



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2574 Name Walter J. Clarke Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Walter J. Clarke</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Springdale R. N.S.</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>21</u> Years <u>5</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Clark</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? | 7. <u>No</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
FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR |
| 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, Walter J. Clarke 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.

5. Apr 22/16

Walter J. Clarke SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
H. D. Dubridge Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

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

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at
on this 24 day of Apr 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer H. D. Dubridge 2d Lieut

†CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

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

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

Date 191
Place } Approving Officer.

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

* If so, Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz:—(Name) re-enlisted in the (Regiment) on the (Date)

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT
 Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

2574

Name Walter J. Clarke
 Apparent age 21 years 5 months. Height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 37 inches
 Range of expansion 2 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin George W. Clarke
Springdale | Relationship Father
N.B.

Particulars as to Marriage

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

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>22-4-16</u>									
Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>April 22nd 16</u>									
Missing until 12-4-17									
<u>Embarked St John's St. Lucia for 19th 16</u>									<u>Embarked for B.S. 11th 16</u>
<u>James Batten in the field 22nd 16</u>									
<u>Missing 14-4-17</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>14-4-17</u> [date of discharge] <u>—</u> years <u>358</u> days									
Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "									



This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (1)
N. F. 1915

In the spaces below should be entered the findings in the routine of examination set forth in the Appendix. Care should be exercised that each finding be entered after the number below which corresponds to the number of that test.

Examination of *Walter J. Clarke.*

aged *21* conducted at *C. L. B.*

Date: *Apr 22/16* Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST FINDING

1 *nd*
2 *nd*
3 *nd*
4 *nd*
5 *ns*
6 *ns*
7 *yes*
8 *yes*
9 *nd*

10 *n*
11 *n*
12 *n*
13 *n*
14 *n*
15 *n*
16 *n*
17 *n*

18 *n*
19 *Both*

20 *n*
21 *n*
22 *n*
23 *n*
24 *n*
25 *n*
26 *n*
27 *n*
28 *n*
29 *n*
30 *n*
31 *n*
32 *n*

33 *yes 1 scar 7 yrs ago*
34 *5.85"*
35 *152*
36 *35-37*
37 *\$400*

38 *parents George Clarke Springdale N.D.B.*

39 *none*
Signature of Medical Examiner: *William Roberts*

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F.A.

C.R. 2574

Extract from Memorial Roll of 851st. Regt. Ambulance
Southampton, 11-10-16 from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st
Bn. B.E.F. Draft No. 12.

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~~2574~~ Pte. W. Clarke.

C.R. 2574

July 19th

Mr. George H. Clarke,
Springdale.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to my letter of April 24th, saying that enquiries would be set on foot by the Record Office, London to ascertain if the statement of No. 2511, Private Goudie was correct, I beg to forward herewith minutes of correspondence, wherein you will find the statement of Private Goudie, who was questioned as to what he knew of the death of your son.

The Canadian Soldier, Baxter Warr could not be traced.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.,

C.R.

2574

Extract from Casualties received from The P. A. R. O. JUNE 19th 1918.

#2574b Pte. W. J. Clarke,

Evidence from 2511 Pte. E. Goudy,

2574 "Walter Clarke (Presumed Dead) 17-11-17 was wounded on the Morning of April 14th 1917 and Pte. W. B. Rowsell bound up his wound, He was wounded in the hand but he left to go the the Dressing Station and was killed with a shell the same day.

AUTHORITY:- Reply to P. & R. O. # 8265/78.

2574, PTE. W. J. CLARKE, Deceased.

1. M & R.O. Memo. 8265/78/R.&C., 25/5/18 to Commandant, No. 2, Inf. Command Depot, Ripon.

With reference to the enclosed copy of a memorandum dated 24/4/18 (4585) from the Hon. Minister of Militia of Newfoundland: I would be greatly obliged if you would examine 2511 Pte. E. Goudy of the Royal Newfoundland Regt. with a view to ascertaining if he knows anything regarding 2574 Pte. W.J. Clarke, also of the R. Nfld Regt. The latter was posted as missing 14/4/17, and in the absence of any further information to show otherwise, he was presumed dead on 17/11/17.

Perhaps Pte. Goudy could ~~may~~ also say where "Baxter Warr" is, and to what unit he belongs.

Kindly return enclosure.

2. P & R.O. Memo. 8914/83/R&C., 6/6/18 to Cdt. No. 2 I.C.D., Ripon.

The reply to this office No. 8265/78/R.&C., 25/5/18 re 2574 Pte. W. J. Clarke, deceased not having been received, you are requested to expedite the same, and to state hereon when it may be expected.

3. Reply to (2), 10/6/18 (5314).

Ref. Min. 1: No. 8265/78/R.&C., 25/5/18 was forwarded to 2/1 R. Newflds Depot on account of the evidence (Pte. Goudy) joining his Reserve Unit, please.

4. P & R.O. Memo No. 9572/898/R.&C., 14/6/18 to O.C. 2nd Bn.

With reference to the preceding Minutes on the subject of 2574 Pte. W.J. Clarke, deceased; it is requested that your reply to this office No. 8265/78/R.&C. (originally sent to No. 2 Infantry Commnd. Depot, and afterwards sent from there to you) may be given as early as convenient, please.

5. Reply to (4), 15/6/18 (5444).

A reply to your No. 8265/78/R.&C. was forwarded on 14th inst.

6. Reply from 2nd Bn. to P & R.O. No. 8265/78/R.&C., 25/5/18. (5394)

Herewith statement from Pte. E. Goudy, M.M.

7. Statement of Pte. E. Goudy, (2511) dated 6/6/18.

Mr.G. Clarke,
Springdale, N.D. Bay.

Dear Sir,

Your son, Pte. Walter Clarke was wounded on the morning of the 14 April, 1917, and Pte. Walter B. Rowsell bound up his wound. He was wounded in the hand but he lefted to go to the dressing station and was killed with a shell on the same day.

So I am your truly frend,
(Sgd). Pte. E. Goudy, 2511, H. C
Royal Nfld Reg.
Hazeley Down Camp,
Winchester.

June 6/6/18.

C.R. 2574

May 15, 1918.

Dear Mr. Clarke:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you by Express one ~~SET~~ BAG which belonged to your son, the late #2574 Pte ^{W.J.} Clarke of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am enclosing herewith, receipt. Will you kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and in the added sorrow which the receipt of these effects must entail

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Captain.

Mr. George W. Clarke,
Springdale, N.D.B.

C.R. 2574

April, 23rd 18.

George W. Clarke, Esq.,
Springdale.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of April, 12th., I beg to state, that the Kit Bag, advised by our letter, was refused by the Express Company because it could not be forwarded by them until navigation opened.

As our letter had been mailed before this advise was received we could not recall it.

It is hoped however, to have the parcel shipped to you shortly.

Yours faithfully,

Capt. & Paymaster.

To The Department

ANSWERED
APR 25 1918
Military

Springdale
April 17th 1918

C.R. 2574

Gentlemen

Yours of April 10th concerning
#2574 the matter of Clarke
We received a letter from a
Canadian Soldier in the
Canadian Regiment - Paxley
Wass was his name. He was
a Nfldr who joined in Canada
a Methodist Clergyman ~~was~~
before he enlisted. We sent his
letter to the insurance Co
whom. My son was insured in
and David received it back
Could give Wass number -

mean could remember his number

(21)

and my son Geo S Clark # 254
who is missing & sent - in the
last letter he wrote saying
that he had seen his Brother
Watters Chum. pte named
Cyondie. 1st. I'dd remember
who was with watter when
he was killed. This is all
we know

We understand in some
measure the difficulty in
finding all that is required.
or what we wish to know
about those poor fellows. The
whole thing is so immense
Yours truly
Geo S Clark

To Department
of Militia

Springdale
April 12th
1918

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Guthrie

On January 23rd or 2
months ago I received the
following note from your
Department,

I am forwarding you by
express a Kit-Bag recently
received from London containing
effects of your late son,
No. 2874 W. J. Clark 1st Wild Regt.
and also enclose statement
of same. Please return this
statement to me with the receipt-
affended duly signed.

I may say we have
seen nothing of this
shit-boy yet - and
would like to know
what became of it
awaiting a reply

Yours very truly

Geo W Clark

C.R. 2574

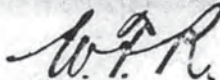
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Mr. George W. Clarke,
Springdale,
H.D.B.

Sir,

I have the honour by direction to acknowledge receipt of your letters of 29th March and 4th April, concerning #2574, Pte. Walter J. Clarke, the 2nd paragraph of my letter of 7th February, stated it was noted that you had received two letters from Canadian soldiers saying that he was killed in action. It was asked that you should furnish this department with the names and address if known as well as Regiment if stated of these two soldiers in order that an enquiry might be set on foot to ascertain if they had definite information concerning your son which had not come to the notice of the Record Office, London. If you can let me have these particulars steps will be taken immediately to endeavour to have these soldiers traced and their statement taken.

Yours faithfully,



Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

WFR/JMP.

C.R. 2574

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Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

WFR/JMF.

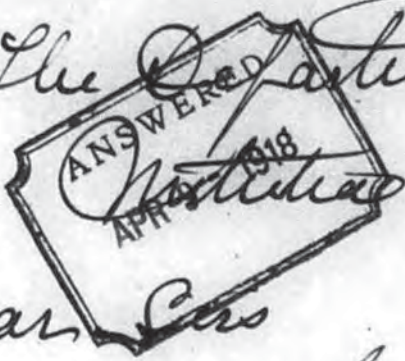
Department of Justice
ANSWERED
APR 9 - 1918
Guthrie

Springdale
April 4th
1918

Yours of March 28 received
re # 2574 Matter of Clarke
I have not your letter
to reply as you request
to the Paragraph of your letter
of Feb 7th. as you say to
make enquiries in full
I regret not being ~~able~~
able to find your letter
Yours very truly
G. W. Clarke

Spokane
March 29
1918

To The Department of



Dear Sirs

Yours of March 28 received
and note you want the
information requested in the
second paragraph of ^{your} ~~my~~ letter of
February the 7th. I am sorry
I have mislaid your letter
will you kindly write me again
on this question # 2574 the
matter Jas. Clarke

Yours very truly
G. W. Clark

I may say I had a letter
Some time ago from
Mr Bennett - Minister Antigua

saying he was sending a
Hat - Box belonging to

My son Mr ~~John~~
Wattson Gas Clark # 2374

and was sending it - express
we didnt get - this

~~Your truly~~

Govn Clark

C.R. 2574

March 8, 1918.

Sir:-

It is regretted that the regimental number and initial of Pte. Walter James Clarke were mis-quoted in my letter of 7th February. No further information concerning #2574 Pte. Walter James Clarke has been received and I shall be glad if you can supply the information requested in the second paragraph of my letter of 7th February to enable to have enquiries made in full.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Major.

Chief Staff Officer.

George M. Clarke Esq.,

Springdale, T.B.

Department of Justice

CR. 2574
Spruydell

Feb 18/18

ANSWERED

MAR 8 1918

Your letter dated
~~Jan~~ Feb. 7th is hereof
and cannot understand
anything by it - in the first-
Place - initials and numbers
are wrong My son W. J. Clark # 2574
was missing April 14th ¹⁹¹⁷ & you
reported killed in action
My other son Geo S Clark
2541 - was missing Oct 9th
1st of 1917. reported they both
believed. W. J. Clark you write
about - I don't know.
Yours truly
Geo W. Clark

, Feb. 7th, 18

George H. Clarke.
Springdale.

Sir:-

Your letter 17th Jan. addressed to Lt. J.M. Howley has been received. No further information regarding ²⁵⁷⁴ 2541 Private W.J. Clarke has been received.

It is noted that you have received two letters from Canadian soldiers saying that he was killed in action. I should be glad to know the names and present addresses of these soldiers and name of the Regiment to which they belong, in order that enquiries may be set on foot to ascertain if they have definite information concerning your son which has not come to the notice of the Record office in London.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

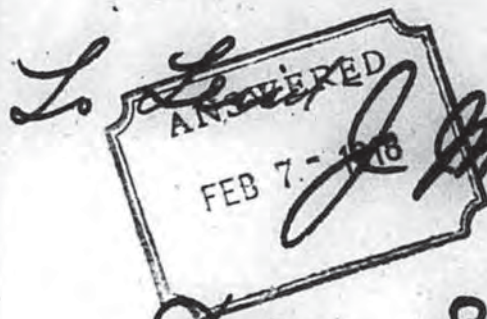
W.F.H.
Major, G.S.O.

C.R. 2574

Springdale

January 17

1918



L. ~~Letter~~ J. M. Douley

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find
Paper signed by me. My son
Walter Jas Clarke has been missing
since April 14th last - and altho
we had 2 letters from Canadian
Soldiers saying he was killed in
action on that date there is
no official news published. To that
effect. it is very heart-aching.

but - like others I must - bear it -

Yours very truly

Ernest Clarke

To Hon R. A. Spuris

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Springdale
Nov. 16 - 1917

Dear Sir

Your kind letter of
Sympathy I have read and
thank you very much.
I notice there is poor
hopes of seeing these dear
lads ~~if~~ that was missing
on April 14th again.

yes. Cpl S. Clark. Missing
Oct 9th is my boy.
How hard it is to be
reconciled to these things
But we trust - that all
will be well in the end.

I had a letter from
Cpl S. Clark ^{Oct 4th} as he was missing
Oct 9th 5 days after, and
he said something about
a message he sent - saying
Matters his Pro was
dead, he saw his Chum
Gordie who knew he
fell on that day April 14th

May we all trust -
in the great friend
who loves us all
Yours truly
E. W. Clark

G.

25-74

23rd October, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant and very much regret that I am unable to give you any tidings of your son, Private Walter J. Clark, who was reported missing in April last. The fact that no official report has since been received confirming his death would go to show that the War Office is still without conclusive proof. As you are no doubt aware, there is always a large element of uncertainty with respect to missing men and for that reason a period of from five to six months usually is allowed by the War Office before giving out the official report that men, previously reported missing, are presumed to be dead. Unless anything to the contrary transpires, such a report concerning your son, and many other brave fellows who have been reported missing since the same date, should shortly be received from England.

Yours faithfully,

George W. Clarke, Esq.,
Springdale, N. D. B.

Colonial Secretary.

1917
Springdale
Oct. 18th
1917

To Hon R.A. Sparrie
acting Colonial Secretary

Dear Sir

It is now over 6 months since my son Mr Walter J. Clarke # 2574 was missing, and I feel I must write you, again as only this week we had a letter from this Canadian Soldier who seems certain, that he fell on the 14 of April last and claims he saw his grave with his name on a white cross. so he says the M.D. Officers told him yet I suppose if this was true he would be reported on there is some great neglect somewhere so terrible this suspense.

Please write and tell us what or why or we stopped from cutting on the 3 mile limit - we blamed the worn men but they say

(2)

~~there~~ wasn't any said in this
Council

We have been lumbering here
for 27 years and have paid
thousands of Dollars to promote
for Royalty, and yet we are
stopped and exploits and frauds
they can cut away, and they
tell me they never paid a Cent
Royalty in their lives,

I have paid as high as \$749⁰⁰ a
year. But if the people think
fit, to stop it, let it be so.

We can live as well
as others many will need next
Spring Promissus but won't know
where to get it.

Yours truly
C. W. Clark

No further report
since "Missing"

C.R. 2574

Extract of Communication received from Pay & Record
Office, London dated October 15th, 1917.

#2574 Pte. W. Clarke.

Posted as "Missing" 14/4/17 and presumed Dead for
official purposes 17/11/17.

G.

4th August, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo, in which you speak of the unofficial report which has been received of the death of your son, No. 2574, Private Walter J. Clarke, who has been officially reported Missing April 14th.

I may say that instances of a somewhat similar nature have come under the notice of this Department, and whilst in some cases the unofficial or private report has subsequently been confirmed officially, in the majority of cases the official report has proven to be the correct one. Although many and conflicting reports are received by the Newfoundland Pay and Record Office, that office, according to the rules by which it is guided, endeavours not to send forward official information concerning casualties, unless the same is absolutely authentic. In this way, a private report, such as you have now received concerning your son, may eventually be received officially from the Pay and Record Office, but, as I have said, such would not be forwarded unless satisfactory proof of its correctness had been received.

As soon as any further tidings are received, I shall, of course, communicate the same to you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. George W. Clarke,
Springdale, N.D.B.

Acting Colonial Secretary.



NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. _____ Sent by _____ Rec'd by _____ Check 20/0 No. _____

Place from Springdale Nf
North Assquies
To Col Sec

JUL 24 1917

Letter from soldier saying
number 2574 the Walter
G. Clarke killed in action
April please answer if
true not yet reported.
G. W. Clarke

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



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 _____

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent by	Check

Dated

July 24th, 1917.

To

Mr. G. W. Clarke,

Springdale

No official report concerning No. 2574 Private Walter J. Clarke received since that of May 11th which stated missing April 14th.

R. A. SQUIRES

Acting Colonial Secretary.

(3)

He is rather so eager
this lad. but - hope to see
him some day

Yours very truly

Ernest Clark

C. 176
Springdale
July 24th
1917

To Hon R. A. Squires
adj. - Colonial Secy -
Dear Sir.

Thank you for answering
our inquiry of today re
#2574 the matter of Clarke
saying no news of him
since May 11th and on that
date was reported missing
since April 14th

We today had a letter that
he was killed in action ^{or almost}
April 14th, a Sgt in the
C.E. forces and in the R.A.M.C.
there advised us that he was
speaking to some officers who
reported him killed on that
date, We doubt this or

he would be officially reported,

But last February we had a letter from a Nurse in France saying that another Bro of his # 2541 Mr Geo S Clarke was at the point of death, and the doctor was very much in doubt of his recovery.

yet he was not officially reported,

He has recovered but has heart-trouble cannot walk fast without getting sick; last we heard of him he was expecting to go to France, any day, should think he was not fit - but he seems eager to go after having such a hard winter there last winter, We should like to get him home for a time

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

^{Dated}
~~May~~ **ii**, 1917.

^{To} **Mr. George W. Clarke,**
Springdale, N.D.B.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
London, officially reports **No. 2574, Private**
Walter J. Clarke, missing April fourteenth.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 2574

Extract of Cablegram received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated May 11, 1917.

#2574 Pte. Clarke.

"Missing" April 14th.

C.R. 2574

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

2574 Pte. Clarke W.J.

W. Garfield

C.R.

2574

P. R. O.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Clarke Christian Name Walter J.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish _____ County _____

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on 22 day of April 1916		on _____ day of _____ 1916	
Declared Age	21 years 5 days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	Clerk			
Height	5 feet 8 1/2 inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	152 lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 37 inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion.. 2 inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm		Right	Left
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V= 6/6		R.E.—V= _____	
	L.E.—V= 6/6		L.E.—V= _____	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<i>Lamm Paterson</i>			
(Rank)	Major Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at 5th June		at _____	
	on 22 day of April 1916		on _____ day of _____ 1916	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	1st Nfld Regt	2574		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on _____ day of _____ 1916		on _____ day of _____ 1916	
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Department of Militia

MEMORANDUM

No. 2574

Copy

From

MINISTER OF MILITIA

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
PAY & RECORD OFFICE,
ST. JOHN'S.
RECD 20 MAY 1918
ACK'D NEWFOUNDLAND

To

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c
Records,

KONDOR

April 24,

1918

SUBJECT:

2574, Pte. Walter J. Clarke
Deceased

REPLY

Dated 18 JUN 1918 191

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

The father of the above mentioned soldier is anxious to find out some particulars concerning the soldier's decease. He states that from correspondence received by him, No. 2511, Pte. Ernest Goudie was with Pte. Clarke when he was killed. Will you please have enquiries made of Pte. Goudie, as to what he knows of the decease of Pte. Clarke.

Please see Minutes I to VII attached.

Mr. Clarke states, also, that a Canadian soldier called Baxter Warr, a Newfoundlander who joined the Canadians (and a Methodist Minister before he enlisted) also might be able to give some particulars. If you can have this soldier traced, will you endeavour to get a statement from him as well.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.
(Sgd) H.A.T.
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS

J.R. Bennett
Acting Minister of Militia.

In subsequent correspondence
please quote the following
number:-

8914/83/R.&.C.

REMINDER.

From Chief Pmr. & O.i/c Records, From
Newfoundland Contingent
58, Victoria St., S.W.1.

To Commandant,
No. 2, Inf. Command Depot
Ripon, Yorks.

Pay & Record Office,

6th June, 1918,

The reply to this office No.

8265/78/R.&.C., 25/5/18 re

2574. Pte. W. J. Clarke,

deceased-----

not having been received, you are
requested to expedite the same, and to
state hereon when it may be expected.

M. D. D. D. Major,

Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

Army Form C. 347-1

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
RECORD OFFICE.

Ref. Nos. 11 5314

Rec'd ANSWER 12 JUN 1918

Ack'd Ans'd

O. C. Company
No 2 I. C. Depot

To *Chief Pmr. & O/c Records*
Newfoundland Contingent
Ripon

PREPARED BY

P & A

R & C

B & E

P. S.

11 10th June 1918.

Ref: min. I.
Lo 8265/78/R & C, 25/5/18
was forwarded to 2/1
R. Newfoundland Depot on
account of the evidence
(Pte. Gandy) joining
his reserve unit. Please

F. H. Allen Capt.

Commdg. "E" (Leicestershire) Coy.,
No. 2 Infantry Command Depot.

P.T.O.

No. 9572/898/R.&.C.

From: C. Paymaster & O.i/c Reeds,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58 Victoria St., London, S.W.

To: O.C. 2nd Bn., R. Nfld Regt.,
Hazeley D. Camp, Winchester.

14th June, 1918.

With reference to the preceding Minutes on the subject of 2574 Pte. W.J. Clarke, deceased, it is requested that your reply to this Office No. 8265/78/R.&.C. (originally sent to No.2 Infantry Commd Depot, and afterwards sent from there to you) may be given as early as ~~is~~ convenient, please.

H.B. Anderson Lieut

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

HA/JC

*From Officer Commanding
2nd Bn. Royal Nfld Regt.*

*To, The Chief Paymaster
Newfoundland Contingent
London S.W.*

15th June 1918

*A reply to your
C/O 8265/78/R.&.C.
was forwarded on
14th inst.*

C. Sully

LIEUT. COLONEL,
COMMANDING 2ND BN. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY. & RECORD OFFICE.	
Ref. Nos IN	5444
Rec'd	17 JUN 1918
Ack'd	
Ref. Nos. OUT	
BRANCH	
Comd	
P & R	
R & C	✓
B & E	
PS.	

VII

Hazy Down Bay
June 6/18

Mr. G. Clarke.
Spruadale.
W. B. Bay.

I hear by
you from Pte Walter Clarke was
killed on the morning of
14 April 1917 and Pte Walter
B. Russell. bounded up at Wood.
He was wounded on the front but
he kept on to go to the dressing station
and was killed with a shell
on the same day.

As of our yours truly
friend

Pete E. Goddy
2.5.11. H.B.

Royal. W. H. Dwyer
Hazy Down
W. B. Bay.

NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. Nos. 15	5394
Rec'd	15/6/18
Ack'd	
Ref. Nos.	101
Comp	1
P & A	
R & C	1
B & T	
P. S.	

[Handwritten scribbles]

2574, PTE. W. J. CLARKE, Deceased.

1. P & R.O. Memo. 8265/78/R.&.C., 25/5/18 to Commandant, No. 2, Inf. Command Depot, Ripon.

With reference to the enclosed copy of a memorandum dated 24/4/18 (4585) from the Hon. Minister of Militia of Newfoundland: I would be greatly obliged if you would examine 2511 Pte. E. Goudy of the Royal Newfoundland Regt. with a view to ascertaining if he knows anything regarding 2574 Pte. W.J. Clarke, also of the R. Nfld Regt. The latter was posted as missing 14/4/17, and in the absence of any further information to show otherwise, he was presumed dead on 17/11/17.

Perhaps Pte. Goudy could say where "Baxter Warr" is, and to what unit he belongs.

Kindly return enclosure.

2. P & R.O. Memo. 8914/83/R&C., 6/6/18 to Cdt. No. 2 I.C.D., Ripon.

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6. Reply from 2nd Bn. to P & R.O. No. 8265/78/R.&.C., 25/5/18. (5394)

Herewith statement from Pte. E. Goudy, M.M.

7. Statement of Pte. E. Goudy, (2511) dated 6/6/18.

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Springdale, N.D. Bay.

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(Sgd). Pte. E. Goudy, 2511, H. C
Royal Nfld Reg.
Hazeley Down Camp,
Winchester.

June 6/6/18.

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Royal Nfld Reg.
Hazeley Down Camp,
Winchester.

June 6/6/18.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *Newfoundland*
 No. *7874* Rank *Private* Name *Clarke W*
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *Dance* on the *14* of *April* 191*4*.
 Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191*1*.

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

 { Commanding Squadron, Troop,
 Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month <i>14/4/17</i>	10	16	<i>4 1/2</i>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	£ s. d.				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	191				Messing allowance days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	"				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Consolidated stoppage				Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	10	16	<i>4 1/2</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£				£		
		10	16	<i>4 1/2</i>		10	16	<i>4 1/2</i>

CHECKED.
86
 18/4/18

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

Dated at _____

this _____ day of _____ 191*1* . _____ Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.
 (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

No. 2518

The reply should bear this number and should be addressed to the Postmaster of—

*RETURNED LETTER BRANCH,
POST OFFICE,

Liverpool,
21st November 1917

Sir,

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

*o/c. Records Office
Newfoundland Contingent
58 Victoria St.
London S.W. 1*

Post Office.

I beg leave to inform you that there is remaining in this Office a Postal Packet addressed Pte Walter J. Clarke #2574, 3rd Battalion T^h. Newfoundland Regt.

NEWFOUNDLAND RECORDS PAY & RECORD OFFICE		Racecourse	
Ref. No. <u>7083</u>	BRANCH		
Date <u>22 NOV 1917</u>	Rds		
Loc'd.	ACHT PON		
Ins'd. <u>Jh 22/11/17</u>	BY <u>Jh</u>		
File No.	<u>22/11/17</u>		

I shall be obliged if you will supply me with the addressee's present location which may enable me to deliver it to the owner.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant

Walter J. Clarke
Postmaster

No.7948/1

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

3rd August,

7

Returned Letter Branch,
Post Office,
Liverpool.

2574, Pte. W.J. Clarke,
~~Newfoundland Regiment~~

With reference to the attached letter: It is regretted that you were misinformed when it was stated that Pte. Clarke was in Scotland. He was posted as "Missing" on the 14/4/17, while serving with the B.E.F., since when no further news has been received regarding him, please.

Major,
Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

HA/JC

27th July, 7.

The Postmaster,

7570/1

(Returned Letter Branch)

Liverpool.

HT/NW

No. 2574, PTE. W. J. CLARKE, NEWFOUNDLAND R.

With reference to the attached correspondence: if the parcel concerned is sent to this office it will be redirected to the addressee who is now in Scotland.

Should a statement still be required to the effect that the tobacco is required for personal use, it is presumed that you will be good enough to advise accordingly, please.

Major,

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Clarke, D. F.

2574

Ray Dept

PAY LIST.

ORIGINAL.

Army Form O. 1625

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or Corps ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

No. 2574 Rank Private Name

Claude W.

Died (Intestate) at France

on the 14 of April 1917.

Deserted at

on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Form 1

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month <u>14 4/7</u>	10	16	4 1/2
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) £ s. d.				Pay days at from to			
	101				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	"				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	Consolidated stoppage				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	10	16	4 1/2	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£				10	16	4 1/2

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to 22/4/18 and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.

CHECKED. 22/4/18.

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the

debtor balance of £ 10 16 4 1/2

Dated at this day of 24 APR 1918



NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, P. H. M. PAYMASTER & OFFICER U.C. Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the soldier has been or is to be left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office Form B. 2000 or Army Form O. 1612. (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

ORIGINAL.

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or Corps

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

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Private

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	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month	14	4	10 16 4 1/2
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		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
191					Messing allowance days at from to			
"					Kit allowance			
"					Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	10	16	4 1/2	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	10	16		£	10	16
				4 1/2				4 1/2

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to 22/4/18 and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.

CHECKED. H.C. 22/4/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 10 16 4 1/2 is correct and chargeable against the Public.



CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C Paymaster.

Dated at this day of

- (a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.
- (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

PAY LIST.

DUPLICATE MAIL COPY

Army Form O. 1625.

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or Coy. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

No. 2574 Rank Private

Name CLAUDE W.

Died (Intestate) at France

on the 14th of April 1917.

Deserted at

on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month	14	4	1/2
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at from to			
	£ s. d.				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
191					Messing allowance days at from to			
"					Kit allowance			
"					Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	Consolidated stoppage				This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to 22/ 4/ 18 and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	10	16	4/2	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	10	16		£	10	16
			4	1/2			4	1/2

CHECKED.

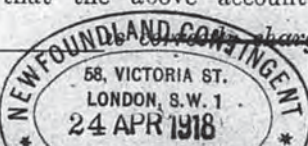
22/4/18.

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 10 16 4/2 is chargeable against the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Dated at

this

day of



191

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS. Paymaster.

- (a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.
- (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

**DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY**

Army Form O. 1075

PAY LIST.

91 Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or **ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**

No. **2574** Rank **Private** Name **Blaine W.**

Died **Intestate** at **France** on the **14th** of **April** 191**7**.

Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191**1**.

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

(Commanding Squadron, Troop,
Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month 14 4/17	10	16	4 1/2
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	£ s. d.				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	101				Messing allowance days at _____			
	"				from _____ to _____			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	10	16	4 1/2	Balance due to the Paymaster	10	16	4 1/2
		£				£		

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to 22/4/18 and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.

CHECKED
22/4/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the balance of £ **10 16 4 1/2** is payable to the next of kin of the deceased.

Dated at _____ day of _____ 191**8**



(Signature)
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE

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- (b) Wars in Italy to be struck out when they are a debtor balance.

Pte Walter J. Clarke

No 2574 Age 22.

Springdale, N.H.



To Lieut-Dowley

Dear Sir

Spruigdale
June 6th
1917

I am sending you a picture
of my son Plt Walter J. Clarke
2574 He is among the
Missing of April 14th
and I asked Mr. Parsons
Photographer to send you
one but am afraid he
didnt do it.

Please do what you
can in this matter his address
was Plt Walter J. Clarke # 2574
A Company, 1st. Wld Regt
B & F France

Should be pleased to
hear from you, your opinion

G. W. Clarke
Spruigdale

Recruiting Committee St Johns, per
Magistrate Wells
Little Bay.

~~To~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Recruit~~
To George Billard

To taking Walter Clarke's Recruit
to Melbourn Junction with
dog team \$10.00

Spungdale
April 24/16

Entered
April 22nd
1916

Adm. J. J. J. J. J.
Casper

Cartage direct from the Hall
The Wells
Shipping Magistrate

Letter 2/27
April 27/16

Springdale
Boals Bay
May 5th 1916

Hon. J. A. Cairns
St. Johns

Hon. Sir - Enclosed find Bill
Certified by the Magistrate which
Kindly send as soon as possible
and oblige
Yours truly

George Gillard

P.S. I have not yet received the other
amounts if not forwarded, perhaps you could
manage to send both lots together
Geo Gillard

Forwarded to
Recruiting Officer
May 13/16
J.A.C.

Please note P.S.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

The Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

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Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

..... 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2574 Rank Private
Name Walter Parke
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Cecil Clark (Sgd.)

Father Relationship.

Address..... Springdale

Fold Here

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

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SEP 16 1921 1921.

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

Mr. Geo. W. Clarke (Father)

in respect of his service as No. **2574** Rank **Pte.**

Name **Walter J. Clarke** **Royal Nfld. Regt.**
~~Nfld. Forestry Corps~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received

Victory & War. Medal

Signature

Geo W Clarke

Date

Sept 26th 1921

Address

Springdale Nfld

[P.T.O.]

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental Number 2574
C.R.

Regiment or Corps 21 Newfoundland Regt
Rank Pte Surname Clarke Christian Name Walter

Religion Meth Age on Enlistment 21 years 5 months.

Enlisted (a) 22/4/16 Terms of Service (a) war Service reckons from (a) 15 ST LONDON, S.W.

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

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



Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
			Embarked Southampton	11 OCT 1916	
			Disembarked ROUEN	12 OCT 1916	
		2nd Battalion		22 OCT 1916	
			With BATT.	23. I. 17	
15 APR 1917	OC. Bn.	MISSING	France	14 APR 1917	B 2 13

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

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C.R. 2574

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/o
Records,

LONDON

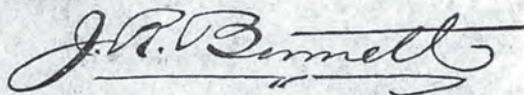
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2574, Pte. Walter J. Clarke
Deceased

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Mr. Clarke states, also, that a Canadian soldier called Baxter Warr, a Newfoundlander who joined the Canadians (and a Methodist Minister before he enlisted) also might be able to give some particulars. If you can have this soldier traced, will you endeavour to get a statement from him as well.



Acting Minister of Militia.

C.R. 3574

April 24th, 1918

Mr. George M. Clarke,
Springdale.

Dear Sir:-

A letter has been forwarded to the Pay
& Record Office, London with instructions to get a state-
ment form Pte. Goudie, and if possible, one from Pte.
Baxter Warr.

Yours faithfully,

Major, G.S.O.

Department of Militia

MEMORANDUM

C.R. 2574

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
PAY & RECORDS OFFICE.

No. 2574

From

cc'd 20 MAY 1918
MINISTER OF MILITIA,
St. JOHN'S,
NEWFOUNDLAND

To

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c
Records,

LONDON

April 24, 1918

SUBJECT:

2574, Pte. Walter J. Clarke
Deceased

REPLY

Dated

18 JUN 1918

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Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

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Please see Minutes
I to VII attached.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

H. P. Dimmock
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS

J. P. Connell

Acting Minister of Militia.

C O P Y.

Jan. 30th 1920.

The Minister of Militia.

Dear Sir:

I have received from your department a form to fill in for my late son Pte. George S. Clarke #2541 re the Cemetery or Grave Plot. Do you know if they found anything of his grave; George was killed on October 9th 1917. I had another son Walter J. Clarke #2574 who was killed April 14th 1917 at the Battle of Monchy, I would like to know if anything was found regarding him, please advise what you know,

Yours very truly,

Geo. W. Clarke.

P.S.

Am sending information under another cover.

C O P Y.

R 2574

February 24th 1920.

Mr. George W. Clarke,
Springdale.

Dear Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 30th, having reference to the Cemetery Register Form of your sons, the late #2541, Pte. Geo. Clarke and the late #2574 Pte. Walter Clarke.

As yet we have received no further information concerning the gravesites but in the event of the efforts of the Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries to locate their graves proving unsuccessful, a Memorial will be erected to them, as in the case of other Missing men, the form of which has not yet been decided on, but I think it will be a Mural Tablet.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

For Orig See 2541

C O P Y.

C.R. 2574

Refer to 2541

Springdale,

March 19th 1920.

The Department of Militia,

Dear Sir:-

These last two months I received only one allotment, before that I received two as I had two boys killed. Will you kindly explain the reasons for this.

Yours very truly,

George Clark.

C O P Y.

C.R. 2574

March 27th 1920.

Secretary,
Board of Pension Commissioners.

Sir:-

2541. Pte. G.S. Clarke.
2574. Pte. W.J. Clarke.

Reference the attached letter from Geo.
W. Clarke of Springdale, will you kindly inform
him the reason one of the allotments was stopped,
please.

Yours faithfully,

Lt. Col.

Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 2574

April 1st, 1921

The Minister of Militia
St. John's

Sir:-

I herewith enclose a paper received from you some time ago. As I lost two sons in the war, and only received one of these, I am asking you to please enclose another like it. I want to frame these, and I do not want to frame one and not the other, as I think there is quite enough distinction without my doing this

(Sgd.) Geo. W. Clarke
Springdale.

P.S. Please return one with another

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Department of
Militia.

2574
Springdale
August 3
1921

Sir

We thank you for Memorial
sent and entire receipt of
same. It is aimed all our
Sorrow Consoling to know
that some remember what
these dear lads have done
does such comfort be sent
to all relatives i.e. of each
one who fell; another son
of our G. & C. was
murdered among the slain
Yours very truly
Geo. W. Clark