

Enlistment papers for Walter Kirk

Image 1 Attestation

Walter had emigrated to Canada before the war started. He was a farmer in Manitoba and gave his address as Beausejour, Manitoba [a small town (2014 pop c2000) 50k north of Winnipeg]. He enlisted in Winnipeg on 20th march 1916.

He gave father, James, as next of kin; address "The Banks", Bingham.

DoB: 11th July 1892

Trade: farmer

Image 2 Description

Height: 5 feet 6¼ inches
Girth: 35 inches, expansion 2 inches
Complexion: Fair
Eyes: Grey
Religion: Methodist

Medically certified fit for the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force.

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ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 234371

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? Kirk.
- 1a. What are your Christian names? Walter
- 1b. What is your present address? Beausejour, Manitoba.
2. In what Town, Township or Parish and in what Country were you born? Nottinghamshire, England
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? James Kirk
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? The Banks, Bingham, Nottinghamshire, England *Handwritten initials*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Father
5. What is the date of your birth? 11th July, 1892.
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Farmer *20*
7. Are you married? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? No
If so, state particulars of former Service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the } Yes
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? }

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Walter Kirk, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date 20th March 1916.
Walter Kirk (Signature of Recruit)
Joseph P. Ruz (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Walter Kirk, 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, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date 20th March 1916.
Walter Kirk (Signature of Recruit)
Joseph P. Ruz (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

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 WINNIPEG, MAN this 20th day of MARCH 1916.

Description of Walter Kirk on Enlistment.

Apparent Age <u>23</u> years months. <small>(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)</small>	Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease. <small>(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.)</small>
Height <u>5 ft. 6 1/4</u> ins.	
Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded <u>35</u> ins. Range of expansion <u>2</u> ins.	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>Grey</u>	
Hair <u>Fair</u>	
Religious denominations { Church of England Presbyterian Methodist <u>Methodist</u> Baptist or Congregationalist Roman Catholic Jewish Other denominations (Denomination to be stated.)	

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him* fit for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date 20th day of March 191 6.

Place Winnipeg, Manitoba

W. E. Sweet
Capt C. A. M. C.
 Medical Officer.

*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

Note.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

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CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Walter Kirk having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

J. B. Hansford
 (Signature of Officer)

Date 20th day of March 191 6.