



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2564 Name John W. Brown Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>John W. Brown</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Prussel Hill P.B.</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>3 1/4</u> Years |
| 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>Naval Reserve</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> |

FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR

I, John W. Brown 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.

E. Apr 22/16

John W. Brown SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
J. Powell Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, John W. Brown 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 24 day of Apr. 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer H. O. ...

†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. 2563

John W. Brown was attested for General Service with
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on April 22nd 1916
Regimental No. 2563 was allotted to Pte J.W. Brown.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th 1919

R. 2564

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,
per S.S. "Sicilian" July 19~~1~~1916.

2564 Pte. Brown W.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Brown OF Christian Name John W

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish _____ County _____

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	12	April		191
Declared Age	34	years		days
Trade or Occupation	Carpenter			
Height	5	feet 7 1/2		inches
Weight		185 1/2		lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded...		40	inches
	Range of expansion...		3 1/2	inches
Physical Development				

Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
	Number		1	

When Vaccinated 13 years ago

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>
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(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection

Approved by (Signature) _____ (Rank) _____
 Medical Officer. Medical Officer.

Enlisted at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191

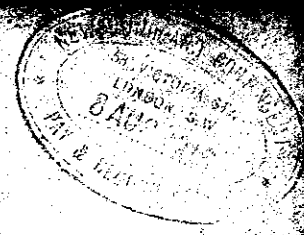
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	1st Nfld. Regt.	2564		
Transferred to				

Became non-effective by _____ on _____ day of _____ 191

(Signature) _____ (Rank) _____

FORM K

No. 2197 3/P.6.



8 AUG 1916

1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

I, John W. Brown, Regl. No. 3564

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

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
2273	Brother	Geo. Jas. Brown	Muscel H. Arm. P. R.	50
<i>Commencing 21/7/16</i>				
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. O. McBeird
Officer Commanding
Company
St. John's
May 26th 1916

(Sig.) John W. Brown
(Rank) Private

Office Copy!

OFFICE COPY

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST to **191** Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps **ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**
 No. **2564** Rank **P. Cpl.** Name **Brown. J. W.**
 Died *(Intestate)* at **Germany** on the **11th** of **Dec.** 191**4**.
 Deserted at on the of 191**4**.

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form I.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month 11. 12. 14	46	12	2
	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	46	12	2	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£46	12	2		£46	12	2

CHECKED.
P. J.

COPIES SENT

TO	DATE
M. OF M.	20 JAN 1919
O.C. ST. BN.	
END. BN.	no 1225/16/POA

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ **46 12 2** is correct and chargeable against the **NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,**

Dated at this day **15 JAN 1919** 191 **CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS.**

- (a) Here state whether the holder died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to the Director-General with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.
- (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

OR. 2564

Extract of Daily Orders part 11, from Unit 1st New-
-foundland Regiment, 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q. dated
March 24, 1917.

#2564 Pte. J.W. Brown, C.Co.,

Appointed Lance Corporal 14/3/17.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated

May 13, 1917.

To

Mr. James Brown,

Mussel Harbor, P.B.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
London, officially reports No. 2564, L. Corp.

John W. Brown, missing April fourteenth.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

Counter No. _____

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

J. M. Squires

Signature of Sender _____ Address _____

St. John's

Line Number	Recd.	By	Sent	by	Check

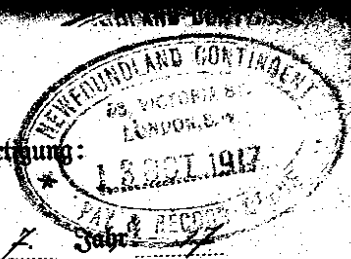
Dated July 20, 1917.

To Mr. James Brown,
Mussel Harbor, P.B.

Have pleasure in informing you Record Office, London, today reports No. 2564, L. Corp. John W. Brown, prisoner of war at Limburg, Germany.

R.A. SQUIRES
Acting Colonial Secretary

FOR TYPEWRITER



Stammlager: Limberg a. L.
Principal-camp:

Datum der Ausfertigung:
Date:

oder
or
Bazarett: 31.
Hospital:

Tag: 5 Monat: 7 Jahr: 17
Day: Month: Year:

Zuname: Brown
Surname:

Vorname: Johr
Christian name:

Rang: L. Cop
Rank:

Reg. oder Korps: Newfoundl. Reg. Nr.: Komp.: 6
Reg. or Corps: Reg. Nr.: Komp.:

Erkennungsmarke Nr.: 2564
Number of identification disc.:

Gefangennahme: Ort: Monchy Datum: 14. 4. 17
Capture: Place: Date:

Ob verwundet, Whether wounded, nicht verw.
Bezeichnung der Wunde: Description of wound:

Geburt: Ort: Kaibour Datum: 26. 4. 88
Birth: Place: Date:

Heimatort: Home place:

Adresse des nächsten Verwandten: Brown Kaibour Kuffel Plowencia
Address of next-of-kin: Ray Kaibour Kuffel

2564

Mr Buffett

March 18th
1918

ANSWERED
MAR 30 1918

To The Minister of Militia

Dear Sir

Please pardon & forgive me for writing to you as I hardly know how to address you, I want to ask you if you can find out if my brother is dead in Germany as there was a boy wrote home & said he was & we thought if it was so that Mother or our Clergy would have had a message from some authority informing her of it. and I thought that you would be the best to know about it & I said I would write you if you can find out would you kindly let me know as soon as you can whether dead or alive I will give his name & rank below by doing so you will oblige me very much as we are very anxious to hear the truth of it

I beg to remain yours truly
Mrs C Hepditch

Le C John W Brown No 2564

P.S. he was a prisoner since last April the 14th

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

C.R. 2564

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&R.O., London dated 29th. April 1918.

Prisoner of War censor, Strand House, W.C.2., writes 20/4/18 and states that a letter has been returned from Germany, signifying that 2564 L/Cpl. J.W.Brown has died in Enemy Hands.No further particulars given.

Authority: As above.

Counter No. _____

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Signature of Sender _____

Address **Dept. of Militia,**

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated April 29th, 1918

To James Brown, Mussel Hr. P.B.

I regret to inform you that the Record Office, London reports reports to-day No. 2564, L/Cpl. John W. Brown unofficially reported died in enemy hands no particulars given.

If further information is received you will immediately be wired.

J.R. Bennett

Actg. Minister of Militia.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:

THIS MESSAGE IS NOT TO BE DELIVERED UNTIL RECEIVING OFFICE NOTIFIES THAT MESSAGE TO CHURCH OF ENGLAND MINISTEROR SCHOOL TEACHER HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND ACTED UPON.

FOR TYPEWRITER

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPH



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Signature of Sender _____ Address Militia Dept.

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated Sept. 21, 1918.

To Mr. James Brown, Lunenburg Harbor, P.B.

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London, that additional information has been officially reports received No 2564 L/Coral John W Brown killed by bomb dropped by aeroplane

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J. R. SHENETT

Minister of Militia.

FOR TYPEWRITER

2564 L/CPL. J. W. BROWN.

2029
C.R.

Letter 21886/442/R.&.O. of 31/12/18 to War Office (C.2.Cas.)

The following statement has been made by 2029 Opl. E. Moss of The Royal Newfoundland Regt. in regard to the above-named man:

"On Tuesday 17/12/18, whilst a patient at Lewisham Military Hospital, Lewisham, an Australian soldier (name unknown) informed me that a prisoner of war of the Newfoundland Regt. named Brown was shot by German soldiers (date unknown), reason given- refusing to do duty, at Bochanine, a town 14 kilos behind Cambrai."

L/C. Brown was reported by the War Office on List No. P.M. 510 of 9/11/18, Page 3- to have been killed by a bomb dropped by an aeroplane on 11/12/17.

Will you kindly pursue enquiries with a view to discovering how L/C. Brown really died?

Reply thereto P.M.S./9871 of 9/4/19. (2091).

With reference to your memorandum 5328/134/R.&.O. of the 4th April on the subject of 2564 Lance Corporal J.W. Brown, 1/Royal Newfoundland Regiment, it has so far not been possible to ascertain the name of the Australian soldier who stated that Lance Corporal Brown was shot by the Germans whilst a prisoner of war.

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C.P.

Nov. 15th. 1914.

Mr. James Brown,
Nassau Harbour,
P.B.

Dear Mr. Brown:

It is my regrettable duty to have to forward to you one package containing the effects of your late son #2564 L/Cpl. John W. Brown of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am enclosing herewith receipt. Will you kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and in the added sorrow which the receipt of these effects must entail.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Lieut.

Casualty Officer

No. of Paper 1371


PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Name Brown J.

C.R. No. 2564

Rank L/Cpl.

Regiment THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Article	Where stored	Notified by
<p><i>Post Cards</i> <i>- letters</i> <i>(in Envelopes)</i></p>		
Final disposal		
<p><i>Mr. James Brown</i> <i>Port au Port</i> <i>N. F.</i></p>		

Remarks :— **DECEASED.**
Next of Kin: - James Brown
Father: Port au Port N.F.

May 30, 1919

Mr. James Brown,
Russell H. Arm,
P. 3.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith
cheque for \$239.82, balance of estate
of late L/Corp. J.W. Brown, due you as
administrator of his estate.

I am also enclosing
Letters of Administration.

Yours truly,

PAYMASTER & O i/c ^{Capt.} RECORDS.

LH/

Enc. 2.

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

July 24th 1922

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2564 Rank Lt. Col.
Name John H. Brown
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

James Brown (Sgd.)
Father Relationship.

Address King's



Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental Number **2564**

Rank **Plt** Surname **Brown** Christian Name **John** Regiment or Corps **24 Newfoundland Regt** **C.R.** **1811**

Religion **Cath** Age on Enlistment **34** years — months.

Enlisted (a) **2/1/16** Terms of Service (a) **Det.** Service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to present rank — Date of appointment to lance rank **14.3.17**

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

Signature of Officer **[Signature]** i/c 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
			2nd Battalion		22 OCT 1916
			With BATT. 24		
14.3.17	O.C.	Apptd. L. Corporal	Unit	14.3.17	21810, 130.
		Was Office Prisoner of War in Germany	France 14 APR 1917		B 213
		captured at Monchy		14.4.17	Off German Ref. forwarded by Geneva Red Cross 70 7 17.
		[Signature]			Majr

(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, Shoosmith, &c.

[P.T.O.]

Army Form B. 121.

Number of Sheet **Final**
Signature of P. C. Company **[Signature]** **Capt.**

on awarded	REMARKS
Burnard	[Signature]

Army Form B. 121.

R 2564

August 2nd, 1920

No. 1766 Ex-Sergt. J. P. Monkler,
124 Pleasant Street,
City

Dear Sir:- No. 2564 L/Cpl. J.W. Brown & Deceased

I should be glad if you will the particulars,
as you know them, of the death of the above noted soldier.
The only record this Department has of his death is that
he was killed by a bomb dropped by an aeroplane, in
enemy hands, and I have been asked to secure your
statement which would convey further information

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.

1. Copy

V. Langl. Major,
D.G.R. & E.
(Newfoundland Contingent)

by the French; and if you were to
see the Major of Bouchain or any of
the residents who were there at the
time, they would be sure to know of
the graves of Sutcliffe and McKenna,
and would very likely remember the
circumstance of Brown's body being
left in the old Military Barracks
the day before they moved out.

Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.
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Army Form B. 121.
 Number of Sheet *Two*

Signature of P. O. Company *W. M. Bennett*
 Rank *Capt.*

Regiment of *Newfoundland*
 Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No. <i>2564</i>	Regimental Number and Name <i>Brown J. W.</i>	Enlistment Age on <i>34</i> years - months	Trade <i>Carpenter</i>	Religion <i>C. of E.</i>	Place of Birth <i>Newfoundland</i>
Joined _____ Date _____	Joined _____ Date _____	Place and Date of Enlistment <i>Apr. 22. 16</i>	Period of (with Colours / <i>234</i> years. (with Reserve / <i>365</i> years.		

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Case of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of ending agreement with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<i>Parasoune 25.8.16</i>		<i>Sgt.</i>		<i>Arriving an A.C.O</i>	<i>Sgt. Bethune</i>	<i>7 days C.B.</i>	<i>25.8.16</i>	<i>Capt. Bernard</i>	<i>S.P.</i>
				<i>Killed by bomb dropped by enemy airplanes</i>	<i>11/17</i>				

To be carried over

NEWFOUNDLAND

Memorandum.

CR 256

No. 266.

FROM

D. G. R. & E.,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
12th July, 1920

To
Chief Staff Officer,
Department of Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

SUBJECT — 2564 L. OPL. J.W. BROWN,
DECEASED.

REPLY.

Reference Nos.

Dated August 6th 1920

(Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE).

"2564 L. Opl. J.W. Brown,
"Killed by a bomb dropped
"by an aeroplane, - in enemy
"hands."

Sergt. Moakler has given
me the following statement:-

The above are the only
particulars of this man's casualty
but if you will get in touch with
1768 ex-Sergt. J.P. Moakler,
124 Pleasant Street, St. John's,
who was one time prisoner of war,
he will be able to supply me with
the necessary information.

Brown was taken prisoner
on April 14th, 1917. On Nov. 26th
1917 the Germans were occupying
Bouchain where Brown was a prisoner
of war in their hands. On that day
British planes came over and dropped
bombs one of which killed him and
two or three Germans. His body was
taken and was left in the top story
of the old military barracks in
Bouchain. On the following day,
Nov. 27th, the Germans moved out.
Moakler states that there were two
Air Force Officers named Sutcliffe
and McKenna buried side by side in
the cemetery just outside the village
towards Arzas, and he is pretty sure
that Brown was placed in a grave
immediately next to these two
officers; it is possible that the
grave is not marked. Moakler
suggests that he was probably buried
by the French; and if you were to
see the Major of Bouchain or any of
the residents who were there at the
time, they would be sure to know of
the graves of Sutcliffe and McKenna,
and would very likely remember the
circumstances of Brown's body being
left in the old Military Barracks
the day before they moved out.

Kindly treat this matter as
urgent.

J. Lang Major,
D.G.R. & E.
(Newfoundland Contingent)

Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer,