

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 1381 Name Goliath Bursley Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your name? 1. Goliath Bursley
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. Clareville
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
- 4. What is your age? 4. 19 Years 6 Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Laborer
- 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, Goliath Bursley 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.

Goliath Bursley SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

R.P. Halloway Signature of Witness.

5 April

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Goliath Bursley 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 stated as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at Clareville on this 5 April day of 1916.

R.P. Halloway 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 1st Battalion.

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 1916 } Approving Officer

Place

† 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.

Name John [unclear]
 Apparent age 19 years 6 months 7 days
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 37 1/2 inches
 Range of expansion 2 1/2 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin William [unclear]
 Relationship Father

Particulars as to Marriage

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.
 (c) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>1-4-16</u>									
Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>April 18/16</u>									
<u>Embarked St John's St. Sebastian for 14th 19/16</u>									<u>Comptroller for B.M. 3/16</u>
<u>Joined unit in the field 14-10-16</u>									
<u>Invalider to England 15/16</u>									<u>Admitted 3 1/2 M. Hosp. Queen's Bench Street 28/16</u>
<u>Embarked for B.M. 3/17</u>									
<u>U.S.N. Colliery</u>									<u>Admitted 9th Hosp. Queen's 25/17</u>
<u>Admitted to 9th General Hosp. Queen's 25/17</u>									
<u>Died in Hospital 30-11-17</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Date of discharge 30-11-17

C.R. 2381

G. Bursey was attested for General
Service with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT ON April 1st 1916.
Regimental No. 2381 was allotted to ~~Reg~~ G. Bursey.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger;

Dept. of Militia.

March 25th 1919

C.R. 2381

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

2381 Pte. Bursley G.

C.R. 2381

Extract from Nominal Roll of Nfld. Regt. Draft No. 23
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.S.F. Embarked Folkestone
5/8/17

2381, Pte. G. Bursey.

10-11
 Reserved only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting
 in the Army



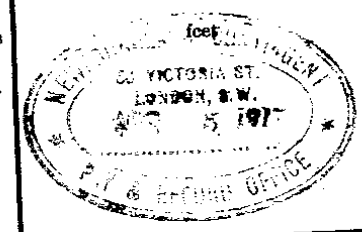
MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Bursey OF Christian Name Robert G.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish _____ County _____

Examined on 31st day of March 1916 at St. John's N.B.
 Declared Age 19 years 6 days
 Trade or Occupation _____
 Height 5 feet 7 1/4 inches
 Weight _____ lbs.
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded... 37 1/2 inches
 Range of expansion... 2 1/2 inches



	Right		Left	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Vaccination Marks { Arm				
{ Number				

When Vaccinated _____
 Vision R.E.—V=6/6 6/9 L.E.—V=6/9
 R.E.—V= _____ L.E.—V= _____

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease _____
 (b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection _____

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

Enlisted at St. John's on 31st day of March 1916 on _____ day of _____ 1916
 Corps. _____ Regtl. No. _____ Corps. _____ Regtl. No. _____

Joined on Enlistment 1st Nfld Reg. _____
 Transferred to _____
 Regtl. No. 2381

Became non-effective by _____ on _____ day of _____ 1916 on _____ day of _____ 1916
 (Signature) _____ (Rank) _____

PAY LIST

to

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *Royal Newfoundland Regiment*
 No. *2381* Rank *Private* Name *Bunsey, G.*
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *France* on the *30th* of *November* 191*7*.
 Discharged 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>30th/17</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</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 _____			
	<i>191</i>				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	<i>4</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	<i>4</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>0</i>

COPY SENT TO
 O.C. H.Q.
 ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.
B279
16881/177
23¹⁰
 Consolidated stoppage

CHECKED.
12/10/17

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*7* 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 (Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.)
 (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

SIGNAL.

FIELD SERVICE

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the latest available notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documents.

NEWFOUNDLAND
N.F.P. 36, No. 1427/15
DATED 21 DEC 1917

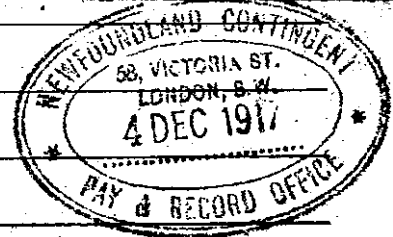
REGIMENT Newfoundland. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } D. Co.

Regimental No. XXXXX. 2591 Rank Private.

Surname Bursey. Christian Names G.

Date 22/11/17. Place France.

Died Cause of Death* Died of Wounds received in Action.



Nature and Date of Report Telephone message from "Casualties" 30/11/17.

By whom made O.C. 9th. Gen. Hp. (Lakeside U.S.A.) Rouen.

* 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.

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

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.

Station and Date } G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon. 30/11/17. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } Thomson 2nd. Lt. for Major, Adjutant-General's Office at 0554 Coy 1 / e No. 1 Infantry Section.

C.R. 2381

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&.R.O.

December 7th. 1916.

2381, Pte G. Bursey. ✓

1/Newfoundland R. Trench Foot Severe Adm. 3 Sty. Hos.

Rouen 25th. November 1916 .

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.
FOREIGN AND COLONIAL TELEGRAMS ONLY.
 (Telegrams for North America, Central America or West Indies excepted.)

Counter Number

A s
M

Prefix.	Words.	Code.	Charge.			Sent	Date Stamp.
			e	s	d.		
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			At.....M.			For Postage Stamps. <i>To be affixed by the Sender. Any Stamp for which there is not room here should be affixed at the back of this form.</i> (A Receipt for the Charges on this Telegram can be obtained, price One Penny.)	
			To.....				
			By.....				

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The Sender's Name and Address, or either of them, if to be telegraphed, must be written at the end of the text of the Telegram.

TO { D.A.G. BASE FRANCE 290
30/11/17

2381 PRIVATE G BURSEY NEWFOUNDLAND REGT DANGEROUSLY ILL
 GSW CHEST NINTH GENERAL HOSPITAL ROUEN AAA WAR OFFICE
 STATES 1348 PTE F J BURSEY NEWFOUNDLAND REGT MAY VISIT
 HIM AAA ~~TAKE~~ NECESSARY ACTION
 S YNOPTICAL

I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded (via* 58 ~~via the~~ ~~conditions~~ ~~which~~ are printed on the back hereof, and by which I agree to be bound.
 Signature and Address of Sendor (not to be telegraphed) _____

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TO

D. A. G. BASE FRANCE

291
30/11/17

REFERENCE MY TELEGRAM THIS DATE 2381 BURSEY NEWFOUNDLAND

REGIMENT DIED TODAY THIRTIETH

SYNOPTICAL

I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded [via*] subject to the Conditions which are printed on the back hereof, and by which I agree to be bound.

Signature and Address of Sender (*not to be telegraphed*) **58 Victoria St. S.W. 1.**

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C.R. 2387

2381 Pte Goliath Bursey.

Extract of Casualty List received November 30th 1917

Died of Wounds at 9th General Hospital Rouen Nov 30th
Gunshot wound Chest.

NEWFOUNDLAND 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 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 John M. Shubert Address _____

Line Number	Red	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated November 30, 1917.
 To Mr. Reuben Bursey.
Clareville.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports No. 2381, Private Goliath Bursey, died as a result of gunshot wound in the chest at Ninth General Hospital, Rouen, November thirtieth.

R.A. SQUIRES
 Colonial Secretary.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR
 This message is not to be sent until receiving office notifies that message to Rev. E.P. Ward, Shoal Hr., has been delivered and acted upon.

FOR TYPEWRITER

Clareville

Decth
26 1917

To the pay and Record Office
Dear Sirs

In Reference to my son
who died of wounds on
the 30th of Nov in the
9th General Hospital

to Solihull Bursary no 2381

I'm informed that they
don't get their full amount
of wages when they go
to the trenches

if he got any money then
I would like to get it
its his wish

as he leaved me an
old broken hearted father
to die for King and
Country and The freedom

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of the world. He has ~~any~~
only help

Yours Respectfully
Mr Ruben Bursey
Coburnville
Trinity Bay
N.F.L.D.

✓
1005

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[Handwritten signature or initials]

1732/1/Ests.

2nd February

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Mr. Reuben Burssey,

Clarenville, T. B.

Newfoundland,

Sir, 2381, Private Goliath Burssey.

With reference to your letter, 26/12/17, relative to the estate of the above Deceased Soldier. Full particulars of his non-effective account will be sent to the Minister of Militia, when available. Meanwhile your claim as a beneficiary of the estate, should be sent to the Minister of Justice, St. John's.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Major,
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

FM/S

AMERICAN CONTINGENT.
RECORD OFFICE.
4423
MAY 16 1918
8031/338
✓

) Colareville
April 10, 1918

To pay and Record Office
just a round to you
I am in Rezurence
of my Boy. pte
Solihth Sunsey, who
died of wounds Nov 29.
I had correspondants
from the General Hospital
telling me that his content
would be looked after
and sent me later on
I would like to get
something belong to him
I havent received any
thing yet. I think what
belong to him should be
sent me. if our King
would grant any war

Instrument belong to him
I would like to get.
Something in remembrance
of him to look at when
I am alive.
he was my youngest
and only trust I had on
earth.

Yours truly

Mrs Reuben Bursey
Clareville
Trinity Bay
N.S.W.

My Boy
p/c Goliath Bursey
no 2381.

this was his
name & address number

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May 14,

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Dear Mr. Burse:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you, one package of effects, which belonged to your son, the late #2381 Pte. G. 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. Reuben Burse,
Clarendville.

Enc'l 1.

PERSONAL EFFECTS

Received from Militia Department

Package of effects of the late *Josiah Burrey*

Signed *Mr Ruben Burrey*

Clarendon

Unity Bay

Date

M

December 15, 1917.

Sir,

Enclosed herewith you will find letter addressed to me on the 11th instant by Mr. Reuben Bursey, of Clarendville, T.B., in which he speaks of the personal effects and monies due in respect of his son, No. 2381, Private Goliath Bursey, who died of wounds on November 30th.

Will you kindly communicate with Mr. Bursey in relation to the matters to which his refers?

With respect to his request that furlough may be granted to his other son, I have pointed out to him that this is a matter which is entirely in the hands of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, to whom his son should make direct application.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

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

SEPARATION ALLOWANCE.

Claimant, *Reuben Bursley* *Father*

Deceased
On account of *Goliath Bursley* No. *238* Rank *Pte*.....

Decision..... *Refused*
applicant not incapacitated

Date, *Jan 31 1920*

W. Rendell Lieut. Col.
M. Bowley Major

Instructions.....
.....
.....

Allotment of *70⁴* per *day* payable to *Reuben Bursley*
his *Father* from *1/15/16* to *Stills current*

2121 Discontinued on account of

L. Lake V. Sgt.

Jan. 12, 1920

Mr. Reuben Barsey,
Clareville.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your application for Separation Allowance, I have been directed to inform you that same cannot be granted, as there is nothing in your application to show that during the period of your son's service you were not just as capable of supporting yourself as you ever were, and consequently you cannot be considered to be dependent upon your son.

Yours truly,

Major

Paymaster.

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

Aug 28 18 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2381 Rank *PC*
Name *Polish Bursey*
Royal Newfoundland Regt.
Reuben Bursey ^{*hair mark*} (Sgd.)
Father Relationship.
Address *LeLorenville I.B.*

SEP 14 1921.

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

Mr. Reuben Bursey (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2381 Rank Pte.

Name Goliath Bursey Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~Nfld. Forest Battalion~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received _____

Signature Reuben Bursey

Date Sept 20th 1921

Address 6 Careville

[Signature]

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number

Casualty Form - Active Service.



Regiment or Corps *1st Buffs*
 Rank *Private* Surname *Bursey* Christian Name *Leath*
 Religion *Methodist* Age on Enlistment *19* years *6* months
 Enlisted (a) *St. John's* Terms of Service (a) *Duration* Service reckons from (a) *1/11/16*
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) _____
 or Corps Trade and Rate _____
 Signature of Officer. *J. H. ... Capt*

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 <i>Shampton</i>	<i>1. 8. 17</i>	
			Disembarked... <i>Rowen</i>	<i>7. 8. 17</i>	<i>B 213</i>
			Joined Battalion		
<i>27/11/17</i>	<i>O.C. 9 Coy</i>	<i>Recd. of wounds</i>	<i>Rowen</i>	<i>27/11/17</i>	<i>Recd. of wounds</i>
			<i>2nd Lt. for Major</i>		
<i>30/11/17</i>	<i>G.H.O., 3rd Echelon, B.E.F.</i>		<i>Office 1/s No. 1 Infantry Section.</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.

[P.T.O.]

PENSION BOARD
FOR NEW ZEALAND

HON. J. A. CLIFT, K.C., C.B.E.
MAJOR W. H. PARSONS, M.C.,
R.A.M.C.



St. John's,

June 1st/20

Lt. Col. Rendell,
Chief Staff Officer,
City.

2381 G. Bursley, Application for pension
dated Nov. 1918.

Sir:-

The application of Rueben Bursley for pension has been under consideration of the Board from which the following appear:-

Applicant 59 years of age, dependent for three years. That deceased contributed \$24.00 per month to applicant previous to enlistment - Allotment \$21.00 per month. Deceased died in Hospital, France, in Nov. 1918. Applicant was apparently able even on his own statement respecting his Rheumatism to earn including work as fire warden, at least one half of \$480.00. The other half should be contributed by his unmarried son and son who was married a year after the decease of the soldier.

In addition to this it was estimated Applicant had some lands from which some benefit was derived. In view of this the Commissioners decided there was no dependency shown.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,



Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army

Number

Signature of O. C. Company

Regiment of *1st New Brunswick*

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay



Enlistment
 Age on 19 years 6 months
 Trade *Labourer*
 Religion *Meth.*
 Place and Date of Enlistment *St. John's 28th 1776*
 Period of { with Colours 2 1/2 years
 { with Reserve 3 1/2 years
 Place of Birth *Carletonville*

REMARKS

By whom awarded

Date of award or of expiry of badge with this

Punishment awarded

Names of Witnesses

OFFENCE

Cases of Drunkenness

Rank

Date of Offence

Place

Deed of Honour 20th 77

To be carried over