



# THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 5531 Name Baxter Cooke Corps Meth.

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- |  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>Baxter Cooke</u>          |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>Newtown B.B.</u>          |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes.</u>                  |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>21</u> Years ..... Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>fisherman</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 .....<br>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, Baxter Cooke 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.

Baxter Cooke SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Pte R Power Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Baxter Cooke 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 31 day of May 1918

Signature of Attesting Officer R. D. ...

### †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 ..... 1918 }  
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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..... M. R. Power ..... Signature of Witness.

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C.R.

5531

Extract from list of men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
discharged on various dates.

5531 Ptel B.Cook,

Discharged 10 - 7 - 18, K.R. & R.



C.R. 5531

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal  
Nfld. Regt. St. John's, dated July 11, 1918

#5531 Pte. B. Cook.

Struck off the strength from 10-7-18 authority K.R. & R.  
para 392, sub-section (iii) (c).

C.R. 5531

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal Nfld.  
Regt. St. John's, dated June 1st, 1918

#5531 Pte. B. Cook

Attested for General Service with the Royal Nfld. Regt.  
from 31.5.18

Cooke, B

5531

Ray Sept.



# Proceedings on Discharge.

(When forwarded for confirmation the documents named on page 4 should be enclosed.)

No. 5531 Army Rank Private

Name Booke Baxter  
(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)

Corps THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Battalion, Battery, Company, Det., &c. 11th John's RFLD  
(If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve or Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, &c., or to General Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)

Date of discharge ~~June 14th 1918~~ July 10th 1918

Place of discharge 11th John's RFLD

1. Description at the time of discharge.

Age	years	months	Descriptive marks.
Age	<u>21</u>		
Height	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	
Chest measure-ment	girth when fully expanded <u>36</u> ins.		
	range of expansion <u>4</u> ins.		
Complexion	<u>Dark</u>		
Eyes	<u>Blue</u>		
Hair	<u>Brown</u>		
Trade	<u>Fisherman</u>		
Intended place of residence (To be given as fully as practicable)	<u>Newtown</u> <u>AB</u>		

(The measurements and description should be carefully taken on the day the man leaves his unit, but in the case of men sent home from abroad for discharge, the age and intended place of residence should be left blank to be filled in by the Officer who confirms the discharge at home.)

2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of Hammering  
(not due to Military Service)

(The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the discharge certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the No. and date of the letter to be quoted.)

3. Military character :—

4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations :—

Certified that the above is an accurate copy of the character given by me on Army Form B. 2067\* and that Army Form D. 489 was awarded in this case.

Initials of Commanding Officer.

Army Form B. 2068 has been issued to\*

To be filled in on the soldier quitting the Colours.

5. He is in possession of the following number of G.C. badg's (if the man is a N.C.O. and enlisted prior to 1st July, 1881, the number he would have been entitled to had he not been promoted should be stated).

Is it probable that he will be entitled to another good conduct badge before the confirmation of these proceedings?

Classification for service, or proficiency pay... .. Class \_\_\_\_\_

6. Campaigns, Medals and Decorations

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of education .....

7. His accounts are correctly balanced, and I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me in accordance with Regulations.

(Place) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_



*R. H. East Capt.*

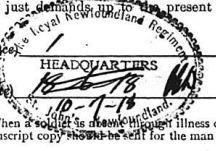
for Commanding ~~Det~~ Battn. R. Nfld Regiment.

8. Certificate to be signed by the soldier on discharge.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances (including clothing allowance), and all just demands up to the present date, subject to the reservations of the claims noted on the 3rd page.

(Place) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_



*Baxter Cook* (Signature of Soldier.)

*Howey* Ass't Adjutant (Signature of Witness.)

(When a soldier is unable through illness or any other cause, and it is not desirable to forward these proceedings to him for signature, a manuscript copy should be sent for the man to sign, and when returned should be attached hereto.)

9. Additional certificate in the case of a soldier who takes his discharge at his own request.

I hereby declare that I do of my own free will request to be discharged from His Majesty's Service.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Soldier.)

10. Statement of service.

Service towards engagement to \_\_\_\_\_ (the date to which the record of service is completed) \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Further service " " \_\_\_\_\_ (the date of confirmation of discharge) ... .. " " \_\_\_\_\_

*31-5-18 to 10-1-18*  
*10-1-18*

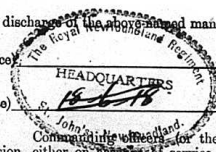
Total ... .. " " *H* " *A* "

11. Confirmation of discharge.

The discharge of the above named man is hereby confirmed for \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

(Place) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_



Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Commanding officers (or the Paymaster if at Netley) will issue to every discharged soldier whose claim to pension, either on account of service or disability, is to be brought under the consideration of the Chelsea Board, a memorandum for his guidance on Army Form D. 401, and will at the same time transmit to the Secretary, Royal Hospital Chelsea, a descriptive return of the man on Army Form D. 400.

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT  
REPORT OF HEAD-QUARTERS TRAVELLING BOARD  
HELD ON SOLDIER ON REGIMENTAL STRENGTH.

Depot Headquarters Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 55 31

E Name B Cook.

Address

Disease or disability

Stammering.

Finding of last standing  
Medical Board held on

191

Present condition

not due to military Service

Recommendation

Discharge

Category

(Members of Board:

Geo. Hart .....C.C. Depot

B. Paterson .....D.D.M.S.

W. Burden .....M.D. Depot

Depot

Headquarters Royal Newfoundland Regiment,

St John's, Nfld.,

1918.

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Coore

Christian Name Booke

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Newtown A.B. County Mer.

	SPECIAL RESERVE		REGULAR ARMY	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	31	May	1918	191
Declared Age	at	21	years	days
Trade or Occupation	Fisherman		years	days
Height	✓	3	feet	inches
Weight		134	lbs.	lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded		36	inches
	Range of Expansion		4	inches
Physical Development	Right	Left	Right	Left
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	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)				
(Rank)				
	at	Sydney	at	
Enlisted	on	21	day of	May
				1918
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.		Regtl. No.	
	Royal Mer. Regiment.		1031	
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on		day of	191
(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 Signatures
1-6-18	Vacc.

**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



## ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Medical Examination Held at

Headquarters May 21/18

1. Name

Dexter Cook

Age (a) Declared

21

(b) Apparent

2. Do you know of anything wrong with you? no

What severe illnesses have you had?

none

5531

Eyes  
Comp  
naileBlues  
Medicin

3. Height

5ft 3

Weight

134

4. Eyesight (a) Left

4/6

(b) Right

4/6

5. Physical Defects (Examine after strenuous exercise)

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Stammer Second toe left foot slightly damaged

6. Examination of Lungs

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Measurement

(a) Expiration

32

(b) Inspiration

36

7. Examination of Heart

~

8. Examination of Urine

9. Examination of Mouth—(Defective Speech)

Teeth

Throat

Nose

Ears—(Otorrhea)

(Deafness)

10. Have you been successfully vaccinated, and when? no

11. Name and address of next of kin

Father Cornelius Newtown Bb

REMARKS—

Att

St. W. Borden  
A. C. B. Galt





**THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
**HEADQUARTERS**

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

July 10th, 1918 *191*

From Officer Commanding,  
Depot

To Paymaster and Officer i/c Records,  
Militia Department

5531 Pte. B. Cook

Above noted man has been discharged from  
Regimental strength from 10-7-18, on receipt of *commutation*  
Headquarters Travelling Board, as Medically un-  
fit.

His Company Account has been squared up to  
and including date of his discharge. He has no  
allotment current.

Herewith complete documents on file at Depot  
in connection with him. Kindly sign receipt and  
return.

*W. H. [Signature]*  
Ass't Adjutant  
Depot The Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
St. John's, Nfld.



Sept. 20 1918

Sept. 20th, 1918

SIR:

Replying to your letter of the 17th inst. re 5531 ex-Pte. Baxter Cook, I have to inform you that he was issued with the regular soldier's discharge paper, which is all the regulations call for in the case of a man discharged with service under three months.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Rev. S. Baggs,,  
Newtown, B.B.

CCD\*AC

O. C. DEPT.  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ATTENTION

Major  
District Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland.

Sept 17/15

Newtown,  
Bonavista Bay,  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1915.

J. R. Bennett Esq.,  
Minister of Militia,  
St. John's.

Dr. 9-10-7-18 for Hammering  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> 11 2040-

Dear Sir:-

I trust you will pardon me while I write you a few lines regarding No. 5531 ex Private Baxter Cook of Templeman, B. B.

The young man named above enlisted in the Regiment on May 31<sup>st</sup> last, but owing to physical unfitness has since been discharged. While he has a certificate showing those facts, he is anxious to have a "discharge badge" or a "rejection badge", or some such signification, and has asked me to write accordingly. I therefore refer the matter to you, and leave you to kindly act in this regard as you think best.

Yours respectfully,  
S. Bagg,  
(Meth. Minister).

July 10th, 1918

From Officer Commanding,  
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To Paymaster and Officer i/c Records,  
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## NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 11 Sent by \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_ Check 16 No. \_\_\_\_\_ IX

Place from Newtown 24

To Capt. O'Grady.

POSTAL TELEGRAPHS  
JUN 24 1918  
LONG'S WHARF

Very ill with severe  
Cold please extend  
leave for nine days  
longer please reply,

Leave granted  
Must have certificate  
Baxter Look

5531

✓ *[Signature]*



Newton

July 1/18

This is to certify that  
the Beaver Pte Boxer  
Cook of Fox Cove, has  
been ill last 3 weeks

W. D. Leslie  
m. d. e. v.

Reg. No. 5531 Rank *Pfc* Name *Coake Baxter*

Attested 30-578 Address *Newtown, B.B.*

Allotment..... Allottee.....

Date of Allotment..... Returned from Overseas.....

Embarked for Overseas..... Cause.....

*Vacc 1<sup>6</sup>/<sub>18</sub>.*

*15<sup>6</sup>/<sub>18</sub> Headmaster Board Rec. Discharge Stammering*

*A.L. 16<sup>6</sup>/<sub>18</sub> — 24<sup>6</sup>/<sub>18</sub>. 24/6/18 Never had leave for 9 <sup>sup</sup> nine months*

*34<sup>6</sup>/<sub>18</sub>. Leave granted must be in doctor's certificate (Adj)*

*Discharged 10-7-18 Do's 135.*

## MILITARY SERVICE

FILE/DOSSIER

NAMES

RG 38, VOLUME 722

5526	VINCENT Norman
5527	PYNN Wilson
5528	UPWARD Kenneth
5529	RIDEOUT Walter
5530	BARTLETT Albert
5531	COOK Baxter
5532	THOMS Michael
5533	FOLKS Herbert

