

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2592 Name H. Bennett Spences Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| <p>1. What is your name?</p> <p>2. What is your full Address?</p> <p>3. Are you a British Subject?</p> <p>4. What is your age?</p> <p>5. What is your Trade or Calling?</p> <p>6. Are you Married?</p> <p>7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which?</p> <p>8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?</p> <p>9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service?</p> <p>10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?....</p> <p>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?</p> | <p>1. <u>H. Bennett Spences</u></p> <p>2. <u>Twillingate No. 2 Bar</u></p> <p>3. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>4. <u>21</u> Years <u>8</u> Months</p> <p>5. <u>Fisherman</u></p> <p>6. <u>No.</u></p> <p>7. <u>No.</u></p> <p>8. <u>Yes.</u></p> <p>9. <u>Yes.</u></p> <p>10. <u>For me</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">} Corps</p> <p>11. <u>Yes.</u></p> |
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FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR

I, H. Bennett Spences 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.

H. Bennett Spences SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
A. Posworthy Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, H. Bennett Spences 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 given, as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at Twillingate on this 25th day of April 1916.

Signature of Attesting Officer H. O. Whitebridge, 2nd Lieut.

† 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..... } Approving Officer.
 Place..... }

† 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.

C.R. 2592

H. B. Spencer was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on April 25th 1916
Regimental No. 2592 was allotted to Pte H.B. Spencer.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

R 2592

Abstracts from National Roll Subscribed at. Spenser for Overseas.
for A. July 19, 1916.

2592 Pts. Spenser H.B.

2/10/16

Used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting into the Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Spencer OF Christian Name Bennett

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish _____ County _____

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on 24 th day of April 1916	at	on _____ day of _____ 191	at _____
Declared Age	21 years 8 days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation				
Height	5 feet 6 inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	140 lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded...	37 inches		_____ inches
	Range of expansion...	2 1/2 inches		_____ inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks {	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V	6/6	R.E.—V	
	L.E.—V	6/6	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>Samuel P. Gordon</i>			
(Rank)	17477 Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at <i>S. P. Gordon</i>	at _____		
	on 24 th day of April 1916	on _____ day of _____ 191		
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<i>1st Nfld Reg</i>	<i>2592</i>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
	on _____ day of _____ 191	on _____ day of _____ 191		
(Signature)				
(Rank)				[P.T.O.]

DK Nfld 65

Table II.—Only for admission to hospital or to the ship in cases of *W. m.* Officers treated in quarters.

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital		Discharged from Hospital		Disease	Remarks on course, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of further use. In cases of syphilis, admission and readmission to hospital will be shown. The subsequent procedure and attending-particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, etc., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day			
1010 T.A.L. HOSPITAL HONG KONG	10	16	12	16	Soft chancre (30)	79 transferred to Brighton Grove Military Hospital Newcastle on Tyne.	<i>W. m.</i> <i>W. m.</i> CAPTAIN R.A.M.C.
					Dubo	55	

Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c. Examination 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>11/7/16 21. 7. 16 16-8-16</p>	<p>1st Inoculation L.B. S. A. Sicilian I.A.B. per W.P. H. 46. Successful Vaccination H. 46.</p>
<p>6-10-16</p>	<p>Fit for Foreign Service</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

This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. ^{U. S. (7)}
N. P. 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 Bennett Spencel

aged 21 years

conducted at C. I. B.

Date: Apr 11/16

Recruiting Officer:

NO OF
TEST

FINDING

1 no
2 no
3 no
4 no
5 no
6 no
7 no
8 yes
9 yes
10 no
11 no
12 no
13 no
14 no
15 no
16 no
17 no
18 no
19 6/6 Bad
20 no
21 no
22 no
23 no
24 no
25 no
26 no
27 no
28 no
29 no
30 no
31 no
32 no
33 no
34 5-6
35 140
36 24 2/37
37 No open mouth
38 Remarks: Mr Mark Spencel's dwelling at C. I. B.
39 Jones

Signature of Medical Examiner: William Roberts

C.R. 2592

Extract from Nominal Roll of Nfld. Regt. Draft No.22

Proceeded Overseas, 24-3-17 Embarked Southampton, 25-3-17.

2592 Pte. H. Spencer.

be very much appreciated.

Yours respectfully,

(Miss) Laura Spence.

RECEIVED	869
FEB 16 1917	
Ans'd.	24/2/17
File No.	175574

Apr 2

54 Springdale St.
St. John's, Nfld.

Capt. Gemewell,
101 Nfld. Regt.
London.

Dear Sir,

I beg to ask you if you could give me any information regarding No. 7592, Pte. Bennett Spence, of the Nfld. Regt.

I am extremely anxious about him, not having received a word from him since September last. If you can give me any information at our convenience I can assure you, it would

1755/1

Newfoundland Contingent,
Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.

26th February,

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(undated),

No. 2592, Pte. Bennett Spencer, has not yet been sent on Active Service, but is still on the strength of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Newfoundland Regt., Ayr, Scotland.

He is at present in hospital where he has been for some time. Any further enquiries should be made at Headquarters, St. John's, please.

XXX Madam,

Miss L. Spencer,
64, Springdale Street,
St. John's,
Nfld.

Major,
Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 1576/1

From
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.
HA/WF 20th, February 1917

To
O. C.,
3rd. Scottish General Hosp.
Stobhill,
Glasgow.

SUBJECT:
2592, SPENCER, PTE. B.
2/1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.
Reference Nos.

REPLY
Dated 21/2/17 1917

Will you kindly state when
the above-named man was admitted
to your Hospital, and what he is
suffering from.

H.A. Anderson Lt
Paymaster & O i/c ^{for Major,} Records.

Urgent, please.

*No. 2592. Pte. Spencer, B.
was admitted to this
in 9/10/16. suffering
from Venereal Disease.
Transferred to
Brighton Grove Military
Hospital Newcastle-on-Tyne
27/12/16.*

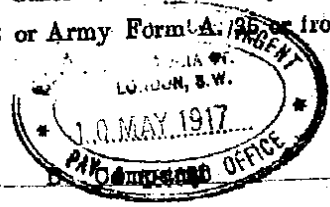
A. Macfie
Lieut. Col. R.A.M.C. (TA)

O.C. 4th SCOTTISH GENERAL HOSPITAL,
STOBHILL, GLASGOW.

1ST N. WFOUNDA ID REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	<i>954</i>
Rec'd.	FEB 23 1917
Ack'd.	
Ans'd.	
File No.	

ORIGINAL. FIELD SERVICE.

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. 218 or Army Form A. 128 from other official documentary sources.



REGIMENT } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT. Squadron,
or } Troop, Battery
CORPS } or Company

Regtl. No. 2592 Rank Private

Name SPENCER, H. B.

Date April 23rd., 1917.

Died Place France.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

DUPLICATE.
SEN. H.Q.
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.
N.F.P.38. No. 111
DATED 17 MAY 1917

Nature and Date of Report B 213, 25/4/17.

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

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 } Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1,
Office at the Base } 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date 3rd. Echelon, 4/5/17.

Counter No. _____

NEWFOUNDLAND 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 *Frederick M. Spence* Address _____

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	Check
		<i>Frederick M. Spence</i>		

Dated 6th May, 1917.

To Mr. Mark Spencer,
Twillingate.

Regret to inform you Record Office London today reports that No. 2592, Private H. Bennett Spencer, was Killed in Action on the twentythird April.

J. R. BENNETT

Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

Allot of 50 per cent
being sent to Mrs. M. Spence
Ywellinggate, N.D.B. for Mrs.
apps + Mrs. Still Curly willingale
May 26th/19

Deputy Minister Militia

Spence's

Dear Sir,

5407

Mr Mark Spences, of Back St,
desires me to write you to obtain
information regarding moneys previously
paid to him on behalf of his deceased
son Mr H. Bennett Spences, No 2572, who
was killed in April 1917.

He received moneys up to February
1919, but has received none since.

Mr Spences is getting up in years, lost
one son, has another - Mr. Red - now
home partly incapacitated, and is
desirous to know what is the arrangement
regarding this sort of thing. He does

(2)

not desire to appear covetous, but understands that others have received money on account of deceased soldiers up to a later date than he.

He would be particularly obliged if you would inform him what are the regulations regarding this, and whether other payments are due him or not.

He would be also grateful if you could obtain for him any information as to where his son was buried (killed April 23rd 1917) and if buried in a cemetery, for a photograph of his grave, which perhaps you could obtain through the Society which looks after British graves in France. Should you have knowledge that interment was made in the field of battle he would be grateful to know this.

(3)

Please write to him direct, and
below I give his address.

I should be much obliged
on his behalf for whatever information
you can supply Mr Spence with.

Yours very truly,

W. B. Temple

Editor *North Sun*.

Address

Mr Mark Spence
Back Harbour
Dunblair.

2592

June 19, 1919

Mr. Mark Spencer,
Back Hr., Twillingate.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Mr. Temple's letter of May 26th. on your behalf, concerning the non-receipt of allotment, I beg to advise you that this allotment has been paid to Mrs. Mark Spencer regularly, since the death of Pte. H. B. Spencer, and accordingly if there are any cheques which she did not receive, they must have been mislaid somewhere in the mails.

If, however, they do not turn up within a little while, write again and arrangements will be made to have duplicate issued.

Yours truly,

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR INDIA.

Nov 22 1919

The Paymaster & Officer i/c Records
St. John's Mfld.

Sir:-

No. 2592
Rank S.
Name Spencer

I have the honour by direction, to advise you that the claim for pension on account of the Marginally noted has been considered by the Board, and it has been ordered that if there is an allotment, Separation allowance, or Patriotic Fund allowance, being paid on his account, that it should be cancelled from Nov 1st 1919

Kindly govern yourself accordingly, and advise me of the amount paid by your Dept., on this account.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Asst. Secy.

B.P.C. Form 11.

*Discontinued
31/1/19*

*Mrs Mark Spencer
Dumfries*

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

August 6th 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2592 Rank Private
Name H. Bennett Spencer
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Harold Spencer (Sgd.)

Son Relationship.

Address Back W. Gate

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. 2592 Name B. Spencer

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

Date. July 3/79.

Place.... St. Chillingale (R. Rd)

Name ~~(W. H. B. Spencer)~~
Mark Spencer

WJ

N.B. For completion and return to the Department of Militia insert in corner of envelope "AB 64"

1921.

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

Mr. Mark Spencer (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2592 Rank Pte.

Name H. Bennett Spencer Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~4th Bn. Canadian Exp. Coy.~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory and British War Medals

Signature Mark Spencer

Date Oct. 7th.

Address M. Spencer, Twillingate

[P.T.O.]

