



THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 5295 Name Benjamin Murphy Corps R.C.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Benjamin Murphy</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>St. John's</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>22</u> Years <u>0</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Carpenter</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 |
| 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, Benjamin Murphy 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.

Benjamin Murphy SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
W. H. ... Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Benjamin Murphy 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 22nd day of May 1915
 Signature of Attesting Officer W. H. ...

†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 May 22nd 1915
 Place St. John's } 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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| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>32</u> Years <u>0</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Carpenter</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>no</u> |
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22-5-18

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C.R. 5295

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal
Nfld. Regt. St. John's, dated August 20th, 1918.

5295 Pte. B. Murphy,

Reported for duty 3-7-18-

C.R. 5295

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Nfld.
Regt. St. John's, dated 26-18.

5295 Pte. B. Murphy.

Struck off the strength from 19-8-1918 Authority K.R. and R.
Para. 392. sub-iii, (c).

Extract fr m Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal
Nfld. Regt. St. John's, dated May 23, 1918.

#5295 Pte. Benjamin Murphy,

Attested for General Service with the Royal Nfld. Regt.
from 22.5.18

C.R. 5295

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

5295 Pte. B. Murphy

Discharged 19-8-18, K.R. & R

Murphy, B

5295

Ray Sept.

Proceedings on Discharge.

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

No. <u>5295</u>	Army Rank <u>Private</u>
Name <u>Murphy Benjamin</u> <small>(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)</small>	
Corps <u>THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.</u>	
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c. <u>St John's. Med.</u> <small>(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.)</small>	
Date of discharge <u>AUG 19 1918</u>	
Place of discharge <u>St John's - Med</u>	
1. <i>Description at the time of discharge.</i>	
Age <u>22</u> years _____ months Height <u>5</u> feet <u>10 1/2</u> inches Chest { girth when fully expanded <u>34</u> ins. measure- range of expansion <u>3</u> ins. ment Complexion <u>light</u> Eyes <u>grey</u> Hair <u>blonde</u> Trade <u>cooper</u> Intended place of residence <u>St John's. Med</u> <small>(To be given as fully as practicable)</small>	Descriptive marks.
<p>2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of <u>Mentally deficient (not due to Military Service)</u></p> <p><small>(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.)</small></p>	
3. Military character :-	
4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations :-	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-size: small; margin-right: 5px;">To be filled in on the soldier quitting the Colours.</div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="flex-grow: 1; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> </div>	
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. 2088 has been issued to*	

5. He is in possession of the following number of G.C. badges (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) HEADQUARTERS
 ORDERLY ROOM
 (Date) AUG 19 1918
 DEPOT
 St John's, Newfoundland

J. C. [Signature]
 Commanding Depot Batta. R.N.R. 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) HEADQUARTERS
 ORDERLY ROOM
 (Date) AUG 19 1918
 DEPOT
 Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Josephine Murphy (Signature of Soldier.)
[Signature] Ass't Adjutant (Signature of Witness.)
 Depot The Royal Newfoundland Regiment
 St. John's, Nfld.

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) " 46 "

3-7-18 to 19-8-18

Total " 76 "

11. Confirmation of discharge.

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

(Place) _____

Signature _____

(Date) _____

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.

To be Noted

Part II. Orders 10/5
Card Index _____
Regimental Roll _____



The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

REPORT OF HEADQUARTERS TRAVELLING BOARD HELD ON SOLDIER ON REGIMENTAL STRENGTH

Depot: Headquarters, Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Date July 1915

Regimental No. 5295

Name B. Murphy

Address _____

Disease or Disability mentally deficient

Finding of last Standing Medical Board, _____

held on _____ 19 _____

Present Condition not due to military service

Recommendation discharge

Category _____

Members
of
Board

R.H. Tait Capt.

O. C. Depot

Geo. Borden

D. D. M. S.

W. A. ...

M. O. Depot

1st. Newfoundland Regiment.

SICK REPORT OF MEN IN BILLETS.

To Officer Commanding:

No. 5295

Name Benj Murphy

Address 5 Patrick St

Complaint Headache. ^{Doubtful} Mental Condition

Remarks In Billets Unit
Called for.

This man's mental
Condition will unfit him
for active service.

[Signature]

Medical Officer.

Date July 10 1915



NEWFOUNDLAND AGRICULTURAL BOARD.

4 July, 1918.

Read memo for Board

Major Paterson,
Royal Nfld. Regiment,
Dept. of Militia.

Dear Sir,

At the suggestion of Major Carty, I beg to ask your attention to the following facts in connection with the case of Private Murphy, a son of one Peter Murphy who resides on Patrick Street, this city.

I have been for over forty years perfectly familiar with the history of his family, and I very much regret that it has been a most unfortunate one. The grandmother of Pte. Murphy, on his father's side, was always of unsound mind; two of her daughters were also pronouncedly insane and one died some few years back in the Lunatic Asylum; another of her sons, an uncle of Pte. Murphy, suicided, through insanity, in St. John's about fourteen years back, while the father of the boy, Peter Murphy, is at the present time in a most unsettled condition mentally. I am also credibly informed that the volunteer Murphy himself in the past year exhibited tendencies that gave rise to have disquieting suspicions that he was unfortunately not free from the taint that affects the family.

I am writing you at present in the interest of the father of Pte. Murphy who I very much fear, owing to the trouble that he is experiencing through his son having volunteered and thro' his being aware of the mental condition of his son, will himself absolutely break down unless he can have some assurance that the son can be either given an extended leave, or that he can be otherwise employed so as to enable him to remain in St. John's for at least a period until the father's mind becomes accustomed to the condition of things occasioning the trouble.

I have no direct interest in this family at all, but the grandfather and the father and two of the uncles of Pte. Murphy have been employed by me in connection with different works for a number of years, and, apart from the unfortunate mental trait running in the family, they were excellent workmen but always, owing to this peculiarity, more or less uncertain.

If it be possible to take the father's condition into account so as to further extend the leave of the son who has volunteered, I think it would be the means of averting very serious results to the father, Peter Murphy. I am not making this request in any other capacity than

(that)



NEWFOUNDLAND AGRICULTURAL BOARD.

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that of a citizen familiar with the circumstances and with the family's history, and with the hope of averting a further tragedy in connection therewith, which I think might be the result if the son he sent overseas with one of the contingents in the near future.

It may be possible that the exigencies of the Service may debar you from doing anything in the case, but I have no doubt that the Insane Asylum records will furnish proof of the fact that one of the Murphy family women died in the Institution some few years back, and almost anybody in St. John's West - and, if necessary, I can produce a score - will testify to the mental peculiarities of the other members thereof.

I should be very pleased if you can give me an assurance that the circumstances will be enquired into, that will afford a measure of comfort to the old man Murphy and help him to bear up, at least for the present.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. F. Donnelly'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.



NEWFOUNDLAND AGRICULTURAL BOARD.

15 July, 1918.

Major Patterson,
Royal Nfld. Regiment,
City.

Dear Major Patterson,

I am very, very sorry for troubling you so frequently in the case of Private Murphy, but the gravity of the circumstances, I think, will prompt you to pardon my doing so.

The father of Pte. Murphy was to me on last Friday and told me, as you stated to me would happen, that Dr. Tait was up to visit his son and that he pronounced him quite ill, and just at the present moment the father is to me again saying that an orderly from the Department of Militia has just been to his house telling his son that he must report at once to headquarters, and the father tells me that the boy is too ill to get out of bed.

The father's appearance to-day is considerably better than it was when he was to me on Friday last, but I think you will detect in even his present appearance appearance symptoms of latent trouble such as I referred to in my previous note to you as being a feature of the family.

Yours very truly,

A. Donney

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Murphy OF Christian Name Benjamin

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish St Johns County Nfld

	SPECIAL RESERVE		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>22</u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>8</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191	
	at <u>St Johns</u>		at _____	
Declared Age	<u>22</u> years _____ days		years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Cooper</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>14</u> inches		feet _____ inches	
Weight	<u>116</u> lbs.		lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>34</u> inches		inches	
	Range of Expansion... <u>3</u> inches		inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm	<u>1 scar</u>		
	Number			
When Vaccinated	<u>17/10/1910</u>			
Vision	R.E.—V= <u>46</u>		R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V= <u>46</u>		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)	<u>L. A. B. Paterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Major</u>			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St Johns</u>		at _____	
	on <u>27</u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>8</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	<u>Medical 1295</u>	Corps	Regtl. No.
		<u>Nfld Regt</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on _____ day of _____ 191		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
23-5-18	Vacc. <i>SP</i>

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 Benjamin Murphy Age (a) Declared 22

(b) Apparent

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

What severe illnesses have you had?

none

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3. Height

5ft 1 1/2"

Weight

116

4. Eyesight (a) Left

6/6

(b) Right

6/6

5. Physical Defects (Examine after strenuous exercise) ~

6. Examination of Lungs ~

Measurement

(a) Expiration

31

(b) Inspiration

34

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? Yes 2 yrs ago. 1st Lt. Ham

11. Name and address of next of kin Father Peter St. John St. City

REMARKS--

A II

S. Paterson
Archibald

Medical Examiners.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Forms
B 121.
39.

Regiment of

Royal New Zealand

Signature of O. C. Company

Number of Sheet 121
[Signature]

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service pay or proficiency pay
No.		Age on	years	months	
5295	<i>[Signature]</i>	22			
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment		Religion	
		<i>[Signature]</i> 22.5.18		<i>[Signature]</i>	
Joined	Date	Period of		Place of Birth	
Joined	Date				with Colours
Joined	Date	with Reserve	365	years.	<i>[Signature]</i>

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Name of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
				Medically unfit	19 ⁵ / ₁₈				

To be carried over.

Army Form B. 121.

Reg. No. 5295 Rank Pte. Name Murphy, B.

Attested 22-5-18 Address 5 Patrick St City

Allotment _____ Allotee _____

Date of Allotment _____ Returned from Overseas _____

Embarked for Overseas _____ Cause _____

DISCHARGED - MEDICALLY UNFIT AUG 19 1918

23-5-18

20/6/18

1-8-18

Time Extended till 26/6/18. Reported for duty 3-7-18
Head Quarters travelling Bn. Rec Discharge
(Medically Deficient)

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July 4 A letter received by Major Paterson from J. F. Downey giving a statement of his mental condition

July 15 another letter received by from J. F. Downey. Stating his illness serious

July 10. A report from Dr. Sait, of this man in billets stating his mental condition unfit for active service.

Depot
5295

August 24th, 1918

From Officer Commanding,
Depot

To Paymaster and Officer i/c Records,
Militia Department

Strength Decreases.

5195 Pte. B. Murphy
5419 " G. Diamond
5821 " H. Roberts
5567 " L. Jensen

Marginally noted men have been discharged from Depot Strength on recommendation of Headquarters Travelling Board, as unfit for Military Service.

Their Company Pay Accounts have been squared up to and including date of their discharge, date of which is noted below, together with amount of allotments current.

Complete documents are sent under separate cover.

	<u>Date of Dis.</u>	<u>Allot.</u>
5195 Pte. B. Murphy	19-8-18	None
5419 " G. Diamond	17-8-18	60%
5821 " H. Roberts	14-8-18	None
5567 " L. Jensen	17-8-18	None