

NO. 1592

# First Newfoundland Regiment

## ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1592

Name in full Charles Nelson Age 19

Address 22 Lime St., St. John's

~~Married~~  
Single Height 5ft 4 1/2 in Weight 129

Color Fair Hair Brown Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks Scars below right ear

Nearest relative Mother (Wife)

Address 22 Lime St.

Dependents Mother Partly

Occupation Tramway Present Wage 4<sup>00</sup> per week

Previous service

Decorations

General Remarks

Date of Enlistment June 4<sup>th</sup> 1915

I, Charles Nelson, 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.

Charles Nelson

Declared before me this 5 day  
of June 1915

[Signature]

**RECRUIT REPORT ON ENGAGEMENT**  
 Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

Name Charles Nelson  
 Apparent age 19 years      months. Height 5 feet 4 inches.  
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded      inches.  
                           Range of expansion      inches.  
 Distinctive marks Colours Fresh, Hairs Brown, Eyes Blue  
Other distinguishing marks Scar below right ear

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.**

Name and Address of next of kin Bride Nelson, 22 Lime St., St. John's  
 | 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. O. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>4/6/15</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>4 June, 1915</u>									
<u>Embarked for U.K. 17/6/15</u>									
<u>Embarked for G.O. 27/6/15 joined batt. 28/6/15</u>									
<u>Officially separated "missing" Beaumont Barracks 17/7/15. Batt. 15. Unit</u>									
<u>Presumed dead 13/12/15. Batt. War Office</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above ... ..									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>1/7/16</u> (date of discharge) <u>1</u> years <u>28</u> days									
" " Pension " " " " " " " "									

C.R. 1592

Charles Nelson was attested for General Service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on June 4th 1915.  
Regimental No. 1592 was allotted to Pte Charles Nelson.

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,  
March 25th. 1919.

R. 1592

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas, per  
S.S. "Calgarian" June 19.1915. "F"

1592 Pte. Nelson C.

To be used only for Special Reserve recruits and for Special Reservists enlisting in the Regular Army.

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Hobson or Christian Name Charles

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish St. John County W. Yorks.

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>2nd</u> day of <u>June</u> 191 <u>5</u> at <u>St. John</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191____ at _____	
Declared Age	<u>19</u> years		_____ years	_____ days
Trade or Occupation	<u>Teamster</u>		_____	_____
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>4 1/2</u> inches	_____ feet	_____ inches
Weight	_____	<u>129</u> lbs.	_____	_____ lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>33</u> inches		_____ inches	_____ inches
	Range of expansion... <u>3</u> inches		_____ inches	_____ inches
Physical Development	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vaccination Marks	Ann	<u>1</u>	_____	_____
	Number	_____	_____	_____
When Vaccinated	<u>1908</u>		_____	_____
Vision	R. E.—V=	<u>4/9</u>	R. E.—V=	_____
	L. E.—V=	<u>6/9</u>	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>Geo W. Burden</u>		_____	_____
(Rank)	<u>Lieut</u>		_____	_____
Enlisted	at <u>St. John</u> on <u>4th</u> day of <u>June</u> 191 <u>5</u>		at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191____	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps. <u>1st W. Yorks.</u>	Regtl. No. <u>1592</u>	Corps. _____	Regtl. No. _____
Transferred to	_____	_____	_____	_____
Became non-effective by	_____	_____	_____	_____
(Signature)	_____		_____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	

Table II—Only for admissions to hospital or to the sick list in the case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters

Name of Hospital.	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number Days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, etc., will be given in the special syllable case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
THE CASTLE, EDINBURGH.	20	7	15	20	7	15	GONORRHOEA.	1	To Military Hospital, Glencorse for treatment,	<i>M. Lee Hyde</i> Captain. R.A.M.C.O.
Glencorse, Northwood Military Newcastle-on-Tyne	21	7	15	23	7	15	Gonorrhoea.	3	Quarries Post Army Camp West Hill Westbury. To No. 2 Trench for field treatment.	<i>R. Morrison</i> Major <i>M. Hodgson</i> Capt. R.A.M.C.O.
	25	7	15	27	8	15	Gonorrhoea.	35		

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
<i>June 25<sup>th</sup> 18</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Inoculation 500 Million</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
<i>Sgt. Wm. J. F. L. 2</i>					

*825*  
PAY LIST.

to *1st July 1916* Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps *1st New Brunswick and*  
 No. *1592* Rank *Plt.* Name *S. Nelson*  
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *France* on the *13* of *July* 191*6*  
 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 <i>JUL 1 1916</i> .....	<i>5</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0</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	<i>5</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		£	<i>5</i>	<i>19</i>		<i>5</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0</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<sup>(b)</sup>.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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

15742

Company

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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

Charles Nelson

Witness

Chas. H. Aye Capt.

Dated at

Harbour - or - Aye.

April 5th. 1916.

C.R. 1592

Extract of Casualty received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated July 31, 1916.

(Extract from Army Form B, 213 from O.C. Infl. Regt.  
dated 11/7/16)

#1592 Pte. C. Nelson, B. Co., ✓

Missing 1/7/16.

31st July, 1916

Dear Madam,

I regret to have to inform you that a report has this day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that No. 1592  
Private Charles Nelson

has been posted as Missing.

Should any further information be received concerning him, such information will be at once communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,


Mrs. Bride Nelson,  
22 ~~Line~~ Street,  
St. John's.

Colonial Secretary.

Cas.

LEO VILLA,

AYR.

Office <sup>MM</sup> 27/7/16  
21<sup>st</sup> July 1916.  
Reverend 

~~Mr. Marshall~~

I wonder if you could give me any information regarding Pte Charlie Nelson No. 1592. 1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland Regiment. He went out to France April this year + I have not heard from him since June 10<sup>th</sup> I am anxious about him.

You might please write + let me know what you can as soon as possible + Oblige

Miss Bella Boyle

Leo Villa

18 Craigie Road

Ayr

Scotland.

2570

July 27/16.

C.R. 1892

#1592 O. NELSON.

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

"MISSING."

G.

14th September, 1916.

Dear Madam,

On the 9th instant I cabled Captain Timewell at the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, asking him whether he could furnish any information regarding No. 1592, Private Charles Nelson. I am now in receipt of Captain Timewell's reply, in which he states that no further report has yet been received regarding this man.

Upon receipt of any information from the Record Office, the same will be immediately communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. Bride Nelson,  
22 Lime Street,  
City.

*James G.*

November 23rd, 1916.

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. Bride Nelson,

Colonial Secretary.

Simms Street.

1592

24 Lime Street

City 1592

Sir

C.R. ~~1592~~

Would be very thankful if you could give me any information regarding the Separation Allowance as I have a son <sup>no</sup> 1592 Pte Charles Nelson who made a Supreme Sacrifice on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1916 and according to statement in Papers I think I should be entitle to the Allowance as I have friends who is drawing it, and I have an Invalid Mother who has been an Invalid for 19 years and I am her only support Trusting you will give this your Greatest Attention.

Yours Obediently.

Mrs Bride Nelson  
24 Lime Street  
City

(P.S) As I never received no pahotic money I trust I wont be refused as it is my lawful rights of mothers & other dependants

14 James Street  
St Johns.

Thank the 8<sup>th</sup>

C.R. ~~1599~~  
1592

Sir

I received the photograph of my son Charles  
Nelson No 1599 thanking you for same.

I remain

Your obedient servant

Bride, Nelson.



DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA  
AND QUOTE NO.

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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

November, 17th 1917.

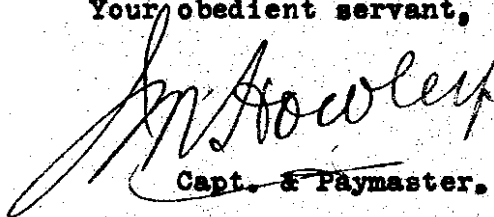
Chief Staff Officer,  
City.

Sir,-

I return herewith letter from  
Mrs. Bride Nelson, regarding Separation  
Allowance.

Will you please advise her, that  
Separation Allowance is not granted in the  
case of deceased men, and that her Allotment  
is being continued, pending final decision as  
to Pension, and that her claim for Pensions  
will be made up at the earliest opportunity.

I Have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,



Capt. & Paymaster.

C.R.

1592.

Nov. 19, 1917.

Mrs. Bride Nelson,  
24 Line Street,  
St. John's.

1592, Pte. C. Nelson.

Dear Mrs. Nelson:-

In reply to your letter (no date) I am instructed to inform you that no Separation Allowance is granted in the case of deceased men. A pension however is granted in certain cases and your allowance is being continued until the final decision as to pensions has been arrived at. Your claim for pension will be taken up at earliest opportunity.

I am, madam,

Yours faithfully,

Major,

C.S.O. Dept. of Militia.

WFR/JF.

St-Johns  
May 16/17

to Mr Howley

dear sir I did  
not explain I had an  
invalided mother she is the  
Grandmother of pte Charles  
Nelson & he was her only  
support - when I was filling  
in my paper I forgot her  
untill she reminded me  
of it - herself I remain  
yours truly

Mrs Budget-Nelson  
no 6 Finn St -  
St-Johns

Sept. 24, 1919

Mrs. Charles Nelson,  
24 Lime Street,  
City.

Dear Madam:

I enclose herewith  
form of claim for Mother, which kindly  
have completed in the presence of a  
Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, and  
when completed return to this Office  
so as your claim may be considered.

Yours truly,

Major  
Paymaster.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

WAR SERVICE GRATUITY.

St. John's, Newfoundland.

Declaration required of Officers and men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who claims War Service Gratuity under Order-in-Council dated January 28th. 1919.

A complete reply must be given to every question in this Declaration. There must be no blanks and no dashes, If any question are not applicable, the words "NOT APPLICABLE" must be written out.

On completion this Declaration is to be returned to THE OFFICER I/C RECORDS, PAY & RECORD OFFICE, ST. JOHN'S.

Christian name *Charles* 2. Surname *Nelson*  
3. Rank *1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland Bgt.* 4. Regtl. No. *1592*  
5. Address in full to which future payments of gratuity are to be forwarded *No. 24 Lime Street St. John's Newfoundland June 11 1915*  
6. Date of enlistment in the Regiment *June 11 1915*  
7. Name of dependent, if any, to whom Separation Allowance is being issued, or was being issued, immediately prior to your discharge *Bride Nelson*  
8. Relationship of such dependents *Mother*  
9. Address in full of such dependent *24 Lime Street St. John's Newfoundland*  
10. Is said dependent, now, or was said dependent at any time in receipt of Separation Allowance on account of another soldier? *No*  
11. Were you on active service only in Nfld. If so, give dates, and particulars of such service *No Distinctive Service in Newfoundland only Training*  
12. Give total length of time which you served on active service, whether in Nfld, or Overseas *13 Months Overseas*

13. Have you had more than one enlistment? If so, give particulars of discharge and re-enlistments, and under what regimental numbers.

*No*

14. Have you already received any payment of Post Discharge pay or War Service Gratuities? If so, state amount you and your dependents have already received and by whom paid.

15. Have you been issued with a War Service Badge?

*No application*

16. Have you, during the present war, served in the Imperial Forces?

17. Are you entitled to receive, or have you received any gratuity in the nature of Post Discharge Pay from the Imperial Forces? If so, state amount received, or to which you are entitled.

18. Did you revert Overseas to a rank lower than the substantive rank held by you on your arrival in England?

*No*

(b). If so, was such reversion in consequence of misconduct or inefficiency?

19. Are you now serving in the Regt.? ..... If not give:-- (a) Date of discharge..... (b) Reason for discharge.....

*Charles Nelson believed to have been killed in action*

20. Did <sup>he</sup> you at any time serve at the front in an actual theatre of War? If so give particulars of places, and dates of such service.

*About 12 months. Supposed to have been killed in action in France July 1/16*

21. (a) Are you receiving treatment from the Civil Re-Establishment Com.?

(b). If so, are you in receipt of full pay and allowances from that Committee.

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Signature of Applicant:

*Wm. Nelson*

Place of Residence:

*Wm. Nelson, 244 1/2*

Declared before me at:

*St. Johns, Nfld.*

This

*7th*

day of

*March 1919*

Signature of Barrister of the  
Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magis-  
trate, Notary Public, Justice of the  
Peace, or Commissioner of affidavits.

*John McCarthy*

POST DISCHARGE PAY.

Date paid	Paid Soldier	Paid Dependent	War Service Gratuity	Net amount due
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Certified Correct.

Paymaster.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCE.

Claimant *M. Charles Nelson* (Mother)

On account of *Charles Nelson* No. *1892* Rank. *Pte.*

Decision *Refused*  
*husband supporting*

Date *Dec 18/1919*  
*W. H. Russell* Lieut. Col.  
*M. Bowley* Capt.

Instructions

Allotment of *60<sup>c</sup>* per day payable to *Bride Nelson*  
his *Mother* from *11/6/18* to *31/8/19*  
Discontinued ~~on account of~~ by *Pension Board*

*L. P. Kirk* Staff Sgt.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland

Regimental No. 1592 Rank Pte Name Nelson Charles

Enlisted (a) 5.6.15 Terms of Service (a) war 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				
		Disembarked <u>Raven</u>	<u>8.4.16.</u>		
<u>11.7.16</u>	<u>Unit</u> <u>Do</u>	<u>joined Battalion France</u> <u>Missing</u>	<u>20.6.16</u> <u>Do</u>	<u>21.6.16</u> <u>1 JUL 1916</u>	<u>B 213, 24.6.16</u> <u>"</u>

*Doohick*  
Supt.  
MAJOR FOR  
S/c No. 1 Reg. Infantry Section  
G.H.G. 3rd Echelon

COPY SENT TO  
O.C. H.Q.  
57 BRNS. N.F.L.D.  
2795 NO. 650/173  
2 JUL 1917

(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, Fleming Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

*5 Dec 2nd* ..... 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of  
the late No. *1592* ..... Rank *Private* .....

Name *Charles Nelson* .....

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

*C. Nelson (Father)* (Sgd.) .....

..... Relationship.

Address *2. Murphy's Square,* .....

1921.

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

Mrs. Bride Nelson (Mother)

in respect of his service as No. 1598 Rank Pto.

Name Charles Nelson Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Mtd. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Medals

Signature C. Nelson (Father)

Date 3-12-1921

Address 2 Murphy Square

[P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

W. P. Gilfish & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.  
 (243) W. 12871/1004 4000 3/108-1 23 56

Number of Sheet 7

Signature of O. C. Company *[Signature]*

Regiment of 1st Buffs

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No.	Enlistment				Trade	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award of badge or proficiency with that	By whom awarded	REMARKS
	Age on	years	months	days						
1592	19				Cammion Roman Catholic St. John's					
Joined	Date of Enlistment <u>Sept 1916</u>									
Joined	Date <u>1916</u>									
Joined	Date <u>1916</u>									
Joined	Date <u>1916</u>									
Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cause of Discontinuance	OFFENCE						
Thames on Coy	10.9.17	LC		Absent from 9.30 - 11 pm	Cpl. Mann	3 days CB	11.9.17	2nd Lieut. R. B. [Signature]		
"	Nov 1918	"		Refusing to obey order of one of officers	C. Campbell	14 days CB	11.9.17	2nd Lieut. R. B. [Signature]		
"	10/1/16	"		(1) Being drunk while a defendant in court (2) Absent from a court of law	Cpl. Mann	14 days CB	11/1/16	Capt. E. S. Daye		
"	8/1/16	PLC		Absent from 10.30 to 11.30	Cpl. Mann	1 day CB	10/1/16	Capt. E. S. Daye		
"	17/1/16	"		Absent from 10.30 to 11.00 A.M.	Cpl. Mann	3 days CB	19/1/16	Capt. E. S. Daye		
"	28/1/16	"		Absent from 10.30 to 11.00 A.M. at 6.15 P.M. Absent from 10.30 to 11.00 A.M. at 6.15 P.M.	Cpl. Mann	5 days CB	31/1/16	Capt. E. S. Daye		
"		"		Absent from 10.30 to 11.00 A.M. at 6.15 P.M. Absent from 10.30 to 11.00 A.M. at 6.15 P.M.	Cpl. Mann	5 days CB	31/1/16	Capt. E. S. Daye		
To be granted over										
Missing 1/16										