good English. He told us
 we were to go back to the German trenches
 under all the British shell fire. He said
 if any of us made any offer to escape - or
 to interfere with the Guards we would be
 shot instantly. As their rifles were always
 ready. He told us we would be treated as
 prisoners of war. Very short of food no
 clothing. No washings or shaving
 and no boots to wear. Everything that the German
 soldier could do to harm us would be done
 He told us that we would never see
 England again. - we were taken from the
 Fort Mc Donnell and we were marched
 through every street in Lille. And the
 Belgian people were told that we had
 just been taken from the British trenches
 we were guarded by Military Police - Prussian
 Guards. All old soldiers. And they were
 very cruel to us and to the passing
 Belgian women through the streets. After we
 had been marching for 15 or 16 hours
 we were taken to a train. We were stowed
 in on top of each other. And day light next
 morning found us back to the German lines
 with English Jack Johnson falling around us
 we were taken to a old Barn where some
 French prisoners had been living for
 about 2 years. - with was terrible filthy
 we were ~~down~~ down - without eating

III

We were also feeling pretty dirty then about 12 days without washing. Next at margin we could hardly get water enough to drink. -- we changed guards 4 times each. Oh they were cruel the officer in charge and the Under officer was worst of all we worked hard - digging Gun Pits Day out, and trenches and Rail Roadings we had ~~that~~ parades every day to be counted and in every parade three and 4 fellows would fall down -- in the Ranks. -- We were in a terrible state. with dirt and hunger some time in August we were taken back to Denain for the hay cutting season our food was just the same but we were allowed to wash. -- when we were cutting hay we were promised to get paid for it but we didnt. -- after we had finished as it was out Hd. Quarters -- and then back near the line again to Dieges ~~Bochain~~ (Bochain) 1800 we started working in saw Mills rafting timber and Rail Roadings October we received our first payment of 20 pfennigs (6 ~~cents~~) per day from April 12th until Oct 12th we received no payment at all not even anything to eat.

III

~~we change~~ we had New Camp Commander
Every other Name of them had any sympathy
for us. - Now so we Leaved ~~the~~ Germany
4 days on train - - we were taken to
Schneidemühl. - - And we were put
Clear of all other English Prisoners there
for fortnight - we got packages of biscuits
from other Prisoners. - - we were sent out
with Wood Commandos untill March and
we were called in to go at farm work
February got parcels started to come from
British Red Cross. Just saved my life -
The worst part of my captivity was the
first (8) months - - after that we were
treated like prisoners of war - - Before we
were as slaves

was working on one farm
Farm March 20th 1918 untill Dec 15 1918
at Deegallee Zaborn Dist - of Pommern
Also treated good by Civilians

973 Ex P. J. E. Waters

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From 9738. Plc J. J. Valer's
District
Jan 20th 19

Boys on wallers ply myself Jack Thompson & was taken prisoner at Monchy L. P.
from flighters John Brown from Fortune Bay April 11th 1917. was taken from the Lines
John Brown was killed later at Boschain to (Poia) Spend three days there. 18th
with a shell from British Waplain. We were brought to Lill. By Rail.
Shifted from wallers to (Boschain) we were taken to Fort McE. Dornel
worked there until we leaved from we spent six days in basement
Germany. worked from 25th April of house 100 men in each room.
1917) until November without we got very little to eat. we got about
Receiving any money. ~~From~~ October quarter pint of water boiled from water
& November we received 30 offerings Souse-Broth. wish we had to eat
Red day for working \$36 per week from our steel helmets. Before we
we now had shanks to make our leaved the fort in the 24th an officer
Soup. And now had to eat speaking good English have with a
Salted Seal without being broked Lecture of what we had to go through
the cloths that I was captured we said we were to have no food
with 2 more winties. May at all live as long as we could
1918. Received parcels from England and we all thought that we would not
be long as we could scarcely walk when we come out from the fort

We had to Lay on Concrete Floors
just the Half of 2-7 x 9 Wall
to light the room. They Marched us
around Town for about 4 Hours
and told the French People that we
had just been taken from the British
and then they took us back to their
firing line to Dieppe called Marquien
we worked it out very hard. Repairing
Roads. Some of the boys had the Mission
to be digging dug-outs and trench digging
work there until they cutting seals
received no money all that time and very
little food not even enough to keep
some alive. At Marquien I saw
some days three or four men face
down on parade to weak to stand
our guard was changed there
very often. I think now that we only
had one commissioned officer in
charge at Marquien. The most of

Waller's - 3

English

them were Feldwebel's (Sergeant Major)
we came back to Denain as it was
our so called old Quarters. And then I
went out in a Vicage for the Day
cutting ~~Waller's~~ 8 Kilometers from
Denain. The one guard remained
with us all the time there was a
Commissioned officer in charge
an elderly man. They were brutes
they certainly gave the French
civilians a bad time of it. Also
as the some times thought to give
us some food as we marched
along the Vicage. But they would
always be beaten with the butt of
the Guards Rifle. we weren't
allowed to pick up Cabbage Leaves
from the streets. we were promised
30 pfennings a day when we
were cutting Hay but we did not
get it there was three N.F.K.D

Come Back to Schneidmühl
 20 of March. And went
 out on Land work
 we'll know as (Land Arbeit)
 worked there one month after
 the Armistice was signed
 Leaved Germany by the way of
 Dan-Zig Dec 20 1919

22 Months in Germany I received
 from the German Government
 about 120 Marks. At \$25.00
 for 22 months working
 enlisted N.F.L.O. Regt Jan 15th 1915
 Discharged March 12th 1919
 Received from N.F.L.O. Govt
 \$15.00. So what have
 I gained for all my hardship
 Now I can hardly do anything

work wooden logs 13 months
 and no socks; I was forced to
 work when my foot was so sore
 to wear my log I had to use a
 piece of Rag around it.
 worked on saw mill at Bohain
 saw some cruelty done by
 our guard. Fell too beaten
 with Monkey punches. And every
 day they use the butt of their
 rifles. if we were to pick up anything
 like food on the road.
 We weren't even allowed to
 eat saw dust. Everything
 that was anything like food
 was kept from us. We had
 to work every day Rain or
 shine

28 of Nov. 1917 We Leaved
for Germany, we were 5
days on Train got one
Soup per day. Nearly
died with Hunger & Thirst.
Arrived at Schmiedemühl
Dec 2nd. 20th we were
sent of for working parties
Wood Cutting. Had another
hard time as we had to
Real Bad Guards one was
a Pole and the other fellow
was half blind they were
certainly hard to us. we
worked from day light -
until dark cutting wood.
I see we had four feet of
snow with wooden logs
over my feet. The wood
commander was certainly

A hard case it was
his fault that the guard
was so cruel to us
He said we weren't doing
work enough; He looked as
if through he was very Rich
He certainly enjoyed to see
us working hard - He gave
the guard strict orders to put
us through. And guards
were indiged of him. As he
was a Gross Man Wood
Commander He was once
a sergeant Major in the
Prussian Guards we were
to get 20 pfennigs a day
but at the end of the week
we would always be short
The guard would always
help himself with some

Leut J. E. Jones

Dear Sir your letter at A and
of Jan 8th asking me to give my statement
to Magistrate - Well I asked
Judge Penney of Carleton if I had
received any letter from Militia Dept
and he said No. So I am writing
myself if it is not satisfactory you would
write me again.

973 Ex Pte J. E. Jones
Victoria
Carleton

C.R. 973

STATEMENT OF PRISONER OF WAR

1975, Pte. J.E. Vaters - Victoria, Cambesar.

Enlisted Jan. 16th, 1915 - Proceeded Overseas Mar. 20th, 1915.

Place & Date of Capture - Monchy-le-Preux April 16th, 1917.

Details of Life & Treatment under Capture - I was taken from the lines to Douai spent three days there, on the 18th we were brought to Lille by rail and were taken to Fort MacDohald, here we spent six days in the basement of a house 100 men in each room. We got very little to eat, we got about a quarter pint of water boiled from Sour-Gout which we had to eat from our steel helmets. Before we left the Fort on the 24th an Officer speaking good English gave us a Lecture on what we had to go through. He said we were to have no food at all live as long as we could, and we all thought that that would'nt be long as we could scarcely walk when we came out from the Fort. We had to lay on concrete floors just the half of 2-7X9 glass to light the room. They marched us around town for about 4 hours and told the French people that we had just been taken from the British and then they took us back to their firing line to a village called Marquion. We worked here very hard repairing roads. Some of the boys had the misfortune to be digging dugouts and trench digging. Worked there until hay cutting season. Received no money all that time and very little food not even enough to keep some alive. At Marquion I saw some days three & four men fall face down on parade so weak to stand our Guard was changed there very often. I think now that we only had one Commissioned Officer in charge at Marquion the most of them were feldwebels (English Sergeant Major) we came back Desnain as it was our so called Headquarters, and then I went out in a Village for the Hay Cutting Wailers 8 Kilometers from Desnain. The one Guard remained with us all the time there was a Commissioned Officer in charge an elderly man. They were brutes they certainly gave the French Civilians a bad time of it also, as they sometimes thought to give us some food as we marched along the Village, but we would always be beaten with the butt of the Guard's Rifle. We were'nt allowed to pick up cabbage leaves from the streets. We were promised 30 prunings

6. stay when we were cutting hay but we did not get it. There were three field boys on Wallers party Jack Thompson from St. John's John Brown from Fortune Bay & myself. John Brown was killed later at Beshain with a shell from British Aeroplanes. Shifted from Wallers to Beshain worked there until we heard from Germany. Worked from 25th April 1917 until November without receiving any money October and November we received 30 pfennings per day for working 36¢ per week. We have had shark to make our soup, and had to eat salted seal without being cooked. The clothes I was captured in I wore until May 1918. Received parcels from England. Wore wooden clogs 13 months and no socks. I was forced to work when my foot was too sore to wear my clogs, I had to use a piece of rag around it. Worked on a sawmill at Beshain saw some cruelty done by our Guard, fellows beaten with Monkey wrenches, and every day they used the butt of their rifles if we were to pick up anything like food on the road. We weren't even allowed to eat sawdust. Everything that was anything like food was kept from us. We had to work every day rain or shine. 28th of November 1918 we left for Germany, we were 5 days on train got one soup per day, (nearly died with hunger & thirst) arrived at Schneidemühl Dec. 2nd. On the 20th we were sent off for working parties-wood cutting, had another hard time as we had to a real bad guard one was a Pole and the fellow was half blind they were certainly hard to us. We worked from daylight until dark cutting wood three and four feet of snow with wooden clogs on my feet. The wood Commander was certainly a hard boss, it was his fault that the Guard was so cruel to us, he said we weren't doing work enough, he looked as if though he was very rich. He certainly enjoyed to see us working hard. He gave the Guard strict orders to put us through, and Guards were in dread of him, as he was a gross man. Wood Commander was once a Sergeant Major in the Prussian Guards. We were to get 30 pfennings a day but at the end of the week we would always be short the Guard would always help himself with some. Came back to Schneidemühl 20 of March and went out on land work well known as (Land Arbiter)

worked there one month after the Armistice was signed, left Germany by the ship of Danzig Dec. 20th, 1919.

22 months in Germany I received from the German Government about 120 marks or \$25.00 for 22 months working.

Enlisted Newfoundland Regiment Jan. 15th, 1915 Discharged March 12th 1919. Received from Nfld. Government \$415.00 so what have I gained for all my hardship. Now I can hardly do anything.

Original true copy.

C.R. 973

Extract of Casualties received from the Pay & Record
Office London dated Dec. 30th 1918.

The undermentioned released Prisoner of War reported
at P & R.O. and proceeded on furlough 28/12/18-28/2/19.

973 PTE. J.E. Vaters

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



C.R. 973

Cable Connection with all the World

All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

The Management may decline to forward the Message, though it has been received for transmission; but in case of so doing shall refund to the Sender the amount paid for its transmission.

In case the Message shall never reach its destination by reason of any neglect or default of the N. P. T. or its Servants whilst the Message remains under the control of the N. P. T., they will refund the amount paid by the Sender for such Message.

The N. P. T. shall not be liable to make compensation beyond the amount refunded as above for any loss, injury, or damage arising or resulting from the non-transmission or non-delivery of the Message, or delay or error in the transmission or delivery thereof, howsoever such transmission, non-delivery, delay, or error shall have occurred.

The control of the N. P. T. over the Message shall be deemed to have entirely ceased for the purposes of these Conditions at any point where, in the course of the transit of the Message to its destination, it may be entrusted by the N. P. T. (and the N. P. T. shall have full power so to entrust the Message) for further transmission by or through any system, service, or line of Telegraph belonging to or worked by any administration or authority not controlled by the N. P. T. exclusively, although worked as part of or in connection with the Telegraphic system or service of the N. P. T.

I request that the following Telegram may be forwarded according to the foregoing Conditions, by which I agree to abide.

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender _____ Address **Dept of Militia.**

| Line Number | Recd | By | Sent by | Check |
|-------------|------|----|---------|-------|
| | | | | |

Dated **Dec 28th, 1918**

To **Joseph Vaters, Victoria, Carbonear**

**Regret to inform you that Record Office, London,
Beg ~~xxxxx~~
officially reports**

No. 975, Private ~~xxxx~~

**Edgar Vaters repatriated from Germany arrived at Ripon
Camp England in safety**

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J.R. Bennett

Chgo Dept of Militia.

Minister of Militia.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 973

Extract from telegram from synoptical London,
Dec. 27th, 1918.

Following released prisoner of War arrived Ripon.

973 Vaters.

C.R. 973

Extract of Casualties from P & R.O. London dated Dec. 27/12/18.
The undermentioned released Prisoner of War arrived at Ripon and
was ordered to proceed to depot, Winchester, 27/12/18.

973 PTE J.E. Vaters.

Telegram from CSM. Butler, Ripon.

C.R. 993

Extract from Daily Orders part IIG Depot ~~XXXXXX~~
Winchester dated 28-12-18 by Lieut. Col., R. J. BARTON
D. S. O. Officer Commanding ~~XXX~~, Battalion of the
Royal Newfoundland Regiment

The undernoted having reported back from the 1st,
Battalion ~~XXX~~ is taken on the strength and posted
to "HE Co., from 27/11/18.

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#975 Pte. Vaters.

CR 973

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 29 Sent by

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Place from

Carbonear N

To

Hon. J. R. Bennett

Min of Militia



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973

Please inform me if pte
John. Waters prisoner Germany has
been heard of since armistice

signed

Jeff. Waters


C.R. 973

Dec. 11th 18

Dear Mr. Vaters:

I am directed by the Minister of Militia to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of December 11th, re your son #973 Pte. John Vaters, and beg to state that up to date we have no news of his having arrived in England, but we think that all our prisoners are now out of Germany in France, awaiting a chance to get to England, and it will only be a matter of a short while when they will be safely across. Any news we get concerning him will be at once communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut.

CASUALTY OFFICER.

Mr. Jeff Vaters,
Victoria Village,
Carbenear.

WTV/MP.

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By _____

Sent _____

by _____

Ch Dept of Militia.

Dated

To

Nov. 23rd, 1918

Japhet Vaters, Carbonear

PRISONERS RELEASED AND BEING SENT TO ENGLAND.

MILITARY

CHARGE TO DEPT OF MILITIA.

FOR TYPEWRITER

| CLASS OF SERVICE | SYMBOL |
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| Day Message | |
| Day Letter | Blue |
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| Night Letter | N L |

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5 CARBONAR 10/-

HON J R BENNETT

MON. OF MIDITIA.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF PRISONERS IN GERMANY ARE RELEASED.

JAPHED VATERS

ST. JOHN'S. N.F.

NOV 20 1918

C.R. 973

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated March 12, 1918.

#973 Pte. J. E. Vaters. ✓

Place of Capture Monchy 14/4/17 Place of Detention
Geflg Schneidemuhl from Denain.

C.R. 973

Victoria
Carbonear.
Marth 11. 1918

W. J. Rendell Mazor.
Chief Staff Officer
St John's

Dear Sir:-

Received letter with
enclosed photograph, with thanks

I remain

Yours truly

Japhet Waters

C.R. 973

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated January 19, 1918.

Change of address of the following prisoner of war has
been notified to the N.W.C.A. by the Canadian Red Cross
Society, 18/1/18.

#973 Pte. J.E. Vaters. ✓

Schneidemühl, Posen.

C.R. 973

Extract from CASUALTIES from P.&R.O., London, dated 8th. Dec. 1917.

PRISONER OF WAR.

Change of Address.

973 Pte. J. Vaters, 1st Newfoundland Regt.,
Kriegsgefangenen - Stammlager,
Friedrichsfeld, Germany.

Authority: P.C. dated 12/10/17 to N.W.C.A.

C.R. 973

PRISONERS OF WAR/ Change Address.

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

#973 Pte. J. Vaters, ✓

1st Newfoundland Regiment, Kriegsgefangenen-Stammlager,
Friedrichsfeld, Germany, Auth:- P.C. dated 12/10/17
to N.W.C.A.

PRISONER OF WAR.

973 Pte. J. E. Vaters.

Ext. of daily orders part 2 from G.H.Q.

3rd. Echelon, August 15th, 1917

Prisoner of War in German Hands, 14/8/17. Auth.

off. German Report forwarded by Geneva Red Cross.

Prev. "Struck off Strength" Missing Ref. No.

22 C. 19/5/17³

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Dated

Aug. 11, 1917.

To

Mrs. Japhet Vaters,
Victoria via Capbonear.

Sending of Private parcels to Prisoners of War
Germany not allowed Prisoners are kept supplied by
authorities in England.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.



NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. _____ Sent by _____ Rec'd by _____ Check _____

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Place from _____

Victoria
Via Carbonear

To _____

AUG 10 1917

~~Hon J R Bennett~~
wife of militia

what articles can
I send my son
prisoner in Germany
Mrs Janet Waters

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Dated 20th July, 1917.

To Mr. J. Vaters,
Victoria, Carbonear.

Have pleasure in informing you Record Office London today reports No. 973 Private John E. Vaters Prisoner of War at Limburg Germany.

R. A. SQUIRES,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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May 13, 1917.

Mr. Japhet Waters,
Victoria,
Carbonear.

No. 973, Private

John E. Waters, missing April fourteenth.

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C.R. 973

Extract of Cablegram received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated May 13, 1917.

#973 Pte. J.E. Vaters, D.Co.,

Reported "Missing" April 14th.

C.R. 973

Extract from Casualties List No. P.M. 555 of 8.8.18.

| No. | Name. | Rank | Place & Date of Capture. | Place of Detention |
|------|--------------|------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 973. | J.E. Vaters. | Pte. | Monchy 14-4-18. | Gelfg. Schneid- emuhl from Denain. |

C.R. 973

Extract from Nominal Roll Draft (All Ranks) to 1st
Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Southampton.

973 Pte. J.E. Vaters.

12-12-16.

C.R. 973

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft No.15 embarked Southampton
12/12/16 from 2/1st Newfoundland Regiment to 1/1st Newfoundland
Regiment B.E.F.

973 Pte. Vaters, J.E.

MP.

C.R. 973

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

(Extract from Army Form B 215, from C.O., 1st WFLA. Regt.
dated 11/7/16.)

#973 Pte. J. Vaters. ✓

Wounded in action 1/7/16.

C.R.

973

Extract from Casualties received from Pay & Record
Office, London, Jul. 16, 1916.

Admitted 3rd London General Hospital Wandsworth 5th July
1916.

973 Pte. J.E. Vaters.

G.S.W. Nose.

C.R.

973

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated July 12, 1916.

#973 Pte. J. E. Vaters. ✓

Gunshot wound Face slight.

Admitted 11th General Hospital, Dannes Camiers

3rd July 1916.

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|-------------|-----|----|------|----|-------|
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Dated 11 July, 1916.

To Mr. Japhet Vaters,
Victoria,
Carbonear.

Regret to inform you that No. 973 Private John E. Vaters has been reported at the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth- gunshot wound nose, not serious.

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 943

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&R.O.
July 10th. 1916.

973, Pte J. E. Vaters. ✓

At 3rd London General Hospital Wandsworth July 6, 1916

G.S.W. Nose.

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MAR 21 1916

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. 973, Private John E. Vaters, who was previously reported at Malta, January 17th, suffering from septic right hand, was discharged to duty January 21st.

This information has been received by mail.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Japhet Vaters,
Victoria, Carbonear.

Colonial Secretary.

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FEB 26 1916

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. 973, Private John E. Vaters, who was previously reported at Convalescent Camp Gozo, Malta, Dec. 20th suffering from septic right hand, was transferred to All Saint's Convalescent Camp, Malta, January 17th.

This information has been received by mail.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Japhet Vaters,
Victoria,
Carbonear.

Colonial Secretary.

5
February 1, 1916.

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. 973, Private John E. Vaters, who was reported at Malta on December 6th suffering from septic right hand, was transferred to Convalescent Camp, Fort Chambray, Gozo, Malta, on December 20th.

This information has been received by mail.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Japhet Vaters,
Victoria,
Gozo.

C.R. 973

SICK & WOUNDED N.C.Os & MEN OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE - MEDITERRANEAN.

NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT.

LIST NO.H.5194.

2/1564 Gnr. Martin, T.
10/893 Pte. Keane, J.M.
12/2440 Pte. Penno, T.B.

H.Z. P.A.
N.Z. R. Wellington.
N.Z. R. Auckland.

..... Trans.to All Saints Camp, Malta
ex C.C., Gozo 17th Jan.16.
Sick Slt..... Adm.C.C.Gozo, Malta ex All
Saints Camp 17th Jan.16.
-do- -do-

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

LIST NO.H.5194.

973 Pte. Vaters, J.E.

1/Newfoundlanders.

..... Trans.to All Saints Camp, Malta
ex C.C., Gozo 17th Jan.16.



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C.R. 973

Extract from War Office List. No.H. 5491.

973 Pte. Vaters. 1/Nfld.Ctg.

Dis. to duty ~~Ex.~~ All Saints, CCH. Malta. ^{21st} ~~1914~~, Jan, 1916.

REID NEWFOUNDLAND COMPANY
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Victoria

ST. JOHN'S, N.F., JAN 17 19

Dear Sir.

in reply to
your letter I thank you
very much for your
information I got his own
hand writing of Dec. 16 he
was at all Saints Convalescent
Camp. *molto* doing well;
I thank you very much
for any information you'll
send yours truly
Joseph Waters
Victoria Carbonear

January 14, 1916.

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. 973, Private John E. Vaters, who was previously reported as suffering from a septic right hand at Malta on November 5th, is now reported as having been discharged to All Saint's Convalescent Camp, Malta, on December 6th.

This information has been received by mail.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Japhet Vaters,
Victoria,
Carbonear.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Extract of Casualty list received from P.&.R.O.
January 18th 1916.

973, Pte J. Vaters. ✓

1 Newfoundland R. Adm. C.C. Fort Chambray Gozo ex all Saints
Camp Malta 20th December 1915.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Extract of Casualty list received from P.&.R.O.
January 18th 1916.

973, Pte J. Vaters. ✓

1 Newfoundland R. Adm. C.C. Fort Chambray Gozo ex all Saints
Camp Malta 20th December 1915.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&R O.
January 4th 1916.

973, Pte. J. Vaters.

Newfoundland R. Pyrexia Slight To. Gozo ex All Saints
C.C. Malta 20th December 1915.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&R O.
January 4th 1916.

973, Pte. J. Vaters.

Newfoundland R. Pyrexia Slight To. Gozo ex All Saints
C.C. Malta 20th December 1915.

DICK & WOUNDED N.C.O.s. & MEN OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE - MEDICAL AN.YORK RECORD OFFICE.LIST NO. H.4507.

18150 Pte. Waites, A. 3/York.R.att.
6th Yorks.
14124 ,, Barrett, J.W. 6/E.York.R.
4827 ,, Ward, W. 8/North'd Fus.
14908 ,, Naylor, B. 6/E.York.R.
9091 ,, Herrington, S. 3/North'd Fus.

Adm. C.C. Fort Chambray, Gozo Malta
ex All Saints Camp. 20th Dec. 15.

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Trans. to All Saints Camp, Malta ex
C.C. Fort Chambray, Gozo. 20th Dec. 15.

WARLEY RECORD OFFICE.LIST NO. H.4507.

20761 Pte. Taylor, H. 1/Essex R.
20045 ,, Wilkinson, S. 1/ -do-
9187 L/C. Hansen, J.R. 1/ -do-

Adm. C.C. Fort Chambray Gozo, Malta.
ex All Saints Camp. 20th Dec. 15.

-do-

Trans. to All Saints Camp, Malta. ex
C.C. Fort Chambray Gozo. 20th Dec. 15.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.LIST NO. H.4507.

973 Pte. Vaters, J. 1/Newfoundland R.

Adm. C.C. Fort Chambray, Gozo Malta.
ex All Saints Camp. 20th Dec. 15.



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C.R. 973

SICK AND WOUNDED M.C.O.'S AND MEN OF THE MEDITERRANEAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

LIST No.H.3947. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

| | | | | | | |
|------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 45 | Pte.Treasure, P.H. | 1st.Light Horse. | Sick. | | | Dis.to All Saint's Conv.Camp, Malta Ex St.Patrick's Mil. Hosp. 6th. Dec '15. |
| 296 | " | Gillis, H. | 5rd. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 1015 | " | Dinan, J. | 4th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 279 | " | Kenyon, D.H. | 4th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 152 | S.S.Maj. | Boyd, J.M. | 5th. Do. | Wounded. | Do. | Do. |
| 721 | Pte. | Davidson, G.D. | 7th. Do. | Sick. | Do. | Do. |
| 1066 | " | Malley, A.C. | 5th. Battalion. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 2538 | " | Donnelly, W. | 6th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 2160 | " | Evans, J.T. | 6th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 1982 | " | Martin, E.A. | 9th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 58 | " | Whitbread, A. | 10th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 722 | " | Davidson, R.T. | 13th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 421 | " | Moody, R. | 15th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 2132 | " | Doddrell, R.E. | 14th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 2166 | " | Knight, A.E. | 14th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 1884 | " | Blackett, G. | 18th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 1782 | " | Purchall, J.E. | 21st. Do. | Wounded. | Do. | Do. |
| 662 | " | O'Donnell, H. | 22nd. Do. | Sick. | Do. | Do. |
| 1923 | A/Cpl. | Root, H. | 26th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 858 | Pte. | Hunt, W. | 27th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 219 | " | Bartlett, W. | 28th. Do. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 2868 | Sgt. | Morris, J. | 5th. Fld. Amb. A.M. G. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 877 | Pte. | McLaren, P. | 7th. Light Horse. | Do. | | Trans.to Imtarfa H. Malta Ex. St. Patrick Mil. Hosp. 6th. Dec '15. |
| | A.B. Spr. | Goodheart, Aust. Naval A.H. | Bridging Train | Shrap. Wd. Hip. | | Adm. Rl. Naval H. Malta 3rd. Dec '15. |

LIST No.H.3947. NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT.

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|---------|--------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|--|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2/758 | Sgt. | Warren, W.E.R. | Fd. Arty. 2nd. Bty. | Sick. | | Dis.to All Saint's Conv.Camp, Malta Ex St.Patrick's Mil. Hosp. 6th. Dec '15. |
| 2/1292 | Ghr. | Stevens, S.F. | Do. 5th. Bty. | Do. | | Do. |
| 4/161 | Spr. | Flett, J. | 2nd. Fld. Co. Engrs. | Do. | | Do. |
| 6/154 | Pte. | Summerfield, F.G. | Canterbury Bty. | Do. | | Do. |
| 12/1007 | S.Sgt. | Millington, H.V. | Auckland Bty. | Do. | | Do. |

LIST No.H.3947. NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

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|-----|------|------------|-------------------|-------|--|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 973 | Pte. | Vaters, J. | 1-Newfoundland R. | Sick. | | Dis.to All Saint's Conv.Camp Malta ex St.Patrick's Mil. Hos: 6th Dec '15. |
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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
PAY & RECORD OFFICE LONDON
CASUALTY REPORT No. 4411
Recd. DEC 17 1915
Advised to Governor
Cable No. N.F. P/O's
Copies sent to:
Governor.....
O.C. Depot.....
N.W.C.A.....
Press Notices sent.....

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December 15, 1915

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. 973.

Private John E. Vaters, was admitted to Hospital, Malta,

from Hospital Ship KILDONAN CASTLE on November 5th, suffering

from a septic right hand, but his case had not then been diagnosed. This information has been received by mail.

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

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Japhet Vaters,
Victoria,
Cape Colony.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 973

Extract of Sick and Wounded N.C.Os. and Men of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, No: H. 5315, dated Nov. 25th. 1915.

973 Pte. J. Vaters.

Newfoundland Contingent. Sept. R.Hand & N.Y.D.....Adm. to
Hospital in Malta ex ~~HM~~ H.S. "Kildonan Castle" November 5th. 1915.

C.R. 973

Extract from Nominal Roll of 26d "D" Co. 1st Bn. Nfld. Regt.
Embarked at Devenport for Active Service, 21-8-15.

973 Pte. J. Vaters.

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

C.R. 973

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft embarked for
Overseas per S.S. Stephens March 20th 1915.

NO. 7. Platoon.

973 Pte. J.E. Waters.

C.R. 973

John E. Vaters was attested for General service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on Jan. 16th 1915.
Regimental No 973 was allotted to Pte. John E. Vaters.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Regiment of Newfoundland

Number of Sheet 1

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Signature of O. C. Company L. March. Capt.

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| Regimental Number and Name | | Enlistment | | Trade | | Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay | |
| No. | <u>973</u> | Age on | <u>22</u> years — months | <u>Railroad</u> | | | |
| Joined <u>1st</u> <u>N.F.H.D.</u> Date <u>Jan. 16th 1915</u> | | Date of Enlistment <u>Jan. 16th 1915</u> | | | | | |
| Joined <u>2nd</u> <u>N.F.H.D.</u> Date <u>July 28th 1915</u> | | Period of | | <u>Methodist</u> | | <u>Carbons</u> | |
| Joined _____ Date _____ | | with Colours <u>4^{7/8}</u> years. | | | | | |
| Joined _____ Date _____ | | with Reserve <u>3^{6/8}</u> years. | | | | | |

| 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>Corp.</u> | <u>1916</u> <u>Aug. 29</u> | <u>Pte.</u> | | <u>Absent from 9 pm. Parade</u> | <u>H. Sellers</u> | <u>2 days CB.</u> | <u>20/16</u> | <u>Capt. Bain</u> | <u>45.</u> |
| | | | | <u>Demobilized St John's 27</u> | <u>3</u> | | | | |
| | | | | <u>19</u> | | | | | |
| | | | | <u>To be carried over</u> | | | | | |

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

973

DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 973 Rank Pte Name John Valer
 Date of Enlistment 14-1-1915 Address 17 Patrick St. District St. John's
 Occupation Railroading Classification for Discharge E Medical Category A.I.
 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..... | 1 | Board 1st..... | " 2..... | |
| B 178a..... | 1. 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..... | 2 | | " 6..... | |
| B 179c..... | B 120..... | M 93..... | | | | |

Date 11-3-19

H. Murs II
 for O. C. Discharge Depot.

PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

1. Civil Re-Establishment.

I am..... in a position to resume civilian occupation.

John S. Valer

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date.....

2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

(a) Clothing Allowance payable.....

(b) Clothing Supplied.....

Date 12-3-19

Joseph A. Snowling
 O i/c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. R 713 to his home at Victoria and Release Certificate No. 1476 issued

Date 12 3 19 C. D. White 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 27-3-19

Date 12-3-19 H. M. Lewis Lieut.
Depot Paymaster.

SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT OF OVERSEAS PAY ACCT

Discharge approved for 13 3 19

Forwarded with following documents to O.C. Discharge Depot.

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|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| N.F. P/36 | B 268 | B 121 | N.F. Med. | D.F. 1 | 1 Stamp B |
| B 178 | W 3494 | B 122 | Board 1st | " 2 | |
| B 178a | D 400A | B 1915 | do 2nd | " 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 12 3 19 C. D. White 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

MAR 13 1919

Date R. H. Sait Capt.
O. C. Discharge Depot.

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

Date March 18/19 [Signature]

STATEMENT OF PRISONER OF WAR

#973 Pte. J. J. Vaters - Victoria, Carbonear.

Enlisted Jan. 16th, 1915 - Proceeded Overseas Mar. 20th, 1915.

Place & Date of Capture - Monchy-le-Preux April 14th, 1917.

Details of Life & Treatment under Capture - I was taken from the
lines to Douai spent three days there, on the 18th we were brought
to Lille by rail and were taken to Fort MacDonald, here we spent six
days in the basement of a house 100 men in each room. We got very
little to eat, we got about a quarter pint of water boiled from Sour-
Grout which ~~we~~^{we} had to eat from our steel helmets. Before we left the
Fort on the 24th an Officer speaking good English gave us a Lecture
on what we had to go through. He said we were to have no food at all
live as long as we could, and we all thought that that would'nt be long
as we could scarcely walk when we came out from the Fort. We had to lay
on concrete floors just the half of 2-7X9 glass to light the room. They
marched us around town for about 4 hours and told the French people that
we had just been taken from the British and then they took us back to
their firing line to a village called Marquion. We worked here very hard
repairing roads. Some of the boys had the misfortune to be digging
dug-outs and trench digging. Worked there until hay cutting season. Re-
ceived no money all that time and very little food not even enough to
keep some alive. At Marquion I saw some days three & four men fall face
down on parade to weak to stand our Guard was changed there very often.
I think now that we only had one Commissioned Officer in charge at Mar-
quion the most of them were feldwebels (English Sergeant Major) we
came back Desnain as it was our so called Headquarters, and then I went
out in a Village for the Hay Cutting Wallers 8 Kilometers from Desnain.
The one Guard remained with us all the time there was a Commissioned
Officer in charge an elderly man. They were brutes they certainly gave
the French Civilians a bad time of it also, as they sometimes thought to
give us some food as we marched along the Village, but we would always
be beaten with the butt of the Guard's Rifle. We were'nt allowed to
pick up cabbage leaves from the streets. We were promised 30 ^{per} ^{prisoners}

6th day when we were cutting hay but we did not get it. There were three field boys on Wallers ~~pty~~ Jack Thompson from St. John's John Brown from Fortune Bay & myself. John Brown was killed later at Boshain with a shell from British Aeroplane. Shifted from Wallers to Bishain worked there until we heard from Germany. Worked from 25th April 1917 until November without receiving any money October and November we received 30 pfennings per day for working 36¢ per week. We have had shark to make our soup, and had to eat salted seal without being cooked. The clothes I was captured in I wore until May 1918. Received parcels from England. Wore wooden clogs 13 months and no socks, I was forced to work when my foot was too sore to wear my clogs, I had to use a piece of rag around it. Worked on a Sawmill at Boshain saw some cruelty done by our Guard, fellows beaten with Monkey wrenches, and every day they used the butt of their rifles if we were to pick up anything like food on the road. We were 'nt even allowed to eat sawdust. Everything that was anything like food was kept from us. We had to work every day rain or shine. 28th of November 1918 we left for Germany, we were 5 days on train got one soup per day, (nearly died with hunger & thirst) arrived at Schmeedemihl Dec. 2nd. On the 20th we were sent off for working parties-wood cutting, had another hard time as we had to a real bad guard one was a Pole and the fellow was half blind they were certainly hard to us. We worked from daylight until dark cutting wood three and four feet of snow with wooden clogs on my feet. The wood Commander was certainly a hard boss, it was his fault that the Guard was so cruel to us, he said we were 'nt doing work enough, he looked as if though he was very rich. He certainly enjoyed to see us working hard. He gave the Guard strict orders to put us through, and Guards were in dread of him, as he was a cross man. Wood Commander he was once a Sergeant Major in ~~the Prussian~~ the Prussian Guards. We were to get 30 pfennings a day but at the end of the week we would always be short the Guard would always help himself with some. Came back to Schmeedemihl 20 of March and went out on land work well known as (Land Arbitrator)

worked there one month after the Armistice was signed, left
Germany by the way of Danzig Dec. 20th, 1919.

22 months in Germany I received from the German Government
about 120 marks or \$25.00 for 22 months working.

Enlisted Newfoundland Regiment Jan. 15th, 1915 Discharged
March 12th 1919. Received from Nfld. Government \$413.00 so what
I have I gained for all my hardship. Now I can hardly do anything.

J. H. Waters

973

P. A. C. O.

(Change of address)

From 973 Pte. John Vaters, Kriegsgefangenen-Stammlager, Friedrichs -
feld.

To: Newfoundland War Contingent Association.

12/10/17

Received your P.C. of the 25/7 saying that you were making
arrangements to keep me supplied with parcels, but there hasn't
any turned up yet. I wish you would see to them again. Quite a lot
of our boys at this camp, we can't get any parcels. We seem to be
left out, please help us out.

Address

*Newfoundland War Contingent Association
12/10/17*

address already
noted
JTB

Pay and Record Office.



8th March 1918.

From 973 Pte. J.E. Vaters, Gefangenenlager, Schneidemuhl.
To. N.W.C.A.

2/2/18.

Just to say that I have received up to date 12 parcels. They are started to come regularly now. Have not received clothing parcel nor boots. I am enjoying good health.

L. 33.

| Corps. | Unit. | Rank. | Reg. No. | Surname. | Christian Names. |
|--------|-------|-------|----------|-------------------|----------------------|
| NFLD. | 1st | Pte. | 973. | VATERS. THACK. | John Jack. Edgar. |

| Date of Capture. | Place Captured. | Last Place of Internment. | Born in the year | Term of Service. | Date of Enlistment. | Married or Single. |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 10.11.17. | Mouchy. | Schneidemuhl. | 1894. | NA. | 15.1.15 | S. |

| Medical Category. | Address. | Date of Arrival at the Camp. | Date of Departure from the Camp. | Industrial Group. | Trade or Occupation. |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| A. | Cp Waverley Hotel Edinb. | 25.12.18 | 27 DEC 1918 | | Railway worker |

| For Repatriation Overseas after the War. |
|------------------------------------------|
| Yes |

Admitted 6.7.16.

Army Form W. 3016.

No. _____

Date July 17th 1916

(1) To the Officer i/c Records,

58 Victoria St.

S. W. (Station.)

(2) The Officer Commanding,

Newfoundland Contingent

Ayr (Station.)

(3) The Paymaster,

58 Victoria St.

S. W. (Station.)

Regimental No. 973

Rank and Name Pte Vaters, J. G.

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland

has been granted a furlough from July 17th to July 26th 16.

His address while on leave will be:—

58 Victoria St. S. W.

This man has been given an advance of £1. +
furnished with warrant to Victoria.

I consider he is fit for ^{Duty} ~~_____~~

Norace Fagan Capt R.A.M.C.(F)

Officer in charge _____ Hospital,
Registrar, R.A.M.C.F.

3rd London General Hospital,
WANDSWORTH, S. W. (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.

4310/1/P.W.

18th March, 1918.

973, Private J. E. Vaters,
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,
Gefangenenlager,
Schneidemuhl, Posen, Germany.

Reference your communication of 2/2/18 to the Newfoundland War Contingent Association: it is regretted that the first issue of clothing sent 29/9/17 has not been received, but it is hoped you have received the second issue sent 4/12/17 and 19/12/17 by now.

GB/JC

Mon adresse:

My address:

J. K.
973. Ste John. E. Vaters
Royal Newfoundland
Regt

Gefangenenlager Schneidemühl,
Deutschland.

Kriegsgefangenen-Sendung.

PAID

PAID

21. Mai 1918

Majors P. A. Campbell
Newfoundland Contingent
58. Victoria Street



London S.W.1.
England

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

✓ 5730 19.5.78
No. 105

24 JUN 1978

To
Major Finneuell

Dear Sir:-

Can you send
me the Regimental Cap. Badge
(Carabou) & would appreciate it very
much, your Oblige

J. L. Peters

10408/2/P.W.

Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1,
England,

1st July, 1918.

975 Private John E. Vaters,
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,
Gefangenenlager,
Schneidemuhl, Posen,
Germany.

With reference to your postcard of 19/5/18 (5730):
badges will be sent with your next issue of clothing. It is
hoped that you have received your third issue, which was sent
on 9/5/18.

GB/JC

Please notify this Office of any change of your address,
which is at present understood to be as now indicated.

(51)

old address

From: 973 Pte. J.E. Vaters, Gefangenenlager, Schneidemuhl, Germany
To: - Canadian Red Cross.

25/5/18

Can you send me my Regimental Cap Badge and shoulder numerals. ~~NEED~~, I would appreciate them very much.



| | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE. | |
| Ref. Nos. in | 6217 |
| Rec'd | JUL 1918 |
| Ack'd | And |
| Ref. Nos. (C) | |
| BRANCH: | |
| Comd | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| P. & A. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| R. & C. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| B & E | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| P. S. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Waters, J.

973

Gay Sept.

Admitted 8/7/18.

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No. _____

Date July 17th, 1916

(1) To the Officer i/c Records,

58, Victoria Street,

S. W. (Station).

(2) The Officer Commanding,

Newfoundland Contingent,

Ayr. (Station).

(3) The Paymaster,

58, Victoria Street,

S. W. (Station).

Regimental No. 973

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Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland

has been granted a furlough from July 17th to July 26th, 1916

His address while on leave will be:—

58, Victoria Street, S. W.

This man has been given an advance of £1, and furnished with a warrant to Victoria.

I consider he is fit for ~~(Duty.)~~ ~~(Eight duty.)~~

(Sgd) Horace Fagan, Capt., R.A.M.C.T.F.
Officer in charge Registrar, Hospital, R.A.M.C.T.F.
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth S.W. (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.

March 27, 1919

#973 Pte John Edgar Vaters,
Victoria,
Carbonear.

Dear Sir:- Please find enclosed "Discharge Certificate
No. 1446."

Yours truly,

Paymaster ⁱⁿ Captain,
O. I. C. Records

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE

1. No. 973 Rank Pte Name John Uater's
 Intended place of residence 17 Patricia St. Victoria, Canada
 2. Occupation Railroadman
 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
 Date MAR 12 1919
 for H. Mews
 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.

Place and date ST. JOHN'S
12-3-19
 Signature of soldier John S. Uater's
 Signature of witness Joseph H. Snowball

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
12. 3. 19.
 Signature of soldier John S. Uater's
 Signature of witness V. I. Dwyer

STATEMENT OF SERVICE

7. Enlisted for service 14-1-15 No of days on Military
 Discharged from service 13-3-19 Plus 14 days Service 1554 days

APPROVAL OF DISCHARGE

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

Place ST. JOHN'S
MAR 13 1919
 Officer Commanding Discharge Depot
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE

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

Place St. John's, Nfld
March 27/1919
 Officer in Charge of Records
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

and Boro 791 1446

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The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 973 Rank Plt Name John Waters
 Date of Enlistment 14-1-1915 Address 17 Patrick St. District St. John's
 Occupation Railroading Classification for Discharge F Medical Category AI
 Recommendation S.M.B. ✓ Disability Rating

Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

| | | | | |
|----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|
| N.F. P36 | B 268 | B 121 | N.F. Med. | D.F. 1 |
| B 178 | W 3494 | B 122 | Board 1st | " 2 |
| B 178a | D 400A | B 1915 | do 2nd | " 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 11-3-19

H. Murs
for O. C. Discharge Depot.

PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

1. Civil Re-Establishment.

Law in a position to resume civilian occupation.

John S. Waters

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 Joseph A. Brown

Date 12-3-19

CMA O i/c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. K 113 to his home at Victoria and Release Certificate No. 1476 issued.

Date 12.3.19 C. B. White 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 27-3-19

Date 12-3-19 H. M. Smith
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 13.3.19

Forwarded with following documents to O.C. Discharge Depot.

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|----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|----------------------------|
| N.F. P36 | B 268 | B 121 | N.F. Med | D.F. 1 | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |
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| B 179b | B 108 | ME 2 | | " 6 | |
| B 179c | B 120 | M 93 | | | |

Date 12.3.19 C. B. White 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 MAP 13 1919 R. H. Sait Capt.
O. C. Discharge Depot.

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

Date

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Waters

Christian Name John Edgar



Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish _____ County John Edgar

| | SPECIAL RESERVE. | | REGULAR ARMY. | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Right | Left | Right | Left |
| Examined | on <u>14</u> day of <u>Jan</u> 191 <u>5</u> | on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u> | at <u>Carbonear</u> | at _____ |
| Declared Age | <u>22</u> years | _____ days | _____ years | _____ days |
| Trade or Occupation | <u>Railroading</u> | | _____ | _____ |
| Height | <u>5</u> feet <u>9 1/2</u> inches | _____ inches | _____ inches | _____ inches |
| Weight | <u>160</u> lbs. | | _____ lbs. | _____ lbs. |
| Chest Measurement | Girth when fully expanded... <u>38</u> inches | | _____ inches | _____ inches |
| | Range of expansion... <u>4 1/2</u> inches | | _____ inches | _____ inches |
| Physical Development | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Vaccination Marks | Arm | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | Number | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| When Vaccinated | <u>1911</u> | | _____ | _____ |
| 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 | <u>Slight varicose veins & flat foot not to disqualify</u> | | (b) _____ | |
| Approved by (Signature) | <u>Cluny Macpherson</u> | | <u>X.P.</u> | |
| (Rank) | <u>Capt.</u> | | _____ | |
| | Medical Officer. | | Medical Officer. | |
| Enlisted | at <u>St Johns</u> | at _____ | on <u>16</u> day of <u>Jan</u> 191 <u>6</u> | on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u> |
| Joined on Enlistment | Corps. <u>1st Mfld Regt</u> | Regtl. No. <u>973</u> | Corps. _____ | Regtl. No. _____ |
| Transferred to | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Became non-effective by | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (Signature) | on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u> | on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u> | _____ | _____ |
| (Rank) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Table II.—Only for admissions to hospital or to the sick list in the 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 future 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, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet. | Signature of Medical Officer |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|------|--------------------------|-------|------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Day | Month | Year | Day | Month | Year | | | | |
| 8 th LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL WANDSWORTH. | 6 | 7 | 16 | 17 | 7 | 16 | S. I. W. II. Aore. | 12 | Admitted per hand with abrasion of upper lip. Wound healed; with desquamation. | J. H. B. Wood. Capt. R. H. M. T. |

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

| Date | Brief Details, and Signature |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | <p><i>It is hereby certified that this soldier has been before a Travelling Medical Board and has been classified as 6 for discharge on Demobilisation. Medical category A-1</i></p> <p><i>10.3.19</i></p> <p><i>JW</i> <i>W. M. [Signature]</i> <small>Date of T.M.B. Assistant Adjutant General Discharge Depot—New Zealand</small></p> |

TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.

| Station or Troopship | Date of Arrival or Embarkation | Date of Departure or Disembarkation | Station or Troopship | Date of Arrival or Embarkation | Date of Departure or Disembarkation |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Sr John Ripell</i> | <i>16 Jan. 15</i> | <i>20 Mar. 15</i> | | | |
| <i>T.S. "Stephans"</i> | <i>20 Mar 15</i> | <i>22 Mar 15</i> | | | |
| <i>T.S. ORDUNA</i> | <i>22 Mar 15</i> | <i>30 Mar 15</i> | | | |
| <i>Edinburgh Castle</i> | <i>30 Mar 15</i> | | | | |

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 return to Railroading with
R. N. C.

John S. Ueber

Signature of Man.

Charles C. Call

Signature of the Vocational Officer or his Representative.

Reg. No.

973

Place

St. John

Date

12-23-19

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The Royal Field. Regiment

DEMOBILIZATION

No. 973 Rank Plt

Name Vaters J

Warned for demobilization on

MAR 12 1919

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Class for Demobilization: 6

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

Discharge Depot: Headquarters The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Date 10.3.19

Regimental No. 973

Name Vaters, John

Address 17 Patrick St.

Present Medical Category A7

Recommended for:— { (a) Immediate discharge

(b) ~~Standing Medical Board~~

Members of Board {

R.H. East Capt
O.C. Discharge Depot.

W. Peterson
Senior Medical Officer

J. O. Burdea
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 *John E. Waters*

Regiment from which discharged *Royal Newfoundland*

Regimental number *975*

Intended address *17 Patricks St.*

Height on discharge *5* Feet *9*.

Color of hair on discharge *Light*

Complexion *Fair*

Color of eyes *Blue*

Descriptive Marks *Scar on left side of Face.*

Figure on discharge *Med*

Christian name of Father *Wells*

Christian name of Mother *Waller*

Wife's maiden name in full _____

Date and place of marriage _____

Christian names of children _____

Place and date of soldier's birth *Victoria B.C. 2.1893*

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) *John E. Waters*

(Rank) *Private*

Station *A. John* Date *10-3-19*

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 in Charge
 Unit, or Command Depot

WATERLOO

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

HEADQUARTERS

St. John's, Newfoundland

Station _____ Date _____

April 5th., 1919

#973 Bte. John E. Vaters,

Victoria,

Carbonear.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your application I enclose cheque for Seventy dollars (\$70.00), being amount of first payment due you on account of the "Wa Service Gratuity."

Yours truly,

Paymaster & V. i-c Records Captain,

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. *John E.* 2. Surname. *Vaters*

3. Rank. *plc.* 4. Regtl. No. *973*

5. Address in full to which future payments of gratuity are to ~~be~~ forwarded. *John. Edgar. Vaters*

Victoria. Via. Esthorne

6. Date of enlistment in the Regiment. *15/1/15*

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

Father. Mr. J. J. Vaters

8. Relationship of such dependents.

9. Address in full of such dependent. *Victoria. Esthorne*

10. Is said dependent, now, or was said dependent at any time in receipt of Separation Allowance on account of another soldier?

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

12. Give total length of time which you served on active service, whether in Nfld. or Overseas. *15/1/15 To 7/2/19*

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

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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*.....

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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..... *No*.....

18. Did you revert Overseas to a rank lower than the substantive rank held by you on your arrival in England?.....

(b). If so, was such reversion in consequence of misconduct or inefficiency?.....

19. Are you now serving in the Regt.? *No*..... If not give:- (a) Date of discharge... *12/3/19*..... (b) Reason for discharge..... *Is govt. office work*.....

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.....

..... *D. Andersons, Sep 1915*..... *Beaumont Hamel, Sep 12-16*
Quincy, Corralles, Monkey, Apr 14th 1917.....

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

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

Signature of Applicant: *John E O'Leary*
 Place of Residence: *Victoria, Carboniferous B.C.*
 Declared before me at: *A. John's Used.*
 This *12th* day of *March* 19*19*

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

POST DISCHARGE PAY.

| Date paid | Paid Soldier | Paid Dependent | War Service Gratuity | Net amount due |
|-----------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | | | <i>6 mos.</i> | <i>420.00</i> |
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Certified Correct.

Paymaster.

ST. JOHN'S, MAR 14 1919

Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Billeting Account,

To Mr. J. E. Vaters

Billeting Soldiers as undermentioned

from Feb. 7th / 19 to Mar. 13th / 19

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| 973 | Mr. J. E. Vaters | 34 | 30 |
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John L. Vaters

Certified correct for \$ 34.30

Joseph P. Snow
Billeting Officer

Casualty Form—Active Service.

989

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland

Regimental No. 993 Rank Pvt Name Takes J.E.

Enlisted (a) Jan 16/15 Terms of Service (a) 1 year Service reckons from (a) Jan 16/15

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

Extended Duration of the engaged Aug 15/15 Qualification (b) _____

| Report | | Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 86, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case. | Place | Date | Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 86, or other official documents. |
|-----------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date | From whom received | | | | |
| | | Embarked St. John's, NFLD. | | 20/3/15. | |
| | | Disembarked Alexandria | | 1/9/15. | |
| | | Embarked for Gallipoli | | 13/9/15. | |
| 15/11/15. | "Kildonan Castle" | Admitted, Pyrexia | H.S. "Kildonan Castle" | 29/10/15. | Autg. C 4411. |
| 6/11/15. | Comdt., Malta. | do | St. Patrick's Hosp., Malta. | 5/11/15. | C 4626. |
| | | Embkd Port Suez | | 14.3.16 | |
| | 847A | Disembkd MARSEILLES | | 22.5.16 | |
| | | do. Esrowhip trail | | 2.7.16 | 6.011968 |
| | | Transferred to England | | 5.7.16 | |
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 FOR O.I.C. INFANTRY RECORDS
 9th ECHELON.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) Eg., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

STATEMENT OF PRISONER OF WAR

#973 Pte. J.E. Vaters - Victoria, Carbonear.

Enlisted Jan. 16th, 1915 - Proceeded Overseas Mar. 20th, 1915.

Place & Date of Capture - Monchyale-Preux April 14th, 1917.

Details of Life & Treatment under Capture - I was taken from the ~~lines~~ to Douai spent three days there, on the 18th we were brought to Lille by rail and were taken to Fort MacDonald, here we spent six days in the basement of a house 100 men in each room. We got very little to eat, we got about a quarter pint of water boiled from Sour-Groust which ~~we~~ had to eat from our steel helmets. Before we left the Fort on the 24th an Officer speaking good English gave us a Lecture on what we had to go through. He said we were to have no food at all live as long as we could, and we all thought that that would'nt be long as we could scarcely walk when we came out from the Fort. We had to lay on concrete floors just the half of 2-7X9 glass to light the room. They marched us around town for about 4 hours and told the French people that we had just been taken from the British and then they took us back to their firing line to a village called Marquion. We worked here very hard repairing roads. Some of the boys had the misfortune to be digging dugouts and trench digging. Worked there until hay cutting season. Received no money all that time and very little food not even enough to keep some alive. At Marquion I saw some days three & four men fall face down on parade so weak to stand our Guard was changed there very often. I think now that we only had one Commissioned Officer in charge at Marquion the most of them were feldwebels (English Sergeant Major) we came back Desnain as it was our so called Headquarters, and then I went out in a Village for the Hay Cutting Widders 8 Kilometers from Desnain. The one Guard remained with us all the time there was a Commissioned Officer in charge an elderly man. They were brutes they certainly gave the French Civilians a bad time of it also, as they sometimes thought to give us some food as we marched along the Village, but we would always be beaten with the butt of the Guard's Rifle. We weren't allowed to pick up cabbage leaves from the streets. We were promised 30 ^{per} ~~per~~ ^{prisoners}

"3"

worked there one month after the Armistice was signed, left
Germany by the way of Danzig Dec. 20th, 1919.

22 months in Germany I received from the German Government
about 120 marks or \$25.00 for 22 months working.

Enlisted Newfoundland Regiment Jan. 15th, 1915 Discharged
Feb. 12th 1919. Received from Nfld. Government \$413.00 so what
I have I gained for all my hardship. Now I can hardly do anything.