

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 1956 Name Benjamin Bursy Corps _____

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Benjamin Bursy</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address?..... | 2. <u>Victoria Cove, Colles Bay</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your Age?..... | 4. <u>19</u> Years..... Months. |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Seaman</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 Bursy 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 Bursy SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Donald W. [Signature] Signature of Witness.

6 Oct. 25th 1915

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Benjamin Bursy 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, Nfld on this 25th day of October 1915.

Donald W. [Signature] Signature of the 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 _____ 1915

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, the 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, (Name) _____ re-enlisted in the (Regiment) _____ on the (Date) _____

C.R. 1956

Benj. Bursey was attested for General Service with
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on October 25th 1915
Regimental No. 1956 was allotted to Pte Benj. Bursey

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th 1919

C.R. 170

Extract from Nominal Roll Entrained for Overseas St. John's,
Dec. 18th, 1915. "H".

1956 Pte. Bursey Benjamin.

To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisted in Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Barnes

OF

Christian Name Benjamin

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County St. John

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>26</u> day of <u>Oct</u> 191 <u>5</u> at <u>St. John St. John</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191____ at _____	
Declared Age	<u>19</u> years _____ days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation				
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>7½</u> inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	<u>144</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>37</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>4</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
		<u>1</u>		
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V==	<u>4/6</u>	R.E.—V==	
	L.E.—V==	<u>4/6</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>Samuel Paterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Capt.</u> Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St. John</u> on <u>26</u> day of <u>Oct.</u> 191 <u>5</u>		at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191____	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1st St. John Regt</u>	<u>1956</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on _____ day of _____ 191____		on _____ day of _____ 191____	
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Table III.—Boards; Courts of Inquiry; Inoculations; Foreign Service, Extension, Re-assignment, or Modification of Service; Medical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
NOV. 8 th /15	1 st Inoculation
" 20 th /15	2 nd
Dec. 24/15	Free
9. 6. 16	Fit for Foreign Service H.H.W.

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
St John's					

Regimental Number 1956

Company G.

THE
1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

I hereby enlist for service at home or abroad in the King's
Forces under the following conditions:

For the duration of the present war, or until my
discharge.

Subject to the Army Act, the King's Regulations,
and to such ordinances as may apply or may
be made to apply to the British Regular Army.

Subject to the Newfoundland Volunteer Act,
5 George V., Chapter IV.

Signed Benjamin. Busey

Witness H. H. Howsell (2nd Lieut.)

Dated at St. John's

May 24th 1916

PAY LIST.

Regiment or corps *1st Newfoundland*

No. *1956*

Rank *Private*

Name *A. P. Pinsky*

Died (a) *in the field* at *name*

on the *14* of *October*

191*6*

Deserted at

on the _____ of _____

191*6*

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.			Or.	£ s. d.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month <i>14th Octob</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</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			
	"				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Consolidated stoppage				Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster				Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£				£		
						<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>

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 _____



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Paymaster

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be submitted to the 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.

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHIC



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 as part of 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
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Dated 18th October, 1916.

To Mr. Andrew Bursey,
Victoria Cove, Gander Bay.

Regret to inform you Record Office London today advises
No. 1956 Private Benjamin Bursey Died of Wounds at 36th
Casualty Clearing Station France October fifteenth.

J.R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 1906

Extract of Daily Orders part 11. 3rd Echelon B.E.F. received
from P. & R. O. November 21st. 1916.

#956 Pte B. Bursey.

Died 14/10/16. Buried Heilly Station Cemetry $2\frac{1}{2}$ Miles N.N.E.
of Corbin Report Mericourt l'Abbe 2.90.

November 18th. No. 4 Gravesites. ←

May 15, 1918.

Dear Mr. Burse:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you by Express one "KIT BAG" which belonged to your son, the late #1956 Pte. B. Burse 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,

Captain.

Mr. Andrew Burse,
Victoria Cove,
Gander Bay.

Enc'l 1.

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Victoria Cove Sanders Bay

May 6/18

To the Paymaster
Department of Militia
St. John's

Dear Sir

I have not yet received the Kit Bag
that you wrote me you were sending
last fall belonging to my late son
Benjamin Bursay Regt No 1956
will you kindly let me know
what has become of it - I understood
you were sending by express in that
case it may be there at Lewisport -

Yours &c

B. Andrew Bursay
W.F.

C.R. 1956

May, 23rd. 18.

Mr. Andrew Bursey,
Victoria Cove.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of May, 6th., I beg to state, that after our letter had been mailed we found that the Express Company could not take the package, and consequently, shipment was delayed until recently.

It has now gone forward and should be in your hands shortly.

Yours faithfully,

Capt. A. P. ...

PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Received from Militia Department

Package of effects of the late

No 1956 Private Benjamin Bursey
Victoria leave

his
Signed Andrew + Bursey
mark

(Witness, R. S. Torrville)

Date June 1st 1918

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B, 218, or Army Form A, or other official documentary sources.



REGIMENT } **1st Bn. "1st Newfoundland Regt."** Squadron,
CORPS } Troop, Battery or Company

Regtl. No. 1900 Rank Private

Name Bursey, B.

Died { Date 14/10/16.
Place France.
Cause of Death* Died of wounds received in action.

Nature and Date of Report Message from 56th. C.C.S. 21/10/16.

By whom made C.C. 56th. C.C.S.

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Not yet received.
Date ditto.
By whom reported _____

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received.
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) ditto.
(c) as a separate document _____

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } [Signature] **LIEUT. COLONEL.**
Major I/c Regular Infantry Section No. 4
General Headquarters, 1st Echelon.

Station and Date 51/10/16.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Copy of True Copy

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland
 Regimental No. 956 Rank Pte Name Dunsey B
 Enlisted (a) 21.10.15 Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 21.10.15
 Date of promotion } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
 to present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }
 Extended _____ Re-engaged 21.5.16 Qualification (b) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 56, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 56, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked Southampton		21.6.16	
		Disembarked Douen		26.6.16	
		joined Battalion		12.7.16	
15.10.16	W.C.H.D.S.	Ad. P.W. Chest	C.C.D.	12.10.16	E.D. 4489
21.10.16	W.C.H.D.S.	pen. arm fracture	Home		
		End of 11 month			

W. Dunsey
 441.99
 Office of the Surgeon-General
 General Hospital

(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) e.g., Signaller, Shoemaker, Smith, etc., etc. also special qualifications in technical Corps, etc.

January 15th, 1918.

Andrew Bursley, Esq.,
Victoria Cove,
Gander Bay.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$39.26, being
the balance due you as Administrator of the Estate of
the late Pte. B. Bursley. I also enclose a letter of
Administration.

Yours faithfully,

Capt.
Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

ENCLOSURES 2.

SEP. 14 1921

1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. Andrew Bursey (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 1956 Rank Pte.

Name Benjamin Bursey Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~Nfld. Expeditionary Force~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Above mentioned

Signature Andrew Bursey

Date Sept 21 1921

Address Victoria Lodge 915

[P.T.O.]

Victoria Cove,

Gander Bay,

August 7th 1920.

To:

W.F. Rendell,
Lieut. Col.,
Chief Staff Officer,
Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

Gentlemen:-

I received photograph
of the grave of my son to-day. Thanks
for same.

Would be pleased if you
would send me two more copies of this
photograph.

Respectfully yours,
(SGD). Mr. Andrew Bursay,
Victoria Cove,
Gander Bay.

See 2677

