



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 3291 Name James Aspell Corps RC

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>James Aspell</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>32 Westmoreland St. John's</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>39</u> Years <u>1</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>fireman</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>Yes</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? | 7. <u>RMA 5 years</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? | 8. <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? | 9. <u>Yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ... | 10. { Name
Corps |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? | 11. <u>Yes</u> |

I, James Aspell do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

6 Dec 1/16 James Aspell SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Wm. L. S. King Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

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

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at St. John's on this 6th day of December 1916.

Signature of Attesting Officer Chas. F. Aye Capt

†CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been compiled with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the RC.

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date.....191.....
Place..... } Approving Officer.

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

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name James Aspell
 Apparent age 39 years 1 months. Height 5 feet 16 1/2 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 39 inches
 Range of expansion 3 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Mary Aspell
32 Hoxtestown | Relationship wife
 Particulars as to Marriage

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

<u>Mary Aspell</u>	<u>St Johns</u>	<u>32 Hoxtestown</u>	
<u>Widow</u>	<u>1st John</u>	<u>1916</u>	

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth
<u>Michael John</u>	<u>October 1916</u>
<u>Joseph (Stepson)</u>	<u>St Johns</u>

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Re-allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					Years	Days	Years	Days	
				Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>1-12-16</u>					
				Joined at <u>St Johns</u> on <u>December 1st 16</u>					
				<u>Embarked St Johns SS train to Halifax</u>					<u>19-5-17</u>
				<u>Declared a deserter</u>					<u>19-7-17</u>
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 19-7-17 (date of discharge) 1 years 201 days
 " " " Pensions " " " " " " " " " " " "

C.R. 3291

**Extract from List of Deserters from the Royal Nfld.
Regt.**

3291 Pte. J. Aspell.

1113.
Deserted from Barry Camp. 9-17-17.

COPY

TELEGRAM NO. 1393

REGD. AUG. 9th., 1917.

FROM P. A & R. O.-

FOLLOWING FOR HOWLEY.

CANCEL ALLOTMENT 3291 ASPELL

DESERTER DATING FROM JULY 10th.,

SYNOPTICAL.

PER W. L. D.

THIS MAN WAS A THOROUGH FACED SCOUNDREL.

PLEASE NOTIFY O. C. HEADQUARTERS
FINANCE COMMITTEE & STANDING COMMITTEE.

C.R. 3291

Extract from Nominal Roll, entered at, John's for Overseas 18-5-17.

#3291 Pte. J. Aspell.

December
St John of P

Mr & Mrs Montgomery from Mrs
aspell. I want to get fame
out of the Volunteers
because he is the only
support I have and
his mother is living
with me and sick
sister. I have only one
child I am all the
time sick myself
when I got the papers
in his pocket I got a
wonderful fright and
saw he Volunteer
he was in the horrors
of rum he did not
know what he was
doing. Mr & Mrs Montgomery

i would be very
thankful if you could
get him out of it
My husband get in
a boat any day as a
fire man he gets \$40
a month going to sea

Yours truly
Mrs. Ospeil

12 December 1918.

Dear Mrs. Aspell,

With reference to your application in relation to your husband John Aspell. I am directed by the Governor to state that, having made full enquiry into the matter, His Excellency regrets exceedingly that he is unable to interfere with the attestation.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.

Private Secretary & A.D.C.

Mrs. Aspell,

32 Hoylestown.

GREEN BOND

TRANSACT



A. Where is it?

C.R. 3291

1st Newfoundland Regiment

HEADQUARTERS

St. John's, Newfoundland,

December 7 1916

Memo.

Re 329, Pte John Aspell
attested Dec 1/16 age 39 1/2 yrs

Roman Catholic address
fireman 32 Haylestown City

unemployed for some time previous
to enlistment.

Mother invalid

Sister (Sick and insane Evidently idiotic)

Children. None but present wife who was
a widow has a son 14 yrs of age whom
she says is delicate

A | Take read with letter from Mr Aspell
before with H.S. The Governor this a/c
Spence James Major

To H.S. The Governor

C.R. 3291

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Wfld.
Regt., St. John's. Dec 1st, 1916.

3291 Pte. Jas. Aspell.

Attached to the Strength from Dec 1st, 1916.

J. Spill

C.R. 3291

~~SPILL~~

Use only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists entering into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Aspell OF Christian Name James

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

	SPECIAL RESERVE		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Birthplace—Parish.....	.....		.....
County.....	.....		.....
Examined.....	on 1st day of December 1916	at St John N.S.	on	at
Declared Age.....	3 years 1 mo		years	days
Trade or Occupation.....	Fireman		.....
Height.....	5 feet 6 1/2 inches		feet	inches
Weight.....	142 lbs.		lbs.	lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 39 inches		inches	inches
	Range of expansion... 3 inches		inches	inches
Physical Development.....	.....		.....
Vaccination Marks	Arm.....	.....	.....	.....
	Number.....	1224	.....	.....
When Vaccinated.....	Nov 15 1916		.....
Vision.....	R.E.—V=	4/26/18	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).....	W.E. Provenier		.....
(Rank).....	.....		.....
Enlisted.....	at St John	at	on 1 day of Dec 1916	on
Corps.....	.....	Regtl. No. 3291	Corps.....	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment.....	1st Dec 1916		.....
Transferred to.....	.....		.....
Became non-effective by.....	on		on	
(Signature).....	.....		.....
(Rank).....	.....		.....

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
Dec 15 '66	Vaccination
10 - 1 - 17	T A B
17 - 1 - 17	3
24 - 1 - 17	W.E.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

No. 3862



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ALLOTMENTS

I, James Aspell, Regl. No. 3291

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

Allotment begins December 1st, 1916

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
3188	Wife	Mrs. James (Mary) Aspell	32 Holywell St. John's	70
Cancelled				
9/7/17				
Daily Orders 191 3/7/17				
Total Allotment, \$				

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, counter-signed by the Officer Commanding Company and handed to the Paymaster as authority to make the required payments on application.

(Sig.) Charles Aye Capt.

Officer Commanding
Company

St. John's, N.F.
Dec. 1st. 1916

(Sig.) James Aspell ^{thru} Mark

(Rank) Pte

Aspell. J.

3291

Ray sept.

Telegram No. 1393

recd Aug^r 9th 1917

From P & R. O. —

Following for Howley

Cancel allotment

3291 Ashell

deserted dating from July 10th

Synoptical

per W.P.S.

This man was a thorough base
scoundrel. —

Please write O.C. Hqs. Finance Div
& ST? Div

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Forms
B. 121
29.

Number of Sheet List

Regiment of 1st. Newfoundland

Signature of O. C. Company Chas. A. Ayrce Capt.

Regimental Number and Name:	
No.	<u>Aspell, Jas.</u>
<u>3291</u>	
Joined	Date
Joined	Date
Joined	Date
Joined	Date

Enlistment		Trade
Age on	<u>39</u> years <u>1</u> months	<u>Fireman</u>
Place and Date of Enlistment	<u>St. John's, N.F.</u> <u>1.12.16.</u>	Religion <u>R.C.</u>
Period of	with Colours <u>23</u> years. with Reserve <u>1</u> years.	Place of Birth <u>231 days</u>

Good Conduct Badges, Service pay or proficiency pay

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>St. John's, N.F.</u>	<u>8.12.16</u>	<u>Pte.</u>		<u>Leaving Parade without leave</u> <u>Absent without leave from 9 am. Dec. 9th. to 9 am. Dec. 11th.</u>	<u>Corp. Cornick</u> <u>L. Corp. Fraser</u>	<u>Admonished</u>	<u>12.12.16</u>	<u>Capt. Ayrce</u>	<u>Forfeits 3 days pay</u> <u>R.W.</u> <u>C.A.</u>
<u>St. John's, N.F.</u>	<u>17.12.16</u>	<u>Pte.</u>		<u>Absent without leave</u> <u>until brought in by R.P. 19.12.16.</u> <u>1 ³ Drunk.</u>	<u>Lt. Wells</u>	<u>Admonished</u>	<u>20.12.16</u>	<u>Pt. Knight Lt.</u>	<u>Forfeits 3 days pay R.W.</u> <u>C.S.</u>
<u>St. John's.</u>	<u>22.4.17</u>	<u>Pte.</u>		<u>Absent from 9 am 22.4.17</u> <u>until apprehended by the R.P. at 4 P.M. 24.4.17</u>	<u>Sgt. E. Butcher</u> <u>O'Sergt.</u>	<u>7 Days C.B.</u>	<u>25.4.17</u>	<u>C.R. Ayrce Capt.</u>	<u>Forfeits 1 day's pay</u> <u>by R. W. W.</u>
<u>St. John's.</u>	<u>7.5.17</u>	<u>Pte.</u>		<u>Absent from 2 P.M. 7/5/17</u> <u>by M.P. at 3.30 P.M. 8/5/17</u> <u>To be carried over</u>	<u>Corp. James</u> <u>Pte. J. Aspell M.P.</u>	<u>Fined 60 cents.</u>			
<u>Deserted from Barry Camp 19 ⁷/₁₉ E</u>									



Army Form B. 121.

St Johns	7.5.17	Pte.	2	^{II} Drunk when arrested.	Pte J. Apell 5 Days C.B. M.P. Pte J. O'Neil M.P.	9.5.17	C. R. Ayre Capt.	Forfeit 2 Days Pay by R. W. [unclear]
S.S. Thovizel	19/5/17	..	3	² Drunk & creating disturbance on board S.S. Thovizel at sea	A. Beckham 168 hrs. Detn. R.S.M.	20/5/17	Major Larty	###
H.M.S. Olympic	30.5.17	..	(1)	Insolence to N.E.O.	Cpl. Barnett 96 hrs. Detn.	30.5.17	Major Larty	###
			(2)	Refusing to obey an order given by an N.E.O.				
H.M.S. Olympic	6/6/17	..		Disorderly Conduct in Mess Room	C.2. W.S. Moore 96 hrs. Detn.	6/6/17	Major Larty	###
Ayrt	17-6-17	.		Absent from 8.45 am until 5.30 PM 20.6.17	Boyl Walsh. 14 days C.B.	21/6	Major Rendell	Forfeit 4 days pay By [unclear]
do	24-6-17	.		Breaking out of barracks of Liddon after talking with a defaulter and remaining absent until 9.45 PM 25/7	168 hrs detn. Sgt. Morrison	26/6	Major Rendell	Forfeit 2 days pay By [unclear]

CR 3291

February 17th 1921.

Mrs. Mary Aspell,
32, Hoylestown,
St. John's.

Dear Madam:-

We are in receipt of a communication from Lt. Col. T. Nangle, D.G.R. & E. for Mfld., London, asking for the present whereabouts of your husband 3291 Pte. J. Aspell, who was posted as a deserter from the Royal Mfld. Regt. on 9/7/17.

Kindly inform this Department if you have had any communication with or from the above named soldier since the above named date. The same is required for Record purposes, please.

Yours very sincerely,

Lieut.

Asst. Officer i/c. Records.