

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1559

Name in full Gerald Ford Age 21
 Address Admiral's Cove Bonaville Bay
~~Married~~ Height 5ft 8 1/2 in Weight 133
 Single Color Fresh Hair Dark / Brown Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks

Nearest relative Father Thomas (farmer)

Address Admiral's Cove

Dependents Father partly

Occupation Fisherman Present Wage 4.00⁰⁰ per year

Previous service

Decorations

General Remarks

Date of Enlistment May 20th 1915 P.M.

I, Gerald Ford, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty, and that I will faithfully serve His Majesty in any place where I may be needed (or in the Colony of Newfoundland, as the case may be), against all His enemies and opposers whatsoever, according to the condition of my service.

Gerald Ford

Declared before me this 22 day
 of May 1915

J. J. [Signature]
[Signature]

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

Name Gerald Ford
 Apparent age 21 years _____ months. Height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches.
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded _____ inches.
 Range of expansion _____ inches.
 Distinctive marks Color: Fresh, Hair: Dark Brown, Eyes: Blue.

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Thomas Gariur Ford, Amherst Cove, Bonavista Bay,
Nfld. | 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) Signature of Officer verifying entry from certificate.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d) Verified from certificate.

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth	(d) Verified from certificate.

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Be-serve not allowed to reckon to-wards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>May 20/15</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>May 20/15</u> <u>Embarked for U.K. 17/6/15.</u>									
<u>Embarked for B.E.F. 28/3/16 joined batt 15/4/16.</u>									
<u>Officially Reported Missing Beaumont Hamel 4/7/16. Author Unit</u>									
<u>Presumed dead. Auth. War Office 31/12/16</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>1-7-16</u> (date of discharge) <u>1</u> years <u>43</u> days									
Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "									

C.R. 1539

Gerald Ford was attested for General service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ~~..May..20th,1915..~~
Regimental No1559 was allotted to Pte. Gerald Ford

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.

C.R. 1559

Extract from Serial 1 Roll and Serial St. John's for 17 years, per
S. "Calcutta" June.19.1911.

1559 Pte. Ford G.

Regimental Number 1559

Company 7

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

G Ford

Witness

Robt J. Cashin

Dated at

St. Andrews

Feb 10 1916

C.R. 1559

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft No.3. from 2nd Bn.,
Depot to 1st Bn., B.E.F. Embarked 28-3-16.

1559 Pte. G.Ford.

C.R. 1559

Extract from Nominal Roll 3rd Draft to B.E.F. arrived
29, I.B.D. 30-3-16 Joined Battalion 15-4-16

#1559 Pte. C. Ford.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Ford OF Christian Name Gerald

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Amberst Grove P. S. County Y. F. L. D.

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>21st</u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>5</u>	on	day of	191
	at <u>St John's</u>	at		
Declared Age	<u>21</u> years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation	<u>Fisherman</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>8½</u> inches	feet	inches
Weight		<u>125</u> lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded	<u>37</u> inches		inches
	Range of expansion	<u>2½</u> inches		inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm	<u>/</u>		
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R. E.—V= <u>46</u>	R. E.—V=		
	L. E.—V= <u>46</u>	L. E.—V=		
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)	(a)		
	(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	<u>Left Ear Drum Perforated</u>	(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Fred W. Burden</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Lieut</u>			
	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at <u>St John's</u>	at		
	on <u>25th</u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>6</u>	on	day of	191
Joined on Enlistment	<u>1st Y. F. L. D.</u>	<u>1559</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of	191	on
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.: Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
<p>May 25th 1916 June 7th</p>	<p>1st Inoculation 500 Million 2nd " 1000</p>
<p>20. 3. 16.</p>	<p>Fit for active Service. <i>hym</i></p>

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
<p><i>Engl. Troop. 9. H. L. D.</i></p>					

Regiment or corps *1st New South Wales*
 No. *1589* Rank *Private* Name *M. Ford*
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *Traralgon* on the *12* of *July* 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.

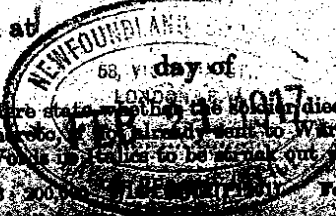
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT. [Form 1.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month JUL 1 1916	<i>7</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>4</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			
	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>7</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>4</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£				£		
		<i>7</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>7</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>4</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 _____ 191*6* 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, and a certified copy 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.



C.R. 1589

#1559 M. FORD.

EXTRACT OF CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED FROM THE PAY & RECORD OFFICE
LONDON DATED AUGUST 5, 1916.

"MISSING."

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COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated

31st July, 1916.

To
Mr. Thos. G. Ford,

Amherst Cove, B. B.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
London, officially reports No. 1559 private Gerald
Ford as Missing.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immedi-
ately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

November 23rd, 1916.

Dear Sir,

For some time past the Imperial Government have been making enquiries in relation to those men of the First Newfoundland Regiment who have been reported missing since the action of the 1st July. I very much regret to state, however, that from the correspondence which has taken place, a copy of which I enclose, it is evident that none of them are Prisoners of War in Germany, and the authorities are, therefore, reluctantly forced to the conclusion that all these gallant men, whose names are given in the enclosed list, and one of whom was very dear to you, were killed in that fateful action on the 1st of July.

I desire to express to you on behalf of the Government, as well as for myself, the sincerest sympathy in this time of sorrow. We feel the loss of our loved ones, but it will, no doubt, be some consolation to you to think that he, for whom you now mourn, willingly answered the call of King and Country, did his part nobly, and fell, facing the foe, in defence of the principles of Righteousness, Truth and Liberty. Though he has laid down the earthly weapons of warfare, he now wears the Soldier's Crown of Victory, and his name will be inscribed upon the Glorious Roll of Honor, and be held in fragrant memory by all his fellow-countrymen. When the victory is won, and Peace again reigns upon the earth, it will be a comforting thought to you that in this glorious achievement he bore no small part.

I trust that you may have the Grace and consolation of the Great Father of us all at this time.

With sincere sympathy,

Believe me to be,

Your obedient servant,

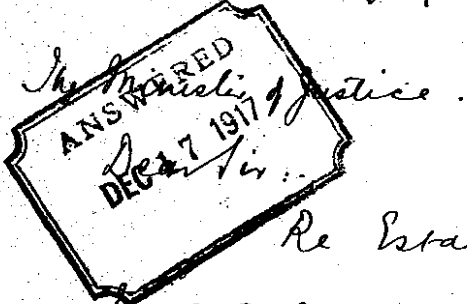
Mr. Thomas G. Ford,
Amherst Cove, B. B.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 1559

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6 Dec 1917.



Re Estate of Lt. Gerald Ford.

Mr. J. G. Ford of Amberst Cove has asked me to write for an explanation of the total value of his son's estate (£53⁰⁸). The father has received his allotment 60c per day and thinks himself entitled to the remaining 50c which his son retained. At any rate an explanation is in order & I cannot do it.

Yours sincerely

Augustus G. Barry,

The Ministry of Justice.

Balance due to the soldier to the end of the month in which he died, computed from a receipt from London showing balance at date of death. No particulars given. *AGB*

December 18, 1917.

Rev. A. G. Bayly,
Bonavista.

#1559 Pte. Gerald Ford - Estate.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of 6th December, addressed to the Minister of Justice, which has been forwarded to this Department, re the estate of the above mentioned soldier.

I have the honour by direction to inform you that the cheque received (\$53.03) was for balance due to the soldier to the end of the month in which he died, computed from the account received from the Pay & Record Office, London. In the account received no particulars were given.

For Mr. Ford's information I would state that the amount of the allotment which he was receiving, viz., 60¢ per day is being paid to him as an act of grace, and on account of pension. He is not entitled to the remaining 50¢ per day. In cases where allotment is payable to dependant relatives and where the soldier concerned is "Killed in Action" or "Died of Wounds" this department is continuing the allotment until such time as the Pension Commissioners are appointed by the Government. These amounts will then be considered as part payment of the

COPY.

Casualty Form—Active Service.



Regiment or Corps 2/1st Newfoundland

Regimental No. 1559 Rank Pte. Name Ford Gerald.

Enlisted (a) 20. 5. 15. Terms of Service (a) 1 Year Service reckons from (a) _____

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. 213, Army Form A. 36, 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. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		<i>Embarked Southampton.</i>		<i>28. 3. 16.</i>	
		<i>Disembarked Rouen.</i>		<i>30. 3. 16.</i>	
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Joined Battalion</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>15. 4. 16.</i>	<i>B 213.</i>
<i>11. 7. 16.</i>	<i>Do.</i>	<i>Missing</i>	<i>Do.</i>	<i>1. 7. 16.</i>	
				<i>P. T. Olin</i>	
				<i>1st. for.</i>	
				<i>O. 4. 10. 16. Reg. Inf. Section.</i>	
				<i>G. A. 3. 15. 16. Colonel</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) e.g., Signaller, Shoebing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

Feb. 1st. 18.

Mr. Thomas G. Ford,

Amherst Cove, B.E.

Dear Sir, -

I enclose herewith a cheque for \$50.00, being the amount due you as Administrator of the Estate of the late Private G. Ford. I also enclose letter of Administration.

Yours faithfully,

Capt. G. Symster &
Officer i/c Records.

Enclosures 2

J/E

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

June
JUN 10 1962

(3/6)

I beg to acknowledge receipt of

Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of

the late No. *1559* Rank *Plt.*

Name *Gerald Ford*

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Thomas G Ford (Sgd.)

Father Relationship.

Address *Middle Amherst Cove*

Aug. 29 1921.

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

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. Thos. G. Ford (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 1559 Rank Pte.

Name Gerald Ford (D) Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received _____

Signature Thos. G. Ford (Father)

Date 1st Feb 22

Address Post office

[P.T.O.]