



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

John ATTESTATION OF
Name *Patrick Bason* Corps

No. *2232*

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment

- 1. What is your name? 1. *Patrick Bason*
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. *St. John's*
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. *Yes*
- 4. What is your age? 4. *29* Years *11* Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. *Mill Worker*
- 6. Are you Married? 6. *No*
- 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? } 7. *No*
- 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? 8. *Yes*
- 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? 9. *No*
- 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. *Yes*

I, *Patrick Bason* 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.

Patrick Bason SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

E. March 6 *R. P. Hallaway* Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Patrick Bason* 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 *6* day of *March* 191*6*

R. P. Hallaway Signature of Attesting Officer

†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).....

C.R. 2232

Patrick Beson was attested for General Service with
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on March 6th 1916.
Regimental No. 2232 was allowed to Pte Patk. Beson

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th 1919

C.R. 2232

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

2232 Sergt. Beason P.

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

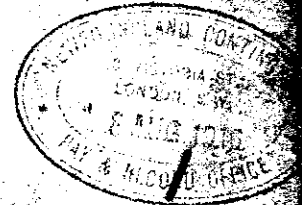
MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Belson

OF
Christian Name Patrick

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	County			
Examined	on <u>4</u> day of <u>March</u> 19 <u>16</u>	on	day of	19 <u>1</u>
Declared Age	at <u>St John's, nfld.</u> <u>29</u> years	at	years	days
Trade or Occupation				
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>6</u> inches		feet	inches
Weight	<u>150</u> lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded... <u>40½</u> inches			inches
	Range of expansion... <u>2½</u> inches			inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks {	Right	Left	Right	Left
	Arm			
Number				
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V= <u>6/6</u> L.E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		R.E.—V= <u> </u> L.E.—V= <u> </u>	
(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>Liam Patrick</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Capt.</u>			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at <u>St John's</u> on <u>4</u> day of <u>March</u> 19 <u>16</u>	at	day of	19 <u>1</u>
Joined on Enlistment	Corps. <u>1st nfld Reg.</u>	Regtl. No. <u>2232</u>	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on	day of	19 <u>1</u>	on
(Signature)				
(Rank)				



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ALLOTMENTS

I, P. Beson, Regt. No. 2232

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of 50 Dollars and 50 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 May 1st.

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
		<u>Bank of Montreal</u>	<u>St. John's.</u>	<u>50.</u>
<u>1973</u>	<u>Sister.</u>	<u>Miss Ethel Beson</u>	<u>Joe Battlem</u> <u>Togo.</u>	
		<u>Commencing 7/16 2/17/16</u>		
Total Allotment, \$				

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

(Sig.) R. P. Hallaway
Lieut.
Officer Commanding
Company
St. John's.
April 24th 1916.

(Sig.) Pat Beson
(Rank) Pte.

~~DAY LIST.~~

to

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Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *Newfoundland*
 No. *2737* Rank *Serjt* Name *Beson*
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *France* on the *14* of *April* 191*7*.
 Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191*7*.

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>	<i>18</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>7 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			
	Consolidated stoppage				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>18</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£ <i>18</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>		£ <i>18</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>

CHECKED,
AC
18/4/17

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 _____ 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.

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Counter No. _____

FOUNDLAND 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 in part 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 February 2, 1917.

To Mr. James Beson,
Joe Batt's Arm.

Replying to my enquiry Record Office, London, today reports No. 2232, Sergt. Patrick Beson, was fit for duty at Base Depot, Rouen, January fifth.

J.R. BENNETT

Colonial Secretary

FOR TYPEWRITER

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Form No. 1

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No.

Sent by

Rec'd by

Check

No.

Place from

To

OP
 Barm 17
 R. Bennett
 Colsey



Kindly advise if
 any further report
 about my son
 Sergt Patrick Berson
 James Berson

No enquiry respecting this Message will be attended to without the production of this paper.

C.P. 2232

Extract of Depot Daily Orders part 11, dated
May 9th, 1916.

The following promotion is approved by the
Commanding Officer and is effective from
this date:

#2232 Pte. P. Boson.

To be Acting Corporal.

CP. 2232

Extract of Depot Daily Orders part 11, dated
June 9th, 1916.

#2232 Corpl. P. Beason. ✓

To be Acting Sergeant.

C.R. 2232

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Extract of Casualty List received from P. & R.O. Dec. 16th 1916

2232 Sgt P. Beson.

Lst Newfoundland GSW. Wound Head 1 (1) slt. Adm. 10 Gen. Hos.

Rouen 9th December 1916.

Number 11
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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender John M. Shiley Address _____

Line Number	Rcd	By	Check
		<u>John M. Shiley</u>	

Dated December 18, 1916.

To Mr. Thomas Beson,

Fogo.

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London, officially reports No. 2232, Sergt. Patrick Beson, was at Tenth General Hospital, Rouen, December ninth, suffering from slight gunshot wound in head.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you and trust that next report will be of his convalescence.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

CONROY & HIGGINS
BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, &c.

OFFICES, OKE BUILDING
DUCKWORTH STREET,

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

CHAS. O'NEILL CONROY, K.C.
WILLIAM J. HIGGINS

February 21st, 1918.

Hon. J. R. Bennett,
Minister of Militia.

2232

Dear Sir:-

We represent the executor of Patrick Beson, late of Grand Falls, who joined the Regiment in 1916 and is missing since April 1917, and has, we understand, been officially presumed dead.

For the purposes of Probate, and also of collecting his life insurance, it is necessary that we should have an official certificate of the presumption of death, and we should be glad if you could furnish us with this document.

The name is variously spelt Beso, Beson, Bessen and Besant. We do not know the official number of the deceased volunteer, but his father resides at Joe Batt's Arm, and we presume there will be no difficulty in identifying him.

Yours very truly,

C/S

Conroy & Higgins

St Johns

Sept 15th
1921

The Dept. of Militia,
Dear Sirs:-

I, the undersigned, executor of the
will of the late Sergt Patrick Beeson do
hereby authorize J. W. W. McKivley Esq.
Barrister, St Johns to draw from and
receive from the Dept. of Militia
all moneys now in the said Dept
to the credit of the said Sergt Patrick
Beeson.

J. W. W. McKivley Esq.

Orange Falls

Executor of the Estate of the late
Serg. Patrick Beeson.

Joe Battalun
July 15 1921

To J. M. Howley Esq
Officer in charge records
Militia Department
St Johns

Sir

I hereby apply to you
for information regarding
money due me on account
of my dead son Sergt P. Bessant

Everybody has received allowances
& I his father a very poor
old man have not received
a cent please give me some
information regarding it or
I shall put matter in
the hands of higher authorities

Yours respectfully
James Bessant
J. B. Arm.

July 28th, 1923

Mr. James Bessant,
Joe Batt's Arm,

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of July 15th., I beg to advise that information regarding the estate of your late son, Sgt. Patrick (Bessant) Besson, may be obtained from Rev. W. Finn, Grand Falls, who is the administrator of the estate.

Yours truly,

Major
Paymaster

Dept. of Militia.

St. John's.

.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2232 Rank. *Sergeant*
Name *Patrick B. [unclear]*
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

James B. [unclear]

Father

..... Relationship.

Address

*Joe Batts Arms South Side
Yogo.*

*RECEIVED
MAY 25 1921
Sgt.*

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

Mr. James Beason (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2232 Rank A/Sgt.

Name Patrick Beason Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~Nfld. Forestry Corps.~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Nov 4-1921

Signature James Beason

Date Nov 10-1921

Address Goose Bay arm

[P.T.O.]

Army Form B. 103:

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental No. *1002*

Regiment or Corps *211 Newfoundland Regt.*

Rank *Serjt.* Surname *Beson* Christian Name *Patrick*

Religion *R.C.* Age on Enlistment *29* years *—* months.

Enlisted (a) *6/3/16* Terms of Service (a) *10 Yrs* Service reckons from *10/10/16*

Date of promotion to present rank *—* Date of appointment to *—*

Extended { *—* } Re-engaged { *—* } Qualification (b) *—* or Corps Trade and Rate *—*



Signature of Officer in 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 ...		12 OCT 1916	
		Joined Battalion		22 OCT 1916	
	<i>60 Unit</i>	<i>Wounded in Action</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>4/12/16</i>	<i>Base 4/12/16</i>
	<i>14 C.C.P.</i>	<i>Admitted G.S. Head. transferred</i>	<i>CS</i>	<i>5/12/16</i>	<i>ED 7277</i>
	<i>24 C.C.</i>	<i>Admitted G.S. Head. 5/12/16</i>	<i>Line 8 A. 9</i>	<i>8/12/16</i>	<i>ED 6944</i>
	<i>10 G.S. Head</i>	<i>Dr. Dr. Dr.</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>9/12/16</i>	<i>Ha. 4958</i>
	<i>29 P.B.D.</i>	<i>Joined Base Dep</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>5/1/17</i>	<i>Non Fall</i>
<i>17/2/17</i>	<i>O.C. Unit</i>	<i>Re-joined Battalion</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>5 FEB 1917</i>	<i>B 213</i>
<i>15 APR 1917</i>					
			<i>France</i>	<i>14 APR 1917</i>	<i>B 213</i>

(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.

MAJOR I.P.T.O. No 1 Reg Infantry Section

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

W. B. Glavin & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4, London, W.C. 2. Form B. 121.

Number of Sheet First
Signature of G. O. Company Allderman
Capt.

Regiment of 1st New Brunswick
Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No. <u>2283</u>	Regimental Number and Name <u>Beacon P</u>	Enlistment	Trade <u>Mill-walker</u>
Joined _____ Date _____	Age on <u>29</u> years <u>11</u> months	Place and Date of Enlistment <u>St. John's</u>	Religion <u>Roman Catholic</u>
Joined _____ Date _____	Period of <u>with Colours 140 years</u>	Place of Birth <u>New Brunswick</u>	
Joined _____ Date _____	<u>with Reserve 365 years</u>		

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Case of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or order of discharge with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
		<u>Sgt.</u>		<u>Missing 14 77</u>					

To be carried over