

Medical

NOV 1915

# First Newfoundland Regiment

## ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1532

Name in full Thomas Berkeley Hefford, Age 21  
 Address New Harbor, Trinity Bay  
 Married Height 5ft 5in Weight 125  
 Single  
 Color Fair Hair Light Eyes Blue  
 Other distinguishing marks Scar on skin of left foot  
 Nearest relative Mother (Lydia)  
 Address New Harbor  
 Dependents \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation Lumberman Present Wage \$26<sup>00</sup> per month  
 Previous service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Decorations \_\_\_\_\_  
 General Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Enlistment May 11<sup>th</sup> 1915

I, Thomas Berkeley Hefford, 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.

Thomas Berkeley Hefford

Declared before me this 11 day  
of May 1915

J. H. ...  
Magist.

Name: [REDACTED]

Apparent age: 22 years 0 months. Height: 5 feet 8 inches.

Chest measurement: { Girth when fully expanded 38 inches.  
Range of expansion 3 inches.

Distinctive marks: Silver Teeth, Right Light, Brown Eyes.  
Other distinguished marks: Scar on chin and left foot.

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin: Idalia Bedford, New Harbor, Trinity Bay, B.F.I.  
Relationship: Mother.

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 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>May 11/15</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>May 11/15</u> Embarked for U.K. <u>17/6/15.</u>									
Embarked for B.E.F. via <u>Essex</u> <u>13/3/16.</u>									
Joined <u>Batt</u> in the field <u>1/4/16.</u>									
Reported Missing <u>1/7/16.</u> Auth. <u>O.C. Unit.</u>									
Killed in action <u>Beaumont Hamel 17/11.</u> Buried by <u>the British</u>									
<u>76th Seaforth Highlanders in Shell Hole near Beaumont Hamel 17/11.</u>									
<u>37th Bn. 10/6.</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above									

Total Service towards Engagement to 1-7-16 (date of discharge) 1 years 51 days

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C.R. ~~1827~~

Thos. B. Hefford was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on . . . . May 11th, 1915  
Regimental No ~~1514~~ was allotted to Pte. Thos. B. Hefford

AUTHORITY: 1532

Record Ledger,

Depts. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

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Extract from Memorial Roll ~~at~~arked St. John's for Overseas, per  
S.S. "Calgarian" June, 15, 1915. "Y"

1532 Pte. Hafford T.B.

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Extract from Nominal Roll of Nfld. Regt. Embarked Devonport  
13-3-16 for Egypt transferred to B.E.F. & Disembarked  
Marseilles 3-4-16.

1532 Pte. T.B. Hefford.

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish *New Harbor* *Tuba* County... *W. L. D.*

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	on <i>14<sup>th</sup></i>	day of <i>April</i>	on	day of
	at <i>St. John</i>		at	
Declared Age	<i>21</i> years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation	<i>Lumberman</i>			
Height	<i>5</i> feet	<i>5</i> inches	feet	inches
Weight		<i>125</i> lbs.		<i>1</i> lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <i>37</i> inches			<i>1</i> inches
	Range of expansion... <i>3</i> inches			<i>1</i> inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
When Vaccinated	<i>7 years</i>			
Vision	R. E.—V==	<i>6/6</i>	R. E.—V==	
	L. E.—V==	<i>6/6</i>	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)	<i>Geo W Burden</i>			
(Rank)	<i>Leut.</i>			
	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at <i>St. John</i>		at	
	on <i>11<sup>th</sup></i>	day of <i>May</i>	on	day of
		1915		191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<i>1<sup>st</sup> W. L. D.</i>	<i>1532</i>		
Transferred to..				
Became non-effective by.				
	on	day of	on	day of
		191		191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				





Regiment or corps *1st Regiment*  
 No. *1532* Rank *Private* Name *J.B. Jeffard*  
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *France* 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			
					<b>JUL 1 - 1916</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8 1/2</b>
	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			
"					Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Consolidated stoppage				Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
					Balance due to the Paymaster			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8 1/2</b>				
		<b>£</b>				<b>£</b>		
		<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8 1/2</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8 1/2</b>

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 9 13 8 1/2 is correctly chargeable against the Public (b).

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this **FEB** day **17** 191*7*

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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 available and 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.

Regimental Number 1532

Company F

THE  
1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

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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.

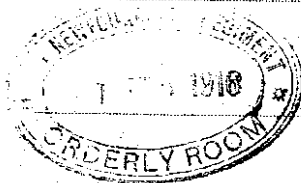
Subject to the Army Act, the King's Regulations,  
and to such ordinances as may apply or may  
be made to apply to the British Regular Army.

Subject to the Newfoundland Volunteer Act,  
5 George V., Chapter IV.

Signed Thomas B. Sheppard

Witness W. A. ... 2nd Lt

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_



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Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,

London, dated July 31, 1916.

(Extract from Army Form B. 213 from O.C. Wld. Regt.  
dated 1/7/16.)

#1532 Pte. T.B. Hefford, C.Co., ✓

Missing 1/7/16.

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#1532 T.B. HEFFORD.

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

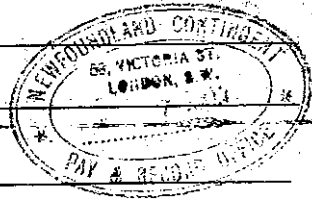
"Missing."

**FIELD SERVICE.**

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the minimum 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, } C Company  
 or } Troop, Battery }  
 CORPS } or Company }

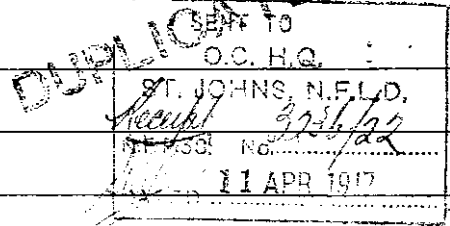
Regtl. No. 1532 Rank Private  
 Name HEFFORD, T.



Date July 1st., 1916.  
 Died { Place France.  
 Cause of Death\* Killed in Action.  
 Nature and Date of Report Memo, 22/3/17.  
 By whom made Officer i/c Newfoundland Records, London.

\* 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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. B. Marshall Capt. for Lt. Col.,  
 Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1,

Station and Date 3rd. Echelon, 20/3/17. 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

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Extract of Casualty List received from P. & R.O. December 18th 1916.

1532 Pte T.B. Hefford.

Previously reported Missing 1/7/16, Now reported (unofficially )  
Killed 1/7/16.

Authowity :-

Letter to Officer i/c Records from 2/lt R.T. Smith 1/6th  
Seaforth Highlanders, who stated that he found the body of the above  
man and buried him in shell-hole 22/11/16. He was in charge of a  
burying party at the time. Date of letter 22/11/16.

September 23rd, 1915.

Dear Madam,

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,

Mrs. Lydia Hefford,  
New Harbor, N. B.

Colonial Secretary.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

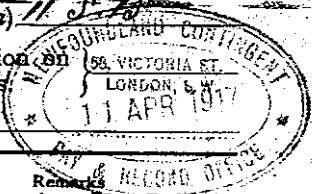
Regiment or Corps Newfoundland

Regimental No. 1532 Rank Private Name Nefford J.B.

Enlisted (a) 11.5.15 Terms of Service (a) War Service reckons from (a) 11.5.15

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s }

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				
		<u>Lyons &amp; Masselles</u>		<u>24.16</u>	
	<u>Unit joined</u>	<u>Battalion</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>8.4.16</u>	<u>B 213</u>
<u>11.7.16</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>17.16</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>22.3.17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>17.16</u>	<u>"</u>

Capt J. W. Burchell  
for N.C. No 1 Regular Infantry Section  
3rd Bn

(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.

July 7th, 1917.

Mr. James Hefford,

New Harbour, T.B.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$62.13,  
being the balance of the estate of your late son,  
No. 1532, T. B. Hefford.

You will note that the cheque is pay-  
able to yourself and Mrs Hefford. It will there-  
fore be necessary for both of you to endorse it,  
before presenting it for payment.

Yours truly,

Lieut.  
D/Paymaster.

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

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I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of ~~services~~ of  
the late No. 1537 Rank Platoon  
Name Thomas B. Hefford  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Mrs Lydia (Sgd.)

mother Relationship.

Address New St. I Bay

C.R. 1532

J. Nangle Major

D & R & E

N & D Contingent

8/11/20

Grand Falls

Dear sir

with referance to your statement at hand to day concerning the cemetary registers well to come to the final point neither father nor mother cannot read I am the only daughter My Elder Brother thomas Berkeley was missing July 1<sup>st</sup> 1916 supposed to be killed in action first neither of us three have been to france therefore we know little about it or the cemeterys therein. well as you have sent this form I have taken it upon myself to answer it, first index no of cemeter second. cemetary; third. plot row grave when we are sent all the answers to these cemetary questions both mother and father will be only to Pleased to fill in and return at once.

trusting this shall the last time  
I shall have to do this  
isent it enough for my brothers  
body to be lying in France  
but there must be a steady rain  
of letters, I do not want to be  
rash. but I do want this  
continual refreshing of his  
death to be stoped here and  
now and when you sends another  
cemetery form please send and  
tell us no of cemetery plot row &  
grave as deseased was missing  
and we have got no information  
what ever concernig the same  
respectfully yours Sister of diseas

Mrs S Pitcher

C.R. 1532

Nov. 15th, 1920

Mrs. S. Pitcher,  
Grand Falls.

Dear Madam:-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6th inst. re the Final Verification Form in respect of No. 1532 Pte. Thomas Berkeley Hefferd, forwarded to Mrs. Lydia Hefferd for completion.

With reference to your enquiry regarding the place of burial of this soldier, I beg to state that as his burial place has not yet been located, the spaces opposite 'Index No. of Cemetery' and etc. are to be left blank. If ~~the~~ efforts to discover Pte. Hefferd's grave are unsuccessful, he will then be permanently classed as missing; and instead of a grave stone, a mural tablet will be erected in his memory. On this tablet a space will be reserved for the personal inscription of his next of kin; and it is for the purpose of procuring this personal inscription that the Form ~~was~~ sent to Mrs. Hefferd.

It will be noted on the Form that such inscription will be at the expense of the next of kin concerned, but this will not apply in Mrs. Hefferd's case if she is unable to meet such an expense. Will you be good enough to explain this to her, and request her to return the form as soon as completed.

Yours faithfully,

Lient.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

