

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No 199

Name Willis G. Burton Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment

1. What is your name? Willis G. Burton
2. What is your full Address? Long Island
3. Are you a British Subject? yes
4. What is your age? 21 Years 2 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? fisherman
6. Are you Married? no
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? no
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? no
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? yes

I, Willis G. Burton 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.

Willis G. Burton SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
John Signature of Witness.

E. No 2/b

W. G. Burton 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 noted as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at Long Island on this 2 day of Nov 1911.

John 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 compiled with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the 1st Regt.
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:
re-enlisted in the (Regiment).....on the (Date)
re:—(Name).....

Applicable to all ranks. To complete with regard to the following items:

Name William J. Johnston

Apparent age 1 years 7 months. Height 10 feet 10 inches

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded _____ inches
Range of expansion 4 inches

Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Joseph Johnston Sr.

Wards Ave. N.Y.C. | Relationship _____

Long Island N.Y. 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 to reckon 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>2-11-16</u>									
Joined at <u>St Johns</u> on <u>November 2</u> 191 <u>6</u>									
<u>Killed in Action - July 10th 1917</u>									
<u>Embarked St Johns N.Y. bound to Windsor N.S. 31-1-17. Embarked for St. John's N.S. 12-1-17. Joined Battle 2-7-17.</u>									
<u>Killed in Action 10-7-17</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 10-7-17 [date of discharge] 25 years 1 day

C.R. 3199

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal Wfld.
Regt., St. John's, Nov.9th, 1916.

3199 Pte. W.G. Burton.

Attached to the Strength from Nov.2/16.

C.R. 3199

Extract from Nominal Roll Draft - embarked St. John's, per

S.S. "GRAMPIAN" 31/3/17 sailed Halifax 16/4/17.

3199 Pts. W.G. Burton.

C.R. 3199

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft No.25; Embarked Southampton 11/6/17
from 2/1st Newfoundland Regiment Newton-on-Ayr, to 1/1st Newfoundland
Regiment B.E.F.

3199 Pte.Burton, W.G.

MP.

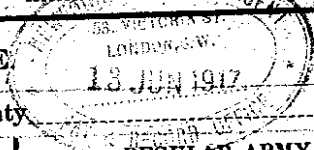
To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Barton

Christian Name Willis

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE



Birthplace:—Parish _____

County _____

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on 2nd day of Nov 1916 at St John's Rfld		on _____ day of _____ 191____ at _____	
Declared Age	21 years 7 months		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	Sinker		_____	
Height	5 feet 10 inches	_____	_____ feet _____ inches	_____
Weight	128 lbs.	_____	_____ lbs.	_____
Chest Measurement	Grith when fully expanded ... 38 inches		_____ inches	
	Range of Expansion ... 4 inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks	Arm	_____	_____	_____
	Number	_____	_____	_____
When Vaccinated	_____		_____	
Vision	R.E.—V= 6/6 L.E.—V= 6/6		R.E.—V= _____ 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>W. A. Paterson</u>		_____	
(Rank)	Major		_____	
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at St John's Rfld on 27 day of Nov 1916		at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191____	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps. 1st Rfld Regt	Regtl. No. 3199	Corps. _____	Regtl. No. _____
Transferred to	_____		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____		_____	
(Signature)	_____		_____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	

Form III - Boards, Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, etc., etc., etc. - Examination of
 Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement or Prolongation of service, Issue of Sur-
 gical Appliances, Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
12.12.16.	Vaccination <i>SP</i>
7.11.16	} TAB <i>SP</i> 3. <i>SP</i>
14.11.16	
15.12.16	

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
<i>Hd Troopship Windsor</i>	<i>31-1-17</i> <i>3-2-17</i>	<i>3-2-17</i>			

NON-ESTIMATED ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *Newfoundland*
 No. *3199* Rank *Private* Name *Burton W. G.*
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *France* on the *10th* of *July* 191*7*.
 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.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</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			
	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	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>		£	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>
			<i>3</i>				<i>3</i>	

RLG 5/24/17
RLG 7/11/17

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 _____ 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 with Army Form B, 2090 or Army Form C, 1815.
 (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

ORIGINAL
FIELD SERVICE.

LONDON
25 JUL 1917

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. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT. Squadron, } B Company
or } Troop, Battery }
CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 3199 Rank Private

Name BURTON, W.J.

Died { Date July 10th., 1917.

{ Place Belgium.

{ Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213, 10/7/17.

By whom made O.C., Unit.

* 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 _____

{ Date _____

{ By whom reported _____

DUPLICATE.
O.C. H.Q.
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.
SER. No. _____
DATED 3 AUG 1917

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

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

W. Mohr
Lieut. for
Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1
3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., E.F.

Station and Date 30/7/17.

Counter No. _____

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.

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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 W. M. Stirling Address _____

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated July 21, 1917.

To Mr. Joseph Burton, Sr.,
Ward's Hr.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports No. 3199, Private Willis G. Burton, was killed in action July tenth.

R.A. SQUIRES
Acting Colonial Secretary

NOTE FOR OPERATOR

This message is not to be sent until receiving office notifies that message to Rev. Mr. Howell, Long Island, has been delivered and acted upon.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 3199
Wards H₂
July 31st - 1917

Sir W.E. Davidson

Governor Le Johns

Dear Governor and Lady Davidson

myself and Mrs. Burton

Desire to sincerely thank you for your very kind expression of sympathy on the death of our dear Boy Willis Gordon, and conveyed to us in your letter of the 23rd inst. the blow is very very hard but we find some consolation in the fact that he died for his King & Country. with all kind wishes and may God bless you both. we are

Sincerely yours

Mr & Mrs Joseph Burton
Wards H₂ and May

— M —

Copy

Cutwell Hr.,
August 14th 1917.

Methodist Chaplain,
With 1st Nfld Regiment,
France.

Dear Sir,

Regarding the death of No. 3199 Pte.
Willis G. Burton of Words Hr., who was reported
killed in action on 16th July ultimo. I would
be very glad if you could give me any information
regarding the manner of his death, how killed, &
etc, also if he was buried, if his grave is
marked & etc. I may say that the late Pte.
Burton was a brother-in-law of mine, and I would
be grateful indeed for any information you could
give. With all kind wishes and may God's
blessing be yours.

I am,

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd) K.K. Short.

Wards H²
Aug 28th 1917

Hon R.A. Squires

Sc Johns

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 31st July all received. And I desire to sincerely thank you and the Government for your very kind expressions of sympathy for the loss of our dear Boy Willie Gordon who was killed on the 10th July. The blow was very very hard indeed as he was our ace. But we trust that the effort undertaken by him will be carried out to a successful end. Again thanking you for your kind words and trusting that God's blessing will be yours we are yours devotedly

Mr & Mrs. Joseph Burton

September 24, 1917.

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Sir,

I beg to forward herewith letter, under date 19th instant, from Mr. K. K. Short, of Cutwell Harbor, N.D.B., regarding the case of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burton, Sr., of Ward's Hr., whose son, Private Willis G. Burton, was killed in action on the 10th July. You will note Mr. Short's remarks respecting the circumstances of these people and the necessity for immediate action. I shall be glad if you will kindly look into the matter and deal with the case as promptly as possible, communicating direct with Mr. Short respecting the same.

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

Colonial Secretary.

Major A. Montgomerie,
Dept. of Militia.

NEWFOUNDLAND PATRIOTIC ASSOCIATION

C.R. 3199

HON. P. T. McGRATH, LL.D.
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R. A. TEMPLETON, Esq.

All Communications should be addressed to the Secretary
LIEUT. J. M. HOWLEY,
Deputy Paymaster 1st. Nfld. Regt
St. John's.

St. John's, Newfoundland,

October 3rd. 1917

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

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Sir:-

I have the honour to return herewith communication from the Honourable, the Colonial Secretary enclosing letter from K. E. Short, Cutwell Hr., referring to the claim for pension of Joseph Burton, of Ward's Hr., on account of his son, William G. Burton, Killed in action July 10th. 1917.

I have the honour to report that as I had already sent a form of claim for pension direct to Mr. Burton, I did not deem it necessary to reply to Mr. Short's letter.

For the information of Mr. Short, I beg to state that the allotment of the late Pte. Burton, will be continued until such time as it is decided whether a pension is to be paid on his account. It will be some time yet before the Pension Board can take up the consideration of cases other than those of disabled soldiers and widows of deceased soldiers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. Howley

*Received
9/10/17*

G.

31st December, 1917.

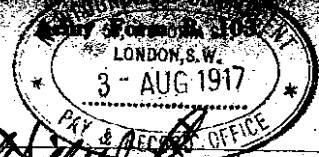
Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that a report has now been received from the Newfoundland Pay and Record Office, London, which contains the information that Private W. G. Burton was buried at Bard Cottage, 2 miles N. of Ypres.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Joseph Butler, Sr.,
Ward's Harbor, N.D.B.



Casualty Form—Active Service.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland
 Regimental No. 9199 Rank Pte Name Burton William J. A.
 Enlisted (a) 2.11.16 Terms of Service (a) Swatow War Service reckons from (a) 2.11.16
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. _____
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 86, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 86, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		<u>Bath & Southampton</u>		<u>11.6.17</u>	
		<u>Diamonds Lane</u>		<u>12.6.17</u>	
		<u>Joined Battalion</u>		<u>2.7.17</u>	<u>A213</u>
<u>10.7.17</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Killed in Action</u>	<u>Belgium</u>	<u>10.7.17</u>	<u>A213</u>
		<u>Sgt L. Tohill</u>			
		<u>Lieut for</u> <u>Pl. No. 1 Reg of Section</u> <u>3rd Echelon</u>			

(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 stated.
 (b) For Signaller, Gunner, Clerk, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps, etc.

April 23, 1920

To: The Board of Pension Commissioners for Mfld.
From: The Paymaster

Re No. 3199, Joseph Burton

The amount paid in continuance of the above mentioned
man's allotment is \$523.80

Paymaster Major

LM-

July 3rd. 1918.


Joseph Burton, Esq.,

Ward's Harbour.

Dear Sir:

I enclose cheque for \$20.77 being the
balance of the estate of the late No. 3199, Pte. W.G.
Burton, payable to you as Administrator. I also enclose
Letters of Administration.

Yours faithfully,



Capt. & Paymaster &
Officer i/c Records.

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

Aug 24th 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. *3199* Rank *PL 21*
Name *Hillis H. Burton*
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Joseph Burton, Sr. (Sgd.)

Father Relationship.

Address *Beaumont Park*

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. 3199 Name Burton J

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

Name Joseph Burton

Date Aug. 3rd 1920

Place Ward, H.

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



SEP 16 1921

1921.

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

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. Joseph Burton Sr. (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 3199 Rank Pte.

Name William G. Burton Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received The Above Medals

Signature Joseph M. Burton

Date Oct 11th 1921

Address Beaumont North

[P.T.O.]

