



THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. *1389* Name *Lewis Branson* Corps *W/B*

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment

- 1. What is your name? 1. *Lewis Branson*
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. *Charge Sldo*
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. *Yes*
- 4. What is your age? 4. *22* Years Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. *Boatman*
- 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. *Yes*
- 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, *Lewis Branson* 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.

Lewis Branson SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Phasing Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Lewis Branson* 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 *23* day of *May* 191*5*

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*5*

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)

CP 5389

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal Rifles.
Regt. St. John's, dated May 25, 1918.

#5389 Pte, Louis Brinson.

Attested for General Service with the Royal Rifles Regt.
from 25.5.18

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname

Bruce

OF

Christian Name

Lewis

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

Change Islands, Fogo Dist. Pica.

| | SPECIAL RESERVE | | REGULAR ARMY | |
|---|--|-------------|------------------|------------|
| | Right | Left | Right | Left |
| Examined | on <i>23rd</i> day of <i>May</i> 191 <i>8</i> | on | day of | 191 |
| Declared Age | at <i>St. John's</i> | at | | |
| Trade or Occupation | <i>22</i> years | days | years | days |
| Height | <i>Fisherman</i> | | | |
| Weight | <i>5'</i> feet <i>5 1/2"</i> | inches | feet | inches |
| Chest Measurement | <i>140</i> | lbs. | | lbs. |
| | <i>38</i> | inches | | inches |
| Physical Development | <i>3</i> | inches | | inches |
| | | | | |
| Vaccination Marks | Arms | | | |
| | Number | | | |
| When Vaccinated | | | | |
| Vision | R.F.—V= | <i>6/6</i> | R.E.—V= | |
| | L.E.—V= | <i>6/6</i> | 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>Lewis Paterson</i> | | | |
| (Rank) | <i>Major</i> | | Medical Officer. | |
| Enlisted | at <i>St. John's</i> | at | | |
| | on <i>23rd</i> day of <i>May</i> 191 <i>8</i> | on | day of | 191 |
| Joined on Enlistment | Corps. | Regtl. No. | Corps | Regtl. No. |
| Transferred to | <i>Royal West</i> | <i>5389</i> | | |
| | <i>Regiment.</i> | | | |
| Became non-effective by | on | day of | 191 | on |
| (Signature) | | | day of | 191 |
| (Rank) | | | | |

st in case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of future use. In case of and re-admissions to hospitals will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars ment out of hospital, transfers. etc., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.

Signature of Medical Officer

Has been dangerously ill on and since admission,

did not respond to treatment gradually getting

Arthur W. Cornell

worse never regaining consciousness.

Died 7.p.m. July 30th.

[P.T.O.]

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Medical Examination Held at Headquarters

1. Name Lewis Brownson

Age (a) Declared 22

(b) Apparent

May. 23. 1914

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

What severe illnesses have you had? no

3. Height 5ft 5 1/2

~~1298~~
1389
Weight 140

4. Eyesight (a) Left 6/6

(b) Right 6/6

5. Physical Defects (Examine after strenuous exercise) no

6. Examination of Lungs no

Measurement

(a) Expiration 35

(b) Inspiration 38

7. Examination of Heart no

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, George Brownson

REMARKS--

Cherry Islands
7090 Street

A 11

Archibald

Medical Examiner

Conditions of Service

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.

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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 St. John's

| Line Number | Received | By | Sent | by | Check |
|-------------|----------|----|------|----|-------|
| | | | | | |

Dated July 25, 1918.

To George Brinson,

Change Islands.

Regret to inform you that No. 5889 Pto. Lewis Brinson was admitted General Hospital, St. John's, yesterday suspected Meningitis.

Lieut. Col. W. F. Rendell,

Chief Staff Officer.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 517

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 11 Sent by Chgoalds Rec'd by _____ Check 1/4/- No. _____

Place from Chgoalds 29

To Lieut. Col. W. F. Rendell



If no 5389 Pte Lewis
Brunson better if dies
please have body
sent home.
George Brunson

C.R. 5389

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal
Ifld. Regt. St. John's, dated August 1, 1918.

#5389 Pte. Lewis Brinson.

Died at General Hospital 30-7-18 struck off the strength
from that date.

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender W. V. Warren Lieut. Address _____

| Line Number | Rod | By | Sent | by | Check |
|-------------|-----|----|------|----|-------|
|-------------|-----|----|------|----|-------|

Dated July 30.

To Geo. Brinson
Change Island Fogs

Regret to inform you that 5389 Pte Lewis
Brinson died at General Hospital
of Meningitis this afternoon
Please advise wishes as to disposal
of remains, body embalmed &
coffined

W. F. Rendell
Lt Col. C.S.O.

FOR TYPEWRITER

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 9 Sent by [Signature] Rec'd by [Signature] Check 11/- No. _____

Place from [Signature]

To Ang Islds 34
Genl Col W F Kendall



Send body Lewis Brinson
 Lewisporte Thursday
 Express shall meet it
 there

W. Jones

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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 Dept of Militia.

| Line Number | Red | By | Sent by | Check |
|-------------|-----|----|---------|-------|
| | | | | |

Dated August 1st, 1918

To George Brinston, Change Islands, Fogo

Body of our son learnin by to-day's express.

W.F. Rowdell, Lieut. Col

Chief Staff Officer.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 5389

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
HEADQUARTERS

St. John's, Newfoundland,

August 1st, 1918

From Officer Commanding,
Devot

To D.O.C. Newfoundland,
Militia Department

SIR:

5389 Pte. Lewis Brinson

Above noted man died at the General Hospital
on night of 30th July, 1918. of meningitis.

Casualty Officer was notified by phone and
undertaker Oke given charge of remains with in-
structions to coffin and embalm and await orders
regarding disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Albany
Adjutant
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment
St. John's, Nfld.

C.R. 5389

Jan 3rd, 1919

Mr. Geo. Brinson
Change Island,
FOGO

Dear Sir:-

The Army Council have requested that they may be furnished with particulars of the Graves of all Officers Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of His Majesty's Forces, raised in any part of the British Empire, who died in the Overseas Dominions during the present War. I should be glad, therefore, if you will inform me of the following particulars concerning No. 5389, Private Lewis Brinson:

1.....Location of Grave (for example: Methodist Cemetery, Carbonear)

2.....Whether the Grave has been temporarily or permanently marked; that is what kind of Headstone, if any, has been erected.

A reply to this letter at your earliest convenience would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

Change Islands

Jan 13. 1919.

W. F. Kendall
St John's

C.R. 5389

Dear Sir
Your letter came to my hand
which was dated January 3rd
saying you wanted to know the
particulars of my sons grave
Will he was a Church of
England member therefore
we had him buried in the
Church of England Cemetery at
Change Islands. There is
no headstone put there not
yet if you want to know more
particulars please write again
Yours truly
George Spruce

C.R. 5389

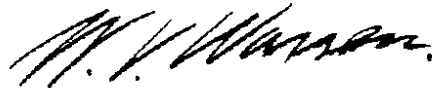
August 2, 1916.

Dear Mr. Brinson:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you by "Register Post" one Watch and Purse, which belonged to your son the late No. 5500 Pte. Lewis Brinson, of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mr. George Brinson,

Change House,

Lieut.
for Lieut. Col. W. E. C.

Orange Island July 2, 1889 5389

To: Department of Militia Affairs Sir yours of the
19 June to hand regarding Pte L Brinson head Stone
I may say I have see the Father and Brothers and also
the only man here who can do the work well and
they are all fishing and I dont think them well be
any chance to get it done untill the End of August
or Sept when there will be some stormy days and there
no doubt but I will get it done O.K but I may say
it will cost more then it would some places the
first thing the sand & Gravel have to be brought
3 or 4 miles in boat and 1/2 of a mile to carry to the
Cemetery I have no fear but the man who ^{will} do it well
give us full time for his money again he wishes
me to ask you for a plan just to show the shape
it should be the most he wish to know if the
head where the stone sets in should be straight
across or on the round hoping you will under-
stand this and write again as I will look after
the Stone when it arrives your very

Humbly Servt^d Elliott J. P.

July 11 23

Arch Elliott Esq. J.P.
Change Islands.

Dear Sir, I thank you for your letter of
2nd July, with reference to preparing the grave of 5389 Pte.L.
Brenson.

Attached are some instructions which might be of service
to the contractor, and will give the dimensions of the curb, also
attached is a chart of the grave as it should look when
finished.

We will await your further instructions before shipping
the headstone, if necessary you might send us a wire.

Your kind attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Lieut.Col.
Chief Staff Officer.