



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 3573 Name William J. Parsons Corps Infantry

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

1. What is your name? ..... William J. Parsons
2. What is your full Address? ..... St. John's, Nfld.
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... Yes
4. What is your age? ..... 24 Years 1 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... Labourer
6. Are you Married? ..... No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,\* which? ..... No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ..... Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ..... 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

I, William J. Parsons 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.

William J. Parsons SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
A. M. Gough Signature of Witness.

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

I, William J. Parsons 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..... on this 7th day of April 1915

Signature of Attesting Officer W. J. Parsons

### †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.....1915  
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:— (Name).....re-enlisted in the (Regiment).....on the (Date)

# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name William J. Parsons  
 Apparent age 30 years 1 months. Height 5 feet 6 inches  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38 1/2 inches  
 Range of expansion 3 1/2 inches  
 Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Edie Parsons  
Salmon Cove B.C.T. | 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.	
(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					April 9 <sup>th</sup> 17				
Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>April 9<sup>th</sup> 17</u>									
Embarked <u>St John's train to Halifax N.S.</u> 19 <sup>th</sup> 17					Embarked				
for <u>106<sup>th</sup> B. Co.</u> 6-11-17					Embarked <u>Raden</u> 7-11-17				
for the field 14-11-17					Wounded 20-11-17				
Admitted 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov					Admitted 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 17				
Stop to report 23 <sup>rd</sup> 17					Wounded 11-12-17				
Wound 12-12-17									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 14-12-17 [date of discharge] - years 250 days

C.R. 3573

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Nfld.  
Regt., St. JOHN'S, April 9th, 1917.

3573 Pte. William Parsons.

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Attached to the Strength from April 9th, 1917.

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C.R. 3573

Extract from Nominal Roll embarked for Overseas

19-5-17.

3573 Pte. W. T. Parsons.

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

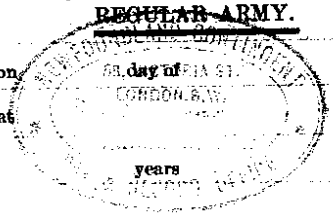
# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Parsons OF Christian Name William

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Salmon Cove County San De Verde

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
Examined	on <u>9<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>April</u> 191 <u>7</u>	on	on	191
	at <u>Headquarters</u>	at	at	
Declared Age	<u>30</u> years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation				
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>6.</u> inches		feet	inches
Weight	<u>125.</u> lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement	Grith when fully expanded	<u>36 1/2</u> inches		inches
	Range of Expansion	<u>3 1/2</u> inches		inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
	<u>/</u>	<u>I.</u>		
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R. E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		R. E.—V= <u>   </u>	
	L. E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		L. E.—V= <u>   </u>	
(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>W.E. Proctor</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Lieut.</u>			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St John's Regt</u>	at	at	
	on <u>9<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>April</u> 191 <u>7</u>	on	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>4/1st</u>	<u>5573.</u>		
Transferred to	<u>2nd Regt</u>			
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(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>21-4-17 3-5-17 10-5-17</p>	<p>T.A.B. W.S.P. 3.</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



C.R. 3573

Extract from Nominal Roll Draft No. 32: 111 Other Ranks from 2/1st  
Newfoundland Regt., Apr. to 1/1st Mfld. Regt., B.E.F. Embarked  
Southampton 6/11/17.

3573, Pte. Parsons, W.T.

MP.

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

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I request that the following Telegram may be forwarded according to the foregoing Conditions, by which I agree to abide.

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated December 1, 1917.

To Mr. Eli Parsons,  
Salmon Cove,  
Bay de Verde.

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London, officially reports No. 3573, Private William T. Parsons, was at Sixteenth General Hospital, LeTreport, November twentythird, suffering from severe gunshot wound in left thigh.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you and trust that next report will be of his convalescence.

R. A. SQUIRES,  
Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAMS

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sent by \_\_\_\_\_

Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place from \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

*Salmon Cove*  
*Nova Scotia*

*H. A. Agnew*  
*Halifax*

DEC 4 1917

Can you find  
out how my son  
is no 3573 reply  
immediately  
Mr Ed Parsons

C.R. 3573

Extract of Casualty received from Pay & Record  
Office, London, dated December 4, 1917.

#3578 Pte. W. Parsons ✓

Wounded 20/11/17.

CR 3575

#3573 Pte. William T. Parsons. ✓

Extradt of Casualty list received December 12, 1917.  
Previously reported Gunshot Wound left Thigh, ,severe  
Le Treport November 23, dangerously Ill Dec 11th.

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Dated December 12, 1917.

To Mr. Eli Parsons,

Salmon Cove,

Bay de Verde.

Record Office, London, today reports No. 3573,  
Private William T. Parsons, was dangerously ill  
December eleventh.

R.A. SQUIRES

Colonial Secretary

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 3573

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record  
Office, London, dated December 25, 1917.

#3573 Pte. W. Parsons. ✓

Died of Wounds 14/12/17 Previously reported wounded  
Authy:- O.C. 16th General Hospital 18/12/17.

Counter No. \_\_\_\_\_

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender W. M. Sturley Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated December 16th, 1917.

To Mr. Eli Parsons,  
Salmon Cove, B. de V.

Regret to inform you that Record Office London to-day reports No. 3573, Private William T. Parsons. died of wounds at 16th General Hospital, LeTreport, December 14th, gunshot wound left leg.

R. A. SQUIRES,  
Colonial Secretary.

Note for Operator.  
This message is not to be forwarded until receiving office notifies that message to Rev. E. Broughton, Freshwater, has been delivered and acted upon.

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

**FIELD SERVICE.**

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary receipt



REGIMENT OR CORPS } Newfoundland Squadron, Troop, } B. Co. \*  
Battery or Company }

Regimental No. 3573 Rank Private.

Surname Parsons. Christian Names W.

Died { Date 18/12/17. Place France.

Cause of Death\* Died of Wounds received in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Telegram from O.C. 16th. Gen. Hp., Le Treport 18/12/17.

By whom made O.C. 16th. Gen. Hp. N/029738.

\* 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.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not received  
(c) as a separate document Not received

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.

Station and Date } G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon. 20/12/18. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature]  
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } 2nd Lt. for Major,  
Office i/c No.1 Infantry Section.



OFFICE COPY

PAY LIST.

to

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Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps **ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**

No. **3543.**

Rank **Private**

Name **Parsons. W.**

Died (a) **Intestate** at **France**

on the **14<sup>th</sup>** of **December** 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.**

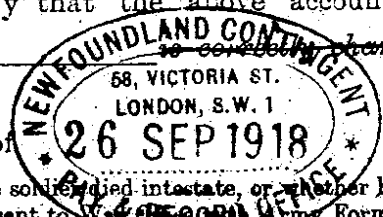
[Form 1.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month <b>14. 12. 17.</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7.</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 .....			
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage .....							
					This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to <b>26/9/18</b> and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		<b>£ 3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7.</b>		<b>£ 3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>

CKED.  
7. 18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 3 14 7 is ~~is~~ chargeable against the Public (b).

Dated at this day of



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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 not already sent to the Pay & Record Office, Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.  
(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

May 13, 19

Dear Mr. Parsons:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you, one package of effects, which belonged to your son the late #3573 Pte. W. Parsons of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am enclosing herewith, receipt. Will you kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and in the added sorrow which the receipt of these effects must entail.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Captain.

Mr. Eli Parsons,  
Salmon Cove,  
Bay de Verde.

Enc' 1. 1.

PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Received from Militia Department

Packages of effects of the late 3573 pte Wm Y Parson

3 Books  
1 Purse  
1 photo  
Letters

Signed Eli Parson

Salmon Cove  
Dist. Bay de Verde  
AFLD

Date May 16/18

CR 3573  
May 23, 1918.

Dear Sir:-

Notification has been received from  
the Pay & Record Office, London, stating  
that your son #3573 Pte. William  
Parsons is buried at Mont Huon Cemetery,  
LeTreport, France.

Yours faithfully,

W. V. W.

Lieut.

for Lieut. Col. U.S.O.

Mr. Eli Parsons,

Salmon Cove, B.B.

770/51 - Johns, Dec 29<sup>4</sup>  
1918

Dear Sir <sup>1854/11</sup>  
I have been  
informed that there is  
three months money  
due me for Oct - Nov. +  
+ Dec 20 dollars for each  
month I am the widow  
of <sup>late</sup> Pte Wm Thomas Parsons  
315-73 who died of wounds

on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1917 so if  
there is any money there  
<sup>will</sup> you please ~~oblige~~ forward  
it - + you will greatly oblige  
yrs Respectfully Mrs  
Hannah Parsons  
24 Buchanan Street  
St Johns Nfld

C.R. 3573

Dec. 31st, 1918

The Honourable  
Colonial Secretary

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of 28th Dec. forwarding letter from  
Mrs. L.M. Parsons of Salmon Cove, B.D.V. This  
Department will give this matter due consideration,  
and will reply direct to Mrs. Parsons

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant

Minister of Militia.

3573 pte. Wm Parsons died of wounds  
Dec 14th. 1917.

NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT

Information should be forwarded to the  
 Director of Public Works, St. John's,  
 Newfoundland, for quotation.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 1834/57/P&A

From  
**PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,**  
 58, VICTORIA STREET,  
 LONDON, S.W.

To  
 The Hon. the Minister of  
 Militia,  
 St. John's,  
 Newfoundland.

WF/PK. 31st January 1919.

**SUBJECT:**  
 3573 Pte. Parsons, N.T.  
 Deceased.  
 Reference Nos.

**REPLY**  
 Dated March, 1st, 1919  
 Please return **ORIGINAL** and retain **DUPLICATE.**

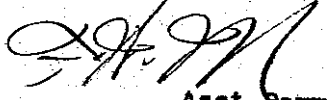
With reference to the following letter from Mrs. H.E. Parsons dated 28/12/18 (770):-

Noted, please.  
 Balance of estate has been paid to Mrs PARSONS.

"I have been informed that there is  
 "three months money due me for  
 "October, November & December, 20  
 "dollars for each month. I am the  
 "widow of late Pte. Wm. Thomas  
 "Parsons 3573 who died of wounds  
 "on Dec. 14th 1917; so if there is  
 "any money there will you please  
 "forward it and you will greatly  
 "oblige.

Minister of Militia.

Non-effective Account for the above-named soldier was forwarded to you under separate cover of A.F.B.279/169. 1.10.18 showing a credit balance of £5:14:7: Kindly convey this information to Mrs. Parsons please.

  
 Capt.  
 Asst. Paymaster.  
 For Chief Paymaster & O i/c Recds.

3rd February

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1854/1/P&A.

Mrs. Hannah E. Parsons,  
24, Buchanan Street,  
St. John's,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

Madam:-

NO. 3573 PTE. W. T. PARSONS, DECEASED.  
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

With reference to your letter dated 28/12/18 (770).  
All information relating to your late husband's estate has  
been forwarded to the Minister of Militia, to whom you  
should apply for further particulars please.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

Capt.  
Asst. Paymaster.  
For Chief Paymaster & O i/c Recds.

WF/FK

8192

Mr Grace

Jan 8/20

Paymaster:  
Military Dept  
St Johns Infd

on other side

Dear Sir:-

I am now writing  
to ask for a ~~farm~~ ~~far~~ to send  
for a claim for separation allowance  
I am getting a pension but by  
the time I pay by Board I  
don't have enough to supply  
my other wants + when my  
husband went to war I was  
depending upon him for my  
support I think I have a  
claim toward it please  
send me a form as I  
may send in before the  
date of March 31st I am  
not a strong ~~god~~ it was  
proved by the doctor + by so  
doing you will greatly oblige me  
Respectfully yours  
Dannah Parso

I am the Widow of the Late i<sup>te</sup>  
Wm. S. Parsons. <sup>no</sup> 35-73. + I have  
no one whatever to depend <sup>out</sup> of  
my Father, is always sick  
+ my Brother is not able  
to earn enough for him  
self please send 7 ann.

to Mrs Hannah  
Parsons Water st  
Obr Grace

Ann

December 20, 1920.

Mrs. Hannah Parsons,  
Water Street,  
Hr. Grace.

Dear Madam:

With reference to  
your letter of recent date, I enclose form  
of claim for Separation Allowance, which  
kindly have completed in the presence of a  
Magistrate or a Justice of the Peace, and  
return to this Office.

Yours truly,

Major  
PAYMASTER.

#3573  
Parsons (dow)  
Enc.  
LM

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 36 <sup>84</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Mar 1 1919

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of Thirty Six <sup>84</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars.  
on account of Pay. Estab.  
balance

Mrs Hannah E. Parsons,

Ch. No. 12164	Initials. E. W.
Pay Ledger 222	Initials. J. H.
Gen. Ledger.....	Initials.....

Regtl. No.

Rank

A. C. D.

**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

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.

Aug 18

1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of service of  
the late No. 3573 Rank *Plt*  
Name *William T. Parsons*  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

*Eli Parsons*

(Sgd.)

*Father*

Relationship.

Address

*Salmon Cove*

*Dist. Bay de Verde*

OCT 11 1921.

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

Mr. Eli Parsons (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 3573 Rank Pte.

Name William T. Parsons Royal Nfld. Regt.  
~~Private~~ ps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory Medal (9/10 British War  
- Medal

Signature Eli Parsons

Date Oct 12 / 21

Address Salmon Cove

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Receipt for Army Book 64

No. 3573 Name W. Parsons

To Certify that I have received the AB 64 of the above  
named Soldier.

Eli Parsons  
Name .....

Date July 21/20

Place Salmon Cove Bay de Verde Dist.

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