

# THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. *5811* Name *John Butler* Corps *Meth*

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? ..... 1. *John Butler*
2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. *Bauline*
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. *Yes*
4. What is your age? ..... 4. *25* Years ..... Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. *Yeoman*
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, *John Butler* 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.

*John Butler* SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
*18-7-15 Corp Raymond* Signature of Witness.

**OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.**  
I, *John Butler* 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 *18* on this *18* day of *July* 191*8*  
Signature of Attesting Officer *Roberts Lieut*

**†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 *July 18* 191*8*  
Place *At Home* } Approving Officer. *Roberts*  
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:—(Name) ..... re-enlisted in the (Regiment) ..... on the (Date) .....

Name John Butler  
 Apparent age 25 years 0 months 0 days Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 44 1/2 inches  
 Range of expansion 3 1/2 inches

Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Matthew Butler  
Baltimore | 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.	
(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>18-7-18</u>									<u>Sept. 29-9-18</u> <u>Reverts to Rank 11-10-18</u>
Joined at <u>St. Louis</u> on <u>July 18-1918</u>									
<u>Embarked St. Louis train to Halifax N.S. 22-9-18</u>									
<u>Admitted Military Hospital Devonport Newfoundland 11-10-18</u>									
<u>Went to St. John's Hospital Devonport Newfoundland 14-10-18</u>									
<u>Buried Efford Cemetery Plymouth Mass. to 4251 Glen C. Street</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 14-10-1918 (date of discharge) 0 years 89 days

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal  
Nfld Regt. St. John's, dated July 19, 1918.

#5811 Pte. John Butler.

Attested for General Service with the Royal Nfld. Regt.  
July 18, 1918.

ALFRED B. MORINE, K.C.  
Barrister, Solicitor, and  
Notary Public.

BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING,  
Water Street, St. John's, Newfoundland.

July 20th, 1918

Major Montgomerie,  
Militia Dept.,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

The father of John Butler / of Bauline, who is now in barracks here, informs me that the said John has suffered for a long time from a weakness or trouble with one of his legs, from the effects of which he has not been able to do any heavy work during the whole summer. The father says that the leg <sup>is not</sup> swollen, but becomes weak when son attempts to bend it; for the purpose of lifting loads, and the father is satisfied that the son cannot stand the course of training.

I should be very much obliged if you will have this matter brought to the special attention of your medical men, in order to ascertain whether the said John Butler is in fact fit for training as a soldier.

Asking the favour of an answer after examination has been made.

Yours truly,

*Alfred B. Morine*



ANSWERED

C.R. 5811

July 31, 1918.

A.B. Morine Esq. K.C.,  
City.

Sir:-

#5811 John Butler.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 20th instant. I referred the matter to the Officer Commanding Depot for report, who advises me that the man was examined by two doctors, when he stated that he had not been able to use his leg for over a year.

The medical examiners could not find anything wrong on examination. They state that his leg seems to be developed in every respect, and does not indicate disuse. He was taken on for a try-out at the barracks, and should it develop that he is not fit to carry on with the training, his case will receive every consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

District Officer Commanding  
Newcastle

5811

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Nfld. Regt.  
St. John's dated August 19th.1918.

5811 Pte. J. Butler.

Granted leave from 17/8/18 to 21/8/18.

C.R. 5811

Extract From Nominal Roll Entained At St. John's for Overseas  
Sept. 22, 1918. "B2

5811 Butler John.

Used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists entering into the Regular Army.

# MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Butler Christian Name John

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE

Birthplace:—Parish Banline County Downland

	<u>SPECIAL RESERVE</u>		<u>REGULAR ARMY</u>	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>18</u> day of <u>July</u> 191 <u>1</u> at <u>St John's</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u> at _____	
Declared Age	<u>26</u> years _____ days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Yielder man</u>		_____	
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>7 1/2</u> inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	<u>152</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded <u>40 1/2</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of Expansion <u>3</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks	Arm	Left	Right	Left
	Number	_____	_____	_____
When Vaccinated	_____		_____	
Vision	R. E.—V= <u>6/6</u> L. E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		R. E.—V= <u>6/6</u> L. E.—V= <u>6/6</u>	
(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>Lammell Adams</u>		_____	
(Rank)	_____ Medical Officer		_____ Medical Officer	
Enlisted	at <u>St John's</u> on _____ day of <u>July</u> 191 <u>1</u>		at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps <u>Regiment</u>	Regtl. No. <u>58 11</u>	Corps _____	Regtl. No. _____
Transferred to	_____		_____	
Became non-effective by	on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>	
(Signature)	_____		_____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	

**NOTE.**—This Form is only to be forwarded to the Ministry of Pensions in cases of discharge under para. 392 (xvi. or xvii.), King's Regulations, and in cases of discharge under para. 392 (vi.), King's Regulations, when the soldier has suffered impairment in health since his entry into military service, or in cases of transfer to Class P., or P. (T), of the Reserve.  
 In cases of soldiers not discharged or transferred to the Reserve as above, but who are qualified by length of service to consideration for a Service Pension this Form is to be sent to the Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, S. W. 3.

## Medical Report on a Soldier Boarded Prior to Discharge or Transfer to Class W., W. (T), P., or P. (T), of the Reserve.

1. Unit and Corps *Royal Newfed*..... 7. Former Trade or Occupation } *Stoker*
2. Regtl. No. *5711* 3. Rank..... 7a. If the soldier claims previous service in Army, he should state—
4. Name *Butter*..... (a) Former Regts. or Corps ;  
 (Surname) *256 J* (Christian Names) with Regtl. Nos.
5. Age last birthday.....
6. Posted for duty on *July 15/18* at *S. J. G. H. S.*  
 in category (or grade).....
8. If the disability is an injury was it caused  
 (a) in action (b) on field service  
 (c) on duty (d) off duty? (b) Date of Discharge ;  
 (c) Cause of Discharge.
9. If a Court of Inquiry was held on an injury state :—  
 (a) When (d) Particulars of Pension or Gratuity  
 (b) Where (if any)  
 (c) Opinion of Court

**NOTE.**—The foregoing particulars are to be filled in and A.F.B. 179 B (statement by the soldier) completed before the soldier is seen by the Officer in charge of the case.

### Statement of Case.

**NOTE.**—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Medical Officer in charge of the case. In answering them he will take care to confine himself exclusively to the medical aspect of the case and to such information as may be recorded in the invalid's military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish and clearly state when cases are due to venereal disease.

10. If brought forward for invaliding, disability in respect of which invaliding is proposed to be stated here.  
 (Other disabilities should be reported upon in answer to question No. 19). If no disability enter "nil."
11. Date of origin of disability.
12. Place of origin of disability.
13. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability in so far as it is recorded in the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case and in other relevant official documents.





No.

4030

TRAVELLING WARRANT

Date

16<sup>th</sup>

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

*No air mail.*

Please issue 1st Class Passage and Meals for

No.

5811

Rank

*Pt*

Name

*J. Butler*

From

ST. JOHN'S

To

*Boabine*

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
DEPOT ST. JOHN'S, N.F.

PLEASE QUOTE THIS WARRANT NUMBER  
ON STATEMENT AND MEAL CHECKS

*J. K. [Signature]*  
SIGNATURE OF ISSUING OFFICER.

ORIGINAL

Army Form 11 1925

PAY LIST to 191 Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.
No. 5811 Rank Pte Name Butler A.
Died (a) Intestate at Plymouth on the 14th of October 1918.
Deserted at on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

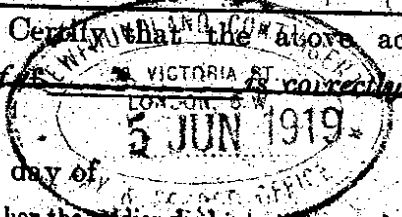
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

Table with columns for Date, Dr., £, s., d., Cr., £, s., d. containing financial entries like Balance Dr. last month, Cash issues, Consolidated stoppage, and Balance due by 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.

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of ... is correctly chargeable on the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.
Dated at this day of 5 JUN 1919



Handwritten signature and title: CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER PAY RECORDS

(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.

REPORT OF DEATH Date 14/10/18  
 Hospital at Edinburgh

Corps	Remained	Since admitted	Discharged	Died	Remaining	SICK OFFICERS									
						Rank, Name and Corps		Admitted	Discharged	Remarks					
United Kingdom Troops						See Roll Attached									
3rd Depot, R.G.A.						Expeditionary Forces in Hospital (W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Men).									
36 Coy., "						British	Australians	N. Zealanders	Canadians	Others	TOTAL				
38 " "						FRANCE Sick									
41 " "						FRANCE Wounded									
45 " "						SALONICA Sick									
Signal School R.G.A.						SALONICA Wounded									
Devon R.G.A.						E. AFRICA Sick									
Cornwall "						E. AFRICA Wounded									
Artillery attached						M.E.F. Sick									
30th Coy. R.E.						M.E.F. Wounded									
Devon F. R.E.						EGYPT Sick									
R.E. Special Bge.						EGYPT Wounded									
R.E. I.W. Transport						M.E.F. Sick									
R.E. attached						M.E.F. Wounded									
3rd K.O. (R.L.)						Total									
3rd Devons						REMARKS									
2nd H.S. Devons						Vacant Beds.									
5th Worcesters						United Kingdom Troops } British and Dominion									
6th "						Expeditionary Forces } ...									
3rd Somerset L.L.															
4th East Surreys															
Royal Defence Corps															
Infantry attached															
A.S.C.															
R.A.M.C.															
A.O.C.															
Cadets															
3rd Labour Corps															
S.C. Labour Centre															
Military Foot Police															
Invalids from abroad															
Civilians															
Free Patients															
Australians															
New Zealanders															
Canadians															
South Africans															
Civil Isolation Hospitals															
Mt. Gold															
Swilley															
TOTAL															

COPIES SENT  
 To: M. GEN. 17/22/18  
 D.C. 1ST L. 17/23/18  
 V.N.D. 17/23/18  
 23 OCT 1918

REPORT OF DEATH (All deaths are of ones to be specially reported to the Officer Commanding the Corps, and to the Officer Commanding the Station on this portion of the Form, which is also to be used for all communications regarding a death or burial.)

Regtl. No.	Rank	Name and Corps	Age	Religion	Disease	Time and Place of Death	Period after which Interment may take place
5811	Pte	W. R. Dorman Trooper Butler John. Royal Newfoundland Regt.	25	Meth.	a. Influenza b. Pneumonia	2. p. m. 14-10-18 at Mil. H.P. Desouport.	Any time after 48 hours

To M/C Newfoundland Records  
 58 Victoria Street  
 London S.W.1

A. E. Ray  
 Medical Officer in Charge.

COL. RAMO

CR 5811

Extract from Nominal Roll of Sick and Wounded admitted to  
Military Hospital, Devenport, 11/10/18. (Re-inforcements  
from Newfoundland.) Dated October 16th. 1918.

5811 Pte. J. Butler

R. Nfld. Regt....Pneumonia severe..(Died 14/10/18.)

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Address **Dept of Militia.**

Line Number	Red	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated **Matthew Butler, Bauline**

To **Oct. 16th, 1918**

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London, officially reports **No. 8811, Private John Butler died at Military Hospital Devonport England on October 14th of pneumonia**

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 **Methodist Minister or School Teacher Bauline** has been received and acted upon

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

C.R. 511

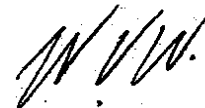
Dec. 5th 19

Dear Mr. Butler:

We have just received notice, by mail, from the Pay and Record Office, London, that your son the late #6911 Pte. J. Butler, was buried in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth, England, his grave number is 4181.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,



Lieut.

Mr. Matthew Butler,

Bauline.

VH/MP.

Matthew Butler Esq.,

Dublin.

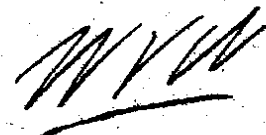
Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Minister of Militia to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 19th regarding the personal effects of your son No. 5811 Pte. John Butler who died at the Military Hospital Bevanport England on October 14th 1918, and in reply I beg to state that we have not received any more effects other than the package that you have already received, and if at any time in the future any more of his personal effects come to hand they will be immediately forwarded on to you.

I note what you say regarding any monies due you, and beg to inform you that I have passed your letter to the Paymaster in this Department, who will no doubt look up his account and give you all particulars concerning same.

Trusting that the above information will prove satisfactory to you.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut.

Casualty Officer.

WVW/MF.

16889/1/P&A

Officer Commanding,  
Military Hospital,  
Davenport.

21st October 8

5811, Pte. J. Butler (Deceased)  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum 16/10/18 (8956): enclosing receipt from Ships Adjutant for certain effects of the above deceased Soldier.

Chief Paymaster & O. i/o Rcds. Major,

FM/C

July 26, 1919

Matthew Butler,  
Bauline,  
St. John's East.



Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith cheque  
for \$32.25, balance of estate of late Pte. J. Butler  
due you as Administrator of his estate.

I am also enclosing herewith  
Letters of Administration.

Yours truly,

Capt.  
J. C. R. Paymaster.

Bulline March  
23<sup>rd</sup>

1920  
Lieut - Col Rendell

C.R. 5811  
Dear Sir

I received the  
Memorial Scroll, and also  
the message of His Majesty  
the King.

I am grateful for the  
Sympathy shown to me  
by the Military Authorities  
since the death of my dear  
son.

Please convey my ~~great~~  
gratitude to ~~his~~ His  
Majesty The King.

Yours Truly  
Mr Matthew Butler