



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

4095

ATTESTATION OF

No. 4095 Name Earl W. Best Corps Col. C.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Earl W. Best</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Jacks Beach, Plac. Bay</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>18</u> Years <u>—</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Chit</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? | 7. <u>No</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? | 8. <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? | 9. <u>Yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.... | 10. { Name |
| | { Corps |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? | 11. <u>Yes</u> |

I, Earl W. Best do solemnly declare that the above answers 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.

9.13.1917

Earl W. Best SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Robert [unclear] Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Earl W. Best 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 Plac. Bay on this 13th day of Nov 1917.

Signature of Attesting Officer [Signature]

†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 Col. C.

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

Date Nov 13 1917 } Approving Officer.
 Place Plac. Bay }

† 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).....

C.R. 4095

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Depot St. John's dated Aug. 1st 1919.

The discharge of the undernoted on demobilisation has been
CONFIRMED by Officer i/c Records from noted date
29-7-19.

4095, Pte. Earl Best.

C.R. 4095

extract from daily orders part II Royal Newfoundland
Regiment Depot St. John's dated July 19th 1919.

The discharge of the undernoted on demobilisation has
been APPROVED by O.C. Discharge Depot with effect from
following date.

15-7-19.

4095, Cpl. E. Best.

C.R. 4095

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal Field Artillery
St. John's, July 3rd 1919.

4095 Cpl. E.W. Best.

Reported at Headquarters 1-7-19 ex "Cassandra" which sailed
Glasgow 24th June, 1919.

C.R. 4095

Extract from Orders Part II by Lt. Col. B.J. BARTON, D.S.O.,
COMMANDING 8TH BATTALION ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

22/4/19.

The undermentioned W.O.O. is confirmed in rank as from
22/4/19.

4095, L/C. (A/Cpl.) E.W. Best as Corporal.

C.R. 4095

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 by Lt.Col.B.J.
Barton.D.S.O. Commanding 2nd Battn. Royal Nfld. Regt.
4-3-19.

4095 L/Cpl.E.Best.

"B" Coy. to be Atg/Corpl. from 1-3-19.

C.R. 4095

Extract from Orders Part 2 by Lt.Col.B.J.Barton D.D.O.
Commanding 2nd Battalion Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Ref.Bn. Orders Part 2 of 20/11/18 "Promotions" should read
as from 8/11/18.

To be Lance Corporal as from 21/11/18.

4095 Pte. Best, E.W. "D" Coy,

C.R. 4095

Extract of Telegram to Synoptical London dated June 13th. 1918.

Pay to as follows: •

4095 Best

4 pounds 2 shillings.

C.R. 4095

Feb. 28, 18.

From District Officer Commanding.
Newfoundland.
To Officer Commanding.
Depot.

#4095 Pte. E. Best.

It would appear from the attached correspondence that the above mentioned soldier was allowed to go forward with the draft, though the O.C. Depot was informed that he was under age, and promised his father that the matter would receive attention. There would appear to have been some carelessness in handling this matter, which places the department in a poor position in the eyes of the public.

I shall be glad if you will take steps to prevent a recurrence in future.

Major
District Officer Command/
Newfound

Enclosure.

C.R. 4095

Feb. 28, 18.

From District Officer Commanding:
Newfoundland.

To Officer Commanding,
2nd (Reserve) Battalion,
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment,
Winchester, England.

#4095 Pts. E. Best.

It is claimed that this soldier is under age. I enclose letter from his father and certificate from the clergyman in connection with the matter. Will you please attach these to this soldier's documents, and retain him at the Depot until he reaches the proper age for General Service.

Major.
District Officer Commanding.
Newfoundland.

ENCLOSURES.

C.R. 4095

Extract of Nominal Roll Draft. "H" Company Embarked
S.S. Florizel Jan. 29th, 1918.

4095 Pje. Best E.W.

C.R!

4095

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal
Nfld. Regt., St. John's, Nov. 13th, 1917.

4095 Pte. E.W. Best.

Attested for General Service with the Nfld. Regt., posted
to "G" Coy, with effect from Nov. 12th, 1917.



DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ST. JOHN'S Feb. 28, 1918.
NEWFOUNDLAND

Depot 4095
The attached
letter takes
paper

4095

From District Officer Commanding,
Newfoundland.

To Officer Commanding,
2nd (Reserve) Battalion,
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment,
Winchester, England.

#4095 Pte. E. Best.

It is claimed that this soldier is under age. I enclose letter from his father and certificate from the clergyman in connection with the matter. Will you please attach these to this soldier's documents, and retain him at the Depot until he reaches the proper age for General Service.

A. Montgomery

Major.
District Officer Commanding.
Newfoundland.

ENCLOSURES.

St Buffett
Jan 19th 1918

Major R. J. Carty
St Johns

Dear Sir,

I have received a telegram from J. H. Best asking me to forward you birth certificate of Earl Preston Best, (June 14th 1902) Unfortunately I cannot give an official copy of the register as we lost our books in a fire which destroyed the Passage and all its contents in 1913. However, I can say that I baptised the boy and to the best of my remembrance in that year (1902) The Baptism was of course some weeks subsequent to the birth date. But I fancy the second name has been mixed up - possibly by inexperienced telegraph operators. It should be, as I recall it, Weston, not Preston.

If a more definite & official certificate is necessary it can be obtained (and in the circumstances, there only) from the Registrar General, Mr E. Doyle, in St Johns. The family, though since removing to St Johns and still later to Jack's Beach, were domiciled at the time referred to, in Odeur, then, but not now in the Mission of St Buffett. Trusting that this information may be of some service to you

Yours faithfully
Arthur Shorter
Missionary Priest

Jack's Beach

Feb 9th 18

J. B. Bennett Esq.

Minister of Militia

Dear Sir

I have been informed since leaving St. John's that my boy Carl Weston Best have sailed with the last draft from St. John's. As I saw Major Carly while there and he promised me that he would not be sent and told me to get his birth Certificate so I endeavoured to get it but find the Register was burnt at Harbour Buffett in (1913).

I objected to him going he being so young just fifteen and half years old. As it's my opinion it's men and not boys is wanted to win this war.

So I must ask you to either have him return or retained at England until he is of age. which I understand to

be eighteen years. I am aware
of other boys being stopped
eighteen years old.

So please let me know
what you intend doing in the
matter immediately

As Oblige

Yours truly
J. H. Best

O.C. Dept

For your report please

Montgomery Major



E. W. Best C.R. 4095

P. & R. O.

NOTE.—This Form is only to be forwarded to the Ministry of Pensions in cases of discharge under para. 392 (xvi. or xvii.), King's Regulations, and in cases of discharge under para. 392 (vi.), King's Regulations, when the soldier has suffered impairment in health since his entry into military service, or in cases of transfer to Class P., or P. (T), of the Reserve.
 In cases of soldiers not discharged or transferred to the Reserve as above, but who are qualified by length of service to consideration for a Service Pension this Form is to be sent to the Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, S.W. 3.

Medical Report on a Soldier Boarded Prior to Discharge or Transfer to Class W., W. (T), P., or P. (T), of the Reserve.

1. Unit and Corps. *Royal Newfoundland*
2. Regtl. No. *4095* 3. Rank. *Captain* 7. Former Trade or Occupation } *Clerk*
4. Name *Beal, Carl W.* 7a. If the soldier claims previous service in Army, he should state—
 (Surname) (Christian Names) (a) Former Regts. or Corps ; with Regtl. Nos.
5. Age last birthday. *19*
6. Posted for duty on..... at..... in category (or grade).....
8. If the disability is an injury was it caused
 (a) in action (b) on field service
 (c) on duty (d) off duty ? (b) Date of Discharge ; (c) Cause of Discharge.
9. If a Court of Inquiry was held on an injury state :—
 (a) When (d) Particulars of Pension or Gratuity (if any)
 (b) Where
 (c) Opinion of Court

NOTE.—The foregoing particulars are to be filled in and A.F.B. 179 B (statement by the soldier) completed before the soldier is seen by the Officer in charge of the case.

Statement of Case.

NOTE.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Medical Officer in charge of the case. In answering them he will take care to confine himself exclusively to the medical aspect of the case and to such information as may be recorded in the invalid's military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish and clearly state when cases are due to venereal disease.

10. If brought forward for invaliding, disability in respect of which invaliding is proposed to be stated here. (Other disabilities should be reported upon in answer to question No. 19). If no disability enter "nil."
11. Date of origin of disability. *Nil*
12. Place of origin of disability. *Nil*
13. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability in so far as it is recorded in the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case and in other relevant official documents. *Nil*

14. State whether the disabilities are
- | | (a) attributable to | (b) aggravated by |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| (i.) Service during the present war | ✓ | |
| (ii.) Previous active service.. .. . | ✓ | |
| (iii.) Climate in pre-war service | ✓ | |
| (iv.) Ordinary military service before the war | ✓ | |
| (v.) Serious negligence or misconduct on the }
man's part. | | |

14 (a). If not due to any of these causes, to what specific condition do you attribute it? }

In all cases such as facial injuries, eye, ear, nose and throat, disabilities, &c., a specialist's report is to be attached with radiographs where possible; and in cases of amputation the exact position should be stated.

15. What is his present condition?
(A note should be made as to Weight in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.)

He complains of no Disability

16. Was an operation performed? If so, when and what was its nature?
17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?
18. *In the case of loss or decay of teeth,—Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease directly attributable to active service or through service under such conditions that dental treatment was unobtainable?
19. Give particulars of any other disabilities existing, but not in themselves sufficient to cause invaliding. State whether or not they are attributable to or have been aggravated by service during the present war, and if so, to what or by what specific military conditions?

20. Do you recommend—
- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit?
- (b) Change to United Kingdom?

Note—(b) is only applicable to soldiers invalided at Foreign Stations.

Repatriation

W.B. Procmier
Medical Officer in charge of case.

Capl Rame

Station *Hazeley Down*

Date *7/4/19*

* Loss of teeth on or immediately after active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause

1698/246/P&A

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

From:

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

To:

Officer Commanding,
2/Bn. Royal Nfld. Regt.,
Winchester.

28th January, 1919

Subject: 4095, L/C. E.W. Best,

With reference to the following telegram (867) from the Hon. Minister of Militia, received

"Pay to 4095, Best, £10:0:0.

Draft £10:0:0 is enclosed for payment to this Soldier.

Kindly obtain his receipt hereon.

A.A. Minshall Maj.
Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Records

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
VICTORIA ST.
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

Jan 31st 1919

Receipt hereunder.

2. Paymaster Genl
LIEUT. COLONEL,
COMMANDING 2ND BN. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT,
Officer Comdg. 2nd Batt'n,
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Received the sum of Ten pound

on account of
cable remittance from Newfoundland.

E.W. Best
No. 4095 Rank Queen Corporal

Witness W. Probert

No. 2144/P&A

ENCLOSURE

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

N.F.P/55.

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

To: Officer Commanding 2nd Bn.

Royal Newfoundland Regt,

6th Feb: 1919.

Hazeley Down Camp, WINCHESTER.

Reference: 4095 Lce. Corpl E.N. Best.

Herewith A.F.P.1950 for acknowledgment by Quartermaster and
return to Regimental Paymaster, Chatham.

Please acknowledge receipt hereon.

(Sig.) *W. D. Edwards* Capt
QUARTERMASTER,

(Date) 2nd Bn - ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT. *F. J. Marshall* Capt
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

TO, - The Chief Paymaster,
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,
58 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.

Sir;-

Please charge the amounts set opposite my name to my account and pay it to the N.F.C.A. "Prisoners of War Fund" in quarterly instalments for the period of one year.
Commencing on 1st July 1918.

Regtl. No.	Rank,	Name	Amount	Signature.
4095	Plt	Best E.	\$2 ⁵⁰	

I have the honour to be, Sir,
~~fr~~
Your obedient servant.

Date

14-7-18

E. Best

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No. 9709/929

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

N.F.P./73.

From
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.

To:
Officer Commanding,
2/Bn Royal Nfld. Regt.
Winchester.

~~Subject~~ 18th June 1918

Subject: 4095, Pte. E.W. Best.

With reference to the following telegram (5405) from the Hon. Minister of Militia, received

Pay to 4095 Best £4:2:0

Draft £ 4:2:0 is enclosed for payment to this Soldier.

Kindly obtain his receipt hereon.

A. H. [Signature]
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

June 20 1918
RECORD OFFICE

Receipt hereunder.

[Signature]
Officer Comdg.
1st Newfoundland Regiment

LIEUT. COLONEL

Received the sum of Four

Guineas on account of cable remittance from Newfoundland.

E. W. Best

No. 4095 Rank Private

Witness [Signature]

No. 21467/2448

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT



N.F.P./79.

From:

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

To:

Officer Commanding,
2nd Bn. R. Newfoundland Regiment.
Hazeley Down Camp,
Winchester.

27th. December, 1918.

Subject: 4095. L/Cpl. E.W. Best.

With reference to the following telegram (11186) from the Hon. Minister of Militia, received

Pay to 4095 Best - £5:0:0

Draft £5:0:0 is enclosed for payment to this Soldier. Kindly obtain his receipt hereon.

A. R. Stewart
Chief Paymaster & O. I/c Records.

Dec 31 1918

Receipt hereunder.

Exam

Exam LIEUT. COLONEL,
Officer Commanding ^{Batt} 2nd Bn. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Received the sum of Five
Pounds. on account of

cable remittance from Newfoundland.

E. W. Best

No. 4095 Rank L. Cook

Witness T. R. Kenworthy

No. 5080/737

N.F.P./79.

From. NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

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

To: Officer Commanding.
2/Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regt.,
Hazeley Down Camp,
Winchester.

PD 31 31st March 1919

April 1st 1919

4095 A/Cpl Best E.W.

With reference to the following telegram from the Minister of Militia / / (107)

"Pay to- 4095 Best.

£10. 0. 0.

Cheque £10. 0. 0. is enclosed for payment to this Soldier.

Kindly obtain his receipt hereon.

A. R. Munnell
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Receipt hereunder

Clark
LIEUT. COLONEL,
COMMANDING 2ND BN. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.
Officer Commdg. 2nd Batt n.

R. N. R.

Received the sum of Ten pounds

_____ in respect of telegraphic remittance from the Minister of Militia.

E. W. Best

No. 4095 Rank Corporal

Witness M. J. G. G. G.

B

Best, Carl

4095

Hay Sept.

July 29th 1919.

#4095, Cpl. Carl Best
Fleming Street.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find Discharge Certificate
3249.

Yours truly,

Capt. Paymaster

RS/.

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE

1. No. 4095 Rank Cpl Name Best Earl
 Intended place of residence Flemming St - St John

2. Occupation black
 Classification of soldier E Medical Category A L

3. The above named man is discharged in consequence of

DEMobilIZATION Eligible for War Service Gratuity

4. His accounts are correctly balanced and I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me, in accordance with Regulations.

Place, ST. JOHN'S

Date JUL 15 1919

[Signature]
 Commanding Discharge Depot
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE

5. I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances (including clothing allowance) and all just demands up to the present date, and hereby release the Discharge Depot, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, of all financial responsibility in my connection.

Place, ST. JOHN'S

Date JUL 15 1919

[Signature]
 Signature of soldier

[Signature]
 Signature of witness

CIVILIAN RE-ESTABLISHMENT CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER

6. I hereby certify that I am in a position to resume civilian occupation immediately on discharge.

Place, ST. JOHN'S

Date JUL 15 1919

[Signature]
 Signature of soldier

[Signature]
 Signature of witness

STATEMENT OF SERVICE

7. Enlisted for service 12-11-17 No. of days on Military
 Discharged from service JUL 15 1919 Plus 14 days Service 625

APPROVAL OF DISCHARGE

8. The discharge of the above mentioned soldier is hereby approved to be confirmed by the Officer in Charge, The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, twenty-eight days from date.

Place, ST. JOHN'S

Date JUL 15 1919

[Signature]
 Officer Commanding Discharge Depot
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE

9. The discharge of above mentioned soldier is hereby confirmed

Place, ST. JOHN'S

Date July 29/1919

[Signature]
 Officer in Charge
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

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[Handwritten] 2079/3249

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Class for Demobilization:—

6

Report of Demobilization
Travelling Board, held on soldier for
discharge.

Discharge Depot: Headquarters The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Date

July 1st/19

Regimental No. *4095*

Name *Best, Earl*

Address *Flaming St*

Present Medical Category *A7*

Recommended for:— (a) Immediate discharge _____
(b) ~~Standing Medical Board~~ _____

Members of Board

L.R. Cooper Capt.
O.C. Discharge Depot.

W. Paterson
Senior Medical Officer

Geo. Borden
~~M.O. Depot~~

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 1095 Rank Cpl Name Best Carl
 Date of Enlistment 13-11-17 Address Hemmaget District St. John's
 Occupation Bank Classification for Discharge F Medical Category HA
 Recommendation S.M.B. Disability Rating

Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N.F. P/36	B 268	B 121	/	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	/
B 178	W 3494	B 122		Board 1st	" 2	
B 178a	/ D 400A	/ B 1915	/	do 2nd	" 3	3
B 179	D 400B	Form L		do 3rd	" 4	
B 179a	/ D 400C	Form K		do 4th	" 5	
B 179b	B 103	ME 2			" 6	
B 179c	B 120	M 93				

Date 12-7-19

O. C. Discharge Depot.

PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

1. Civil Re-Establishment.

I am in a position to resume civilian occupation.

B Best

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date

2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

- (a) Clothing Allowance payable \$60.00
- (b) Clothing Supplied

AM Blaxton Lt

Date 15-7-19

O i/c. Re-clothing.

Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. 1 to his home
 at Flensburg St and Release Certificate No. 3633 issued.

Date 15-7-19

Alfred Houston
 Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection
 therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 29-7-19

Date 15-7-19

W. H. M. H.
 Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 15-7-19

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P36	B 268	B 121	N.F. Med	D.F. 1	
B 178	W 3494	B 122	Board 1st	" 2	
B 178a	D 400A	B 1915	do 2nd	" 3	2 Form B
B 179	D 400B	Form L	do 3rd	" 4	
B 179a	D 400C	Form K	do 4th	" 5	
B 179b	B 103	ME 2		" 6	
B 179c	B 120	M 93			

Date 15-7-19

Alfred Houston
 Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—

Officer i/c Records.
 Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

Eligible for War Service Gratuity

Date JUL 15 1919

N.R. Cooper Cabot
 O. C. Discharge Depot.

Received the above noted documents from O. C. Discharge Depot.

Date

Civil Re-establishment Committee



I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have had an interview with the Vocational Officer of the Civil Re-establishment Committee or other recognized vocational agent of the Committee who has explained to me the provisions made by the Committee for the industrial re-training of disabled or partially disabled sailors and soldiers as well as the readiness of the Committee to assist any returned sailors and soldiers (whether disabled or not) to find employment. My decision is as follows:

To resume former Occupation.

E. W. Best

Signature of Man.

Amel London

Reg. No. 4095

Signature of the Vocational Officer or his Representative.

Place ST. JOHN'S.

Date 15-7-19 191

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Bret OF Christian Name Earl W.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE

Birthplace:—Parish Lacko Brack Place Reg. County Nifes

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	at	on	at
Examined	12 th day of <u>Nov</u>	191 <u>7</u>	day of	191
Declared Age	18 years	— days	years	days
Trade or Occupation	<u>Clerk</u>			
Height	5 feet	5 inches	feet	inches
Weight		115 lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded	34 inches		inches
	Range of Expansion	4 inches		inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
	Arms	Arms		
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V	<u>6/120</u>	R.E.—V	
	L.E.—V	<u>6/120</u>	L.E.—V	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<u>L. J. Paterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Major</u>			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at	<u>St. John's Regt</u>	at	
	on	12 th day of <u>Nov</u>	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Transferred to	<u>1st Nifes Regt</u>	<u>4095</u>		
Became non-effective by	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

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

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
16-11-17	A.M.B. SP
21-11-17	" SP
26-11-17	$\frac{2}{3}$ SP
29-11-17	Yes SP

It is hereby certified that this soldier has been before a Travelling Medical Board and has been classified as 2 for Discharge on Demobilisation. Medical category 1

July 11/19
Date of M.A.B.

Discharge Depot—Newquandari

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



Descriptive Return of a Soldier Discharged on Account of Disability

INSTRUCTIONS—This form is to be completed in the case of every discharged soldier whose claim to pension, on account of disability, is to be submitted for the consideration of the Pensions and Disabilities Board.

This section should be completed in the Hospital at which a man is attending at the time of his examination by a Medical Board, or, if the man is not in Hospital, by the Medical Officer of the Unit or Command Depot. The Soldier should be given a full opportunity of examining it, as, if awarded a pension, his subsequent identification depends on his confirming this declaration. The "Rank," "Station" and "Date" should be in his own handwriting.

The form will then be attached to the Proceedings of the man's Medical Board and will be forwarded to the O. i. c. Records together with the remainder of the man's documents.

Changes occurring in the description subsequent to the date of admission to pension should be noted in red ink.

Name in full *Best, Carl.*

Regiment from which discharged *Royal Newfoundland*

Regimental number *4095*

Intended address *Hemming St.*

Height on discharge *5* Feet *6*

Color of hair on discharge *Dark Brown*

Complexion *Fair*

Color of eyes *Blue*

Descriptive Marks _____

Figure on discharge *M.D.*

Christian name of Father *Josiah*

Christian name of Mother _____

Wife's maiden name in full _____

Date and place of marriage _____

Christian names of children _____

Place and date of soldier's birth *St. O. Dravis. 14 June 1899*

Nature and locality of civil employment required _____

I declare that I am the soldier referred to above and that all the particulars contained in the above statement are, to the best of my knowledge, correct

(Soldier's signature in full) *E. W. Best*

(Rank) *Opf*

Station *St. John's*

Date *14-7-19*

I certify that the above named soldier signed the foregoing declaration in my presence, and that the above description and details are, to the best of my knowledge correct.

Medical Officer i/c Hospital.
Unit. or Command Depot.

Station

Date

NOTE.—This Form is only to be forwarded to the Ministry of Pensions in cases of discharge under para. 392 (xvi. or xvii.), King's Regulations, and in cases of discharge under para. 392 (vi.), King's Regulations, when the soldier has suffered impairment in health since his entry into military service, or in cases of transfer to Class P., or P. (T), of the Reserve. In cases of soldiers not discharged or transferred to the Reserve as above, but who are qualified by length of service to consideration for a Service Pension this Form is to be sent to the Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, S.W. 3.

Medical Report on a Soldier Boarded Prior to Discharge or Transfer to Class W., W. (T), P., or P. (T), of the Reserve.

1. Unit and Corps. *Royal Newfoundland* } Former Trade or Occupation } *Clark*
2. Regtl. No. *4095* 3. Rank. *Cpl* 7a. If the soldier claims previous service in Army, he should state—
4. Name *Best* } *Easton* } (a) Former Regts. or Corps ;
(Surname) (Christian Names) with Regtl. Nos.
5. Age last birthday... *19*.....
6. Posted for duty on..... at.....
in category (or grade).....
8. If the disability is an injury was it caused
(a) in action (b) on field service
(c) on duty (d) off duty? (b) Date of Discharge ;
(c) Cause of Discharge.
9. If a Court of Inquiry was held on an injury state :—
(a) When (d) Particulars of Pension or Gratuity
(b) Where (if any)
(c) Opinion of Court

NOTE.—The foregoing particulars are to be filled in and A.F.B. 179 B (statement by the soldier) completed before the soldier is seen by the Officer in charge of the case.

Statement of Case.

NOTE.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Medical Officer in charge of the case. In answering them he will take care to confine himself exclusively to the medical aspect of the case and to such information as may be recorded in the invalid's military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish and clearly state when cases are due to venereal disease.

10. If brought forward for invaliding, disability in respect of which invaliding is proposed to be stated here. (Other disabilities should be reported upon in answer to question No. 19). If no disability enter "nil."

11. Date of origin of disability. *nil*

12. Place of origin of disability. *nil*

13. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability in so far as it is recorded in the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case and in other relevant official documents. *nil*

14. State whether the disabilities are
- | | (a) attributable to | (b) aggravated by |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| (i.) Service during the present war | | |
| (ii.) Previous active service.. .. . | | |
| (iii.) Climate in pre-war service | | |
| (iv.) Ordinary military service before the war | | |
| (v.) Serious negligence or misconduct on the man's part. } | | |

14 (a). If not due to any of these causes, to what specific condition do you attribute it? }

In all cases such as facial injuries, eye, ear, nose and throat, disabilities, etc., a specialist's report is to be attached with radiographs where possible; and in cases of amputation the exact position should be stated.

15. What is his present condition?
(A note should be made as to Weight in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.)

The complainant of the disability

16. Was an operation performed? If so, when and what was its nature?
17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?
18. *In the case of loss or decay of teeth,—Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease directly attributable to active service or through service under such conditions that dental treatment was unobtainable?
19. Give particulars of any other disabilities existing, but not in themselves sufficient to cause invaliding. State whether or not they are attributable to or have been aggravated by service during the present war, and if so, to what or by what specific military conditions?

20. Do you recommend—
- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit?
- (b) Change to United Kingdom?

Repatriation

Note—(b) is only applicable to soldiers invalided at Foreign Stations.

W. E. Proctor Capt. R.D.M.C.
 Medical Officer in charge of case.

Station *Doyley Bourn*

Date *1/4/19*

* Loss of teeth on or immediately after active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause



DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

WAR SERVICE GRATUITY.

St. John's, Newfoundland.

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

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

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

Christian name... *Earl* 2. Surname... *Best*

3. Rank... *Cpl* 4. Regtl. No... *4095*

5. Address in full to which future payments of gratuity are to be forwarded... *Fleming St. St. John's*

6. Date of enlistment in the Regiment... *Nov 11, 17*

7. Name of dependent, if any, to whom Separation Allowance is being issued, or was being issued, immediately prior to your discharge... *no*

8. Relationship of such dependents... *no*

9. Address in full of such dependents... ..

10. Is said dependent, now, or was said dependent at any time in receipt of Separation Allowance on account of another soldier?... *no*

11. Were you on active service only in Mfld. If so, give dates and particulars of such service... *England only*

12. Give total length of time which you served on active service, whether in Mfld. or Overseas... *1 yr 7 mo*

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

No

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

Yes

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

No
July 15/19
Discharged
Discharged

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

No
England only

21. (a) Are you receiving treatment from the Civil Re-Establishment Com. (b) If so are you in receipt of full pay and allowances from that Committee.

No

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

Signature of Applicant: *Earl W. Best*
 Place of Residence: *Hennings St St Johns*
 Declared before me at: *St Johns*
 This *13* day of *July* 19...*19...*

Signature of Barrister of the *John D. Carthy*
 Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of affidavits.

POST DISCHARGE PAY.				
Date paid	Paid Soldier.	Paid Dependent.	War Service Gratuity.	Net amount due
.....
.....
Certified correct.				Paymaster

Signature of Applicant:
 Place of Residence:
 Declared before me at:
 This .. day of .. 19...

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

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ST. JOHN'S, JUL 15 1919

Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Billeting Account,

To Cpl E Best

Billeting Soldiers as undermentioned

from July 1/19 to July 14/19

4095 Cpl E Best 15.50

ACCOUNT	<u>PS 100</u>
C.H. NO.	<u>3018</u>
I. & D. LEDGER	INITIALS
PAY LEDGER	INITIALS
GEN. LEDGER	INITIALS

Certified correct for \$ 15.50

[Signature]
Billeting Officer.

E. W. Best

Etch.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Forms
B 121.
39.

Regiment of

1st Newfoundland

Number of Sheets

one

Signature of O. C. Company

W. J. [Signature]

Regimental Number and Name	
No.	<i>4095</i>
<i>Batt. Carl W.</i>	
Joined	Date
Joined	Date
Joined	Date
Joined	Date

Enlistment	
Age on	<i>18</i> years - months
Place and Date of Enlistment	<i>St. Johns 12-11-17</i>
Period of	with Colours <i>265</i> years.
	with Reserve <i>365</i> years.

Trade	<i>Clerk.</i>
Religion	<i>C of E.</i>
Place of Birth	

Good Conduct Badges, Service pay or proficiency pay

To be Lt. Col. 21-11-18
" " Lt. Colonel 1/3/19

[Signature]

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
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Demobilized St. Johns, 29/17

To be carried over

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

4095

DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. *4095* Rank *Cpl* Name *Best, Carl*
 Date of Enlistment *12-11-17* Address *St. John's* District *St. John's*
 Occupation *Clerk* Classification for Discharge *Fy* Medical Category *H.I.*
 Recommendation S.M.B. Disability Rating

Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N.F. P 36.....	B 268.....	B 121.....	N.F. Med.....	D.F. 1.....
B 178.....	W 3494.....	B 122.....	Board 1st.....	" 2.....
B 178a.....	D 400A.....	B 1915.....	do 2nd.....	" 3.....
B 179.....	D 400B.....	Form L.....	do 3rd.....	" 4.....
B 179a.....	D 400C.....	Form K.....	do 4th.....	" 5.....
B 179b.....	B 103.....	ME 2.....		" 6.....
B 179c.....	B 120.....	M 93.....		

Date *14-7-19* O. C. Discharge Depot. *Mrs. H.*

PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

1. Civil Re-Establishment.

I am.....in a position to resume civilian occupation.

B. Best

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date.....

2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

(a) Clothing Allowance payable. *\$60.00*

(b) ~~Clothing Supplied~~

M. Blount Lt

Date *15-7-19* O i/c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. ~~.....~~ to his home at Fleming St and Release Certificate No. 3633 issued.

Date 15-7-19 Alub Houston
Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 29-7-19

Date 15-7-19 Alub Houston
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 15-7-19
Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P/36.....	B 268.....	B 121.....	/	N.F. Med.....	D.F. 1.....	/
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B 178a.....	D 400A.....	B 1915.....	/	do 2nd.....	" 3.....	2 Form B
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B 179c.....	B 120.....	M 93.....	/			

Date 15-7-19 Alub Houston
Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—

Officer i/c Records.
Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

Eligible for War Service Gratuity

Date JUL 15 1919 A.R. Cooper Capt
O. C. Discharge Depot

Received the above noted documents from O. C. Discharge Depot.
Date July 20/19 Alub Houston

Reg. No. *4095* Rank *Cpl.* Name *West. E.*
Attested Address *Backs Beach*
Allotment Allottee
Date of Allotment Returned from Overseas *JUL 1 1919*
Returned on S S *Cassandra* Cause *Discharge*

N° 7 19
N° 7 19

PASSED TO DEMOBILIZATION OFFICER

DISCHARGE APPROVED ON DEMOBILISATION.