

# First Newfoundland Regiment

## ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1546

Name in full William Pennell, Age 20  
Address Curling, Bay of Islands.

Married  Single  Height Light Weight Grey  
Color Fair Hair Light Eyes Grey

Other distinguishing marks \_\_\_\_\_  
Nearest relative Wife (Hazel)  
Stephennelle Crossing.

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Dependents Wife  
Lumberman Present Wage 4.50 per month

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Previous service \_\_\_\_\_

Decorations \_\_\_\_\_

General Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Enlistment May 17<sup>th</sup> 1915

I, William Pennell, 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.

William Pennell

Declared before me this 18 day  
of May 1914

J. J. ...  
Lieut.

Name William Pennell

Apparent age 29 years 0 months

Height 5 feet 7 inches

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38 inches.  
Range of expansion 2 inches.

Distinctive marks Color: Fair, Hair: Light, Eyes: Gray.

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Hazel Pennell, Curling, Bay of Islands

Relationship Wife.

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 17/15</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>May 17/15</u> Embarked for U.S. <u>17/6/15.</u>									
Embarked for B. E. F. via Egypt. <u>13/3/16</u>									
Joined Batt. in the Field. <u>2/4/16.</u>									
Killed in action Beaumont Hamel <u>1/7/16</u> Auth. OC Unit									
Killed in Action France <u>1.7.16</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above									

C.R. 1546

William Pennell was attested for General Service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ..... May 17th, 1915  
Regimental No. 1546 was allotted to Pte William Pennell

AUTHORITY:

Recr'd Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. Johns For Overseas, per  
S. S. "Galgarian" June. 19. 1915. "F8".

1546 Pte. W. C. Pennel.

only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists entering the Army.

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Pennell OR Christian Name William C

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Curling County St Georges

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>19</u> day of <u>Mar</u> 191 <u>5</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191	
	at <u>St Georges</u>		at _____	
Declared Age	<u>20</u> years		_____ years	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Sawyer</u>		_____	
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>7 1/2</u> inches	_____ feet	_____ inches
Weight	<u>145</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>36 3/4</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>3 3/8</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated	<u>No</u>		_____	
Vision	R. E.—V=	<u>16</u>	R. E.—V=	_____
	L. E.—V=	<u>16</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>Frederic Burden</u>		_____	
(Rank)	<u>Lieut</u>		_____	
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St Johns</u>		at _____	
	on <u>29</u> day of <u>Mar</u> 191 <u>5</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	<u>1<sup>st</sup> P.F.C.D.</u>	Corps.	_____
	Regtl. No.	<u>1546</u>	Regtl. No.	_____
Transferred to	_____		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____		_____	
(Signature)	on _____ day of _____ 191		on _____ day of _____ 191	

Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.; Examinations for Field Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
<p>May 25<sup>th</sup> 15                      June 7<sup>th</sup> 15</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Inoculation 500 Million                      2<sup>nd</sup> " 1000 "</p>
<p>17.16</p>	<p>Killed in Action France <i>[Signature]</i></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
<p><i>St Johns B.F. 22</i></p>					



Regimental Number 1546

Company                     

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.

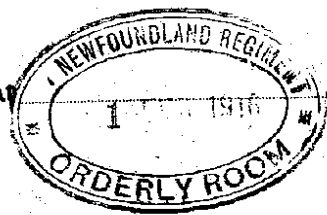
Subject to the Army Act, the King's Regulations,  
and to such ordinances as may apply or may  
be made to apply to the British Regular Army.

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

Signed W<sup>m</sup> Pennell

Witness Johndunfan

Dated at                     



C.R. 1546

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&R.O.

July 26th. 1918.

1546, Pte W. Pennell. ✓

Reported by O.C. En. d/11/7/18 as Killed in Action 1.716.

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

# OUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

## Cable Connection with all the World

### All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

The Management may decline to forward the Message, though it has been received for transmission ; but in case of so doing shall refund to the Sender the amount paid for its transmission.

In case the Message shall never reach its destination by reason of any neglect or default of the N. P. T. or its Servants whilst the Message remains under the control of the N. P. T., they will refund the amount paid by the Sender for such Message.

The N. P. T. shall not be liable to make compensation beyond the amount refunded as above for any loss, injury, or damage arising or resulting from the non-transmission or non-delivery of the Message, or delay or error in the transmission or delivery thereof, howsoever such transmission, non-delivery, delay, or error shall have occurred.

The control of the N. P. T. over the Message shall be deemed to have entirely ceased for the purposes of these Conditions at any point where, in the course of the transit of the Message to its destination, it may be entrusted by the N. P. T. (and the N. P. T. shall have full power so to entrust the Message) for further transmission by or through any system, service, or line of Telegraph belonging to or worked by any administration or authority not controlled by the N. P. T. exclusively, although worked as part of or in connection with the Telegraphic system or service of the N. P. T.

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

Dated July 26, 1916.

To Mrs. Hazel Pennell,  
Curling.

Regret to inform you No. 1546, Private William Pennell, has been reported killed in action July first.

J.R. BENNETT

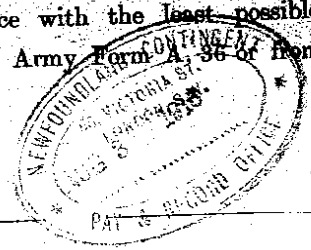
Colonial Secretary.

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

**FIELD SERVICE.**

**COPY**

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 sources.



REGIMENT } 1st Newfoundland Regiment } Squadron,  
or } } Troop, Battery  
CORPS } } or Company }

Regtl. No. 1546 Rank Private

Name Pennell, W.

Died { Date July 1st, 1916.  
Place France.  
Cause of Death \* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213, 11/7/16.

By whom made O.C., Unit.

\* 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 Not yet received.  
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) " "  
(c) as a separate document " "

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 (Sgd) A. E. Clerk, Capt. for Lt. Col. Officer i/c Infantry Section, 3rd Echelon, B. E. F.

Station and Date 27/7/16.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland 72  
 Regimental No. C.R. 1046 Rank Pte Name William Peavel  
 Enlisted (a) 17/5/15 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) \_\_\_\_\_

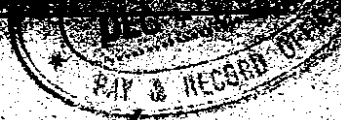
Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
	<u>Resembled Mansell</u>		<u>3. 4. 16</u>		
	<u>Unit James Battalion</u>		<u>France</u>	<u>2. 4. 16</u>	<u>B 213</u>
<u>11 JUL 1916</u>	<u>Unit</u>		<u>France</u>	<u>JUL 1916</u>	<u>B 213</u>

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FOR DEPARTMENT RECORDS  
 T.M.S. 6th ECHELON

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of each re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Signalling Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. (P.T.S.)

**NON-DEBITIVE ACCOUNT.**



Regiment or corps *1st Buffs*  
 No. *1546* Rank *Private* Name *W. B. Bennett*  
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *home* on the *1st* 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 <i>12<sup>th</sup> May 16</i> .....	<i>14</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay <i>50</i> days at <i>1/10</i> from <i>12/5</i> to <i>11/16</i> <i>1855<sup>00</sup></i> .....	<i>111</i>	<i>6</i>	
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	<i>May 31 1916</i> <i>106</i>				Messing allowance _____ days at _____			
	<i>June 26</i> " <i>106</i>				from _____ to _____			
	" " " <i>111</i>				Kit allowance .....			
	<i>Allotment</i> <i>50 days @ 70<sup>th</sup> 35<sup>00</sup></i> <i>17</i>			<i>3</i>	Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2 .....			<i>10</i>
	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>17</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		<i>£15</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>		<i>£15</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>3</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 (b).

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.

BRANCH

Robt ... Carlmg

ACTED UPON

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1918

BY

NAME

To the Agent-General for Newfoundland  
London England.

Hi Can you please give any  
information concerning my son  
to the 28 Private Charles Russell

Newfoundland Regiment.

As I have had no news of him  
since April. He he was missing  
in that Drive. Got of the  
Newfoundland have turn up  
Prisoner of War in Germany  
but no news of any sort since  
this as the second son one  
was still in July Drive  
1917. It is very hard to have  
another one missing even

five months and no account  
of him yet. I heard Miss  
John Pennell say there  
was a Parcel in the Record  
Paymg Office for me what-  
my son left - for me before  
he was killed if it the  
case I like to have it or  
anything belonging to  
him. My first son what was  
killed 1 of July 1918 his name  
is William C Pennell. 1546  
I like to know if I could get  
the Photo of his Grave in  
France. I give anything to get  
it. Please let me know

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If you can find out about  
my other son Charles Pennell

Please Oblige  
Yours Truly  
Mrs. Joseph Pennell  
Curling  
Bay of Islands  
Newfoundland

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	6074
Rec'd.	22 OCT 1917
Ans'd.	
Ans'd.	11295/1 27/10/17
File No.	

1428 pte C Pennell missing 14/4/17  
no further particulars  
will be presumed dead 17/11/17  
for official purposes

27th October, 7

11295/1./Records./HA-JC.

Mrs. Joseph Pennell,  
Curling,  
Bay of Islands,  
Newfoundland.

Madam, 1428, Pte. C. Pennell.


In reply to your letter of the 23/9/17: I deeply regret to inform you that there is no further news of your son, Pte. Charles Pennell. Although every possible effort has been made to ascertain if he was a prisoner in enemy hands, there has been no result to show that he is.

There is no trace of any parcel belonging to your son at this Office.

I am writing to the Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries in the hope that he may be able to furnish a photograph of 1546 Pte. W.C. Pennell's grave, and if this is forthcoming it will be sent to you in due course.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

  
Lieut.  
for Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

22/7577

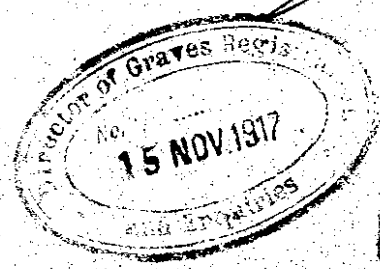
The Officer i/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58. Victoria Street,  
LONDON, S.W.

In reply to your 12061/12 dated 12th November  
1917, I beg to inform you that Pte. W. C. Pennell, is reported  
as buried at Englebelener, S. of Maily, Near Albert.

The grave has not yet been located by my officers,  
but as soon as this has been done, your request for a photo-  
graph will be noted and a copy sent to you.

War Office,  
Winchester House,  
St. James's Square,  
London, S.W.1.

*Percy Nakoyd*  
- Capt. D.A.A.G.



6848  
15 NOV 1917  
[Redacted]

Reb  
*[Signature]*

ARE 12559/14 to O.G. R.S.

12359/14

The Director of Graves Registration & Enquiries,  
War Office,  
Winchester House, S.W. (1)

16th November,

7.

Sir,

No. 1546, Pte, W.C. Pennell, Dec'd.  
1st Newfoundland Regiment.

With reference to your letter 22/7577 of 15/11/17 (6878):  
I have the honour to state that it was not previously reported  
to this office that Pte. Pennell was buried at Engelbelmen.

It would be very much appreciated if this office could be  
supplied with a complete list of the grave sites relating to  
deceased soldiers of the Newfoundland Contingent so far as is  
known at your office, as it is thought that there may possibly  
be others which have not yet been reported.

It is quite understood that this may take a considerable  
time, but it is hoped that you will be good enough to supply  
the information at your convenience.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HA/NW

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

MINISTER OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA  
AND QUOTE NO.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,

Nov. 28th, 1917

Deputy Colonial Secretary,  
C I T Y.

Sir:-

A request has been received to obtain a Memorial Card for Mrs. Joseph Pennell, Curling, Bay of Islands, whose son, N.C. Pennell has been killed in action. It is understood that a Card has been forwarded to the late Pte. Pennell's wife, and his mother is anxious to have one also. I should be glad if you would advise Mrs. Pennell if a card can be issued to her.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*J. R. V. Bennett*  
Minister of Militia.

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November 29, 1917.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th instant regarding the desire of Mrs. Joseph Pennell, of Curling, for a Memorial Card of her son who was killed in action. Much as I should like to do it, I hardly see how we can grant her request, as it would open the way for similar requests from others who would have equally as strong a claim. I shall write Mrs. Pennell explaining the situation to her.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Deputy Colonial Secretary.

Hon. J.R. Bennett,  
Minister of Militia.

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November 29, 1917.

Dear Madam,

The Minister of Militia has written to this Department in relation to your desire to obtain a Memorial Card of your son, who was killed in action. I quite appreciate your desire and should very much like to comply with your request but the rule has been made that these cards should go to the next of kin and of course one card only issues in respect of one person. Naturally your son named his wife as his next of kin and to her the card was sent in the present instance.

The Government greatly appreciate the unselfish devotion of the mothers who so willingly gave their boys when the call of King and Country came. We realize that we cannot do too much for such mothers but in the present case we cannot disregard the request of your gallant son who has given his life in the great cause of Righteousness and Truth and who named his wife as his next of kin.

Assuring you of the Government's sincere sympathy,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. Joseph Pennell,  
Curling,  
Bay of Islands.

C.R. 1346

G.

31st December, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I beg to inform you that a report has now been received from the Newfoundland Pay and Record Office, London, which contains the information that Private W. C. Pennell was buried at Engelbelmer, S. of Maily, near Albert, France.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. Hazel Pennell,  
Curling.

10128

Stephenville Crossing

April 28<sup>th</sup>/00.

1546

The Department of Militia  
St Johns

Dear Sir:—

Replying to yours of  
the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. note what you say about separation  
allowance for wives & other dependents of soldiers  
for the whole period of the war.

I regret to have overlooked this matter.  
Am therefore enclosing a copy of my  
marriage certificate, & will be pleased  
to receive the amount lying to my credit  
at the department of militia.

Thanking you in anticipation  
Yours very truly  
Mrs W. C. Pannell.

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P.S.  
Kindly return certificate

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May 13, 1920

Mrs. W.C. Pennell,  
Stephenville Crossing,  
Mfld.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter  
of April 28th. I enclose herewith cheque for  
\$289.33 Separation Allowance due you.

I also return herewith your  
Marriage Certificate.

Yours truly,

Major  
Paymaster

LM/ Enc.2

April 8, 1921.

Mrs. Hazel G. Pennell,  
Stephenville Xing.

Dear Madam:

I enclose cheque for \$47.37 representing  
balance due estate of late Pte. W.C. Pennell, payable  
to you as Adminixtratrix of same.

I also enclose Letters of Administration.

Yours truly,

Major

Paymast er.

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. 1546 Rank Sgt.

Name William Pennell

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Hazel Pennell (Sgd.)

Wife Relationship.

Address Stephenville Crossing

Stephenville Crossing  
Feb 20/20

C.R. 1546

Department of Militia  
St Johns,

Dear Sirs:—

I herewith acknowledges  
receipt of Memorial Serol.  
of Pte William Pennell  
(my husband) and the accompanying  
messages from the King,  
With thanks,

Yours truly  
Mrs Hazel Pennell

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OCT 11 1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mrs. Hazel Pennell (Widow)

in respect of his service as No. 1546 Rank Pte.

Name William Pennell **Royal Nfld. Regt.**  
**Nfld. Forestry Corps.**

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Oct 17<sup>th</sup> / 21 Medals

Signature Hazel G Pennell

Date Oct 17<sup>th</sup> / 21

Address Curling

[P.T.O.]

