



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. *5963*

Name *Charles James Miller* Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. *Charles James Miller*
2. What is your full Address? 2. *Spencer's Quay, C.B.*
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. *yes*
4. What is your age? 4. *24* Years Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. *Boat-builder*
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*

FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR

Charles James Miller 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.

July 17/16

..... SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

..... Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

Charles James Miller 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 *17* day of *July* 191

Signature of Attesting Officer *Charles James Miller*

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

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTEES
 Applicable to all ranks. For use by the Medical History Dept.

Name Charles J. Muffa
 Apparent age 24 years 7 months. Height 5 feet 11 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 37 1/2 inches
 Range of expansion 5 1/2 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin James J. Muffa
 Relationship father
 Particulars as to Marriage _____

(b) 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>17-7-16</u>									Lance Cpl. 28-8-16. Corporal. 16-11-16.
Joined at <u>St. Louis</u> on <u>July 17th 16</u>									
<u>Embarked St. Louis St. Victoria for A.O. 28th 16</u>									<u>Embarked for B.O. 30th 16</u>
<u>Joined Battalion 12-12-16</u>									
<u>Missing</u>					<u>14-4-1917</u>				
Total Service forfeited as above _____									

Total Service towards Engagement to 14-4-17 [date of discharge] 2 1/2 years 272 days
 Pension _____

C.R. 2963

Chesley J. Mifflin was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on July 17th 1916
Regimental No. 2963 was allotted to Pte C.J. Mifflin

AUTHORITY:

Record Keeper

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

PROMOTION.

C.R. 2963

Extract of Regimental Orders, dated Aug. 29, 1916.
By Lieut. Col. Sir W. E. Davidson, K. C. M. G. Officer Comdg.

No. 2963, Pte. C. J. Mifflyn,

To be L/Cpl. dating from Aug. 26, 1916.

C.P. 2963

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

2963 L/Cpl. C.J. Mifflin.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Wiffler OF Christian Name B. Chesley J

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish..... County.....

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	11	July		
	1916		191	
Declared Age	at <u>St. Johns Sch. School Teacher</u>		at	
	24	years		days
Trade or Occupation				
Height	5	feet		
	11	inches		
Weight	146 lbs.		lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 39 1/4 inches		inches	
	Range of expansion... 3 1/4 inches		inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R. E.—V	6/60	R. E.—V	
	L. E.—V	6/60	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>Samuel Patterson</u>			
(Rank)	Major		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at	<u>St. Johns</u>	at	
	on	11 day of July	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1st Reg.</u>	<u>2963</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
(Signature)	on	day of	on	day of
(Rank)		191		191

Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, ac.: 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
28-7-16	1 st Inoculation <i>LD</i>
7-8-16	2nd " <i>LD</i>
18-8-16	3 rd " <i>LD</i>
30-8-16	Vacc. <i>LD</i>
16-10-16	Dental treatment completed. <i>J. Y. W.</i>
13-11-16	Fit. for Foreign Service <i>J. Y. W.</i>

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

This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (1)
N. F. 1915

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 that test.

Examination of Charles J. Mifflew
aged 23 conducted at C. L. B.

Date: July 11/16 Recruiting Officer:

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146 lbs

36-39 1/4"

\$700.00 eyes

parents

- Nothing except eye being healed by D. Murphy now

Walt 6/60 at 10 1/4 with glasses under binocular

Howe Major Robinson
see below about right (Murphy)
he lost eye under
surv

parents Mr. Edmund Mifflew Spaniards Bay.

J. W. Borden

Report July 17/16

No. 2746



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ALLOTMENTS

I, Charles J. Mifflem, Regl. No. 2969

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

Allotment begins Aug 1st 1916

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
<u>2767</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>Const. E. M. Mifflem</u>	<u>Spencer Bay</u>	<u>60</u>
		<u>Commencing</u>		
		<u>1/9/16</u>		
Total Allotment, \$				

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, countersigned 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
July 28th Company
St. John's 1916

(Sig.) Charles J. Mifflem
(Rank) Pvt.

C.R. 2963

Extract from Nominal Roll of Wfld. Regt. Draft No. 14
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Southampton
30-11-16.

2963 Epl. C. Miffen.

C.R. 2963

Extract of Telegram received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated May 11, 1917.

2963 Corporal Hifflin

"Missing" April 14th.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated
May 11, 1917.

Mr. Edmund Mifflin,

Spaniard's Bay.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
London, officially reports No. 2963, Corporal
Charles J. Mifflin, missing April fourteenth.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

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May 15, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant and regret that, through a clerical error, the name of your son was given in the list of missing as Charles Mifflin instead of Chesley, the official Casualty List having been published in the newspapers before the receipt of your letter. I note, however, that an item, drawing attention to the error, has been published in the press.

With respect to your enquiry as to the length of time which elapsed between the receipt of the report respecting Capt. Rowsell and that relating to your son and others, I would point out that casualties amongst officers are reported first and the length of time which must elapse before the rank and file are reported will of course vary in proportion to the number of men involved. Although we are not in receipt of any definite information as to the probability of any of our missing men being prisoners, it is thought by many people that, in view of the nature of the engagement, such is very probable. The Record Office, London, have instructions to obtain and report immediately any news respecting missing men and I trust that you may yet receive more favourable tidings of your son.

Yours faithfully,

Constable E. Mifflin,
Spaniard's Bay.

Colonial Secretary.

CR 2963

Extract of Communication received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated October 15, 1917.

#2963 Cpl. J.C. Hiffen.

Posted as "Missing" 14/4/17 and presumed Dead for
official purposes 17/11/17.

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Spaniards Bay
Nov. 10th 1917

Hon. R. A. Diquis
Col. Secretary
Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. informing me of the supposed death of my son on April 14th and I sincerely thank you for the expressions of sympathy contained therein. Yes no doubt we shall feel his loss, but he was one of those who would not shirk his duty, he had some trouble in passing owing to a defective eye, and if he had not passed here would have gone to Canada to pass.

I don't yet believe he is dead.

Your Obedt Servant
Capt. E. W. Whipple

C.R. 2963

December 22, 1917.

Rev. E. C. Clench,
Rectory,
Spaniards Bay.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 20, Dec., concerning No. 2963, Pte. C. Mifflin. The procedure in such case as Pte. Mifflin's is that six months after the date of being reported "Missing" if no further information comes to hand such soldier is reported believed "Killed." Steps are then taken to have his effects collected from the Depot Scotland, from France and the Pay & Record Office London, will forward to this department, then they are sent to the next of kin. It is likely that the effects of this soldier will very soon come to hand and will immediately be sent to his next of kin.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



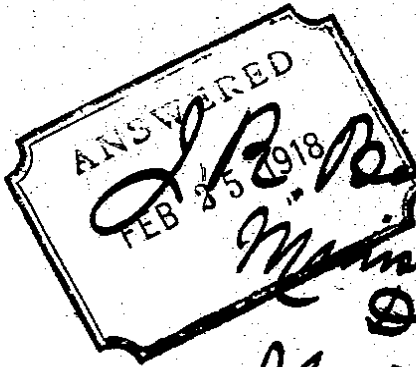
Major,

C. S. O. Dept. of Militia.

C.R. 2963

Spaniards Bay

Feb 20th 1918



J.P. Bennett Esq.
Minister of Militia
Dear Sir

It is now over ten months since my
boy Corp. Chealy J. Whiffin No 2963 has been
Missing (since the battle of Marichy) and it is
only natural that his mother and I wish to have
something belonging to him, to remind us of
the boy we once felt so proud of. In the
last letters he wrote he said he had some
souvenirs collected, they no doubt would
be in his kit bag. I should be very grate-
-ful if his kit bag was returned soon as con-
-venient. Do as to get some of his belongings.

Yours Respectfully
E. Whiffin
Police Constable

C.R.

Feb. 25, 1918

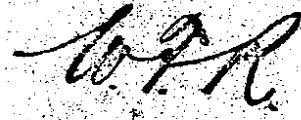
Constable E.W. Mifflin,
Spaniard's Bay

Dear Sir:-

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter 20th Feb. concerning the effects and estate of the late 2065, Cpl. C.J. Mifflin. No effects have yet come to hand, but we are advised that a shipment is coming forward at an early date, and it is possible that his is included.

This soldier's non-effective account has not yet been received from the Pay & Record Office, ~~London~~; but will be put into the hands of the Minister of Justice when received.

Yours faithfully,


Major, C.S.O.

PAY LIST

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT

Regiment or corps

No. 2963

Rank Corporal

Name Maffley, C. J.

Died (a) Intestate at

Finance

on the 14 of April 1917

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.

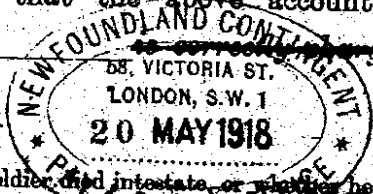
Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month 14/4/17	4	17	10
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at from to			
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
191					Messing allowance days at from to			
"					Kit allowance			
"					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			4 17 10	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£		4 17 10		£		4 17 10

HECKED. H.C. 15/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ ~~is~~ ~~is correct and payable against the Public (b).~~

Dated at

this day of 20 MAY 1918 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 (Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815). (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

1. Memorandum 28/6/18 (6597) from Minister of Militia.

The attached letter from the father of 2963 Cpl. G.J. Mifflin, is forwarded, please, and I should be glad if you will have inquiries made in an endeavour to ascertain the particulars requested.

2. Enclosure. Letter 27/6/18 from E.W. Mifflin to Lt.Col. Rendell.

Dear Sir,

Could you please send me the name and number of a Prisoner of War in Germany that was captured in the 14 April drive 1917, belonging to No. 4 Platoon, 14 Section A. Coy.

By doing so you will oblige,

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd) E.W. MIFFLIN,

Police Const.

#2963

C.R. 2963
Spaniards Bay
July 10th 1918

W.F. Rendell
Lieut. Colonel
Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of 28th June, and thank you for the prompt reply. It occurred to me after writing there may be one of #44 Platoon, 14 Section of Co. who may have escaped, or come out of the fight, uninjured, or wounded, if so I should like to get the name, + number.

Also I should like to get Cheslop's personal effects. Those who were in that battle have had their effects returned long ago. Also there should be some money due him in the Pay + Record Office.

C.J. Miffen. Yours Respectfully
E. W. Whipple
Capt. in hands of Min. of Justice, War Court

July 4th 1918.

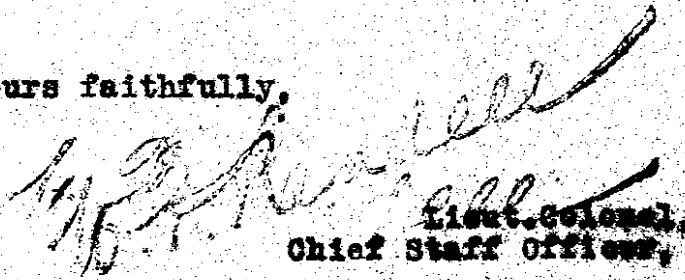
E. W. Mifflin, Esq.,
Police Constable,
Spaniard's Bay.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 1st, in reference to your son, the late #2065 Pte. Chesly Mifflin. We have asked the Authorities on the other side to endeavour to locate a man who was in the 14th Section #4 Platoon, A Company, during that occasion, and we are now awaiting a reply, upon receipt of which, we shall again communicate with you. As to your son's personal effects, I would say that as yet nothing has been received, and you will certainly be notified as soon as we receive any of his effects.

With regard to any money that might be lying to his credit, I may say that his estate is at present in the hands of the Minister of Justice, and as soon as letters of Administration are obtained, all monies belonging to him will be passed over to you.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer,

for Minister of Militia.

12114/276/R.&.C.

C.P. & O. i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent.

O.C. 1st Bn.

Officer Commanding,
1st Bn. R. Newfoundland Regt.
B. E. F.

Chief Paymaster.

Pay & Record Office.

30th July, 8.

5/8/18.

2693 Cpl. C.J. MIFFLIN,
deceased.

I enclose copy of memo-
randum from Minister of
Militia dated 28/6/18 (6597),
together with enclosure referred
to therein. Can you please give

No record is kept here
of any man of No. 4 platoon
being taken prisoner, but
No. 2682 Pte. MARTIN, L. was
taken prisoner on 14/4/17
and was in No. 3 platoon. It
is stated that Corpl. Mifflin
was on the flank of No. 4
platoon and it was known that
3 & 4 platoons were very
mixed up.

the desired information? Cpl.

Possibly this information
may be of use to Mr. Mifflin.

Mifflin was posted as missing
14/4/17, and is now presumed dead.

)Sgd) T.G. MATHIAS, Major,

Comdg. 1st Bn. R. Nfld Regt.

Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

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8/8/18

C.R. 2963

Dec. 30th 1918.

Dear Mr. Miffen:-

Your letter addressed to Capt. Howley, of this Office, in which you are making enquiries regarding the personal effects of your son #2963 the late Cpl. C.J. Miffen, has been passed to me for attention, and in reply I beg to state that so far we have not received any of your son's effects from the Pay and Record Office, London, but upon receipt of same we will immediately forward them on to you.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,



Lieut.
CASUALTY OFFICER.

Edmund Miffen Esq.,
Spaniards Bay C.B.

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.

August 1921

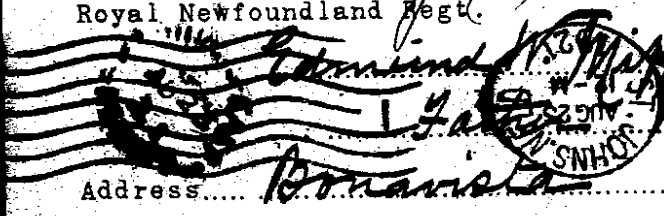
I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. *2963* Rank *Capt.*

Name *Charles J. Hifflin*
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Commander W. H. Hifflin (Sgd.)

14 Relationship.

Address *Bonaville*



Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental Number 2963

Rank H.C. Coy Regiment or Corps 2/1 Newfoundland Regt. Christian Name James Surname Miffen Age on Enlistment 24 years months.
 Religion Protestant Enlisted (a) 17-7-16 Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 17-7-16
 Date of promotion to present rank 1st Lt Date of appointment to lance rank 17-7-16
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) CONSISTENT or Corps Trade and Rate NOV 1917

Signature of Officer in Charge of Records.

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				
		Embarked	S'hampton	30 NOV 1916	
		Disembarked	Embarked	1-DEC 1916	
	<i>Wint</i>	Joined Battalion	<i>France</i>	<i>12/12/16</i>	<i>B 213</i>
			<i>France</i>	<i>14 APR 1917</i>	<i>B 213</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) Signaller, Shoering-Smith, &c.

[P.T.O.]

2963

Bonavista

March 22^d - 1920

Lieut. Col.

C.R. 2963

W.F. Rendell

Chief Staff Officer

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of Dec 28th 1919 - addressed to H. Mifflin Spanish Bay, and received by today's mail, enclosing a Memorial Scroll, and a message from His Gracious Majesty the King, re my son who died at Manchester.

Yours Respectfully

Edmund Wm Mifflin

REPLY TO

This is a copy of the original
letter and is not to be removed
from the file. Removed
from the file last May

E.W.M.

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Womarrata

March 22^d 1950

Lieut Col
W. F. Rendell
Chief Staff Officer

Dear Sir

It may ^{not} perhaps come under your Department but the two notices I received Christmas Week from the Militia Department, did not tend to make it happy for me, one that I was not allowed a pension, (owing to the paltry pension I was getting from the Constabulary Dept. Also that the allotment of sixty cents (60¢) per day was cut off from the previous month.

Now I have five in family, four of these are depending on my pension for support. Now with flour at \$19.50 per barrel, Coal \$26.00 per ton, sugar 25¢ per lb. and everything else according to it (also having to pay house rent) that paltry pension would not purchase near enough to support my family.

What did my boy and others fight, suffer, bleed, and die for, where does the right and justice come in, that their parents and those depending on them, should be left to suffer and starve, while others live in luxury.

Yours Respectfully
Edmund W. Tiffin

J.R. 2963

APRIL 24th 1930.

E.W. Nifflin, Esq..

Bonavista.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of March 2nd I regret that I have been unable to date to discover the name of the man who was with your son at the time he was hit. If his name does come to my notice I shall be very pleased to make an investigation concerning the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

CR. 2963

Received from the D.G.R. & N., Newfoundland Contingent, one Silver-Gold Medal, with "Bishop Field College, 1913", and "Miller" inscribed thereon.

Date Feb 6th 1922

Place Bonavista

Signature Edmund W. Miffin
Ex. Constable

Dept of Militia
St. John's

D. G. R. & E.

CABLES AND TELEGRAMS:
"NUMONGRAV." LONDON.

TELEPHONE:
JBEASURY.34.
Victoria 5374.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,

39, 58, - VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

12th August, 1922.

Effects Watch and Chain, 2963 Cpl. C.J. Mifflin.

(See Memorandum No. 1132.)