



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. *2486* Name *Archie Belbin* Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. *Archie Belbin*
2. What is your full Address? 2. *Country Road
Bay Roberts*
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. *Yes*
4. What is your age? 4. *19* Years *1* Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. *Millman*
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 *Archie Belbin*
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*

THE DURATION OF THE WAR

I, *Archie Belbin* 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.

S. Cp. 11/16 SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Archie Belbin Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Archie Belbin* 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 *Bay Roberts* on this *11/16* day of *Nov* 191*5*.

Signature of Attesting Officer *A. Outbridge*

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 *1st Bn*.

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 191*5*

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 ENLISTMENT

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

Name Herbert C. Belkin
 Apparent age 19 years 1 months. Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 25 1/2 inches
 Range of expansion 2 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Wm. Belkin Sr.
Country Road | Relationship father
Bay Roberts.
 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) 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	Regt. 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 _____									
Joined at _____ on _____									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Total Service towards Engagement to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days									
Pension _____									

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Corps</p> <p>11. <u>Yes</u></p> |
|---|---|

I, Herbert Belbin 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.

E. A. P. 11/16 Herbert Belbin SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
R. D. Outhridge Signature of Witness.

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on this..... day of..... 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer R. D. Outhridge, 2nd Lieut

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This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (1)
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 Robert Belkin

aged 19

conducted at G. R. B.

Date: 4/10/16

Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST

FINDING

1	No
2	No
3	No
4	No
5	No
6	No
7	Yes
8	Yes
9	No
10	A
11	A
12	A
13	5 Roots to come out
14	A
15	A
16	A
17	A
18	A
19	6/10 left, 6/9 Rt.
20	A
21	A
22	A
23	A
24	A
25	A
26	A
27	A
28	A
29	A
30	A
31	A
32	A
33	No
34	5 1/2
35	133
36	53 1/2 / 25 1/2
37	2600 / month
38	parents - Mrs. <u>Belkin</u> , (Sandykto - Bay Roberts)
39	mons

2486

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Signature of Medical Examiner: William Roberts.

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Posted..... 9 - MAR 1919

2575/37/P&A

C.R. 2496



The Hon. The Minister of Militia,
St. John's,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

SP/PK.

14th February 9.

2486 PTE. H. BELBIN, DECEASED.
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

With reference to the following
letter from Mrs. William Belbin,
Country Road, Bay Roberts, Nfld.-
17/1/19 (1267):-

"As the Newfoundland prisoners
have arrived back from Germany
God didn't see fit to send
my dear boy back to me, Pte.
H. Belbin, No. 2486, who was
captured in the battle of
Monchy 14/4/17 and lived
until June past 1918. He
died through accident while
working as prisoner of war.
He gave himself willingly
to fight and die now. He is
gone; he will never come
back to me my precious boy,
and I want to know about the
reserve money and if the money
is due to me as I need it
badly. Will you send it as
soon as possible to Mrs.
William Belbin, Country Road,
Bay Roberts, Nfld, or will
you please give me information
how to get it and oblige."

Non-Effective account showing
credit balance £57:16:5: due to
deceased's Estate is enclosed for
customary attention, please.

W.F.M.

Capt.

Asst. Paymaster.

For Chief Paymaster & O I/c Recds.

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RECEIPT FOR A SOLDIER'S DOCUMENTS.

N.B.—See instructions on the back of this Form.

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">DUPLICATE MAIL COPY</p>		Original Attestation and Documents retained therewith		Duplicate Attestation and Documents retained therewith	
		Corps No. <u>Postal</u> Rank <u>.....</u> Name <u>.....</u> hon. effective account as per attached list.	Declaration made by soldier on form (A. P. B. 1026) at time of engagement Docts of re-entrined men Compulsory stoppages (A. P. B. 998) Declaration of change of name (A. P. B. 1049) Authority for any Proclamation of Service under sec. 67 Army Act Application to Disarmy Act Notice of rejoining of Service beyond 31 years Re-engagement Paper Authority for Special Reinforcement (A. P. B. 998) Attestations of fitness and fitness of every enlisted man for Corps in which he had to serve Proce of date of Court of Inquiry on an appeal from a Court of Inquiry in the field	Field Conduct sheet (A. P. B. 1025) Employment sheet (A. P. B. 966) Certificate of Character (A. P. B. 1044) Compulsory Stoppages (A. P. B. 998) Active Service Casualty Form (A. P. B. 1031) Regimental Conduct sheet	Proceedings on discharge Proceedings on Transfer to Army Reserve Copy of last page of attestation Proceedings on Transfer to Army Reserve Medical Report for Invalids Character Certificate (A. P. B. 997) Discharge Certificate (A. P. B. 997a) Copy of receipt for purchase money Declaration on Transfer to Army Reserve Copy of last page of attestation Proceedings on discharge	Pay Book (Active Service) (A. B. 60) Statement of Account (A. P. O. 1811) Special claims List of accessories in possession Clothing return Compensation for Clothing Company Conduct sheet Copies of Certificates by Civil Power Proceedings of Court of Inquiry lost on an injury or on men returning on active service Medical History sheet
2486 Pt. Belbin. S.					



ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

The Hon. The Min. of Militia

Officer Stephen H. H.

Please receive the documents as indicated above.

Signature of Officer forwarding documents

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Rank
 Corps
 Station CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS
 Date 14-2-19

I have received the above documents

Signature of Officer who receives the documents

Rank
 Corps
 Station
 Date

Newfoundland. Contingent

Summary of non-effective accounts of deceased Soldiers having Next of Kin in Newfoundland.

Regt & Rank.	name.	Will	Amount due to P. Master	Amount due by P. Master
2486. No.	Belbin J. Duteato	—	—	£. s. d. 57. 16. 5.



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Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to 191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps **ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**
 No. **2486** Rank **Private** Name **Belbin, H.**
 Died^(a) **Intestate at Germany** on the **13th of June** 1918.
 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 13/6/18	57	16	5
	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			
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	57	16	5	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£57	16	5		£57	16	5

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to **13 FEB 1919** and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED:
P.P.A.
13 FEB 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the ~~total balance of~~ ~~is correctly chargeable against the~~ **NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT**

Dated at this day **13 FEB 1919**

191 **[Signature]** CHIEF 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.

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13 FEB 1919

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Dated at

LONDON, E.W. 1

this

day **13 FEB 1919**

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Country Road
~~My Letter~~
August 25/20

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W. J. Rendall
St Johns

WYDEN
CR 2486

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August
7th to hand in Reply I beg to state
that the mentioned form was dispatched
to your office during the Spring
if it is not to hand will you
kindly send me another which I will
send immediately

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Yours sincerely

W. J. Balbian

C.R. 2486

DEATH CERTIFICATE No. 64.

Wulfrath, June 11th, 1918.

2486
(It is hereby certified) that the command of the prison camp at Rupperts, Vornase, has advised that the English prisoner of war, Herbert Belbin, 23 years old, Evangelical Religion, lately resident at Vornase, at Rupperts prison camp, born in Newfoundland, son of William Belbin resident of County Road, Newfoundland (unable to ascertain more accurately) died at Vornase in Rupperts prison camp on the 18th day of June 1918 at 5.30 p.m. in the afternoon.

Twenty of the printed words in the form having been stricken out.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRAR:

Acting for Jansen.

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It is hereby certified that the above is an exact copy of the official death register at Wulfrath in the County of Nettman.

Wulfrath, June 13th, 1918.

(Signed) Auerbach.

Acting registrar.

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Sterbeurkunde.

Nr. 64.

Wulfstahl, am 11. Juni 1918.

Vor dem unterzeichneten Standesbeamten erschien heute, der

Persönlichkeit nach

Erst Herrmann Ed. Gafsenmüller von Krüppers
zu Dorup jet. unbekannt.

wohnhaft zu
und zeigte an, daß der evangelische Bräutigam,
Hainrichssohn Gebhart Belbin,

Muse Belbin

33 Jahre alt evangelischer Religion,
wohnhaft zu Dorup, Gafsenmüller von Krüppers,
geboren zu Neufundland, Letz.

Wife des William Belbin wohnhaft in
Country Road Neufundland, (Kaiser nicht
bekannt).

zu Dorup im Gafsenmüller von Krüppers
am 11. Juni

des Jahres tausend acht hundert 18 und 1918

gegenwärtig um fünf im halb Uhr

verstorben sei

Dorgelesen, genehmigt und

(Kopie des 20. Familienbuchs aufgeführt.)

Der Standesbeamte.

Herr Notar: Jansen

Dass vorstehender Auszug mit dem Sterbe-Haupt-Register des Standesamts zu

Wülfrath, Kreis Mettmun

gleichlautend ist, wird hiermit bestätigt.

Wülfrath, am 13^{ten} Juni 1918.

Der Standesbeamte

Herr Notar: Jansen



C.R. 2486

Herbert Belbin was attested for General
Service with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT ON April 11th. 1916
Regimental No. 2486 was allotted to Ptes. Herbert Belbin

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger;

Dept. of Militia.

March 25th 1919

June 15 Bal due from London
\$57-16-5

June 30 by pay 17 days a/c

281.39

187⁰

300.09

June 30 to allot 17 days a/c
ap 16 bal due (and)

1020

289.89

300.09

\$389.⁸⁹/₁₀₀ Bal was sent to Minister of Justice in Error

St. John's, Nfld.,

10 July, 1919.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. William Belbin, of Country Road, Bay Roberts, whose son Herbert was killed on the Western Front in France. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Monchy, and put to work in a quarry by the Germans, where he was killed. The details I have not received. He and young Harris, of Grand Bank, were working together in this quarry, and Harris was with him, or nearby, when he was killed.

What I want to explain to you is this: young Harris told Belbin's parents that when he got back to England he was paid £86, and he also told them that their son Herbert should have received the same amount. On this information the father, William Belbin, wrote to the Department of Militia, and received from the Department an answer to the effect that there was an amount of \$389.89 there to his credit. He then administered for his money, and sent the papers on to your Department, but to his surprise the amount he received was only \$206.89. He wrote back, and the Department informed him that there was a mistake. This seems to be very funny to their idea, that young Harris, who enlisted at the same time and was taken prisoner at the same time, returning to England a short time after Belbin was killed, should have received \$389.89, and they should have received only \$206.89.

Would you be good enough to look this matter up, and give me some information, so that I may be able to transmit it to Mrs. Belbin? They have got very little satisfaction from the Department of Militia, and I think the least the Department can do for such parents is to give them a detailed statement and a thorough understanding of what balance is left to the credit of their deceased boys.

I am not in any way finding fault with you or the Department since you took charge of same, and I would thank you very much if you will look this up.

Thanking you in anticipation of your favouring me,

Yours very truly,

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awright

JUL 14 1919
awright

Hon. A. E. Hickman,
Minister of Militia,
Office, C i t y.

Please let me know particulars of

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 11697/708/G

C.F. 2486

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.
10th October, 1919.

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

SUBJECT:

2486 PTE. H. BELBIN, deceased.

Reference Nos. 11460/679/G, 26/9/19.

REPLY

Dated Nov 15th 1919

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Further to above-quoted
No. the following has been
received from the War Office:

"With reference to your memo-
randum No. 11459/253/G of the
26th September, on the subject
of No. 2486 Private H. Belbin,
Newfoundland Regiment, it is con-
sidered that the extract from
the German Government's Note
Verbale which was forwarded to
you in September 1918, showing
that Private Belbin died on 8th
June 1918, from effects of a fall
from a ~~xxx~~ moving train, correctly
represented the facts and that
practically no additional infor-
mation would be obtainable. The
wording of the annexed Circular
No. P.M.765, in which it is
stated that Belbin's Pay-book
has been received but that it is
uncertain whether the owner is
dead, has frequently been used
in the Official German Lists in
connection with the receipt at
Berlin of pay-books unaccompanied
by any particulars of the owner's
fate; in this instance it is
clear that no attempt was made
by the German authorities to
connect the pay-book with infor-
mation already in their
possession."

Noted, please, with than^{ks}

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Minister of Militia

A. J. Munnell Major,
Chief Staff Officer (London).

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C.R. 2486

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Extract from Criminal Roll of R.F.D. Regt. disbanded Southampton,
11-10-16. (Draft No. 12) from 2nd Inf. Depot, to 1st Inf. B.S.F.

2486 Pte. H. Belbin.

C.R. 2486

April 17th 19

C.E. Russell, Esq., J.P.

Bay Roberts

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 14th, 1914, concerning the matter of Allowances for the family of No. 2486, Ete. Herbert Belbin, deceased. The principle adopted in this case would be practically the same as those outlined in my letter of this date re No. 2374, Private Percy Roberts. I am enclosing Separation Allowance Claim form and Medical Certificate, and also Claim for Pension form. Kindly instruct Mr. Belbin to fill out each Form and when complete return them to this Dept. and it will then be decided whether he is eligible for Pension or Separation Allowance.

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Militia.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No 11460/279/C.

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,
55, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

To
C.R. 2486
Hon. the Minister of Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

HT/JC 25th September, 1919

SUBJECT :
2486 PTE. H. BELBIN, DECEASED.

Reference Nos.

REPLY
Dated Nov. 25th, 1919
Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

With reference to annexed copy of War Office List No. P.M. 765, 20/9/19: so far as is known in this Office there is no question but that Belbin is dead. Perhaps in view of reference now received it may be thought desirable to verify by further enquiries, and it is suggested that copies of reports may be sent to this Office. Meanwhile 11459/253/C as per annexed letter has also been sent to the War Office, please.

R. A. Munn
Major,
Chief Staff Officer (London).

War Office reply to your letter 11459/253 as quoted in your Memo. 11697/708/C, and previously received from various sources leaves no doubt but that Pte. Belbin is dead.

Lieut. Col.,
Chief Staff Officer X.

COPY.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.

No. 114b9/253/C.

26th September 1919.

The Secretary,
War Office (C.2.Cas.),
Finsbury Court,
Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

Sir: Casualties.

With reference to the attached List No.P.M. 765 of 20/9/19, relating to No. 2486 Pte. Belbin, H.: according to records in this Office, he died by violence, 8/6/18.

"Jumping from moving train on which he was working
"as brakeman and shattering his skull" at Camp
Kuppers, Dornap.

Unfortunately, the actual reports have been sent to Headquarters, St. John's, Newfoundland. Meanwhile perhaps it may be advisable to make further enquiries for verification purposes, and it is accordingly asked that this may be done, please.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

H. A. TIMEWELL, Major,
Chief Staff Officer (London).

HT/JC



LIST NO. P.M. 745 of 20.9.19.

NEWFOUNDLAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Official German List of Dead.

B/2. NEWFOUNDLAND REGT. 2486 or 3486 Belbin, H.

Paybook received from S.I. Central
Office for Effects on 6.11.18.
Doubtful whether owner is dead.
Forwarded from P/W.Hosp. at Friedrichsfeld.

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LIST NO. P.M. 765 of 20.9.19.

NEWFOUNDLAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Official German List of Dead.

B/2. NEWFOUNDLAND REGT. 2486 or 3486 Belbin, H.

Paybook received from S.I. Central
Office for Effects on 6.11.18.
Doubtful whether owner is dead.
Forwarded from P/W.Hosp. at Friedrichsfeld.

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LIST NO. P.M. 745 of 20.9.18.

NEWFOUNDLAND EXPEDITARY FORCE.

C.R. 2486

Official German List of Dead.

B/2. NEWFOUNDLAND REGT. 2486 or 2485 Belhin, H.

Paybook received from S.I. Central
Office for Effects on 6.11.18.
Doubtful whether owner is dead.
Forwarded from P/W.Hosp. at Friedrichsfeld.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

DUPLICATE.

No. 2486 / 2486

From

PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

55, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

To

The Hon. The Minister of Militia,
St. John's,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

14th February 1919.

WF/EL.

SUBJECT:

2486 PTE. H. BELBIN, DECEASED.
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Reference Nos.

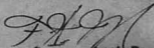
REPLY

Dated January 16th, 1920. 101

With reference to the following letter from Mrs. William Belbin, Country Road, Bay Roberts, Nfld.-17/1/19 (1267):-

"As the Newfoundland prisoners have arrived back from Germany God didn't see fit to send my dear boy back to me, Pte. H. Belbin, No. 2486, who was captured in the battle of Monchy 14/4/17 and lived until June past 1918. He died through accident while working as prisoner of war. He gave himself willingly to fight and die now. He is gone; he will never come back to me my precious boy, and I want to know about the reserve money and if the money is due to me as I need it badly. Will you send it as soon as possible to Mrs. William Belbin, Country Road, Bay Roberts, Nfld, or will you please give me information how to get it and oblige."

Non-Effective account showing credit balance £57:16:5: due to deceased's Estate is enclosed for customary attention, please.



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

Estate has been administered and final payment made, please.

Lt. Col.
C.B.C.

for Minister of Militia,

COPY

C.R. 748⁶

COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX ROUGE,

E.70778

Geneva, October 17th, 1918.

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c of Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.

Dear Sir,

Referring to our previous letter of 20/9/18
respecting Pte. H. Belbin, 2486, Newfoundland Rgt., we now
beg to say that an answer has reached us from Friedrichsfeld
but it simply state the fact of the death of the above men-
tioned on 8/6/18 at ~~the~~ DORNAP with no further particulars
whatever.

The lists from Berlin of 23/7/18 reported that death
was due to an accident and we are therefore renewing the
enquiry of the German authorities.

The results will be forwarded when obtained;

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Comite International de la Croix Rouge

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28/10/18.

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C.R. 2486

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT



CASUALTIES

Statement of the Prussian Ministry of War
relative to the death by violence of

2486 PTE. H. BELBIN,
R. Newfoundland Regt.

"Private Herbert Belbin, Newfoundland
"Regiment, D. Company, born on 12/3/1895,
"at Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, received
"fatal injuries at a Working Camp on
"8/6/18.

"Belbin was working as breakman on a
"train loaded with chalk. For unknown
"reasons he jumped off the waggon while
"the train was proceeding quite slowly,
"and fell down, sustaining injuries to
"his skull, from which he died. The
"Ministry of War requests this fact may
"be brought to the knowledge of
"British Government."

Authority:-

The above was forwarded by The Netherland
Legation (British Section) at Berlin to the
British Legation at The Hague. It was sent
by the War Office to the P.&R.O. and received
20/9/18. (P.&R.O. asked for particulars
from W.O. 7/8/18.)

C.R. 2486

Extract from Telegram from Stneoptical, London, dated Sept. 20th., 1916.



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With reference to my telegram Sept. 17th report forwarded by prussian
Minister of war states 2786 Belbin, was working as brakesman on train
Jumped off and was fatally injured.

C.R. 2486

Extrast of telegram from Synoptical Sept. 17thyth., 1918.

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With reference to my telegram Aug. 12th Official German Lists confirm report of death of 2486 Belbin and now stated to have died June 8th. in P. of W. Camp Kappers at Darnsp from shattering of skull.



CR. 2486

Sept 16th 28

Mr. William Belbin
Country Rd
Bay Roberts

Dear Mr. Belbin :-

We have received a letter through the Record Office, London, from No. 174, Spl. A.P. Hartley, who is a prisoner of War in Germany, in relation to your son, No. 2486, Private Herbert Belbin as follows:-

"No. 2486, Pte. H. Belbin buried at Dusseldorf Cemetery. I was told that he was held in great esteem by his comrades in captivity who placed a large wreath on his grave."

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

The Guardian

C. E. RUSSELL, Editor and Proprietor
Water Street

C.R. 2486

R

BAY ROBERTS, Nfld.

April 14 1919.

Hon. J.R. Bennett,
Minister of Militia
St. John's

Dear Sir: - No. 2486 Pte.
Herbert Belbin, Wfld. Regt.,
Prisoner of War in Germany,
died at Dornap, Germany,
8th June, 1918. He was buried
at Dussel. His parents,
Wm. Belbin, father, has
never received any Sep-
aration Allowance or
Gratuity. Will you please
inform me what they are
entitled to receive
and forward forms to
me accordingly.

I remain,
Yours truly
C. E. Russell
J.R.

C.R. 7486
Counter No.

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender _____ Address Militia Dept.

Line Number	Red	By	Sent by	Check

Dated August 15th 1916.

To Mr. William Belbin, Country Road, Bay Roberts.

Reg to inform you that further information has been received that
2486 Pte. Herbert Belbin died at Dusseldorf June 15th, no cause stated
Authority Central Prisoners of War Committee.

J.R. Bennett,

Minister of Militia.

C.R. 2486

6 copy
~~Extract~~ of Telegram to Military , St. John's, dated Aug. 13th 1918.

"With reference my telegram Aug. 10th.

L
2486 Belbin

died at Dusseldorf, June 13th. No Cause stated.
Authority: Central Prisoners of War Committee."

C.R. 2486

7
Extract from Casualties received from the P. & R. O.
London dated 13th August 1918.

L
#2486 Pte. H. Belbin,

Central Prisoners of War Committee, 4 Thurlo, Place, S. W. states
that a letter dated 21st June 1918 had been received from the
British Help, Committee, Friedrichsfeld, informing that:
#2486 Pte. H. Belbin, died at Dussell on 13/6/18, and was
buried in the Cemetary there, Grave # 1.

C.R. 2486
Counter No.

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Dated August 12th 1918.

To Methodist Minister or School Teacher,
Bay Roberts.

Please inform Mr. Wm. Belbin Gantry Road, that The Record Office reports 2486 Pte Herbert Belbin died as a prisoner of war, result of accident. No further particulars received.

J.R. Bennett,
Minister of Militia.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 2486
Counter No.

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender _____ Address **Militia Dept.**

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated **August 12th 1918.**

To **Mr. Wm. Belbin, Sr. Country Road,
Bay Roberts.**

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London, officially reports **2486 Pte. Herbert Belbin died as a prisoner of war, result of accident. Authority letter from 174 Cpl. A.P. Hartley, June 16th, no other particulars given.**

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J.R. Bennett,

Minister of Militia.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:

This Message is not to be delivered until Receiving Office notifies that Message to

Methodist Minister

has been received and acted upon

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 2486

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Extract from Telegram received from London, dated
August 11, 1918.

Reference my ~~telegram~~ letter from Corpl. 174 Hartley
dated June 16th states 2486 Belbin died as result
of accident. No particulars given.

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C.R.

2486

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Extract from Telegram received from London, dated
August 7, 1918.

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Following from Corpl. Hartley dated June 20th begins
#2486 Pte. Belbin was buried at Dusseldorf ends no
particulars given., enquires being made.

C.R. 2486

Extract from Casualties received from Pay and Record Office August
7th 1918.

#2486 Pte. H. Belbin

Extract of letter dated 20/6/18 (7064) from 174 Cpl. A. P. Hartley, written
at Friedrichsfeld;

Buried at Dusseldorf Cemetary. I was told that he was held in great
esteem by his comrades in captivity who placed a large wreath on his
grave." No further particulars/

C.R. ~~2847~~
No. 1486
W

12811/6/P.W.

7th August,

8.

The Secretary,
Comite International de la Croix Rouge,
Geneva.

Sir, 2486 Pte. H. Belbin, Royal Newfoundland Regt.
Prisoner of War.

It has been unofficially reported to this office that the above-named Soldier has died. The only information so far received is that he was "buried in Dusseldorf Cemetery," and this was contained in a letter from another Newfoundland prisoner, .174 Upl. A. Pl. Hartley, who wrote from Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel on 20/6/18.

Will you please endeavour to obtain further particulars regarding Pte. Belbin's death?

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

HA/NV

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

COPY.

No. B.2075.
(112549)

W

The Netherland Legation (British Section) at Berlin presents its compliments to the British Legation at the Hague and has the honour to transmit herewith, for such action as may be deemed appropriate, copy of a communication from the Prussian Ministry of War, No. 2848/7.18.U 5/3, dated July 30, 1918, relative to the death by violence of the British prisoner of war Herbert Belbin, Newfoundland Regiment, D. Komp.

August 9, 1918.

COPY.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

BERLIN,

No. 2848/7. 18. U5/3.

30th July, 1918.

Statement of the Prussian Ministry of War relative to the accidental death of a prisoner of war.

Private Herbert Belbin, Newfoundland Regt., D. Company, born on 12/3/1895, at Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, received fatal injuries at a Working Camp on 8/8/18.

Belbin was working as breakman on a train loaded with chalk. For unknown reasons he jumped off the waggon while the train was proceeding quite slowly, and fell down, sustaining injuries to his skull, from which he died. The Ministry of War requests this fact may be brought to the knowledge of the British Government.

PERSONAL EFFECTS

Received from Militia Department

One Kit Bag #2486 Pte. Herbert Belbin

Signed. *Mr. William Belbin*

Date *July 16th 1918*

July 12, 1918

Mr. William Belbin,
Country Road,
Bay Roberts.

Dear Sir :-

I am writing to inform you that I am forwarding
by "Express" one Kit Bag, which belongs to your
son #2486 Herbert Belbin of The Royal Newfoundland
Regiment, who is now a Prisoner of War.

Enclosed you will find receipt, will you kindly
sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

W.V.D.
Lieut.
for Lieut. Col. C.S. O.

Enc'l 1.

No. of Paper

1182

Army Form W. 3032.

PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Name

Balbin D.

No.

2456

Rank

Pl.

Regiment

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Article

Where stored

Notified by

Kit - Bag.

Final disposal

Shipped from Depot

Remarks :-

P.O.W.

Next of Kin: Wm. Balbin
Station: Country Rd Bay Roberts

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT. C.R. 2486

Copy of letter received at the P.&R.O., London,
dated 15th June 1918.

From: 6034 Pte. F.J. Baird, 17th Battn.,
Australian Infantry,
No. 70649, 32.B.,
Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel.

To: Mr. & Mrs. Belbin,
Bay Roberts, C.B.,
Newfoundland.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Belbin,

On behalf of my comrades and myself, I wish to
convey to you and yours, our heartfelt sympathy in
your sad bereavement, the death of your son.

Death, however, is but a passing and you may
gather some little comfort in the knowledge that his
passing was in peace, and he was laid to rest with
all honour and respect.

Yours in deep sympathy,

(Sgd) Frederick J. Baird.

2486 Belbin

PRISONER OF WAR

No. 2486 Pte. H. Belbin.

C.R. 4253

Ext. of daily orders part 2 from G. H. Q.

3rd. Echelon, August, 15th., 1917

" Prisoner of War " in German hands, 14/4/ 17

Off German report forwarded by Geneva Red Cross.

Prev. Struck off Strength" Missing Ref. No. 22 C.

19/5/ 17

For information see file " Prisoners of War" daily
orders # 948

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June 7, 1917.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I beg to say that I am unable to understand how it was that the first indication of your son's being a prisoner of war was when you read of the same in the daily papers. Since the receipt of your letter, I have made enquiries and find that my telegram to you of the 2nd instant, conveying this information, was delivered at 3.30 in the afternoon of that day.

As regards the delay in reporting your son by the Regimental Authorities in England, I can only say that exceptional cases of this kind are bound to occur under the extraordinary conditions which no doubt exist at the front in France at the present time, as I have no doubt the authorities are doing all in their power to send forward accurate information respecting casualties as speedily as circumstances will permit.

In reference to the sending of parcels or money to your son, I would draw your attention to a Notice respecting this matter which I caused to be published in the St. John's papers of the 6th and 7th instants and which contains information that would be useful to all the next of kin of men who are prisoners of war.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. William Belbin,
Country Road,
Bay Roberts.

Colonial Secretary.

Newfoundland Postal Telegraphs

Office Stamp and Date

Prefix..... SERVICE MESSAGE

JUN 5 - 1917

Time received..... by..... Time sent..... by.....

From

Postage Casualty Clerk

Ray Roberts notifies
yours to Belbin 2nd
delivered 3.30 pm
same date as received

2486 Belbin

John 3³⁰ pm

Country Road,
Bay Roberts,
June 2nd / 17

Hon. J. B. Bennett,
Colonial Secretary.

Dear Sir:-

Saw by the paper today that my son is wounded and a prisoner in Germany. I also find through the Daily News that he has been a prisoner since April 2, 17. There must be a big neglect for him to be a prisoner forty days and not reported missing, also a mistake on this side for us to find it through the press, before notified. You must remember that we people that have sons to the war every day is an anxious day and every hour an anxious hour.

Will you please let me know if there is any way we can forward anything to him by parcel or money

And oblige

Yrs. Truly

William Belbin

pro my sons number is
2486 Herbert Belbin

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Eric M. Shirley

Signature of Sender _____

Address _____

Line Number	Red	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated June 2, 1917.

To Mr. William Belbin, Sr.,
Country Road,
Bay Roberts.

Record Office, London, today reports Post Card, dated April twentyfirst, received from No. 2486, Private Herbert Belbin, states he is prisoner of war at Munster, Westphalia, Germany, wounded slightly arm, making good progress.

J.R. BENNETT

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 2486

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,
per S.S. "Siillian" July 19, 1915.

2486 Pte. Belbin H.

H. Babin.

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2486.

Per. O.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Bepin OF Christian Name Herbert

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish		County			
		SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
Examined	.....	on	10 day of April 1916	on	day of 191
	.....	at	St. John's D.F.	at	
Declared Age	.....		19 years 1 mo days		years days
Trade or Occupation	.....		Millman		
Height	.....		5 feet 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches		feet inches
Weight	.....		133 lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement	{ Girth when fully expanded		30 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches		inches
	{ Range of expansion		2 inches		inches
Physical Development	.....			
Vaccination Marks	{ Arm	Right	Left	Right	Left
	{ Number				
When Vaccinated	.....			
Vision	.....	R.E.—V=	6/9	R.E.—V=	
	.....	L.E.—V=	6/24	L.E.—V=	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	.....	(a)		(a)	
	.....	(b)		(b)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	.....			
Approved by (Signature)	.....	Lamond Robinson			
(Rank)	.....	Major Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	.....	at	St. John's	at	
	.....	on	18 th day of April 1916	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	.....	Corps.		Corps.	
	.....	Regtl. No.	2486	Regtl. No.	
Transferred to	.....			
Became non-affective by	.....	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Signature)	.....			
(Rank)	.....			

Stammlager :

Principal-camp
oder
or

Datum der Ausfertigung :
Date :

Tag : 29 Monat : IV Jahr : 17
Day : Month : Year :

Lazarett : St. Etienne, Douai
Hospital :

Zuname : Bellin
Surname :

Vorname : Herbert
Christian name :

Rang : Pte
Rank :

Rgt. oder Korps : I. New Foundland Rgt. Nr. / Komp. : D
Reg. or Corps :

Erkennungsmarke Nr. : 2486
Number of identification disc. :

Gefangennahme : France Ort : in Texas Datum : Apr. 17
Capture : Place : Date :

Ob verwundet :

Whether wounded : hit by mach. gun-bullet in the left arm

Bezeichnung der Wunde :

Description of wound :

Geburt : New Foundland Ort : Bay Roberts Datum : 1897
Birth : Place : Date :

Heimatsort : Bay Roberts
Home place :

Adresse des naechsten Verwandten : William B. Bay Roberts, New Foundland
Address of next-of-kin :

Der Chefarzt
Dr. V.
Müller
Hautsberg

Stamm-lager: _____
Principal-camp: _____
 ober
 or
Lazarett: **Res.-Lazarett**
 Bergkaserne Münster i. W.
Hospital: _____

Datum der Ausfertigung:
Date:

Tag: 19 Monat: April Jahr: 1914
Day: Month: Year:

Vorname: Wilhelm
Surname: _____

Nachname: Herbert
Christian name: _____

Rang: Private
Rank: _____

Reg. oder Korps: 1st Newfoundland
Reg. or Corps: _____
Reg. Nr. 2486 Komp.: D
Reg. Nr.: Komp.

Erkennungsmarke Nr.: 2486
Number of identification disc.: _____

Gefangennahme: _____ Ort: Vimy Datum: 12/4/14
Capture: Place: Date:

Ob verwundet, Whether wounded, Yes - Bullet through left upper arm.
Bezeichnung der Wunde: Description of wound:

Geburt: _____ Ort: May Roberts Datum: 12 March 1894
Birth: Place: Newfoundland Date:

Heimatort: May Roberts, Newfoundland
Home place: _____

Adresse des nächsten Verwandten: (Father) William, Wilhelms
Address of next-of-kin: May Roberts, Newfoundland.

Kriegsgefangenenlager
Münster II.

Stammnlager:
Principal-camp:

oder
or

Zigaretten:
Hospital:

Datum der Ausfertigung:
Date:

Tag: 11 Monat: 6 Jahr: 17
Day: Month: Year:



Juname:
Surname:

Belbin

Vorname:
Christian name:

Herbert

Rang:
Rank:

Private

Reg. oder Korps:
Reg. or Corps:

Infanterie

Reg. Nr.: Newfoundland Komp.: A
Reg. Nr.: Komp.:

Erkennungsmarke Nr.:
Number of identification disc:

2486

Gefangennahme:
Capture:

Drt:
Place:

Arval

Datum:
Date:

14.4.17

Ob verwundet,
Whether wounded,
Bezeichnung der Wunde:
Description of wound:

L. arm

Geburt:
Birth:

Drt:
Place:

Datum:
Date:

12.3.95

Heimatort:
Home place:

Newfoundland

Adresse des nächsten Verwandten:
Address of next-of-kin:

H. William Belbin Country Road Bay Roberts
Newfoundland

Stammlager:
Principal-camp:

Limburg a. L.

Datum der Ausfertigung:
Date:



oder
or

Tag: 2 Monat: 8 Jahr: 17
Day: Month: Year:

Lazarett:
Hospital:

Laz.

Zuname:
Surname:

Kelbin

Borname:
Christian name:

Herbert

Rang:
Rank:

Mc

Reg. oder Korps:
Reg. or Corps:

1. New Foundl.

Reg. Nr.:
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Komp.:
Komp.:

D.

Erkennungsmarke Nr.:
Number of identification disc.:

2186

Gefangenahme:
Capture:

Ort:
Place:

Armas

Datum:
Date:

1. 17

Ob verwundet,
Whether wounded,
Bezeichnung der Wunde:
Description of wound:

schwach Gew. Sch. i. d. Arm

Geburt:
Birth:

Ort:
Place:

Bay Robert

Datum:
Date:

1897

Heimatort:
Home place:

Adresse des nächsten Verwandten:
Address of next-of-kin:

William R. Bay Roberts

Newfoundland

OFFICE COPY.

Newfoundland. Contingent.

Summary of non-effective accounts of deceased Soldiers having next of kin in Newfoundland.

Regt's Rank. Name.	Will	Amount due to P-Master	Amount due by P-Master.
2486. P. Belbin. A. Dufortale	—	—	£. s. d. 54. 16. 5.



Copy to Major
20-9-18

7th August, 18.

12810/240/P.W.

The Secretary,
War Office,
S.W. 1.

C. Frisby Court.
Frisby Passment. S.C. 2

Sir,

2486, Pte. H. Belbin, Royal Newfoundland Regt.
Prisoner of War.

It has been unofficially reported to this office that the above-named Soldier has died. The only information so far received is that he was "buried in Dusseldorf Cemetery," and this was contained in a letter from another Newfoundland prisoner, 174, Cpl. A.P. Hartley, who wrote from Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel on 20/6/18.

Will you please endeavour to obtain further particulars regarding Pte. Belbin's death?

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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HA/NV

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.



COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

AGENCE INTERNATIONALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

INTER ARMA CARITAS

Précise de rappeler
dans la réponse le
N° et date de :

BRITISH SECTION

Genève, September 4th 1918.

Owing to the recent closing of the Franco-Swiss frontier, and the consequent accumulation of correspondence, there has been inevitable delay in the despatch of our reply.

To The Chief Sanitary & Records
Newfoundland Contingent.
London.

12811/6/P.W.

2488 Bellin
Dear Sir.

In answer to your letter of August 7th
we beg to inform you that we are this day
making an enquiry at the Chief Medical Authority
Dunstable asking them if P^{te} H. Bellin has
died and if so the cause and date of his
death and location of the tomb at the Dunstable
Cemetery

As soon as we hear from them we
shall let you know without delay

Yours faithfully

GENEVE
AGENCE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

C. Bovier

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Any further letter on this subject
should be addressed to—
The Secretary,
War Office,
Finsbury Court,
Finsbury Pavement,
London, E.C.2,
and the number below given.

WAR OFFICE,

FINSBURY COURT,

FINSBURY PAVEMENT,

LONDON, E.C.2

14 August, 1918.

C.2. Casualties P.M. 29E.

The Officer i/c Records,
Newfound² Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W.1.

With reference to your memorandum '12810/240/
P.W.' of the 7th August, on the subject of the
unofficially reported death of No. 2496 Pte.

H. Belbin, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, copies of
two reports of the death of this soldier, which
have been received in this Office, are forwarded
herewith for your information and necessary action.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
WAR OFFICE,
FINSBURY COURT,
FINSBURY PAVEMENT,
LONDON, E.C.2.

Ref. Nos. 114.

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Ref. Nos. 001

B. Brindley

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G. S.

Not Lambert

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Copy of letter received at the P.&R.O., London,
dated 15th June 1918.

From: 6034 Pte. F.J. Baird, 17th Battn.,
Australian Infantry,
No. 70649, 32.B.,
Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel.

To: Mr. & Mrs. Belbin,
Bay Roberts, C.B.,
Newfoundland.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Belbin,

On behalf of my comrades and myself, I wish to
convey to you and yours, our heartfelt sympathy in
your sad bereavement, the death of your son.

Death, however, is but a passing and you may
gather some little comfort in the knowledge that his
passing was in peace, and he was laid to rest with
all honour and respect.

Yours in deep sympathy,

(Sgd) Frederick J. Baird.

Copy sent to Mr. 2 9/18

Copy of letter dated 15th June '18 from:-

Pte Baird F.J. No. 6034
17th Battalion
Australian Infantry,
No. 70849 - 3E.B.
Friederichsfeld
Via Wesel,
Germany.

To

(Country/Ad.)
Mr. & Mrs. Belbin,
Bay Roberts,
Conception Bay,
Newfoundland.

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Yours in deep sympathy,

Signed: Frederick J. Baird.

Received from Censor 4/8
Despatched to addressee 9/8
Received Pay Record Office } 15/8/18
from War Office (C2 Cas)

C O P Y.

BRITISH HELP COMMITTEE.

PJF/FG.

Friedrichsfeld, June 21st 1918.

An den

The Secretary,

Akdo. Central Prisoners of War Committee.

Dienstsache!

4 Thurloe Place,

Dear Sir,

It is with extreme regret that I have to inform you of the death of No.2486. Pte. Herbert. Belbin. N.F.L.D. who died at Dussel, on the 13th June 1918, and was buried in the Cemetery there, with Military Honours accorded a Prisoner of War.

His grave No. is 1. Will you kindly inform his next of kin, and express our sincere sympathy with them in their great and sad bereavement.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. Clark C.S.M.

PRESIDENT.

*This information was
received at this office
on 13/8/18*

Jr.

*Anti-Poisoning
H. D. ...
1918*

3083/1/P.W.

2486, Private H. Belbin,
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,
Kriegsgefangenenlager,
No. 70846, 32.B.,

26th February 1918

Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel, Germany.

Reference your communication of 23/12/17 ^{L. Syca} ~~(1/1/18)~~: two parcels of clothing (first issue) were sent you on 13/7/17 and 10/8/17. Two more parcels (second issue) were sent on 25/11/17 and another on 9/12/17. A pair of gloves and cap were sent on 26/1/18. It is regretted that you have not received the first issue, but it is hoped that the others have been received by now.

GB/JC

From: N.W.C.A.
To: P. & R.O.



12th August 1918.

Prisoners of War.

No. 75

From: Central Prisoners of War Committee, 4 Thurloe Place, S.W. 7
dated August 7th 1918.

We beg to give below extract from letter from the British Help Committee at Friedrichsfield dated June 21st 1918, for your information.

"It is with extreme regret that I have to inform you of the death of No. 2486 Pte. Herbert Belbin, F.B.L.D. who died at Dusseldorf on the 13th June 1918, and was buried in the Cemetery there with Military Honours accorded a prisoner of war. His grave is No. 1"

We have forwarded this report to the War Office for their official acceptance.

J. J. W. 12/8/18



Pay and Record Office

6th February 1918.

22/12/17

Old address

From: 2436 Pte. H. Belbit, 32B, Friedrichsfeld.
To: N.W.C.A.

Having been a prisoner of war since 14th April and having as yet received no parcel of clothes from your Assocn. I thought it advisable to inform you of the fact as by some mischance I may have been overlooked although I have been fortunate in receiving my grocery and other parcels. The cold weather however, makes us think of other things besides groceries, and I would deem it a favour if you would inquire, concerning my clothes. With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

WAR OFFICE,
Alexandra House,
Kingsway, W.C.2.

Extract from letter or postcard from prisoner of War
sent by Postal Censor.

Regimental description
of writer:-

2486, Belbin, Hubert, Plc. 1st Newfoundland Regt.

Date:- *21.4.17.*

Camp:- *Münster I.*

Remarks:- *Slightly wounded in the arm: making good progress.*

Addressed to:- *Mrs William Belbin, Country Rd, Bay Roberts, Newfoundland.*

31st May, 1917.



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PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
From **63, VICTORIA STREET,** From
LONDON, S.W. 1.
ENGLAND.

To Officer i/c.,
Regular Infantry Section No.1,
G. H. Q.,
3rd. Echelon,
B. E. F.

To Off. i/c Records
Newfoundland Regt.,
London. S.W.
ANSWER.

HA/WF

Pay & Record Office,

1st, June 1917.

2486, ~~BELBIN~~, Pte. H.
1st. Newfoundland Regt.

General Headquarters,

3rd. Echelon, B.E.F.

June 5th., 1917.

No casualty was received
for 2486, Pte. Belbin, H.

The overnamed, who
is now stated to be a Prisoner
of War in German hands, was not
posted as missing.

I have written the
Commanding Officer, under date
of May 29th., 1917, for his
report and immediately upon

Can you explain, please?

receipt of same will notify
War Office.

A. D. Dinwoodie

Major,
Paymaster & O i/c Records

S. Leverage
Maj. for Lt. Col.,
Officer i/c Records R.I.S. 1,
3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

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C. 2. Casualties.

Extract from

Letter No. :- 112549 / 12.18

From :-

P. W. D.

Dated :-

9. 9. 18

Copy sent to :-

Wey

2486 Belbin

Forwarded with the Compliments of the

Secretary of the War Office.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

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P. Cassatt's P.T.

17th Sept. 1918

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Newfoundland Contingent

Copy.
No. B 2075.
(112543)



The Netherland Legation (British Section) at Berlin presents its compliments to the British Legation at The Hague and has the honour to transmit herewith, for such action as may be deemed appropriate, copy of a communication from the Prussian Ministry of War, No. 2848/7.18.U 5/3, dated July 30, 1918, relative to the death by violence of the British prisoner of war Herbert Belbin, Newfoundland Regiment, D. Komp.

August 9, 1918.

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August 9, 1918.

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MINISTRY OF WAR.

BERLIN,

No. 2848/7. 18. U5/3.

30th July, 1918.

Statement of the Prussian Ministry of War relative to the accidental death of a prisoner of war.

Private Herbert Belbin, Newfoundland Regt., D. Company, born on 12/3/1895, at Bay Roberts, Newfoundland, received fatal injuries at a Working Camp on 8/6/18.

Belbin was working as breakman on a train loaded with chalk. For unknown reasons he jumped off the waggon while the train was proceeding quite slowly, and fell down, sustaining injuries to his skull, from which he died. The Ministry of War requests this fact may be brought to the knowledge of the British Government.



INTER ARMA CARITAS

Prérez de rappeler
dans la réponse
le No ci-dessous

E.70778

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE
AGENCE INTERNATIONALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

*Copy to [unclear]
21/10/18 [unclear]*

Genève, October 17th 1918

Chief Paymaster & O i/c of Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
Pay & Record Office,
58 Victoria Street,
LONDON S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

Referring to our previous letter of 20.9.18 respect-
ing Pte. H.BELBIN, 2486, Newfoundland Rgt. we now beg to say
that an answer has reached us from FRIEDRICHSFELD, but it simply
state the fact of the death of the above mentioned on 8.6.18 at
DORWAP with no further particulars whatever.

The lists from Berlin of 23.7.18 reported that death
was due to an accident and we are therefore renewing the enquiry
of the German authorities.

The result will be forwarded when obtained.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX ROUGE
GENEVE
AGENCE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE
BRITISH SECTION

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COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX ROUGE,

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We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Comite International de la Croix Rouge

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28/10/18.

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2575/37/P&A

The Hon. The Minister of Militia,
St. John's,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

WP/PK.

14th February 9.

2486 PTE. H. BELBIN, DECEASED.
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

With reference to the following
letter from Mrs. William Belbin,
Country Road, Bay Roberts, Nfld.-
17/1/19 (1267):-

"As the Newfoundland prisoners
have arrived back from Germany
God didn't see fit to send
my dear boy back to me, Pte.
H. Belbin, No. 2486, who was
captured in the battle of
Monchy 14/4/17 and lived
until June past 1918. He
died through accident while
working as prisoner of war.
He gave himself willingly
to fight and die now. He is
gone; he will never come
back to me my precious boy,
and I want to know about the
reserve money and if the money
is due to me as I need it
badly. Will you send it as
soon as possible to Mrs.
William Belbin, Country Road,
Bay Roberts, Nfld, or will
you please give me information
how to get it and oblige."

Non-Effective account showing
credit balance £57:16:5: due to
deceased's Estate is enclosed for
customary attention, please.

Capt.
Asst. Paymaster.
For Chief Paymaster & O 1/c Reeds.

Bay Roberts
Country Road
Magor Time well Jan 17. 1919

Dear Sir

As the Newfoundland
Prisoners have Arrived Back from
Germany God direct Ie fit
to Send My dear Boy Back to
me Prvide Herbert Belbin No 2486
Who Was Captured in the
Battle of Monchy official
Lr 14. 11. 1917 and lived on till
June Past 1918 He died Through
Accident While Working as
Prisoner of war He Gave Them
Self Killing Key to fight and
die now He is gone He will
never Come Back to me my
Precious Boy and I want
to Know about His Reserve
Money and if the money
is due to me as I need it

TELEPHONE: GERRARD 9910 & 9911



TELEGRAMS & CABLES: "SOCARECRO, WESTRÄND. LONDON."

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY,
PRISONERS OF WAR DEPARTMENT,
14/16, COCKSPUR STREET, LONDON, S.W. 1.

September 7th. 1917

Miss S. Knox,
Secretary,
Newfoundland War Contingent Association,
58, Victoria Street, S.W.1.

Dear Madam,

We have received the enclosed postcard from Pte. H. Balbin, 2486 Newfoundland Regt. with reference to his own measurements for clothing, and also 2972 Pte. J. Harris, 1st Newfoundland Regt. For your information and kind attention.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

*To Pay Receipt for information
\$R 10/9/17*

Ed Buckley

Münster i. W. (Germany).

Kriegsgefangenen-Sendung.

Commissioners. Red Cross.

Society. 14. 16 Broad Street

London W. 1



Handwritten text, possibly 'Red Cross' or similar, written vertically on the left side of the envelope.

Exact address of sender: ~~London~~

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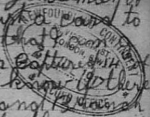
Name and christian name: Herbert ~~Stanton~~

Battal ~~1st~~ Newfoundland ~~Battalion~~

Reserve-Lazarett Berghaserne, Münster I. W.

April 29th /14

ladies and gentleman of
the Red cross society just a card to
let you know that I was
Prisoner of War captured in
April and I dont know if there
is a new foundland branch
of Red Cross if there is will
you please forward my
name and if there is not
any comforts that you can
send will be thankfully received



Filed 19 JUN 1914

Gefangenenlager 2, Münster i. W. (Germany).

Kriegsgefangenenleitung



The Canadian Red Cross Society

14 Cockspur Street

Prisoner's Dept.

London, S. W. 1.

England

OS

Exact address of sender :

Name and christian name : H Belbin

Camp : Gefangenenlager 2, Münster (Westphalia)

Block 4 Room 10 ~~Working party~~

Aug 6th 1917

see R 10/9/17

Dear Sir

~~Filed - 1 AUG 1917~~

Filed - 1 SEP 1917

I am received
your card asking for
my measure, I am sorry
to say I can't get it
taken. I am 5 ft 9 in and
take # 8 boots.

The height and size of
boots will suit

29129. Barrin of the 1st
Your truly
H Belbin
Newfoundland

Checked Records 5.7.17

May 13. 5.17

~~Dear~~ Ladies and gentlemen of
the Newfoundland Red Cross
I sent a card to let you know
that I am a Prisoner of war
I was captured on the 14th of April
and I thought I would drop
you a card to let you know
that I am a prisoner so
any comforts that you can
send will be thankfully
received yours sincerely Pte H Belbin

I have received parcel No. *1* dated *25/11/17* containing:—

ARTICLES	BOOTS, Pairs.	BRACES, Pairs.	CAP.	CARDIGAN.	DRAWERS, Pairs	GLOVES, Pairs.	GREATCOAT.	HANDKERCHIEFS.	JACKET.	KIT-BAG.	SHIRTS.	SHOES, CAHYAE Pairs.	SOCKS, Pairs.	TOWELS.	TROUSERS, Pairs	VESTS.
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My present address is:

²⁵ No. *2486* *Me. H. Belbin*

32 B Frederickshof, Id via Basel

Date Jan 25 *Germany* *H Belbin*

Signature.

I have received parcel No. 1 dated 25/4/18 containing:—

ARTICLE	BOOTS, Pairs.	BRACES, Pairs.	GAP.	CARDIGAN.	DRAWERS, Pairs.	GLOVES, Pairs.	GREATCOAT.	HANDKERCH'FS.	JACKET.	KIT-BAG.	SHIRTS.	SHOES, CANVAS, Pairs.	SOCKS, Pairs.	TOWELS.	TROUSERS, Pairs.	VESTS.
<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

My present address is:

²⁵No. 2486 Pte. H. Bellie
Royal Newfoundland Regt.,
Frederickfield 32. B. 70646.
Via. Wessel.

Date 9.6.18. Pte. H. Bellie.
[Signature]

Signature

I have received parcel No. *7* dated *25/11/18*, containing:—

ARTICLE	BOOTS, Pairs.	SHIRTS, Pairs.	CAP.	CARDIGAN.	DRAWERS, Pairs.	GLOVES, Pairs.	GREATCOAT.	HANDKERCHES.	JACKET.	KIT-BAG.	SHIRTS.	SHOES, CANVAS, Pairs.	SOCKS, Pairs.	TOWELS.	TROUSERS, Pairs.	VESTS.
<i>[Handwritten scribble]</i>					<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>

My present address is:

20 No. *2486* Pte. *H. Bellin*

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Freedreadfield 32 B. 70646,
Via, Ushak.

Date *9. 6. 18.* Pte. *H. Bellin.*
signed By J. Bellin.

Signature

I have received parcel No. 25 dated 25 11 1917 containing:—

ARTICLE.	SHOES, Pairs.	BRACES, Pairs.	CAP.	CARDIGAN.	DRAWERS, Pairs.	GLOVES, Pairs.	GREATCOAT.	HANDBURCHTFL.	JACKET.	KIT-BAG.	SHIRTS.	SHOES, GANYAL, Pairs.	SOCKS, Pairs.	TOWELS.	TROUSERS, Pairs.	VESTS.
<i>[Handwritten scribble]</i>																
QUANTITY.	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	-

My present address is:

AS
 No. 2486 *Mc. H. Belkin*
 1st Queensland Reg.
 32 B Kennedy Inghfield Camp No 2646
 Via Holland Germany

Date 25-1-18



Signature.

I have received parcel No. ³ dated 9/12/17 containing:

ARTICLE	BOOTS, Pairs.	BRACES, Pairs.	CAP.	CARDIGAN.	DRAWERS, Pairs.	GLOVES, Pairs.	GREATCOAT.	HANDKERCH'FS.	JACKET. 40	KIT-BAG.	SHIRTS.	SHOES, CANVAS. Pairs. 40	SOCKS, Pairs.	TOWELS.	TROUSERS, Pairs 40	VESTE.
<i>[Signature]</i>									1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

My present address is:

⁷⁵ No. 2486 Rte. 4 of Belbin

Sumner
1st Newfoundland Reg 3213
Friederichsfeld via 41st Reg 70440
Date Feb 15th /18 of Belbin

Signature.

I have received parcel No. ³ dated 25/11/18 containing:—

ARTICLE	BOOTS, Pairs.	BRACES, Pairs.	CAP.	CARDIGAN.	DRAWERS, Pairs.	GLOVES, Pairs.	GREATCOAT.	HANDKERCH'FS.	JACKET.	KIT-BAG.	SHIRTS.	SHOES, CANYAS, Pairs.	SOCKS, Pairs.	TOWELS.	TROUSERS, Pairs.	VEISTS.
<i>[Handwritten scribble]</i>			/		/			/	/			/	/		/	
QUANTITY																

My present address is:

25 No. 2486 Pt. St. Belbin

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REG.

Fredrickfold 32. B. 70646.

Via Wessel.

Date 9. 6. 18. Pt. St. Belbin
Signed By J. Harris.

Signature.

I have received parcel No. ~~4~~ dated ~~86~~ 1 / 18 containing:—

ARTICLE.	BOOTS, PAIRS.	BRACES, PAIRS.	GAP.	CARDIGAN.	DRAWERS, PAIRS.	GLOVES, PAIRS.	GREATCOAT.	HANDKERCH'FS.	JACKET.	KIT-BAG.	SHIRTS.	SHOES, CANVAS, Pairs.	SOCKS, PAIRS.	TOWELS.	TROUSERS, PAIRS.	VESTS.

My present address is:

~~26~~ No. 3486

~~R. J. Belbin~~

32 B

of Newmarket Road
Newmarket

bank no. 70646

Date ~~29.3.18~~

~~R. J. Belbin~~
Signature.

old
address
asked
for

(10) From: 2486 Pte. H. Belbin, No. 70646, B. 32, Friedrichsfield,
N.W.C.A.

14/4/18

With regard to your communication of February 26th
I beg to inform you that I have now received all of my
second issue of clothing; the first has evidently gone
astray. Thanking you for your interest in our welfare.



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ACK ^T dated	/ /	No. IN
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11827/706/G

The Minister of Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

10th October, 9.

2486 PTE. H. BELBIN, deceased.

11480/879/G, 28/9/19.

Further to above-quoted
No. the following has been
received from the War Office:

"With reference to your memorandum No. 11480/255/G of the 25th September, on the subject of No. 2486 Private H. Belbin, Newfoundland Regiment, it is considered that the extract from the German Government's Note Verbale which was forwarded to you in September 1918, showing that Private Belbin died on 8th June 1918, from effects of a fall from a ~~xxx~~ moving train, correctly represented the facts and that practically no additional information would be obtainable. The wording of the annexed Circular No. P.M.765, in which it is stated that Belbin's Pay-book has been received but that it is uncertain whether the owner is dead, has frequently been used in the Official German Lists in connection with the receipt at Berlin of pay-books unaccompanied by any particulars of the owner's fate; in this instance it is clear that no attempt was made by the German authorities to connect the pay-book with information already in their possession."

Major,
Chief Staff Officer (London).

HT/NV

Chief Staff Officer (Ldn)

11460/879/C.

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

HT/JC

28th September, 9

2486 PTE. H. BELBIN, DECEASED.

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With reference to annexed
copy of War Office List No.
P.M. 765, 20/9/19: so far as is
known in this Office there is no
question but that Belbin is dead.
Perhaps in view of reference now
received it may be thought
desirable to verify by further
enquiries, and it is suggested
that copies of reports may be
sent to this Office. Meanwhile
11459/253 as per annexed
letter has also been sent to the
War Office, please.

Major,
Chief Staff Officer (London).

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26th September, 19

11459/253/C.

The Secretary,
War Office (C.2.Cas.),
Finsbury Court,
Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

Sir: Casualties.

With reference to the attached List No. P.M.765 of 20/9/19, relating to No. 2486 Pte. Belbin, H: according to records in this Office, he died by violence, 8/6/18.

"Jumping from moving train on which he was working
"as brakesman and shattering his skull" at Camp
Kuppers, Dornap.

Unfortunately, the actual reports have been sent to Headquarters, St. John's, Newfoundland. Meanwhile perhaps it may be advisable to make further enquiries for verification purposes, and it is accordingly asked that this may be done, please.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Major,
Chief Staff Officer (London).

HT/JC

Any further letter on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary, War Office,
Finsbury Court,
Finsbury Pavement,
London, E.C.2,

and the number below quoted.

Telephone: LONDON WALL 4720.

C.2, Casualties, P.M. S/10461.

WAR OFFICE,

FINSBURY COURT,

FINSBURY PAVEMENT,

LONDON, E.C.2.

4 October, 1919.

The Chief Staff Officer,
Newfoundland Contingent Pay
and Record Office,
58, Victoria Street
S.W.1.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT PAY & RECORD OFFICE	Ref. Nos IN 2684	Rec'd 6 OCT 1919	Ans'd	Ref. Nos. DU1
AC'ED UPON				
GRANT	DATE	BY		
Comd				
P & A				
R & O				
B & E				
P.S.				

With reference to your memorandum No. 11459/253/C of the 26th September, on the subject of No. 2486 Private H. Belbin, Newfoundland Regiment, it is considered that the extract from the German Government's Note Verbale which was forwarded to you in September, 1918, showing that Private Belbin Died on 8th June, 1918, from effects of a fall from a moving train, correctly represented the facts and that practically no additional information would be obtainable. The wording of the annexed Circular No. P.M. 765, in which it is stated that Belbin's Pay-book has been received but that it is uncertain whether the owner is Dead, has frequently been used in the Official German Lists in connection with the receipt at Berlin of pay-books unaccompanied by any particulars of the owners' fate; in this instance it is clear that no attempt was made by the German authorities to connect the pay-book with information already in their possession.

B. Grinde

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LIST NO. P.M. 755 of 20.f.19.

NEWFOUNDLAND EXPEDITORY FORCE.

Official German List of Dead.

B/2. NEWFOUNDLAND FORCE. 2486 ~~425700~~ Belhin, H.

Paybook received from S.I. Central
Office for Effects on 6.11.18.
Doubtful whether owner is dead.
Forwarded from P/W.Hosp. at Friedrichsfeld.

/// 4923

22nd October

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----- Staff Officer (London).

The Secretary, War Office,
Imperial Institute,

11889/270/P&A.

SOUTH KENSINGTON. S.W.7.

PAY BOOK - PTE. H. BELBIN.
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Receipt is acknowledge of your memorandum
No. E/Misc/1029 (Accounts) Room 24, 20/10/19 (5841)
enclosing Active Service Pay Book of No. 2486 Pte.
Herbert Belbin, received from the Military Authorities.

Major.
Chief Staff Officer (London).

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
File No	15841
Rec'd	21 OCT 1919
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Tel. Nos. 001	
WAR OFFICE, IMPERIAL INSTITUT. LONDON SOUTH KENSINGTON, CROSS LONDON, S.W. 7.	
P.A.	
R.A.O.	20 th October 1919.
S.F.E.	
P.S.	

In your reply please quote
No F/Misc/1029 (Accounts 4.) Room 24

Memorandum for Chief Paymaster
Army Pay Office
Newfoundland Contingent
5-8, Victoria Street, London

The enclosed Active Service Pay Book

(Army Book 64) of No 2456, Pte Herbert Belbin
of Newfoundland Contingent has been received from
the German Military Authorities and is
forwarded to you for disposal

No official report of the death of the soldier has been
The pay book was received with those of British soldiers
received in this office, and no details were furnished.

An acknowledgment is requested please

R. H. Forbes

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

ORIGINALCables and Telegrams:
"SYNOPTICAL" London.Telephones:
VICTORIA 4223 & 4.Communications to be addressed to the
CHIEF POSTMASTER & OFFICER I/O 2500026.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 11497/706/G

C.R. 2486

From

PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,

58, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W.1.

10th October, 1919.

To

The Minister of Militia,

St. John's,

Newfoundland.

SUBJECT:

2486 PTE. H. BELBIN, deceased.

Reference Nos. 11460/679/G, 28/9/19.

REPLY

Dated Nov 15th 1919

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Further to above-quoted
No. the following has been
received from the War Office:

"With reference to your memorandum No. 11459/253/G of the 28th September, on the subject of No. 2486 Private H. Belbin, Newfoundland Regiment, it is considered that the extract from the German Government's Note Verbale which was forwarded to you in September 1918, showing that Private Belbin died on 8th June 1918, from effects of a fall from a ~~xxx~~ moving train, correctly represented the facts and that practically no additional information would be obtainable. The wording of the annexed Circular No. P.M.765, in which it is stated that Belbin's Pay-book has been received but that it is uncertain whether the owner is dead, has frequently been used in the Official German Lists in connection with the receipt at Berlin of pay-books unaccompanied by any particulars of the owner's fate; in this instance it is clear that no attempt was made by the German authorities to connect the pay-book with information already in their possession."

H. M. M. M. M.
Major,
Chief Staff Officer (London).

Noted, please, with thanks

W. F. Russell
Lieut. Col.
Minister of Militia

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
PAY & RECORD OFFICE
FILE NO. 11460/679/G
REC'D 4. DEC 1919
Ref. Nos. 001
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BRANCH
CORPS
P.A.S.
R.A.S.
S.E.E.
P.S.

HT/NV

Cables and Telegrams:
"SYNOPTICAL," London.

Telephones:
VICTORIA 4223 & 4.

Communications to be addressed to the
"CHIEF STAFF OFFICER - NEWFOUNDLAND."
Chief Staff Officer (Ldn)

N. F. P/38.

ORIGINAL

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 11460/879/0.

From

PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

HT/JC

28th September, 1919.

To

CR 2486
Hon. the Minister of Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

SUBJECT:

2486 PTE. H. BELBIN, DECEASED.

Reference Nos.

REPLY

Dated Nov. 25th, 1919

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

With reference to annexed copy of War Office List No. P.M. 765, 20/9/19: so far as is known in this Office there is no question but that Belbin is dead. Perhaps in view of reference now received it may be thought desirable to verify by further enquiries, and it is suggested that copies of reports may be sent to this Office. Meanwhile *11459/253 as per annexed* letter has also been sent to the War Office, please.

R.A. Minors
Major,
Chief Staff Officer (London).

War Office reply to your Letter 11459/253 as quoted in your Memo. 11697/708/C, and ^{INFORMATION} previously received from various sources leaves no doubt but that Pte. Belbin is dead.

W.F. Rendell
Lieut. Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT	✓
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	✓
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COMM.	✓
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R & O.	
B & E.	
P.S.	

Belbin, H

2486

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Army Form G, 1918

PAY LIST

to

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Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT

Regiment or corps **ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**

No. **2496**

Rank **Private**

Name **Balbin, E.**

Died ^{or} Intestate

at **Germany**

on the **15th** of **June**

1918.

Deceased at

on the

of

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I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Communicating Squadron, Tropic, Battery or Company

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Form 1

Date	Dr.	£ s. d.			Cr.	£ s. d.		
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month 13/6/18	57	16	5
	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				Missing allowance days at			
	"				from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	57	16	5	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	57	16		£	57	16

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to **13/FEB/1919** and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED
P.S.A.
13 FEB 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the *debit balance* of *£ 57 16 5* is the only chargeable amount **DEBITED AND CONTROLLED** on this **13 FEB 1919** 191

(c) Here state whether the soldier died overseas, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be enclosed herewith, if not already so. (2) Refer to the Army Form G, 1918 or Army Form G, 1915.

ORIGINAL.

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

No. 2486

Rank Private

Name Belbin, H.

Died (a) Intestate at Germany

on the 13th of June

1918.

Deserted at

on the of

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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.		
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	"				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	"				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	57	16	5	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£ 57	16	5		£ 57	16	5

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 1 FEB 1919 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED
P.S.A.
13 FEB 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the balance is correctly chargeable against NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINUED

Dated at LONDON, N.W. 1 this day of 13 FEB 1919

191 CHIEF 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 WAF 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.

RECEIPT FOR A SOLDIER'S DOCUMENTS.

Army Form B. 279.

N.B.—See instructions on the back of this Form.

<h1 style="margin: 0;">ORIGINAL</h1>			Original Attestation and Documents retained therewith	Duplicate Attestation and Documents retained therewith
			Field Conduct sheet (A. P. B. 130) Employment sheet (A. P. B. 300) Certificate of Character (A. P. B. 61) Certificate of Merit (A. P. B. 231) Active Service Casualty Form (A. P. B. 101) Regimental Conduct sheet	Declaration made by soldier on commencing 1st term of engagement (A. P. O. 1337) Books of re-enlisted men Company's registers Declaration of change of name Certificate of Trade Proficiency (A. P. B. 135) Attestation of "Proprietorship of Service" under sec. 87 Army Act sec. 78 (1) Army Act Notice of production of Service beyond 31 years Re-employment Paper Authority for Special Enlistment (A. P. B. 300) Attestations of (Franklin's) and improve early enlisted men for Corps in which now hold to serve Proceedings of Court of Inquiry (not on an injury or on men retiring or discharging while on active service in the field)	Proceedings on discharge Proceedings on Transfer to Army Reserve Medical Report for Invalids Certificate of Discharge (A. P. B. 300) Discharge Certificate (A. P. B. 300) Copy of receipt for purchase money Declaration on Transfer to Army Reserve Copy of the paper of attestation Proceedings on discharge
Corps No. Rank Name hon - effective account as per attached list.	2486 Pte. Bellie - J.	1		



ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND TROOP

The Secy. the Dir. of Militia

Officer St. John's, Nfld.
Please receive the documents as indicated above.

Signature of
Officer forwarding documents

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
Rank _____
Corps _____
Station _____
Date _____

I have received the above documents
Signature of _____
Officer who receives the documents

Signature of
Officer who receives the documents

Rank _____
Corps _____
Station _____
Date _____

ORIGINAL.

Newfoundland Contingent.

Summary of Non-Effective Accounts of
deceased Soldiers having Next of Kin in
Newfoundland.

Regt. No	Rank	Name..	Will	Amount due to P. Master	Amount due by P. Master
2486	Pte.	Belbin. J. Julestato		-	£. s. d. 54. 16. 5



The Guardian

C. E. RUSSELL, Editor and Proprietor
Water Street

4950

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or 1763

BAY ROBERTS, Nfld., May 7th 1919.

J. M. Howley, Esq.
Capt. & Paymaster
to Officers' Records

Dear Sir:- Wm. Belbin,
of Country Road, Administrator
of the Estate of the
late Pte. W. Belbin, re-
ceived a cheque from
you for \$289.89. He
claims the amt. should
be \$100.00 more, or \$389.89.
If this is so, why was
it that only \$289.89 was
sent. Please advise
me.
Yours truly
C. E. Russell, J.P.

May 6th. 1919

Wm. Belbin,
Country Rd., RAY ROBERTS.

C.R.

Dear Sir:

I enclose cheque for \$289.89
amount of balance of estate of late Pte. H. Belbin
due you as Administrator.

I also enclose Letters of Adminis-
tration.

Yours truly,

Capt.
Paymaster & O i/c Records.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 289 ⁸⁹/₁₀₀

April 16 1917

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment
the sum of two hundred + Eighty nine ⁸⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars.
~~on account~~
balance of Pay. Estate.

Ca. No. 18063	Initials. Gen
Pay Ledger 46	Initials. Jot
Gen. Ledger.....	Initials.....

Regtl. No.

Rank

C. A.

No. 2486 Rank Pt

Name Belbin H.

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.

June 29/22. 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2486 Rank Plt

Name..... Herbert Belbin

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

William Belbin.

.....(Sgd.)

Father.

.....Relationship.

Address..... Bay Roberts, Newfoundland.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.



OFFICER i/c RECORDS,

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA,

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.

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To ensure that as far as may be possible of the next of kin of those who have fallen in the War shall fail to receive the Memorial Plaque, it is requested that on receipt of the enclosed Plaque this card be signed at the bottom and posted. No stamp is required.

William Belbin. (Bay Roberts.)

C.R. 2486

RECEIPT

FOR ISSUE OF RIBBAND OF VICTORY MEDAL 1914-1919.

I certify that I have received an issue of
2 inches of Ribband of Victory Medal-1914-1919.

NO. 2486. NAME. Herbert Belbin

DATE. Jan. 24. 1920

PLACE. Country Road. Bay Roberts

Fold Here

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

Fold Here

SEP 14 1921

1921.

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

Mr. William Belbin Sr. (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2486 Rank Pte.

H.B. Name Herbert Belbin Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~Nfld. Garrison Corps.~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received _____

Signature Wm Belbin

Date June 29/22

Address Bay Roberts.

[P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

V. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C.
 (89) W4617/2/21 1000m 6/11/53 56

Form
B. 121
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Regiment of 1st Newfound Land

Number of Sheet First

Signature of O. C. Company Al. Leonard

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay
No.	<u>Belbin H.</u>	Age on	years	months	
Joined		Date of Enlistment		Religion	
Joined		Date		Place of Birth	
Joined		Date			
Joined		Date			
		Period of			
		with Colours	years		
		with Reserve	years		

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Disobedience	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	By whom awarded	REMARKS
Vernon	23.9.16	Pte		Indulgence to a n.c.o Died soft. 8/18	Capt. Brown 96 8/18		Capt. Bernard	E.B.
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				To be carried over				

Army Form B. 121.

April 21, 1936.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter requesting information with reference to your brother, 2486, Hubert Belbin, I beg to advise you that the allotment of fifty-five cents awarded him was paid to his mother from July 21, 1916. An amount of £57. 16. 5, being the balance due at the date of his death, was paid to his father. His medals were also forwarded to his father.

Trusting that this is the information required,

Yours faithfully,

J. A. McGrath,
Clerk, Dept. of War Pensions.

W. B. Belbin, Esq.,
Box 597, Bay Roberts.

SM/

August 28th, 1920

Mr. William Belbin
Country Rd.,
Bay Roberts

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of August 21st re Final Verification Form of No. 2485 Pte. Herbert Belbin, deceased, has been duly received, and I beg to state in reply that the form was duly received by this Dept some months ago and despatched to the D.G.R.& E. London, and the circular letter which you received recently was sent to you in error.

With reference to your enquiries with regard to the nature of Pte. Belbin's death, I have made enquiries in this respect of Major Hangle; and although he cannot obtain any further particulars, on the strength of Pte. Harris's statement, he intends changing the wording on the Final Verification Form to "Accidentally killed while Prisoner of War"; and the inscription which will be used is as follows:-

Accidentally killed while Prisoner of War
"Until The Day Dawn" - 2 Peter 1-19

Yours faithfully,

CHIEF STAFF OFFICER

LIEUT. COL.

Department of Militia

MEMORANDUM

C.R. 2486

No. 317/2486

From MINISTER OF MILITIA,
ST. JOHN'S,
NEWFOUNDLAND

To Major T. Hangle, D.G.R.&E.,
C/o Office of the High Commissioner
for Newfoundland
58 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.1

April 17th 1920

SUBJECT:

No. 2486 Private Herbert Belbin
- Deceased -

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REPLY

Dated 17th August 1920.101

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

With reference to the above, I wrote the War Office as follows:-

1 Reference the attached Cemetery

Register Form relative to the above mentioned deceased soldier, and the accompanying correspondence.

As will be noted, the form states that this man "died by violence: jumped from moving train;" this was denied by Mr. Belbin when the form was despatched to him for completion, as per letter attached. Private Harris was Belbin's companion while prisoner of war, and according to his statement, worked in the same stone quarry with him; Harris also states that Belbin did not die as noted on the C.R. Form.

Will you please look into this matter in order to verify the statement on the form, which is the same as is on file in our records.

You will note that a monument has already been erected over Pte.

Sir:
"Enclosed you will find correspondence between this office, the Dept. of Militia, St. John's, N.F., and the relatives of the late 2486 Pte. H. Belbin, Royal Nfld Regt. Can you supply me with any further information on the matter, please?"

and received the following answer:-

"In reply to your letter of the 17th ultimo, I regret to have to inform you that the location of the grave of Pte. H. Belbin who died as Prisoner of War has not been received in this office.
"Burial reports are periodically received of those who died in enemy hands and should the name of the above mentioned man appear on any such report, I will at once inform you."

This does not add very much to our knowledge of the case. The Imperial headstone will be erected and the inscription I shall use is as follows:-

"Accidentally Killed While Prisoner of War"

"Until The Day Dawn" 2 Peter 1-19.

If any further information is received it will be forwarded to you at once.

T. Hangle Major,
D.G.R. & E.
(Newfoundland Contingent)

Belbin's grave at Dusseldorf Cemetery.

If it is decided to erect the standard memorial, will you please choose a suitable inscription to be inscribed thereon.

W. A. Russell

Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer

Ref. Nos IN	800
Rec'd	17 MAY 1920
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Ref. Nos. OWI	
AC 1-114	
BRANCH	
Comd	
P & A.	
R & C.	
B & F	
P. S.	

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C.R. 2486

Dear Sir

According to information supplied by Private Josiah Harris of Grand Bank Newfoundland, (who was a comrade in camp with ~~front~~ my son and who stayed with him till death) he was not killed by violence or jumping from train. but while moving switch at which he was stationed, slipped and was accidentally killed. while employed in stone-quarry.

Yours respectfully
William Belbin.

Bay Roberts N.F.
Jan 23rd 1920.

C O P Y.

2486
~~2972~~
C.R.R.

Grand Park,

Feb. 17th, 1920.

Dear Sir:-

Received your letter last mail, am glad to be able to give you any information I can in regard to the death of the late Pte. W. Belbin #2486.

I and Belbin both belonged to the same Company in France was captured the same drove the 14th of April 1917.

I had my leg broken and he had a bad wound in the arm we were separated. He was sent to Munster Hospital and I went to Mulheim Beehn, after 3 months in Hospital I was sent to Munster Lager, it was there I met Belbin for the first time.

The 14th of August 1917 we were both taken for a working party to work in the syons quarries.

In the Spring of 1918 Belbin May or June I most forget anyhow it was the 8th day of one of those months Belbin was killed while working on the rails. The rails on the track for the small engines for drawing out waggons of stone. About half-past eleven in the morning Belbin ran to turn the points that is where the tracks join and the points switch the Engine from one track to another. Belbin had his hand on the point his foot slipped he fell and his head was brought level with the point the Engine struck the point came over with a smack and struck Belbin in the head, he was picked up and taken to the camp where he lived about 4 1/2 hours. He spoke once in German and once in English. We called the German doctor he came and looked at him made no examination of his wound in the head but passed the order to give him no food

and let him walk to his house Monday morning, 4 hours later Belbin was dead. That doctor was a brute and a square head. It was no trouble to tell the cause of his death, the wound bleed inside and flooded the brain.

This is my statement of it and I can only say I hope somebody will get what they deserve.

Yours truly,

Sgt. #2972 J. Harres.

P.S.

The name of the town where we worked was Dornap near Elberfeld.

J.W.



CR 2486

APRIL 19th 1920.

Fred. Emerson, Esq.,

Bank of Montreal Building.

Dear Fred,

May I trouble you to let me have the translation of the attached papers. Please enclose your bill when you return the translation. There is no immediate hurry about these papers, but still I would like to receive them fairly soon if convenient to you.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

See 2476

DUPLICATE TO BE RETAINED AT
ST. JOHN'S N.F.L.D.

No. _____

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT HIGH COMMISSIONER N.F.P/55.
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.

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

To

Hon. Secy. Secretary
St. John's
Newfoundland

21st March 1920

Reference: _____

Herewith

Copy of German Officer's Death Certificate
in relation to Des St. Belbin, & 2476 Gilley

Please acknowledge receipt hereon.

(Sig.)

W.F.R.

(Date)

17/4/20

A.A. Minnie
Lt Col

CHIEF STAFF OFFICER (LONDON)
Chief Paymaster & C. 1/c Records.

Forwarded with the Compliments of the

Secretary of the War Office.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Ref. Nos. *IN 629*

Rec'd *27 MAR 1920*

Ack'd *ans'd*

Ref. Nos. *UU1*

War Office,

A. Cas PM. 23

6 March 1920

The Officer in Charge Newfoundland Records

58 Victoria Street

P.W.

C.F. 2486
Feb. 4th. 1920

Private Josiah Harris

Grand Bank

Dear Sir:-

I have been informed by Mr. William Belbin of Bay Roberts that he has been advised by you to the effect that his son, No. 2486, Private Herbert Belbin, deceased, was killed while working in a stone quarry. This does not agree with the official information contained in the records of this Department regarding the nature of this man's death, and I should be glad to have a written statement from you of your knowledge of Private Belbin's death at your earliest convenience, please; it may be necessary that further investigations into the matter will have to be made.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.

Belbin's grave at Dusseldorf Cemetery.
If it is decided to erect the standard
memorial, will you please choose a suit-
able inscription to be inscribed thereon.

Sgd. W2F.Rendell.

Lieut.Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 317/2486.

C.R. 2486

From: Minister of Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

To: Rev. T. Hangle, D.G.R. & E.,
C/O The Office of the High Commission
for Newfoundland,
58, Victoria Street,
London S.W.1.

April 17th 1920

Subject:

No. 2486 Pte. Herbert Belbin,
- Deceased -

Reference the attached Cemetery Register Form relative to the above mentioned deceased soldier, and the accompanying correspondence.

As will be noted, the form states that this man "died by violence: jumped from moving train:" this was denied by Mr. Benbin when the form was despatched to him for completion, as per letter attached. Private Harris was Belbin's companion while prisoner of war, and according to his statement, worked in the same stone quarry with him. Harris also states that Belbin did not die as noted on the C.R. Form.

Will you please look into this matter in order to verify the statement on the form, which is the same as is on file in our records..

You will note that a monument has already been erected over Pte.

Belbin's grave at Dusseldorf Cemetery.
If it is decided to erect the standard
memorial, will you please choose a suit-
able inscription to be inscribed thereon.

Sgd. W.F. Rendell.

Lient.Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.

2486

July. 7th., 1924.

William Belbin Sr.,
Country Road,
Bay Roberts, C.B.

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you of the contents of a recent communication received from Lieut.Col. Hangle, Director of Graves, Registration and Enquiries for Newfoundland, London, regarding your late son which reads as follows:

"The body of the late 2486 Private H. Belbin, Royal Newfoundland Regt., has been exhumed from the cemetery in which he was originally buried at Dusseldorf and re-interred in the South Cemetery Cologne, Rhineland, Germany."

I have the honour to be,

Yours very truly,

Lieut.
Officer i/c Records.