

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 3939 Name John A. Benton Corps Co of 6

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. John A. Benton
2. What is your full Address? 2. R. Ross B. Lawrence
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
4. What is your age? 4. 21 Years 8 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Bookbinder
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. 7 { Name
Corps
FOR THE WAR
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, John A. Benton 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.
18/8/17 John A. Benton SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
John A. Benton Signature of Witness.

John A. Benton 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 18th day of Aug 1917.
Signature of Attesting Officer John A. Benton

†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 1917
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 Discharge and Certificates of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously addressed to the (Name) re-enlisted in the (Regiment).

C.R. 3939

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Nfld.
Regt., St. John's, Aug. 23rd, 1917.

3939 Pte. J. A. Burton.

Attested Aug. 18th posted to G. Coy, and assigned number
as shown.

C.R. 3939

Interest Free National Oil ~~Company~~ "Subsidiary" of John's Ice
Creams, Inc. H.O. "Florisol" Oct. 2nd, 1917.

3939 Pts. J. Burton.

Extract of Nominal Roll of draft No. 40, 80 other ranks from
2nd. Bn., Royal Newfoundland Regiment, Winchester, to 1st. Bn.
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, B.E.F.

Embarked Southampton, 27-3-18.

3939, Pte. John A. Burton.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

Ross Blanche

County

Nfld

| | SPECIAL RESERVE | | REGULAR ARMY | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Examined | on | 18 day of Aug. 1917 | on | day of 191 |
| | at | Headquarters | at | |
| Declared Age | | 21 years 8 mos | years | days |
| Trade or Occupation | | Fisherman | | |
| Height | | 5 feet 9 inches | feet | inches |
| Weight | | 138 1/2 lbs. | | lbs. |
| Chest Measurement | Girth when fully expanded | 36 inches | | inches |
| | | 4 inches | | inches |
| Physical Development | | | | |
| Vaccination Marks | Right | Left | Right | Left |
| | Arm | | | |
| | Number | | | |
| When Vaccinated | | | | |
| Vision | R.E. | 4/36 | R.E.—V= | |
| | L.E. | 6/12 | 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) | | | | |
| (Rank) | | | | |
| | | Medical Officer. | | Medical Officer. |
| Enlisted | at | St. Johns Aug. 18 1917 | at | day of 191 |
| | on | 18 day of Aug. 1917 | on | day of 191 |
| Joined on Enlistment | Corps. | 4th | Corps. | |
| | Regtl. No. | 3939 | Regtl. No. | |
| Transferred to | | Nfld | | |
| Became non-effective by | | | | |
| | on | day of 191 | on | day of 191 |
| [Signature] | | | | |
| [Rank] | | | | |

ORIGINAL

PAY LIST to 191 Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
No. 3939 Rank Private Name Burton J.
Died (Intestate) at France on the 30th of September 1918.
Deserted at on the of 191

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

Table with columns: Date, Dr., £, s., d., Cr., £, s., d.
Rows include: Balance Dr. last month, Cash issues, Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay, Messing allowance, Kit allowance, Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2, Consolidated stoppage, Balance due by the Paymaster, Balance due to the Paymaster.

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to / / and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

Stamp: P.P.A. 30 APR 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 8 19 10 is correctly chargeable against the Public (6).

Dated at this day of 30 APR 1919

Signature: Chief Paymaster & Officer in Charge

(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.

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 218 or Army Form A. 86, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT OR CORPS Royal Newfoundland. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company _____
 Regimental No. 3959. Rank Private.
 Surname Burton. Christian Names J. A.



Died { Date 30-9-18. Place France or Belgium. Cause of Death* Died of Wounds received in Action.
 Nature and Date of Report Death report, 1/8-10-18, N/20594/2.
 By whom made O.C., 56th, C.C.S.

| COPIES SENT | | |
|---------------|-----|------|
| To | No. | DATE |
| M. OF M. | 2/4 | |
| O.C. 1st. Bn. | | |
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* 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) 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 } 12 OCT 1918 Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature] Lt. Col, R.A.
 Adjutant-General's Office at the Base

O. i/c No 1 Infantry Section.
G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon.

C.R.3939

Extract from Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated July 8th 1918.

#3939 Pte. J. Burton.

Influenza.

Admitted Convalescent Dep. Etaples June 28th, 1918.

C.R. 3939

Extract from War Office List No. C. 1710 dated 10/10/18.

43939 Pte. J. Burton.

WOUNDED 23-9-18.

CR 3939

Extract ~~from~~ from Progress Report No. P. 144423, dated
14th. October 1918.

O.C. 36 Cas. Clg. Stn. France reports 30th Sept. 1918.

3939 Pte. J. Burton

1st Newfoundland Regiment.

DIED 30th Sept. 1918.

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 _____ Address Dept of Militia

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

Oct 10th, 1918

Dated

To **Anne Burton, Rose Blanche**

To

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London, officially reports No. 3959, Private John A. Burton died of wounds at 36th Casualty Clearing Station Sept. 30th no particulars given. Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J. R. Bennett

Minister of Militia.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:

This Message is not to be delivered until Receiving Office notifies that Message to **Church of England**

has been received and acted upon

Minister of School Teachers

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 3939

February 15th 1919.

Mrs. Annie Barton,
New Blanche.


Dear Mrs. Barton:

It is my regrettable duty to have to forward to you one envelope containing effects which belonged to your late son No. 3929 Pte. John A. Barton, of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Herewith enclosed you will find 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 that the receipt of these effects must entail.

Yours sincerely,


Lieut.
Casualty Officer.

C.R. 3939

RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

ONE ENVELOPT CONTAINING EFFECTS OF THE LATE NO. 3939
Pte. John A. Barton.

SIGNED *Mrs Annie Burton*

DATE *March 6th 1919*

C.R. 3939

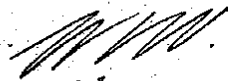
Jan. 3rd 1919

Dear Mrs. Burton:-

I beg to inform you that we have received news, by mail, from our Pay and Record Office, London, which states that your son the late #3939 Pte. John A. Burton, was buried at Haringhe Bandaghem Military Cemetery, Roussbrugge-Haringhe, 6 miles N.W. of Poperinghe, Belgium

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut.

CASUALTY OFFICER.

Mrs. Annie Burton,
Rue Blanche.

WVS/MP.

October 13, 1919

Mr. Thomas Burton,
Rose Blanche, P.B.

Dear Sir:

I enclose cheque for \$43.75
balance of estate of late Pte. J. Burton, due
you as Administrator.

I am also enclosing Letters
of Administration.

J. C. S.
Yours truly,

Major
PAYMASTER & O I/O RECORDS

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Enc. 2

Newfoundland Customs.

Port of ~~St. John's~~ ^{St. John's} Aug. 20th 1920

Dear Sir,

Just a line re the late
Private John A. Hunter, 2939, of
Régiment Blanche who was killed
in France during the closing
days of the War. I am his father
and I would like to know
if I am entitled to any of
my son's estate, gratuity,
or otherwise, if so please advise
as to how this may be obtained
and oblige yours respectfully

John A. Hunter

To
Militaire Department
St. John's

State of abandoned soldier was paid to his father 3/10/18.
gratuity or other money payable to deceased man.

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of

Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of

Plate No. 3939 Rank LC

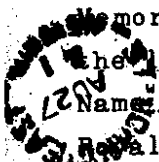
Name John A. Burton

.....
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Mrs. Annie Burton (Sgd.)

Mother Relationship.

Address Rose Blanche R.F.D.



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1921.

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

Mrs. Annie Burton (Mother)

in respect of his service as No. 3939 Rank Pte.

Name John A. Burton Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory Medal and/or British War Medal

Signature Mrs Annie Burton (Mother)

Date September 24th

Address Rose Blanche St 2 D.

[P.T.O.]

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. 3939 ... Name Burton, J.

To Certify that I have received the AB 64 of the above
named soldier.

Name Mrs. Annie Burton

Date ... August 14th 1920 ...

Place. Post. Blanche. D. 7. 20

N.B. For completion and return to the Department of Militia
Insert in corner of envelope "AB 64"

WJ

Army Form B. 103.

Regiment Number **CR 3939**

Casualty Form Active Service.

Regiment or Corps **21 Royal Newfld Regt**

Rank **Pte** Surname **Burton** Christian Name **J.M.**

Religion **R.C.** Age on Enlistment **21** years **8** months

Enlisted (a) **18.11.17** Terms of Service (a) **Quartermaster** Service reckons from **17.11.17**

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance **17.11.17**

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) **Quartermaster** or Corps Trade and rate **Quartermaster**

Occupation **Quartermaster** **at 7, 8 and 9th Bns** Signature of Officer **[Signature]**



| Report | | Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B 213, Army Form A. 38, 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. 38, or other official documents. |
|--------|--------------------|---|-------------------|------------------|---|
| Date | From whom received | | | | |
| | | Embarked ... | 27 MAR 18 | | |
| | | Disembarked | 27 MAR 18 | | |
| | | Joined Battalion | 4-4-18 | | |
| | 20 Camp | Ad Influenza | James Cummins | 21-6-18 | Ad 25268 |
| | Camp | | Clapton | 28-6-18 | Ad 257 |
| | | Admitted to hospital | Ficed | 29-9-18 | B 213 |
| | 872a | Ad Grooved from knee | 36 CES | 29/9/18 | F.B 7363 |
| | 36 CES | Ad of wounds | Ficed | 30-9-18 | Report. 1/2939/2 |
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(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.

W. 5327-M2093 1000m 7/17 (25688) C. P. & S., Ltd. Forms B./103 B/1558. [P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121

Number of Sheet *1*

Signature of O. O. Company *[Signature]*

Regiment of *1st Newfoundland*

[Signature]

Forms B. 121, 99.

Regimental Number and Name

No. *1939*
 Name *Burton J. A.*
 Date _____
 Date _____
 Date _____
 Date _____

Enlistment

Age on *21* years *8* months
 Place and Date of Enlistment *St. John's N.F.S. 17*
 Period of *4 1/2* years with Colours
3 1/2 years with Reserve

Trade

Fisherman

Religion

C. of E.

Place of Birth

Place _____ Date of Offence _____ Rank _____

O F F E N C E

Names of Witnesses

Punishment awarded

Date of award or dispensing with trial

By whom awarded

REMARKS

Druid of B. wounds. 30/18

To be carried over