

# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT *Cof/6*

No. *2918* Name *Albert Edward Francis* Corps

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

- 1. What is your name? ..... 1. *Albert Edward Francis*
- 2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. *Hermitage Cove, H.B.*
- 3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. *Yes*
- 4. What is your age? ..... 4. *20* Years *11* Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. *None*
- 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 ..... *Yes*
- 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, *Albert Edward Francis* 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.

*Albert Edward Francis* SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

*Charles Aye* Signature of Witness.

**OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.**

I, *Albert Edward Francis* 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 *24th* day of *June* 191*6*.

*Charles Aye Capt*  
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 Bn*.

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

Date.....191*6*

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, viz: (Name).....re-enlisted in the (Regiment).....on the (Date)



C.R. 2918

Albert E. Francis was attested for General Service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ..June.30th.1916.  
Regimental No.2918 was allotted to Pte A.E.Francis

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia;

March 25th, 1919.

C.R. 29/8

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,  
28/8/16.

2918 Pte. A. Francis.

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Francis OF Christian Name Albert

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	County			
Examined	on 30 day of June 1916	at St. Johns H.Q.	on	day of 191
Declared Age	20 years 11 days		at	years days
Trade or Occupation	Fisherman			
Height	5 feet 7 inches		feet	inches
Weight	127 lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded...	38 1/2 inches		inches
	Range of expansion...	4 1/2 inches		inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V= 6/9		R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V= 6/9		L.E.—V=	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease				
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection				
Approved by (Signature)	<i>Liam Patterson</i>			
(Rank)	Major Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at St. Johns		at	
	on 30 day of June 1916		on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	18th Buffs Regiment	2118		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
(Signature)	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Rank)				



This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (3)  
N. F. 1914

In the spaces below should be entered the findings in the routine of examination set forth in the Appendix. Care should be exercised that each finding be entered after the number below which corresponds to the number of the test.

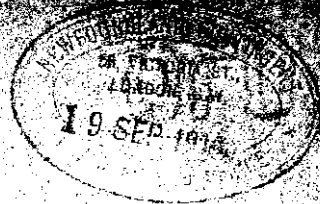
Examination of Albert Edward Francis  
aged 21 conducted at \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Recruiting Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. OF TEST

FINDING

- 1 No
- 2 No
- 3 No
- 4 No
- 5 No
- 6 No
- 7 No
- 8 Yes
- 9 Yes
- 10 No
- 11 None no color test. Slight normal to red, green
- 12 Physique good
- 13 Able to march
- 14 5 last teeth
- 15 Joints normal
- 16 Hearing good
- 17 Chest normal, normal, a
- 18
- 19
- 20 Eyesight good
- 21 Throat normal
- 22 Feet good
- 23 Shoulders normal
- 24 J J
- 25 Ankles strong & sound
- 26 Hair & spine sound
- 27 Feet & legs sound
- 28 No other pulse over feet
- 29 No deafness
- 30 Physically strong
- 31 Left hand - arm strong
- 32 No hernia over abdominal weakness
- 33 No varicose
- 34 No
- 35 5 ft 7 inch
- 36 145 lbs
- 37 2 1/2 inches
- 38 Weight \$300
- 39 Father



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1ST. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

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ALLOTMENTS

I, Albert E. Francis, Regl. No. 12918

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of Dollars and 50 Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons concerned, viz.:

Allotment begins Sept 7/16

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
<u>2839</u>		<u>Jack Philip Francis</u>	<u>Hermitage Lane H.B.</u>	<u>50</u>
		<u>Commencing</u>		
		<u>12/16</u>		
Total Allotment, \$				

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, counter-signed by the Officer Commanding Company and handed to the Paymaster as authority to make the required payments on application.

(Sig.) Chas. H. Aye Capt  
Officer Commanding

(Sig.) Albert E. Francis

Philip Francis  
Company  
1916.

(Rank) Pvt.

C.R. 29/8

Extract from Nominal Roll of Nfld. Regt. Draft No.14

Embarked Southampton, from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F.

30-11-14.

30-11-16

2918 Pte. A.E. Francis.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated  
**May 13, 1917.**

To **Mr. Philip Francis,**

**Hermitage, F.B.**

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,  
London, officially reports ~~No. 2918, Private Albert~~  
**E. Francis, missing April fourteenth.**

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

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

Hermitage

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1917

Lieut. Howley  
Pay & Record Office  
Colonial Building  
St. Johns.

Dear Sir,  
I am sending you by this  
mail a photograph of my son  
Albert Edward Francis who has  
been missing since April 14<sup>th</sup> 1917.  
His number was 2918. He  
was about 5 ft 8 in. slight growth  
If at any way possible at all  
I want this photo again, as it  
is the only one I have, and would  
not like to lose it.

JUN 22 1917

Yours truly  
Philip Francis

Army Form B. 103.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regimental Number **C.R. 2918**

Rank **pte** Surname **Francis** Christian Name **A Edward** 209  
 Religion **C of E** Age on Enlistment **20** years **11** months.  
 Enlisted (a) **St John** Terms of Service (a) **duration** Service reckons from  
 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 in Charge \_\_\_\_\_

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				
			<b>Embarked S'hampton</b>	<b>30 NOV 1916</b>	
			<b>Disembarked Rouen</b>	<b>1-DEC 1916</b>	
	<i>Unit</i>	<b>Joined Battalion</b>	<i>France</i>	<i>12/2/16</i>	<i>B 213</i>
			<i>with BATT. 28. I. 17</i>		
<b>15 APR 1917</b>	<i>OC. B. 1</i>	<i>MISSING</i>	<i>France</i>	<b>14 APR 1917</b>	<i>B 213</i>
			<i>Sacramento</i>		
					<i>with BATT. 28. I. 17</i>
					<i>with BATT. 28. I. 17</i>

*[Handwritten signature]*

(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. (936). Wt. 15012/5156. 3,000,000. 1/16. P.P.Ltd. Forms/B.103.3. [P.T.O.]

PAYMENT

to

Serial No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps

No. *2918*

Rank *Private*

Name *Francis A.*

Died (a) *Intestate* at *France*

on the *14<sup>th</sup>* of *April* 191*7*.

Deserted 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>14/4/17</i> .....	<i>9</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>2 1/2</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				Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		<i>9</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>2 1/2</i>		<i>9</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>2 1/2</i>
		<i>£</i>				<i>£</i>		
		<i>9</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>2 1/2</i>		<i>9</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>2 1/2</i>

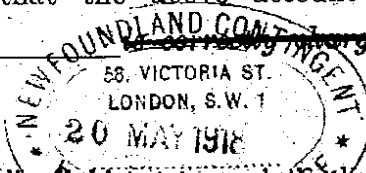
BOOKED.

*46*  
*15/18*

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

Hermitage March 2/1918

C.R. 2918

Dear Sir I received thy  
Box with Photograph With  
Many thanks I was more than  
glad to have it back  
as it was the only one I  
have if you have his photographs  
I would like to get half dozen  
taken of and I will pay for  
them as his Brothers and sisters  
would like to have one,  
yours truly

Philip Francis

April 2nd, 1918.

Mr. Philip Francis,  
Hermitage.


Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 21st March, concerning your son's photograph. It is regretted that no further copies of this photograph are in the possession of this Department and your request therefore cannot be acceded to.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

WFR/JMF.

**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

*The Royal Nfld. Regt.*

*Dept. of Militia,*

*ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.*

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia.

St. John's.

.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of

the late No. *2918* Rank *Private*

Name *Robert E. Francis*

.....  
Newfoundland Regt.

*Philip Francis*.....(Sgd.)

*Father*.....Relationship.

Address.....*Hermitage*

\_\_\_\_\_ 1921.

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

**Mr Philip Francis (Father)**

in respect of his service as No. **2918** Rank **Prta.**

Name **Albert E. Francis** **Royal Nfld. Regt.**  
**Nfld. Forestry Corps.**

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received *With many thanks*

Signature *Philip Francis*

Date *Sept 10<sup>th</sup> / 1921*

Address *Hermitage*

[P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B: 121.  
 Number of Sheet  
 Signature of O. C. Company *Johnston*

W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C.  
 [866] W:017/214 1000m 9/1865 28 56

Regiment of *Leopoldland*  
 Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE		Name of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or expiry (depending upon rules)	By whom awarded	REMARKS
				Age on	Enlistment					
<i>Capt.</i>	<i>2-9-16</i>	<i>Pte</i>		<i>Throwing Bread in New Room</i>	<i>289 days</i>	<i>Sgt. M. S. M. S. M. S.</i>	<i>2 days B.B.</i>	<i>22-9-16</i>	<i>Capt. Leighton</i>	<i>40</i>
				<i>Missing</i>	<i>14 days</i>	<i>4</i>				

To be carried over

Hermitage Feb 18. 1920

Dear Sir I Received the scroll  
With Message With many  
Thanks.

Dear Sir some time ago  
I had a Paper sent <sup>me</sup> concerning  
a Pinchen But I havent had  
the chance to see a Doctor  
to sign it yet. the Nearest Doctor  
is 35 miles a Way. But as soon  
as I can get it signed I will  
send it to you.

yours truly

Philip Francis