



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 3455 Name Richard Coombs corps Inf. B.

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

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? .....   | 1. <u>Richard Coombs</u>           |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....   | 2. <u>His Grace's B. B.</u>        |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....   | 3. <u>Yes</u>                      |
| 4. What is your age? .....  | 4. <u>19</u> Years <u>—</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....   | 5. <u>Shoemaker</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, Richard Coombs 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.

Richard Coombs SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Mark H. Mitchell Signature of Witness.

30-1-17

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

I, Richard Coombs 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 St John's on this 20 day of January 1917.

Mark H. Mitchell Signature of Attesting Officer

### †CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the†.....

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

Date.....191

Place.....

} Approving Officer.

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‡ 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).....







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| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Stoker</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>                       |
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# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name Richard Coombs  
 Apparent age 19 years — months. Height 5 feet 6 inches  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38 inches  
 Range of expansion 4 1/2 inches  
 Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Mr Wm Coombs  
As Grace | Relationship Father

### Particulars as to Marriage

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.  
 (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	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>30-1-17</u>									
Joined at <u>St Albans</u> on <u>January 30<sup>th</sup> 17</u>									
<u>Embarked St Albans train to Halifax 17<sup>th</sup> 17</u>									
<u>Admitted 14<sup>th</sup> Coy Regt Womersley 20<sup>th</sup> Division 4-6-17</u>									
<u>With unit 31-7-17 returned to duty with 1<sup>st</sup> Div. 1-3-18</u>									
<u>Admitted 1<sup>st</sup> Coy L.S. Brance 14-10-18</u>									
<u>Admitted 55<sup>th</sup> Trench Coy 14<sup>th</sup> Div 14-10-18</u>									
<u>Admitted military hospital Consett St. 25<sup>th</sup> 18 transferred from Consett Street military</u>									
<u>Hosp to 3<sup>rd</sup> London Trench Hospital 14-2-1919</u>									
<u>Arrived Newfoundland 25-6-20.</u>									
<u>Demobilization St. Albans 23-7-20</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 23-7-20 (date of discharge) 3 years 175 days  
 " " " Pensions " " " " " " " " " " " "

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the *British War and Victory*

Date Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1991

Recd. No. 3455

Rank Private

Signature Richard Coombs



C.R. 3455

**Extract from telegram received from Synoptical, London  
July 5th, 1919.**

In answer to your telegram July 3rd 3455 Coombs  
doing very well, first time up July 4th. He will  
be some weeks before being pronounced fit to be dis-  
charged from hospital.

C.R.3455

Extract from telegram received from Synoptical, London  
Dec.11th, 1919.

With reference to your telegram Dec.10th Coombs underwent re-amputation left leg 3rd London General Hospital Dec.2nd not reported by hospital this office. It is probable that he would not be transferred to Roehampton before two or three months: progressing favourably.

C.R. 3 433

Extract from telegram sent to Synoptical London  
Dec. 10th, 1919.

Please inform condition 3455 Coombs  
when will he be repatriated.



C.R. 3455

sept. 1st 1919.

MRS. WM. COOMBS,  
Ship Head,  
Hr. Grace.

Dear Madam:-

I am directed by the Minister of Militia  
to inform you that we have received the following mes-  
sage from the Pay & Record Office, London:-

"In answer to your telegram August 9th.  
"#3455, Coombs will not be fit for re-  
"patriation for at least four weeks.  
"Stump, result of amputation, not yet  
"healed."

Any further information that we may receive  
regarding your son's recovery will be gladly transmitted  
to you.

Yours sincerely,

CASUALTY OFFICER.

HGJ/AW.

C.R. 3455

Extract from telegram from Syn., London to Military  
dated Aug. 19th 1919.

In answer to your telegram Aug. 7th 3455 Coombs will not  
be fit for repatriation for at least 4 weeks stump,  
result of amputation left leg, not yet healed.

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C.F. 3455

RECEIPT.

FOR ISSUE OF BRITISH WAR MEDAL 1914-1919.

I certify that I have received an issue of 2 inches  
of Riband of British War Medal-1914-1919.

Name.....  
*Mrs William Coumbs*

Date.....  
*Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 114*

Place.....  
*St. Grace*

*Richard not home from England*



C.R. 2455

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft No. 84, 2/1st Newfoundland Regiment  
to 2/1st Newfoundland Regiment R.C.F. Spharakis 1/6/17

2455 Pte. R.Coombs.

MF.

C.R. 3453

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 19


Mrs. William Coombs,  
Harbour Grace,

Dear Madam:-

I beg to inform you that we have received a reply from our Pay and Record Office London, in answer to the telegram we forwarded concerning the condition of your son, #3455 Pte. Richard Coombs, which states that he is now convalescent and will soon be quite alright again.

Any further information that we get concerning him will at once be communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,

  
Lieut.  
CASUALTY OFFICER.

WWW/BC.

C.R. 3455

July 7th, 1919.

Mrs. Wm. Coombes,  
Ship Head,  
Harbour Grace.

Dear Madam:-

In furtherance to my letter of July 3rd, I beg to inform you that the following reply has been received from the Pay & Record Office, London, "In answer to your telegram July 3rd, 3455 Coombes doing very well, first time up July 4th. He will be some weeks before being pronounced fit to be discharged from hospital."

Any additional information that may come to hand regarding your son will be immediately forwarded to you,

Yours faithfully,

Casualty Officer.



C.R. 3455  
SUPERIOR NO. \_\_\_\_\_

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



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

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

**(NOT TRANSMITTED)**

Signature of Sender Ship's Head. Address Mrs. Wm. Coombs.

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

*Dated* July 3rd. 1919.

*To* Dept. of Militia.

I had been given understand by your Department that my son 3455 Pte. Richard Coombs was with draft which arrived St. John's recently now I receive letter saying he is at 3rd. Wandsworth Hosp. wire giving present condition and when I may expect him home.

Mrs. Wm. Coombs.

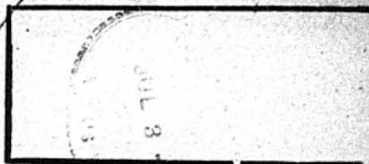
3455



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CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Lang No. 4 Sent by Ships Head Rec'd by A. W. Y. Coll No. 3  
 Place from Dept of Militia  
 To Dept of Militia



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 by your Department that  
 my son 3455 Pte Richard  
 Coombs was with draft  
 which arrived St. Johns recently  
 now I receive letter saying  
 he is at 3rd Wandsworth  
 Hospital wire giving  
 present condition and  
 when I may expect him  
 home wire reply.

Mrs William Coombs

16071

GRAM NO. 12

C.R. 3455 - 8,250

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

GRAM No.

Sent by

Rec'd by

Check

19 *Combs*  
POSTAL TELEGRAPHS

Place from

AUG 7 1919

To

*M. Grace*  
*Min of Militia*

Wire how 3455 Pte Richard  
Combs is and when coming  
home

*Mrs Wm Combs*

*Wire London*  
*1 8/8/19.*

*1074*

C.R. 3455

Extract from telegram sent to Synoptical, London,

Aug. 8th, 1919.

*Condition*

Inform ~~condition~~ & probable date of repatriation of 3455

Coombs.

C.R. 3455

Extract from telegram from Military to Syn., London  
dated July 3rd 1919.

Inform condition and probable date of  
repatriation 3455, Coombes.

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C.R.

~~3456~~  
3455

May 1st 19

Mr. Wm. Coombs,

Hr. Grace.

*Madam*

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your telegram of April 28th, and my reply thereto., I am directed to inform you that a reply has been received from the Chief Paymaster, London, to the effect that your son No. 5456 Pte. A. Coombs, is progressing favourably, and will probably be repatriated by the S.S. "Corsican" sailing about May 20th. List of those who will be returning on this date will be published in the daily papers.

Yours faithfully,

. Lieut.

FAE/MP.

Casualty Officer.



C.R.

345-5

July 3rd, 1919.

Mrs. Wm. Coombes,  
Ship Head,  
Hr. Grace.

Dear Madam:-

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of today's date. As requested by you I have wired our Record Office, London, for full particulars regarding your son #3455 Pte. Rd. Coombes, which will be transmitted to you as soon as received.

Yours faithfully,

Casualty Officer.

C.R. 3455

June 30th, 1919.

Mrs. Wm. Coombs.

Ship Head,

Er, Grace.

Dear Madam:-

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 28th inst., and to state that subsequent information has been received from the Pay & Record Office, London, to the effect that your son #3455 Pte. Rd. Coombs is at the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, and is progressing favourably.

It is regretted that your son is not with the present incoming draft.

Yours faithfully,

Casualty Officer.



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Line No.

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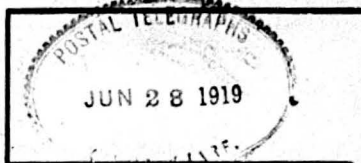
Check

No.

Place from

To

Line No. 42 Sent by [Signature] Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_ Check 14 No. Coll  
 Place from St. John's 28  
 To Militia Dept.



Please wire whereabouts  
 of 3455 Pte Richard  
 Coombes is he on  
 this boat.

Mrs Wm Coombes.

C.R. 3455

Extract from telegram from Syn., London to Military  
dated June 13th 1919.

In answer to your telegram June 12th  
3455, Coombs at Wandsworth progressing  
favourably.

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C.R. 3455

June 16th. 1919.

Mrs. William Coombs  
Ship's Head.  
Hr. Grace.

Dear Madam:-

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of recent date, requesting particulars as to condition of No. 3455 Pte. Richard Coombs. I am directed to state that we despatched a telegram to the Chief Paymaster, London and in reply we received the following answer:-

" In answer to your telegram June 12th.  
3455 Coombs at Depot Winchester,  
awaiting repatriation. In good  
health.

Trusting the above information will prove satisfactory to you.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.  
Casualty Officer.

FAS/BC.



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C.R. 3455

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 2 Sent by \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_ Check 13 Col No. 10

Place from Ship's Head 12

JUN 12 1919

To Don A. C. Hickman

Mr. men militia

Anxious to know whereabouts  
and particulars my  
son 3455 pte  
Richard Coombs

Mrs. Wm Coombs

Not an Draft.

HP

C.R.

3455

Extract from telegram from Military to Syn., London.

Dated June 18th 1919.

Inform whereabouts condition 3455

Coombs.

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C.R. 3455

Apr. 28th 19

Mrs. Wm. Coombs,  
Ship's Head,  
Hr. Grace.

Dear Madam:

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of 28th inst. enquiring the whereabouts of No. 3455 Pte. Richard Coombs, I am to state that a message has to-day been despatched to the Pay & Record Office, London, asking for the required information, which will be communicated to you as soon as received.

With reference to your enquiry as to when your son will arrive here, I am to inform you that the next draft will be leaving the United Kingdom for this side about May 20th, and in all probability your son will be included in this draft, as it is hoped to have the majority of Newfoundland soldiers repatriated by that time.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.

FAE/MP.

Casualty Officer.



C.R. 3455

Extract of Telegram from Military to Syn., London.

dated April 28th 1919.

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Condition of #3455, Coombs is he likely to be repatriated  
soon.

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C.R. 3455

Extract from Casualties received from Pay and Record Office,  
London dated 19th. March 1919.

3455 Pte. R. Coombs was transferred from the <sup>Endell</sup>~~Military Hospital~~  
Street Military Hospital to the 3rd. L.G.H. on 14/3/19.

C.R. 3456

**Extract from telegram from Synoptical to Military dated April 30/1919**

In answer to your telegram April 28th., 3456 Coombs progressing  
Favourably probably probably "Corsican"

C.R. 3455

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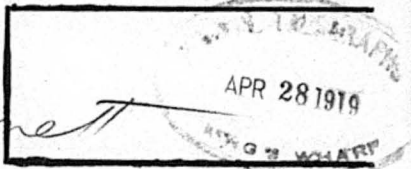
CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 6 Sent by Shiphead Paid by 6 Check

No. 16

Place from Shiphead

To Hon J Bennett



*minimised*  
 please wire how 3455.  
 the Richard Coombs  
 is and when he  
 will arrive here  
 anxious  
 Mrs Wm Coombs

C.R. 3453

MARCH 31st 1919.

Mrs. William Coombes,  
Harbour Grace.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your telegram of the 29th instant, enquiring as to when your son, #3455 Richard Coombes, will be coming home, I am directed to state that arrangements are being made whereby all Men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment will be repatriated within the next six weeks or thereabouts.

Upon receipt of any definite knowledge of your son coming with any particular draft, we shall again communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,

C.G.B.

Captain,  
Military Secretary.



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CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 17 Sent by os Rec'd by am Check 11000 No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place from St. John's  
J. R. Bennett  
Min of Militia



Can you say when Private  
Richard Bombs 3455  
coming home.  
Mrs William Bombs

1 copy



C.R.

3455

Extract from Telegram received from Synoptical Feb.12th,  
1919

In answer to your telegram Feb.10th

3455 Coombs.

Convalescent~~z~~



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Line No.

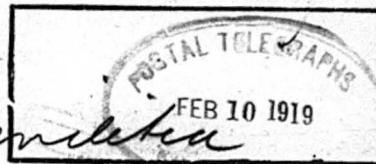
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Place from

To



Wire Condition of pte  
 Richard Coombs no 3455  
 Last reported 3 ra  
 Hospital London

Mrs Wm Coombs

C.R. 3455

Extract from telegram from Military to Synoptical dated Feb. 10<sup>n</sup>  
1919

Inform condition of 3455 Coombs.

C.R. 3455

February 10th 1919

Mrs. Wm. Coombs,  
Hr. Grace.

Dear Madam:.

I am directed by the Minister of Militia to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of Feb. 10th, in which you are making enquiries regarding the condition of your son No. 3455, Pte. Richard Coombs, and in reply I beg to state that we have forwarded your enquiry on to our Pay & Record Office, London and upon receipt of a reply we will immediately communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut  
Casualty Officer.

C.R. 3455

Dec. 10th 18

Mr. William Combs,  
Hr. Grace

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that additional information concerning your son, No. 3455, Private Richard Combs has to-day been received from the Visiting Committee of the Newfoundland War Contingent Association, to the effect that he is now progressing favourably,

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 3455

Extract from Code Telegram from Secretary of State received  
December 7th. 1918. Dated 9th. December 1918.

December 7th. Following from Reeve:-  
Association Visiting Committee reports:  
Progressing Favourably.

3455 Pte. Richard Coombs.



C.R. 3455

Nov. 21, 18.

Mr. Wm. Coombs,  
Hr. Grace.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that additional information has been received to-day by this Department through the Visiting Committee of the Newfoundland War Contingent Association, to the effect that your son, No. 3455, Private Richard Coombs, is now progressing favourably.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,  
Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 3455

Extract of DAILY ORDERS PART II ROYAL NEWBRUNSWICK REGIMENT  
IN FRANCE DATED 21/11/18.

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TO ENGLAND.

#3455 Pte. R. Coombs.

24/10/18.

C.R. 3455

Extract from: War Office List No. 07 1733 dated 10 11. 18.

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#3455 Pte. R. Coombs.

Wounded 10. 11. 18.

EC.

C.R. 3455

PROGRESS REPORTS.

No. P. 148719, P. 148723, P. 148726, P. 148740, P. 148744.

No. P. 148719.

O.C. 32 STY. H. WIMBREUX telegraphs 23 October, 1918.  
203308 Pte. Wilkinson F. 1/N. Staffs.  
207525 Gnr. Whitfield L. RGA. 193 Sge.

NO LONGER SERIOUSLY ILL.  
-do-

No. P. 148723.

O.C. 7 STY. H. BOULOGNE telegraphs 23 October, 1918.  
82528 Pte. Williamson, T.H. 20/D.L.I. GSW. Arm.

SERIOUSLY ILL.

No. P. 148726.

O.C. 55 GEN. H. BOULOGNE telegraphs 23 October, 1918.  
57241 Pte. Humphries E. 17/Lance Fus. "D". Pneumonia.  
2455 Pte. Coombe R. 1/Newfld.

SERIOUSLY ILL.  
NO LONGER SERIOUSLY ILL.

No. P. 148740.

O.C. 2 STY. H. ABBEVILLE telegraphs 23 October, 1918.  
8213 S/Sm. Carpenter F.J. ASC. AHTD.

NO LONGER SERIOUSLY ILL.

No. P. 148744.

O.C. 3 GEN. H. LE TREPONT telegraphs 23 October, 1918.  
25933 Pte. Coldrick J. 1/R. Fus. GSW. Shldr. R. pene. Chest. SERIOUSLY ILL.  
42489 Gnr. Langham H. RGA. 145 H. Bty. & L. Leg. Ac. Lobar Pneumonia. -do-



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C.R. 3455

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Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address **Dept of Militia.**

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated

Oct 28th, 1918

To

William Coombs, Harbour Grace

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London,  
officially reports **No. 3455, Private Richard Coombs**  
now at **Military Hospital Emdall Street, London.**

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

J.R. Bennett

Minister of Militia.

Chgo Dept of Militia **FOR TYPEWRITER**

## NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



CR 3453

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Dated Oct 26th, 1918

To William Coombs, Harbour Grace

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London,  
officially reports No. 3455, Private Richard Coombs  
was still seriously ill Oct 20th.

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

J. R. Bennett

Minister of Militia.

Chge Dept of M **FOR TYPEWRITER**  
Militia.

C.R. 3455

WOUNDED & SICK N.C.O.s, & MEN OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE - FRANCE

PROGRESS REPORTS RECEIVED BY POST. IN CERTAIN CASES THE SAME INFORMATION OR A LATER REPORT MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY TELEGRAM AND COMMUNICATED TO RECORD OFFICES. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO CHECK THIS BEFORE NOTIFICATION



INFANTRY RECORD OFFICE - HAMILTON.

- 3754 Pte. Finnegan J. 2/High.L.I.
- 50887 Pte. Redfern A. 9/High.L.I.
- 200401 L/C. Blackstock W. 5/Sco.Rif.
- 40169 Pte. Turner H. 2/KOSB.
- 59334 Pte. Couper G. 17/R.Scots.
- 31767 Pte. Routledge J. 1/4 KOSB.
- 7242 Sgt. Hilton F.F. 1/Cameronians.

- LIST NO.H.W.2455.
- SW. Head Frac.....Dang.Ill in 2 Can.Gen.H.Le Treport w/e 20 Oct.18. Skull.
  - GSW. Shldr. ....Dang.Ill in 2 Can.Gen.H.Le Treport w/e 20 Oct.18. side, Leg. R.
  - SW. Arm n. & .....Ser.Ill in 2 Can.Gen.H.Le Treport w/e 20 Oct.18. Influenza
  - GSW. Buttock L. Thigh. R. Trans.to Eng. ex 3 Gen.H.Le Treport 19 Oct.18.
  - GSW.L.Leg.....Dang.Ill in 55 Gen.H.Boulogne w/e 20 Oct.18.
  - GSW.L.Thigh.....Dang.Ill in 55 Gen.H.Boulogne w/e 20 Oct.18.
  - GSW.Leg. Fract..Ser.Ill in 55 Gen.H.Boulogne w/e 20 Oct.18. Arm.

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No. 1 RECORD OFFICE - HOUNSLOW

- 11646 Pte. Hall H. 4/Mx.R.
- 38599 Pte. Burrows W. 1/Mx.R.
- 21259 Pte. Singer F. 2/Mx.R.
- 97916 Pte. Bennett W.A. 1/Mx.R.
- 6016 Pte. Townsend D. 4/Mx.R.
- 353291 Pte. Sweeney J. 8/Mx.R.
- 74325 Pte. Grevatt A. 2/24 Lon.R.

- LIST NO.H.W.2455.
- GSW. Mple. & Bron.Dang.Ill in 2 Can.Gen.H.Le Treport w/e 20 Oct.18. Pneumonia.
  - GSW. Neck. ....Dang.Ill in 3 Gen.H.Le Treport w/e 20 Oct.18. Arms & Shldr.
  - GSW. Thigh. L. Ser.Ill in 3 Gen.H.Le Treport w/e 20 Oct.18. Calf R.Arm.L.
  - GSW. Chest Pene Ser.Ill in 3 Gen.H.Le Treport w/e 20 Oct.18. Arm.L.
  - GSW.Shldr. L.....Ser.Ill in 3 Gen.H.Le Treport w/e 20 Oct.18.
  - GSW. Back & ..... Trans.to Eng. ex 3 Gen.H.Le Treport 15 Oct.18. Leg.L.
  - GSW. Head Face Ser.Ill in 55 Gen.H.Boulogne w/e 20 Oct.18. Thigh.

NEWFOUNDLAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

- 3455 Pte. Coombs R. 1/Newfdlds.

- LIST NO.H.W.2455.
- GSW. Multiple.....Ser.Ill in 55 Gen.H.Boulogne w/e 20 Oct.18.



C.R. 3455

Extract from Nominal Roll of Sick and Wounded admitted to Various  
Hospitals on various dates.

3455 Pte. R. Coombs

R. Nfld. R..... GSW. Multiple shell.

Admitted to Military Hospital ~~Endell~~ Street, W.C.2., 25/10/18.

C.R. 3455

Extract from War Office List No. H. S. 30431 dated 24th Oct. 1918

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#3455 PTE. R. COOMBS.

G.S.W. LT. THIGHT LEGS?

ADMITTED 5 5 GEN. H. BOULOGNE 16th OCT. 1918.

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BC.,

C.R. 3455  
Counter No.

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



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Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address Dept of Militia

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated

Oct 21st, 1918

To

~~William~~ Coombs, Harbour Grace

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London,

officially reports No. 3455, Private Richard Coombs

at 55thnGeneral Hospital, Boulogne seriously ill Oct 17th

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

J.R. Bennett

Minister of Militia.

Cge. Dept of Militia.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 3455

Extract from Casualties received from Pay &  
Record Office, London dated 19 October. 1918.

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3455 Pte. R. Coombs.

is reported 17/10/18 by O. C. 55th., General Hosp.,  
Boulogne as SERIOUSLY ILL of G.S.W.,

BC.

**NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.**
**Cable Connection with all the World**
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Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated Oct 17th, 1918

To William Coombs Hr Grace

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London,  
officially reports No. 3455, Private Richard Coombs  
at 11th Casualty Clearing Station dangerously wounded  
October 14th

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

**J.R. Bennett**

Minister of Militia.

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

C.R. 3455

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas.

Mar.17.1917.

3455 Pte. E. Coombs.

3455

C.R.

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal  
Nfld. Regt., St. John's, Jan. 30th, 1917.

3455 Pte. R. Coombs.

Attached to the Strength from Jan. 30th, 1917.

Combs R.

3455

Pay Dem

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3455 Coombs R

P.M. Please pay allotment due  
January.

Transfers in Dec but don't draw  
cheque LL B.F.R.



*AK*

EXTRACT

TELEGRAM

FROM RURALITY LONDON JULY 7TH, 1920

IN ANSWER TO YOUR TELEGRA JUNE 6th COOMBS PAY CREDITED  
TO JUNE 17TH DEBIT BALANCE £2:11. STATEMENT OF  
ACCOUNT SENT BY MAIL JUNE 19TH.

LAST PAY CERTIFICATE

N.F.P./94.

To be rendered for all ranks on discharge, transfer to other Units, or on return to Newfoundland in accordance with C.L./19, 28/5/17.

Regtl No. 3455 Rank Pte Name Coombs, R. Unit R. Newfoundland Regt., who was repatriated  
Newfoundland on 17/6/20 authority Draft Cause \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

PERIOD: from	PARTICULARS					To	PARTICULARS					
	£	s	d	£	s		d	£	s	d		
	Balance Dr. from					Balance Cr. from 30/4/20			23	5	9	
	Allotment 48 days @ 60¢	28	80	5	18	4	Pay 48 days @ \$1.00	48	00			
	Cash Payments:						Field Allce 48 days @ \$.10	4	80			
	12/5/20 Voucher 5247			20	0	0	Other Allces days @ \$	52	80	10	17	0
	25/5/20 " 5263			5	10	0	Ration Allowances				14	7
	7/6/20 " 14			5	0	0	Other Credits:					
	Other Debits:											
	Hospital Advances V.8145			1	0	0						
	Total Debits			37	8	4	Total Credits			34	17	4
	Balance due by Paymaster						Balance due <del>by</del> to Paymaster			2	11	0
				37	8	4				37	8	4

*[Handwritten Signature]*

I have carefully examined this Statement of Account and find it to be a correct extract from the Pay Book of \_\_\_\_\_

(Place)

(Date)

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Made up and checked in accordance with information received in the Pay & Record Office London to 17/6/20 and is therefore subject to amendment if and as may be found necessary.

OFFICE OF THE  
 HIGH COMMISSIONER  
 FOR NEWFOUNDLAND,  
 Pay Office, London, S.W. 1.  
 17/6/20 191

O.C. " " Company.  
*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.

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To be rendered for all ranks on discharge, transfers to other Units, or on return to Newfoundland in accordance with C.L./19, 26/5/17.

Regtl No. 3455 Rank Pte Name Coombs, R. Unit R. Newfoundland Regt who was repatriated  
Newfoundland on 17 6 20 Authority Draft Cause \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

	PARTICULARS	\$			£ s d				PARTICULARS			\$			£ s d			
		¢																
To	Balance Dr. from								Balance Cr. from									
	Allotment 48 days @ 60¢	28	80		5	13	4		Pay 48 days @ \$ 1.00	48	00							
	Cash Payments:								Field Allowance 48 days @ \$ .10	4	80							
	12/5/20 Voucher 5247				20	0	0			52	80	10	17	0				
	25/5/20 " 5263				5	10	0		Other Allowances days @ \$									
	7/6/20 " 14				5	0	0		Ration Allowances						14	7		
	Other Debits:								Other Credits:									
	Hospital Advances V.8145				1	0	0											
	Total Debits				37	8	4		Total Credits						34	17	4	
	Balance due by Paymaster				37	8	4		Balance due to Paymaster						2	11	0	

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\_\_\_\_\_ 191  
 (Place) (Date)

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Office of the  
 HIGH COMMISSIONER 17/6/20 191  
 FOR NEWFOUNDLAND, London, S.W. 1.

O.C. " " Company.  
 Chief Paymaster & C. of Records.  
 HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

LM-

July 19, 1920

From: Paymaster  
Dept. of Militia

To: Ex Pte. Richard Coombs  
Hr. Grace,  
C.B.

I enclose herewith "Discharge Certificate"  
No. 3910.

Major  
Paymaster & O i/c Records.

Enc.

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## DEMOLIBIZATION OF

Reg. No. 3455 Rank Private Name Richard Coombes  
 Date of Enlistment 30-1-1917 Address St. George District St. George  
 Occupation Shoe Maker Classification for Discharge B Medical Category E  
 Recommendation S.M.B. Service Unfit Disability Rating 100% for 3 months  
 Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—  
Out patient treatment at Institute Hospital

N.F. P 36	B 268	B 121	N.F. Med	D.F. 1	<u>Normal</u> <b>B</b>
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 5-7-1920

R. Edwards  
O. C. Discharge Depot.

### PARTICULARS FOR DEMOLIBIZATION

1. Civil Re-Establishment.

I am not in a position to resume civilian occupation.

R Coombes

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date 5-7-1920

R. Edwards  
O. C. Re-clothing

2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

(a) Clothing Allowance payable.....

\$ 60.00  
100

(b) Clothing Supplied .....

Date 5-7-1920



3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. E 17 to his home at Sto Grace and Release Certificate No. 3914 issued.

Date 5-7-1920

R. H. Edwards  
Demobilization Officer J.H.W.

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 23-7-1920.

Date 5-7-1920

R. H. Edwards  
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 9-7-1920

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P 36	B 268	B 121	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1.		<u>four</u>	<u>5</u>
B 178	W 3494	B 122	Board 1st.	" 2.	<u>1</u>		
B 178a	D 400A	B 1915	do 2nd.	" 3.	<u>2</u>		
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.	<u>1</u>		
B 179c	B 120	M 93					

Date 5-7-1920

R. H. Edwards  
Demobilization Officer J.H.W.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—

Officer in Records.  
Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

Eligible for War Service Gratuity

Date 5-7-1920

R. H. Edwards  
O. C. Discharge Depot J.H.W.

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

Date .....



# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 3455 Rank Private Name Richard Coombes  
 Date of Enlistment 30-1-1917 Address St. Grace District St. Grace  
 Occupation Shoe Maker Classification for Discharge B Medical Category E  
 Recommendation S.M.B. Penicillin benefit Disability Rating 100% for 3 months  
 Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:— Out patient treatment at Institute Hospital.

N.F. P136	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 5-7-1920

R. Redward  
O. C. Discharge Depot.

### PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

#### 1. Civil Re-Establishment.

I am not in a position to resume civilian occupation.

R Coombes

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date 5-7-1920

R. Redward

#### 2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

(a) Clothing Allowance payable.....

\$ 60.00

(b) Clothing Supplied .....

Date 5-7-1920

R. Redward  
O. C. Re-clothing

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. E 17 to his home at New Shore and Release Certificate No. 3914 issued.

Date 5-7-1920 R. H. Edwards  
Demobilization Officer J. H. H.

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 23-7-1920.

Date 5-7-1920 R. H. Edwards  
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 9-7-1920  
Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P36	B 268	B 121	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	1	3
F 178	W 3494	B 122	Board 1st	" 2	1	
F 178a	D 400A	B 1915	do 2nd	" 3	2	
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	1	
B 179c	B 120	M 93				

Date 5-7-1920 R. H. Edwards  
Demobilization Officer J. H. H.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—  
Officer i/c Records.  
Board of Pension Commissioners.  
with following additional documents.

Eligible for War Service Gratuity

Date 5-7-1920 R. H. Edwards  
O. C. Discharge Depot. J. H. H.

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



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Demobilization Officer  
*J.S.W.*

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The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 23-7-1920.

Date 5-7-1920

R. Edwards  
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 9-7-1920

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P 36	B 268	B 121	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1.	<i>form B</i>
E 178	W 3494	B 122	Board 1st.	" 2.	1
R 178a	D 400A	B 1915	do 2nd.	" 3.	2
B 179	D 400B	Form L	do 3rd.	" 4.	
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Date 5-7-1920

R. Edwards  
Demobilization Officer  
*J.S.W.*

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—

Officer i/c Records.  
Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

**Eligible for War Service Gratuity**

Date 5-7-1920

R. Edwards  
O. C. Discharge Depot  
*J.S.W.*

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

Date .....

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

## DEMOBILIZATION.

### CIVILIAN CLOTHING GUARANTEE

I, No. 3455, Rank. Private, Name. Richard Coombs

hereby undertake to supply myself with civilian clothing, consisting of one suit of clothes, one cap, one tie, one collar, one overcoat, within 28 days from date, in consideration of being issued with clothing allowance to the amount of \$ 60.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Date St Johns

26-6-1920

R Coombs

Signature of Soldier.

J. Edwards  
Signature of Witness.

## 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 take educational course under the committee - to start about July 20<sup>th</sup> 1920.

R. Cozmes  
Signature of Man.  
Reg. No. 3455.

Signature of the Vocational Officer or his Representative.

Place

St. John's B.C.

Date

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1920

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT  
 (Separation Allowance Branch)  
 (Information for Board of Review)

Notice:

THIS STATUTORY DECLARATION is to be filled in correctly in every detail, and a complete reply must be given to each question

Each Statement is considered as being made on Oath and, the form is to be signed before a Barrister of the Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace and returned to:

THE PAYMASTER,  
 Separation Allowance Branch,  
 ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.

1. Name in full of Soldier. Rank Regt or Unit. Regt.No.

*Pte. R. Coombs* *3455*

2. Age of soldier *22* Married or single, *married*

3. Name in full of Wife. *Mrs. A. Coombs*

4. Address in full. *Harbor Grace, Water St. West, Newfoundland*

5. Date of Marriage. *May 15<sup>th</sup> 1920* *Examined by me July 10 1921 O'Shany*

6. Place of Marriage. *London England*

7. Did marriage take place since soldier's enlistment? *yes*

8. Was Commanding Officer's permission obtained? If not, why? *yes*

9. If not married, how long have you been dependent on the soldier for your maintenance, and supported regularly by him on a bona fide permanent domestic basis? *not applicable*

10. Were you living with your husband immediately prior to his enlistment? If not, how long have you been separated? *married since enlistment*

11. Is separation a legal one. *not applicable*

*\$4600*  
*\$170.00*



Harbor Grace  
Water St. West.

12. If legal are you in receipt of alimony? If so state amount.

no.

13. If not legal, how long since your husband contributed to your support? explain fully.

not applicable

14. State amount of Allotment received by you from soldier monthly?

Have not received any

15. From what date have you received Allotment.

not applicable

16. Names of children.	Age last Birthday	Names of Children.	Age last Birthday
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none

17. Are you already in receipt of Separation Allowance from any source. If so, state amount.

no

18. Are you in receipt of payment from any Patriotic Fund? If so, how much?

no

19. Have you made a previous claim for Separation Allowance? If not, Why? Give particulars.

no

20. Was your husband at the time of his enlistment an employee of the Nfld. Government.

no

21. In what capacity and in what place?

not applicable

22. Is he in receipt of a salary as such, while serving in the Nfld. Regiment. If so, how much.

not applicable

I herewith make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and knowing it to be of the same force and effect as if made under Oath and in virtue of the Evidence Act.

Signature of Applicant

Ethel  
The Grants



Place of Residence-----*St. George*-----

Declared and subscribed before me at-----*St. John's*-----

this-----*fifth*-----day of-----*July*-----19*20*

Signature of Barrister of the Supreme  
court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Notary  
Public or Justice of the Peace.

*Chas E Hunt*  
Notary Public

This application must be signed by two responsible parties, one of whom must be a clergyman, the other a representative of your local Patriotic Fund Committee, certifying that to the best of their knowledge, after careful enquiry, the above statements are correct.

Signature of Clergyman-----

Signature of Member of  
Patriotic Fund Committee-----

N.B. Marriage certificate must accompany this application, and will be returned after perusal. If marriage is after enlistment, Commanding Officer's permission in writing must be forwarded.

*Approved*  
*W. P. A.*

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October 9th. 1918.

Mrs. William Coombs,  
HR. GRACE.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your telegram of Oct. 8th. I beg to inform you that your allotment cheque on account of your son, Richard was forwarded to you from this office on October 6th. and no doubt you will have received it ere this letter reaches you.

Yours truly,

Lieut.  
For Paymaster

## FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

MOTHER.

(\$eparation Allowance Branch.)

Notice.

THIS STATUTORY DECLARATION is to be filled in correctly in every detail, and a complete reply, must be given to each question.

Each statement is considered as being made on Oath and the form is to be signed before a Barrister of the Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, and returned to—

THE PAYMASTER  
Separation Allowance Branch,  
St. John's Nfld.

1b.

Name in full of Soldier. Rank Reg't. or Unit Reg't. No.

Richard Coomb Private Mtd. Regt. 8455

2. Age of Soldier

20 next February

Married or Single.

Single

3. Name in full of Mother Age Occupation Permanent Address.

Thee Coomb 49 Housewife Comags Beach

4. Give name of your husband. Age Occupation Where employed.

William Coomb 52 Fisherman Labrador, and Sydney

5. If your husband is not supporting you state the reason.

Left Naval Store, but better, 1/2 ton coal. Husband left here in November; supposed gone to Sydney;

6. If your husband is a chronic invalid and totally incapacitated state nature of malady. (A medical certificate must be enclosed with this document stating from what date husband has been totally incapacitated and for how long incapacity is likely to continue)

No

7. If you are a widow, state date and place of death of your husband.

No

8. Have you married again since death of above mentioned husband?

No

9. Names of your other Children Address in Full. Age. Occupation Married or Single.

Hattie	Comags Beach	13	School	Single
Thee	"	8	"	"
Better	"	15	at work, gets \$2 a week	"

10. State amount earned by (a) yourself *Nothing*  
(b) Your husband (b) *\$50*  
*My husband had me he earned \$160 in Sydney last*  
*month from 1st Nov. to 18th Dec.; my husband \$50*
11. State amount and source of any other income.
12. State value of Real Property belonging to you and your husband. *Nothing but small house value \$150.*
13. State value of personal property belonging to you and your husband. *Oil*
14. If husband is dead state value of Real and personal Property left by him.
15. Actual amount contributed by soldier during the year prior to enlistment. *\$5 a week*
16. Was this amount contributed weekly or monthly. *weekly.*
17. Did this amount include payment of son's Board etc. *Yes.*
18. State your son's trade or occupation prior to enlistment. *B. & S. Factory operative.*
19. State amount of his wages per week. *\$7 a week.*
20. State name and address of his last employer. *Gravel Hill Doro. Lth, B. & S. M. C. Duffree*
21. State amount of support monthly from son since enlistment. *\$18 monthly*
22. State amount of Allotment received by you from son monthly.
23. From what date did you receive Allotment? *April, 1917.*
24. Actual amount contributed by other children Weekly Monthly.  
*Walter gives me from 50¢ to \$1.00 weekly.*
25. Are any of these children in the employ of you or husband? *No.*
26. If not receiving support from other children state cause, Explain fully. *Other children married*
27. With whom are you residing at present. *Living with family*
28. Have you made a previous claim for Separation Allowance? If not, Why? Give particulars. *No.*
29. Are you already in receipt of Separation Allowance from any source? If so, how much? *No.*



30. Are you in receipt of any payment from any Patriotic Fund? If so, How much. No.

31. Was the Soldier at time of his enlistment an employee of the Newfoundland Government. No.

32. In what capacity and in what place. \_\_\_\_\_

33. Is he in receipt of a salary as much while serving in the 1st. Nfld. Regt. If so, how much?.  
No.

I herewith make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and knowing it to be of the same force and effect as if made under Oath and in virtue of the Evidence Act.

Signature of Applicant..... Phoebe Coomb.....  
*Wife*

Place of Residence ... Comber's Beach, Harbour Grace, Nfld......

Declared and subscribed before me at... Harbour Grace.....

this 8th day of December 1917

Signature of Barrister of the Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace. William G. O'Ke  
*S. M., J.*

In Combs Received \$20 from the Patriotic Fund the last year - W. G. O'Ke.

This application must be signed by two responsible parties one of whom must be a Clergyman, the other a representative of your local Patriotic Fund Committee, certifying that to the best of their knowledge after careful investigation, the above statements are correct, and the above Soldier, first mentioned, is the sole support of the applicant.

Signature of Clergyman William Carter (Capt.) S. A.

Signature of Member of Patriotic Fund Committee. John Trappnell

Has no claim

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



## CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL THE WORLD.

### ALL MESSAGES SENT ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

(NOT TRANSMITTED.)

Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Postmaster \_\_\_\_\_ Address St. John's

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	By	Check
					3455

Dated Sept. 9th. 1918.

To The Postmaster,  
HARBOUR GRACE, C.B.

*Please deliver*

~~Hand over~~ letter addressed Ann Coombes to Mrs William

Coombes

Paymaster



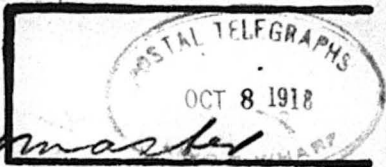
# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 9 Sent by Arface Rec'd by 0 No.         

Place from Arface 9

To Mr Howley



*paymaster*

3455

Letter addressed and  
Coombes post office  
won't deliver advise  
Deliver me

*Mrs. Howley  
connected to  
Arface  
Arface*



# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 38 Sent by \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_ Check 10/ No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place from H. Grace  
 To Paymaster  
C. R. B. Armstrong



3458

Have not received  
 Richards money please  
 send on please answer

Mrs. H. M. Coombs

Cheque mailed  
 Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1918,



40055

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT, .....Dr.

To

831, S.S.M. R.A. EDWARDS.

June 25th 1920.

To cost of conveyance for driving Pte. R. Coombs & wife  
from S.S. "SACHEM" .....

\$5.00

Correct for \$5.  
W.A.H.

*[Handwritten signature]*

*R. Edwards SSM*

ACCOUNT	<i>Inns</i>
CH. NO.	<i>40055</i>
INITIALS	<i>[initials]</i>
INTL. LEDGER	INITIALS
PAY LEDGER	INITIALS
GEN. LEDGER	INITIALS

*[Handwritten scribble]*

25-6-1920. Paid Cabman L. Brown for driving to  
the Coombs wife from S.S. Sackerson to  
1/2 Water Street West, also for carriage of trunk  
from Turner withy to Station. Then  
calling at 1/2 Water Street West to Station.

5<sup>00</sup>/<sub>xx</sub>

# REID NEWFOUNDLAND COMPANY

Form 463

Passenger Department.

AGENTS, CONDUCTORS AND PURSERS' RECEIPT.

Received from *Mr Coomb* the sum of

*2* Dollars *95* Cents, being the amount of *1<sup>st</sup>* Class Fare  
From *Mr Grace to St John's*

And have issued him Ticket No. *WPA* Form No. ....

Date *July 27* 191*1*

*Correct for \$2.95*  
*W. J. H.* Agent, Conductor or Purser *W. J. H.*

This form to be used when requested to give receipt for amount paid for tickets.

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT , Dr.

To: 3455, Pte. R. Coombes

June 26th 1920.

Paid Mrs. Walsh, Water Street, for board and  
lodging for self and wife.....\$4.00  
July 2nd paid Mrs. Russell, Ford's Hill, for  
board and lodging for self and wife.....\$6.00  
\$10.00

Correct for \$10.  
W.P.R.

ACCOUNT	<i>Brn</i>
CHK. NO.	<i>234</i>
INITIALS	<i>[Signature]</i>
INL. LEDGER	INITIALS
PAY LEDGER	INITIALS
GEN. LEDGER	INITIALS

*R. Coombes*

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$20 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1920.

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of Twenty \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars.  
on account of Pay.  
balance

R Coomb

Ch. No. 3997 <sup>5</sup>	Initials. R. Coomb
Pay Ledger. 395	Initials. R. Coomb
Gen. Ledger.....	Initials.....

A. C. S.

Regtl. No. 3455 Rank 16

For R. Coomb  
S. L. W.

No. 34 5' 2'

Rank Private

Name R. Coombs

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 267<sup>60</sup>

July 20 1920

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of Two hundred & Sixty Seven — 60 Dollars.  
on account of Pay. W.S.G.  
balance

R. Loomes

Ch. No. 787	Initials. [Signature]
Pay Ledger 395	Initials. [Signature]
Gen. Ledger.....	Initials. [Signature]

Regtl. No. [Signature]

Rank

No. 3455 Rank Plt

Name Coombes R



DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER

\$ 88<sup>60</sup>

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1920

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of Eighty eight <sup>60</sup> Dollars.  
on account of Pay. Pay. *C. J. B.*  
balance

R. Coombs

Ch. No. 235	Initials <i>OK</i>
Pay Ledger 395	Initials <i>R. Coombs</i>
Gen. Ledger	Initials <i>[Signature]</i>

Regtl. No. 3455 Rank *Pt*

No. 3455

Rank Private.

Name A. Coombs.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 140<sup>00</sup>

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1920

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of one hundred and forty - Dollars.  
on account of Pay. W. S. G. P. Boomes  
balance

C. J. B. A. G.

P. Boomes

Ch. No. 236	Initials <i>[Signature]</i>
Pay Ledger 395	Initials <i>[Signature]</i>
Gen. Ledger	Initials <i>[Signature]</i>

Regtl. No. 3456 Rank *[Signature]*

No. 3455-

Rank Private

Name R. Coombs.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$10<sup>00</sup>

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1920

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment

the sum of Ten Dollars.

on account  
balance of Pay.

*[Signature]*

R. Coomes

Ch. No. 162	Initials <i>[Signature]</i>
Pay Ledger 395	Initials <i>[Signature]</i>
Gen. Ledger	Initials <i>[Signature]</i>

Regtl. No. Rank

No. 3455.

Rank. Pte

Name R. Leomhs.

C.R. 3455

Extract from telegram from Rurality, London to  
Military, St. John's, dated June 18th 1920.

Following have embarked "Sachem" June 17th

Capt. Marshall wife and child.

3455 Coombs and wife..

Ex. 535, Lawlor and wife.

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C.R.

3455

N.P.P/55A.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Office of the Judge Commissioner  
for Newfoundland,  
53, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.1.

To: Chief Staff Officer

Department of Militia,

26th June, 1920

St. John's, Newfoundland.

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

Herewith Personal file - 3455. Pte. Richard Coombs. Repatriated  
per s.s. "Sachem" June 18th.

Please acknowledge receipt hereon.

Secretary.

RECEIVED.

Date: 15/7/20

Signature: W. J. A.



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**Promotions, Appointments, Reductions and  
any casualty affecting the net daily rate of pay.**

No.	Nature of Casualty.	* Officer's Signature.
	3455	
	bombs	

\* NOTE.—In addition to the above record, the Officer making the entry will write across the columns for cash payments the nature of the casualty and the amended net rate of pay corresponding with page 4. He will also record in the same places all sentences of imprisonment, attesting such entries by his signature.

R. H. Coombs

Signature of Soldier

Book opens on

June 1st. 1917

Mark groceries (For the Net Daily Rate of Pay see pages 3 and 4, and Note on page 5).

If the soldier was in debt on the above date, the amount to be recovered from the next pay due to him should be stated.

Debt £ Nil

Robertson Capt O. C. Company, &c.

Cash Payments.

Date.	Place (If on active service enter "Field.")	Amount (State currency).	Signature and Unit of Officer.
23/6/17	In Field	30 ✓	Hattell. Lt
30/6/17	do	5 ✓	
8/7/17		5 ✓	
18/7/17	" "	5 ✓	J. K. Jones Capt
25/7/17	" "	15 ✓	J. K. Jones Capt
27/8/17	" "	20 ✓	B. J. Ryan Capt
4/8/17	" "	20 ✓	Thompson Sgt
17/8/17	" "	30 ✓	B. J. Ryan Capt
27/8/17	" "	15 ✓	James Jones Sgt
5/9/17	" "	15 ✓	Stoughton
12/9/17	" "	15 ✓	Geo. Jones Sgt
Total Cash payments to date ...			

## Signature of Soldier \_\_\_\_\_

Date.	Place (If on active service enter "Field.")	Amount (State currency).	Signature and Unit of Officer.
Total from last page ... ..			
10/9/17	Guld ✓	15 ✓	J. K. Cunningham
3/9/17	do ✓	10 ✓	S. Chandler
7/20/17	Hills ✓	20 ✓	H. C. ...
2/3/17	Hills ✓	15 ✓	Gas. ...
22/10/17	Hills ✓	15 ✓	S. H. ... Capt
9/7/17	Hills ✓	10 ✓	Gas. ...
Total Cash payments to date ... ..			
5/1/17	— ✓	15 ✓	W. E. James 2 Pt
12/1/17	... ✓	95 ✓	W. E. James 2 Pt.
8/1/17	... ✓	15 ✓	S. H. ...
13/12/17	... ✓	15 ✓	S. H. ...
23/12/17	... ✓	2.50 ✓	J. K. Cunningham
27/1/18	... ✓	20 ✓	S. H. ...
1/1/18	... ✓	15 ✓	S. H. ...
8/1/18	... ✓	15 ✓	S. H. ... Capt
Total Cash payments to date ... ..			

## Signature of Soldier \_\_\_\_\_

Date.	Place (If on active service enter "Field.")	Amount (State currency).	Signature and Unit of Officer.
Total from last page ... ..			
13/1/18	Field ✓	15 <sup>00</sup> -	E.H.C. Throckmorton IV
4/5/18		15 <sup>00</sup> ✓	Chief Cook
2/3/18	Field	15 -	S. H. Gregory
4/2/18		15 -	E.H.C. Throckmorton IV
Total Cash payments to date			
Total Cash payments to date ...			







No. 2455 Rank Pfc Name Loombs R.

Pay	F.A.	Wkg	Total
100	10		110
Less Allotment			60
Net Rate			50

N.F. 773  
*[Signature]*

DEBITS	Date	£ s d			CREDITS	Period		Days	Rate	¢	£ s d				
						From	To								
Balance					Balance		21 <sup>12</sup> / <sub>17</sub>				10	5	8	✓	
Acquittance Rolls		3	0	6	Pay @ Net Rate	22 <sup>12</sup> / <sub>17</sub>	8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>18</sub>	11	50	3850	7	18	3	✓	
Hospital Advances					Ration allow.							1	4	6	✓
A.B. 64. (30 frs)		1	2	0	14 days @ 1/9	9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>18</sub>	15 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>18</sub>	7	50	350				✓	
P.&.R.O. Payments					<del>15-5-11</del> ✓	16 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>18</sub>	21 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>18</sub>	6	50	300		12	4		
Cash 5998	8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>18</sub>	15	0	0											
6090	15 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>18</sub>	1	0	0											
Cash 6106	16 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>18</sub>	1	0	0	<del>4-0-4</del>										

4-2-6  
 19-2-6  
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8/21/18

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 20.15.2

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**



Regiment or Corps 1st 8th  
 Rank Plt Surname Boards Christian Name Richard  
 Religion 6 of 8 Age on Enlistment 19 years — months.  
 Enlisted (a) St John Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 30.1.17  
 Date of promotion to present rank — Date of appointment to lance rank —  
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) —  
 Occupation Shoemaker Robertson Signature of Officer.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
			Embarked <u>Folkestone</u>	<u>2.6.17</u>	
			Disembarked... <u>Boulogne</u>	<u>3.6.17</u>	
			Joined Battalion	<u>13 JUL 1917</u>	<u>B 213</u>
<u>4.6.17</u>	<u>14 Stat. Hosp</u>	<u>Ad. Diphtheria</u>	<u>Boulogne</u>	<u>4.6.17</u>	<u>W 3034</u>
<u>17.6.17</u>	<u>299. B.S</u>	<u>Joined Base Depot</u>	<u>Roubaix</u>	<u>16.6.17</u>	<u>Non Roll</u>
<u>11/2/17</u>	<u>77A</u>	<u>Ad "Seawing" duty</u>	<u>Aduty</u>	<u>1/2/17</u>	<u>ED 4232</u>
	<u>89JA</u>	<u>Ad. by Russ</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>13-2-18</u>	<u>ED 7754</u>
	"	<u>Transferred</u>	<u>SCAS</u>	<u>18-2-18</u>	<u>ED 7068</u>
	<u>17CC</u>	<u>Ad Cyanotic knee</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>18-2-18</u>	<u>ED 8106</u>
	<u>17CC</u>	<u>with Battalion</u>		<u>13.6.18</u>	<u>B 213</u>
		<u>Wounded in action</u>	<u>14/10/18</u>		
	<u>55 Gen Sp</u>	<u>Ad Dist High top</u>	<u>Boulogne</u>	<u>16/10/18</u>	<u>RA 30421</u>

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.





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Mx. Richard. Coombs. 3455,  
11<sup>th</sup> St. Royal Newfoundland  
Brookfield V.A.D. Hospital  
Broadlands Road,  
Highgate. N. 6.  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1918.

Sir,  
I beg to make application for £3  
to be deducted from my credit, to be  
forwarded at the above address. Hoping  
that this application meets with your  
approval,

I am Sir,  
your obedient servant.  
Richard Coombs (Pte)



To. Regimental Paymaster,  
11<sup>th</sup> St. Royal Newfoundland,  
58 Victoria Street,  
London. S. W.

L. Wilkinson  
Sub-  
Charge-

o.k. £3. 0.0  
20/12/18 P.S.H.

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21140/1

~~Handwritten signature~~  
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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
Ref. Nos IN <b>V11077</b>	
Rec'd 20 DEC 1918	
Ack'd	
Ref. Nos. OUT <b>21140/1</b>	
AL	
BRANCH	DATE
Comd.	
P & A.	
P & C.	
B & E.	

*Handwritten signature*

# MEDICAL TRANSFER CERTIFICATE. (To accompany a Man Transferred from one Hospital to another).

Army Book 172.

Extract from Admission and Discharge Book of.....Hospital at.....**MILITARY HOSPITAL**.....Date.....**March 13**.....  
**ENDELL ST**

No. of Case.	Regiment or Corps.	Troop or Company.	Regt. No.	RANK AND NAME Surname first. If Married, write "M" under name.	Completed Years of			DATES.		Religion.	DISEASE. (a) Primary. (b) Secondary. (c) Operations.	Destination on Transfer, and to what Hospital or Ship Transferred.
					Age last birthday.	Service.	Service in the command.	Admitted into Hospital.	Transferred.			
1059	1/14 New Brunswick Regt	B	2455	Cornet	19	27	1908	25	15	1919	CE	General Hospital



**State whether the Patient**

- (a) Was transferred from an Expeditionary Force.....
- (b) Has already been granted days furlough.....
- (c) Was admitted whilst on short leave from Overseas.....
- (d) Was admitted from a Home Service Unit.....

State here briefly reasons for Transfer, and note any particulars of Case for information of Medical Officer.

*Causes*  
*M. J. Munn*  
 Medical Officer in Charge.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE BOOK.

London: Printed for H.M. Stationery Office by Tee & Whitten and J. Mead, Ltd.

3rd London  
General Hos.

To the Paymaster Royal  
Newfoundland Regt.

Please pay to ~~the~~ ~~booms~~  
the sum of one Pound and  
charge the same to my account

~~The R. booms~~

3455

Approved

J. H. G. G. G.

8/27/19.

O.K. # 1-0-011R

4/4/19

Receipt No. 1914





*Approved  
W. G. ...  
Surgeon*

3<sup>RD</sup> LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL  
No. \_\_\_\_\_  
20 APR 1918  
WANDSWORTH Rd. S.W. 10

*to my mother  
in my immediate ...  
... ..*

*I ... ..  
... ..  
... ..*

*Rec no 2094  
and B453-2000*

N.F.P./38.

NEW FOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM ~~SECRET~~ extract from MINISTER OF MILITIA No. G52/28

Dated 28/ 4 /19 ( 159 ), Received 29/ 4 /19

Decoded by J.S. Checked by R.A.P.

Branch Records Acted upon (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated / \_\_\_\_\_

801-

*Kelmore*

Please inform-whereabouts of-8178-Ryan-  
condition of-3455 Coombs-are they-likely to be-  
repatriated-soon-

N.F.P./104.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

~~and text~~  
TRANSLATION Extract of TELEGRAM to MINISTER of MILITIA No. 205 30/4/19

M. of M. Reply No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated / / Coded by \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Records \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

With reference to your telegram 28th April-8178-Ryan-kenmore-  
3455-Coombs-progressing favourably-probably-Corsican-

3225  
 HOSPITAL  
 No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 24 MAY 1919  
 WANDSWORTH S.W. 18.

to paymaster  
 D. & J. & Co. Ltd  
 115 Victoria St

Please permit to me  
 the sum of one pound on  
 account of any balance that  
 may be due to me.

No 3455  
 Pto B. L. Evans  
 affirma no found 1/1-  
 95 the 1919

Handwritten signatures and initials, including "J. L. Evans" and "No 3478".



NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

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

Please remit to Pt. A. Coombs

the sum of one pounds          shillings (£  
on account of any balance that may be due to me.

Regtl No. 2455 Rank Pt

Name A. Coombs

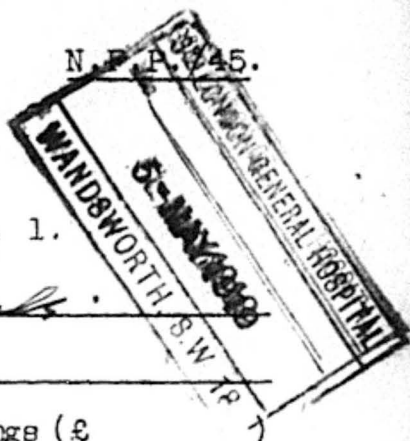
Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer i/c.,

Dated at 5/7/17

3 London General Hospital Hospital.

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Approved -  
Wm. William  
CASH



APR #1-0.0  
6/5/19 W.S.H.  
Receipt no, 229

Book No 1-0-0  
C/O Receipt

To the undersigned Lord Mayor  
of the City of London

Please permit me  
to sum up one pound on  
account of one balance  
that has been due to me

No 3455

To the Comptroller

Approved



John R.  
Registrar R.A.M.C.T.  
S. W.

N.F.P./88.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM ~~12/8/19~~/extract from MINISTER OF MILITIA,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 12/8/19 (233), received 13/6/19

Decoded by J. S. Checked by A.S.H.

Branch Rods Acted upon (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated / /

of  
Please inform-whereabouts-condition of-3455-Coombs-

3<sup>rd</sup> London General  
proceeding favourably (phone)

File

N.F.P./104.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TRANSLATION ~~full-text~~/extract of TELEGRAM to MINISTER of MILITIA,

No. 261 13/6/19. M. of M. Reply No. \_\_\_\_\_ d/d / /

Coded by \_\_\_\_\_ Branch Records Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

Reference your telegram 12th June-3455-Coombs-Wandsworth-  
progressing favourably-

To J. J. Foster  
The Wandsworth Land Agent  
58 Victoria St



Please permit to me  
the sum of one pound on account of any balance  
that may be due to me

Approved.

No 3455

J. J. Foster

J. J. Foster  
REGISTRAR

O.K. £1.0.0.  
MR. R. 25/37.

3rd London General Hospital  
WANDSWORTH, S. W.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM ~~4433/1444~~ extract from MINISTER OF MILITIA,  
 No. C.G.14/3 Dated 3 / 7 / 19 (255 ), received 4 / 7 / 19  
 Decoded by J. S. Checked by R.A.P.  
 Branch Records Acted upon (Initial) [Signature]  
 Acknowledged per No. Dated /

898- Please inform-condition of-probable date of-  
 repatriation-3455-Combs-fullstop-

July 24.

... day well but got up today  
 for the first time (July 24th) will be some  
 weeks before being fit for discharge  
 from hospital.

N.F.P./104.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TRANSLATION ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~/extract of TELEGRAM to MINISTER of MILITIA,

No. 283 5/ 7/19 . M. of M. Reply No. \_\_\_\_\_ d/d / / /

Co~~o~~d by \_\_\_\_\_ Branch Records Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

Reference your telegram 3rd July-3455-Coombs-doing-very  
well-first time-up-July 4th-will be-some-weeks-before-  
being-pronounced fit-to be discharged-hospital-

N.F.P./88.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM ~~343313243~~ / extract from MINISTER OF MILITIA,  
~~343313243~~

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 9/8/19 (294), received 9/8/19

Decoded by J. S. Checked by RA.P.

Branch Records Acted upon (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated / /

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Report by telegram present condition of-probable date of-  
repatriation-3455-Coombs-fullstop-

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TRANSLATION ~~copy text~~ <sup>extract</sup> of TELEGRAM to MINISTER OF MILITIA,

No. 316 11/8/19 M. of M. Reply No. \_\_\_\_\_ d/d / /

Coded by \_\_\_\_\_ branch Records Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

Reference your telegram 9th August-3455-Coombs-will not be-  
fit for-repatriation-for-at least-four weeks-stump-result  
of-amputation of left leg-not yet-healed-

Pay

3<sup>rd</sup> London Gen. Hospital

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> 1919



Dear Sir.

Will you grant me the sum of £1...

3455.

Pte.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

15 AUG 1919  
15 AUG 1919

W. J. D. Regt

Approved

O.K. £1-0-0. W.E.

Excheq no. 12062

J. T. [Signature]

Registrar, R.A.M.C.

3rd London General Hospital

WANDSWORTH, S.W.



to Registrar  
of the General Council Regd.

38 Victoria St. 30/9/19

Please permit to me

the sum of two pounds on account  
of my late mother's estate which may be due to me

1/10/19

W. J. Smith

3rd ...  
...

OK £ 7.0-0

1/10/19 WJS

~~W. J. Smith~~  
CMP

Approved.

W. J. Smith  
Registrar

Registrar, R.A.M.  
3rd London General Hosp.  
WANDSWORTH, S. W.





Paymaster 19/11/19.  
Wandsworth Sanatorium  
58 Putney St.

Please remit to me.

the sum of two pounds on  
account of any balance that  
may be due to me No 3455  
J. H. Coombs.

3rd London Gen Hosp

Wandsworth 3/11/18

OK £ 2-0-0

20/11/19 JHN

Receipt 2780

*[Handwritten signature]*

Approved.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Registrar, R.A.M.C.I.  
The London General Hospital,  
WANDSWORTH, S.W.



20 DEC 1919

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

N.F.P./45.

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

Please remit to Pt B Coombs

The sum of of one pounds \_\_\_\_\_ shillings ( £ \_\_\_\_\_ )  
account of any balance that may be due to me.

Regtl No. 3455 Rank Pt

Name B Coombs

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Officer i/c.,

379 Beaufort General Hospital.

Dated at 22/12/19

1919

*Adg*



*11/12/19  
Major  
OK Pt 5.0  
Receipts 28/12/19  
Wt 22/12/19*



374. Beenden. Gen. West.

Wandsworth

ye paymaster

to Messrs. General Land Regt. Beenden S.W. 15.

58 Victoria St. 30/1/20.

Please permit to me  
the sum of two pounds on account  
of any balance that may be due to me.

J. Thomas  
Approved  
Libert  
Call.

OK £20-0  
30/1/20  
Cheque £5035

Regt. No. 3455  
Pt. R. Coombs.

REGISTRAR.



NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM full-text/<sup>TO</sup>~~extract from~~ MINISTER OF MILITIA,

No. 19 Dated 14/ 2/ 20 ). received / /

Recorded by J.L. Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

Branch R. Acted upon (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated / /

~~Stride-~~  
Died at Bermondsey Military Hospital- since- in the evening of-  
February 13th- fullstop-

Amputation left leg- February 7th- progressing satisfactorily-  
Wandsworth- C210- Clare- fullstop-

3455- Coombs- 3593- Hurley- have been transferred to- South African-  
Hospital- Richmond- fullstop-

Foregoing e information - just received-

RURALITY"

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to paymaster  
to Newfoundland Const Regt.  
55 Victoria Street  
London S.W. 5

South African Hosp.  
Richmond Park  
Surrey  
17/3/20.



Please permit to me  
the sum of £5.00 in pounds an account of my  
balance that may be due to me.

No 9455  
Pt. St. Coombs  
to be sent at this address  
Miss E. Ward  
Brown Cottage  
Keston Grove  
Battersea S.W. 79

A. Williams (S)  
PAR.

OK £5.00  
19/3/20  
cheque 5156

G. S. Ogden

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
Ref. Nos. 14 ✓ 545  
19 MAR 1920  
5156  
Total

WA

CAPT. R.A.M.S.  
ADJUTANT, SOUTH AFRICAN HOSPITAL, RICHMOND PARK.

W91

H.F.P./43.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

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

*Mar 19<sup>th</sup> 1920*

To: 3456 R/L R. Coombs  
South African Hosp.  
Richmond Park, Surrey

With reference to your request dated 16/3/20 (575):

Cheque No. 5156 for £ 5.0.0 was sent to  
Miss Edward Crown cottage Kethrim Grove.  
Batavia Swy  
and charged to your account.

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

**CHARGE.**

Army Form B. 252.  
(See King's Regulations.)

Pt. Coombs. R.

1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland  
5<sup>th</sup> Victoria St.

**BATTERY  
SQUADRON  
TROOP or  
COMPANY**

CHARGE against No. 3456.

Place S. A. Hospital  
Richmond.

Date of Offence 2. 6. 20.

OFFENCE Sec. 15. AA.

Absent without leave

from 8.30 Pm. 2. 6. 20

6.30 Am. 3 5. 20.

(10 hours)

Names of Witnesses :—

*Charles  
with*

*Documentary*

*3 days  
7 days  
under  
of  
man*

Punishment  
Awarded  
By whom  
Awarded

Commanding Battery, Squadron, Troop or Company.

10th. May, 1920.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Records in this Office show that NO.3455 PTE. RICHARD COOMBS, THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT is single, and a fit person to marry.

K.S.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

CASUALTY

No. 3455 Pte. R. Coombs was granted leave from  
South African Military Hospital from 13/5/20 to  
20/5/20

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AUTH:

A.F.B.295A.  
in possession of Coombs  
14/5/20.

17 MAY 1920

South African Military Hospital,  
Richmond Park, Surrey.

15th. May. 1920.

The Paymaster,  
Officer-in-Charge,  
Newfoundland, Regt.,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.



The following extract from Regimental Orders is  
forwarded for your information and necessary action, please.  
The undermentioned granted leave as stated,

3455 Pte. Coombe R. 1st. Newfoundland. 14.5.20. - 20.5.20. R/A 8 days.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Lieut. Col. R.A.M.C.  
O.C., South African Military Hospital,  
Richmond Park, Surrey.



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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Beombs

Christian Name Richard



Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>30<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>Jan'y</u> 191 <u>7</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191-	
	at <u>St John's Rd</u>			
Declared Age	<u>19</u> years _____ days		years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Shoe maker</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>6</u> inches	feet	inches
Weight	<u>124</u> lbs.		lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Grith when fully expanded ... <u>38</u> inches		inches	
	Range of Expansion ... <u>4 1/2</u> inches		inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm		Right	Left
	Number			
When Vaccinated	<u>never</u>			
Vision	R.E.—V=	<u>19 1/8</u>	R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V=		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>W. Burden</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Lieut</u>			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St John's Rd</u>		at _____	
	on <u>30<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>Jan'y</u> 191 <u>7</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191	
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	<u>7<sup>th</sup> Reg</u>		<u>3455</u>	
Transferred to	ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.			
Became non-effective by	on _____ day of _____ 191		on _____ day of _____ 191	
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Table II.—Only for admission to hospital or to the sick list in case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

Name of Hospital.	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number Days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, etc., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
MILITARY HOSPITAL, ENDELL BT	25	10	18	14	3	19	G.S.W. at leg (amp) G.S.W. at leg	172	Wounded 14.10.18. 15.11.18 Secondary Amp <sup>n</sup> done. as flap in leg had retreated a good deal. Re-amp <sup>n</sup> 7.1.19. when another 2" of tibia removed. Healing slowly in centre where sutures gave way. Transferred to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lon. Gen.	98yjk 1718 BS.
	14	3	19				- do -		Stump not quite healed.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Lon. Gen.	<del>12</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>19</del>	11	2	20	- do -	334	no joint healed <del>and</del> <sup>sa not fixed</sup>	J. T. Jones R.N.
South African Military Hospital	11	2	20	16	6	20	- do -	127	Discharged to Port of Embarkation (Liverpool)	McCumell C.M.



**Transfer Statement of Clothing and Necessaries.**

INSTRUCTIONS—This Statement will be made out by the Depot and will be sent to the Commanding Officer of the unit receiving the transfer, who will retain it as a voucher to the unit's Clothing Account. The Statement will also be forwarded in the case of men in the United Kingdom passing from Hospitals to Depots or units.

STATEMENT showing the Articles in possession of (Regimental No.,

Rank and Name) Plc Le Combe

proceeding from Newbould Road

~~SOUTH AFRICAN HOSPITAL~~

to the Port of Embarkation Liverpool

Date of Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Transfer 16/6/1920

**FOR DETAIL OF ARTICLES, see overleaf.**

Certified that this Statement, as detailed overleaf, is correct in every particular.

(1) Station 15 JUN 1920

V. B. Cozy Capin  
LEUT. COL., R.A.M.C.  
C.O. SOUTH AFRICAN HOSPITAL, RICHMOND PARK,  
Commanding Squadron, Battery, &c.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Unit man is leaving.

(2) Station \_\_\_\_\_

Commanding Squadron, Battery,  
or Company.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Unit man is joining.



# Articles of Clothing & Necessaries in Possession.

Articles not in possession should be struck out of the list. Any articles not included should be inserted.

Clothing.	No.	Necessaries.	No.
<del>Aprons, kilt</del> .. ..		<del>Badge, cap</del> .. ..	
Boots, ankle, pairs ..	one	Bag, Kit .. ..	one
Caps, Service Dress ..	one	Braces, pairs .. ..	one
<del>Caps, Glengarry</del> .. ..		Brass, Button .. ..	one
Drawers, pairs .. ..	two	Brush, Brass .. ..	one
<del>Erocks, Canvas</del> .. ..		.. <del>Blacking</del> .. ..	
Greatcoat, D.M. .. ..	one	.. Clothes .. ..	one
Jackets, Service Dress ..	one	.. Hair .. ..	one
<del>Kilts</del> .. ..		.. Polishing .. ..	one
<del>Pantaloon, cord, pairs</del> ..		.. Shaving .. ..	one
Putties, pairs .. ..		.. Tooth .. ..	one
Spurs, Jack, pairs .. ..		<del>Cap, Comforter</del> .. ..	one
Trousers, Service Dress, pairs	one	Comb, hair .. ..	
Trousers, Canvas or Khaki		<del>Disc, identity, with cord</del> ..	
Drill Overalls, pairs ..	one	Fork .. ..	
Waistcoat, cardigan .. ..		Garters, Highland, pairs ..	
Coat, waterproof .. ..		Holdall .. ..	
Gloves, leather, pairs ..		Hose Tops, pairs .. ..	
Gloves, Motor Cyclist, pairs		Housewife .. ..	
Goggles, pairs .. ..		Knife, Clasp .. ..	
		Knife, Table .. ..	
		Laces, leather, spare, pairs ..	two
		Shirts, flannel .. ..	two
		Socks, worsted, pairs .. ..	two
		<del>Spoon</del> .. ..	
		<del>Titles, metal, pairs</del> .. ..	
		Towels, hand .. ..	two
		Wax Polish, tin .. ..	
		Rays	one

I certify that this statement is correct.

Date 16/6/20 Boones

Signature of the Soldier \_\_\_\_\_

LAST PAY CERTIFICATE

N.F.P./94.

To be rendered for all ranks on discharge, transfers to other Units, or on return to Newfoundland in accordance with C.L./19, 28/5/17.

Regt No 3456 Rank R/C Name Coombes R. Unit 1st Coy Newfed Regt who was Repatriated  
Newfoundland on 17/6/20 authority Draft Cause \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

PARTICULARS	£ s d			PARTICULARS			£ s d					
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d			
Balance Dr. from									23	5	9	
Allotment 48 days @ 60 <sup>¢</sup>	28	80		5	18	4	Balance Cr. from 30/4/20					
Cash Payments:							Pay 48 days @ \$1.00	48	00			
10/5/20 voucher 5247			20	0	0	Field Allow 48 days @ \$0.19	4	80				
25/5/20 " 5263			5	10	0	Other Allowes days @ \$	52	80	10	17	0	
7/6/20 " 14			5	0	0	Ration Allowances					14	7
Other Debits:							Other Credits:					
Hospital Advances VBHS			1	0	0							
Total Debits			37	8	4	Total Credits			34	17	4	
Balance due by Paymaster						Balance due <del>by</del> to Paymaster			2	11	0	
			37	8	4				37	8	4	

I have carefully examined this Statement of Account and find it to be a correct extract from the Pay Book of \_\_\_\_\_

(Place) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) 191 \_\_\_\_\_ O.C. " " Company.  
 Made up and checked in accordance with information received in the Pay & Record Office London to 17/6/20  
 and is therefore subject to amendment if and as may be found necessary.  
 Pay & Record Office, London, S.W. 1. Chief Paymaster & O. I. Records  
 HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.

THE BOARD OF  
PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND



In reply refer to

No. ....

DR. W. H. PARSONS, M.C., M.D., C.M.,  
CHAIRMAN  
HON. H. M. MOSDELL, M.B., M.L.C.  
CHAS. C. OKE, SECRETARY

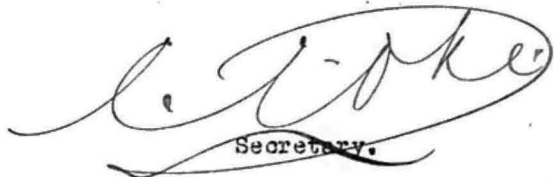
*St. John's*

August 4th 1924.

Major Howley,  
City.

3455 R. Coombes.

Will you advise me please, if the marginally  
named man has ever been furnished with a course  
under the Re-Establishment Committee.

  
Secretary.



Office of the Archivist for Militia Records.

September 26th. 1924

The Secretary,

Board of Pensions Commissioners,

Dear Sir:-

re Coombs, R. No. 3455, Royal Nfld. Regiment.

Referring to your enquiry dated August 4th., I beg to advise that I find that on discharge this man was named for a course under the Civil Re-establishment Committee, but I am unable to find that we made any payment to him on account of allowances for civil re-establishment. The records of the Committee are in my possession but are not readily available, so that I cannot state without a very considerable amount of further search, whether he ever received a course or not.

Yours truly,

Archivist.



## 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

*Richard Lombes.*

Regiment from which discharged

**Royal Newfoundland**

Regimental number

*3455.*

Intended address

*St. Grace.*

Height on discharge

*5* feet *7*

Color of hair on discharge

*Brown.*

Complexion

*Fair.*

Color of eyes

*Blue.*

Descriptive Marks

*Amputation Right Leg. below knee*

Figure on discharge

*Normal*

Christian name of Father

*William*

Christian name of Mother

*Abner*

Wife's maiden name in full

*Mrs Richard Ernest Ward Lombes*

Date and place of marriage

*5-5-1919. London*

Christian names of children

Place and date of soldier's birth

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)

*Richard Lombes Private.*

(Rank)

Station

Date

*July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1920*

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.

Date

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS

DEATH NOTIFICATION  
AVIS DE DÉCÈS

C-512

TO:  
À:

DATE ..... 16/7/76 .....

NAME  
NOM

*Coombes, Rider*

Service No.  
Matricule No

*1st Lt. Regt. - Army - W.W.I.  
3455 - Royal*

CPC No.  
CCP No

*260754*

WVA No.  
AAC No

Information Received from:  
Information reçue de:

*Tel. from D.U.A. - London*

Date of Death  
Date du Décès

*31/5/76*

*England*

Place  
Endroit

*UK*

Distribution: WSR-DASG  
VI - ASS  
DO - BD  
HO - BC

Pour le chef,

*David ...*  
for Chief, Central Registry Division.  
Dépôt central des dossiers.



Department of Militia, Newfoundland  
 Medical Department

*Medical Report on an Invalid*

NOTES :

- (a) This report is solely concerned with Pensions.
- (b) A single copy only is required.
- (c) "Aggravated" being now a technical term, carrying right to pension, discrimination in its use is essential.
- (d) Be as brief as possible compatible with lucidity.
- (e) Avoid dubiety—"perhaps," "possibly," "might" and the like.
- (f) Only sufficient clinical data need be given to establish the degree of disability and assist the Board in arriving at a decision.

STATEMENT OF CASE

St. John's, Nfld.,  
 Station.....

July 2nd., 1920.  
 Date.....

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Unit <i>Royal Newfoundland</i> | 5. Age last birthday <b>22 years</b>               |
| 2. Regimental No. <b>3455</b>     | 6. Enlisted on <b>January 20th., 1917</b>          |
| 3. Rank <b>Private</b>            | at <b>Harbor Grace</b>                             |
| 4. Name <b>Richard Coombes</b>    | 7. Former trade or <b>Boot Maker</b><br>occupation |

8. Disability

SHRAPNEL WOUND BOTH LEGS. AMPUTATION OF  
 RIGHT LEG BELOW KNEE.

9. History
- Joined up in January 1917, went overseas in March 1917, wounded in France October 1918 at Ypres. Was admitted to No. 11 C.C.S. then to 55th Generak Hospital, Boulogne, where leg was amputated at ankle joint. Five further operations for re-amputations whilst at 3rd L.G.Hosp. Transferred to Richmond Hospital and discharged from there June 16th., 1920.

10. What is his present condition ?

(This is the important question. Be brief—the clearer the case the less need be written. Read note f above).

Right leg amputated about 4" inferior to knee joint but three scars discharging on anterior aspect. Two latent scars result of chafe from wearing peg leg. Central scar in line of operation. Complains of pain in left foot as result of wound through dorsal portion of foot. Unable to rise on toes and foot painful in walking, also scar on lateral surface left thigh about portion of middle and lower thirds where a piece of shrapnel was imbedded (removal by operation) This wound causes no pain.

11. Was <sup>sanatorium</sup> advised and refused ?  
operation

12. Do you recommend discharge as permanently unfit ?

Signature (SGD) J.B.O'REILLY, .....

Rank or Qualification M. O. ....

Remarks if any by Officer i | c Hospital.

Place ..... Signature .....

Date ..... Rank .....



## Opinion of the Medical Board

In para. 13, the President should write "may" or "cannot" at x  
Erase inapplicable words

13. For pension purposes, the disability x **MAY BE** be considered as ~~aggravated by~~ due to
- (a) Service during this war. (b) Climate. (c) Ordinary Military Service  
Remarks if any :—
14. Does the Board concur in preceding report ? (see Sect. 10). If not give differing opinion and additional findings.

Y E S

15. (a) THE ENTIRE DISABILITY—To what extent is his capacity lessened at present for earning a full livelihood in the general labor market ? Total
- (b) PENSIONABLE DISABILITY—To what extent is his capacity at present for earning a full livelihood in the general labor market lessened by that portion of his disability to or incurred during service ? 100% for 3 months
- (State in percentage.) Outpatient Treatment at Institute Hospital.
- Remarks if any :—
16. Is the disability permanent ?
17. Has the disability been aggravated by (a) Intemperance (b) Misconduct
18. The refusal of operation sanatorium is :— (a) Reasonable (b) Unreasonable
- Remarks if any :—

19. If fit subject for Hospital do you recommend admittance to { General Hospital  
Naval and Military Con-  
valescent Hospital,  
Jensen Tuberculosis Camp.
20. We recommend discharge from retention in the Army

Remarks if any :—

(SGD) J. B. O'REILLY, CAPTAIN.

President  
L. PATERSON, LIEUT. COL.

Signatures.....

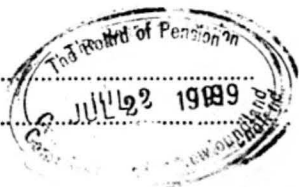
Place ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.,

Date JULY 2ND., 1920.

APPROVED

Station .....

Date .....



Administrative Medical Officer.





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**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

The Royal Nfld Regt,

Dept of Militia,

St. John's Nfld.

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Fold Here

1915  
JAN 15 1915  
ST. JOHN'S Nfld.  
RECEIVED  
GENERAL  
OFFICE  
MILITIA  
DEPT.

~~July 6th. 1921.~~ <sup>1917.</sup>

The accompanying King's Certificate, on his discharge,

(No. 1193), is forwarded herewith to

Richard Coombs,

in respect of his service as No. 3455 Rank Prvt.

Name R. Coombs, Corps Royal Mfld Regt.,

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received King's Certificate

Signature Richard Coombs *HCJ*

Date August 13<sup>th</sup> 1921

Address Brown Cottage Leirim Grove Battersea  
London  
England

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE.

1. No. 3455 Rank Private Name Richard Coombes  
 Intended place of residence St. John's  
 2. Occupation Shoe maker  
 Classification of soldier B Medical Category E

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 5-7-1920

R. Edwards  
 Commanding Discharge Depot

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment SM

### 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 23-7-1920

R. Coombes  
 Signature of soldier

R. Edwards  
 Signature of witness

### CIVILIAN RE-ESTABLISHMENT CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER

6. I hereby certify that I am <sup>not</sup> in a position to resume civilian occupation immediately on discharge.

Place, ST. JOHN'S

Date 5-7-1920

R. Coombes  
 Signature of soldier

R. Edwards  
 Signature of witness

### STATEMENT OF SERVICE.

7. Eligible for service 30-1-1917 No. of days on Military  
 Discharged from service 9-7-1920 Plus 14 days Service 127

### APPROVAL OF DISCHARGE.

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

Place, ST. JOHN'S

Date 25-6-1920

R. Edwards  
 Officer Commanding Discharge Depot  
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment SM

### CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE.

9. The discharge of above mentioned soldier is hereby confirmed.

Place, ST. JOHN'S

Date July 9<sup>th</sup> 1920

M. Bowley Map  
 Officer in Charge Records  
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

C O P Y.

C.R. 3455

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

The Minister of Militia,  
St. Johns,  
Newfoundland.

18th December, 1919.

Jan. 2nd, 1920

DEMOBILIZATION.

Exchange of telegrams confirmed,  
please,-

Noted please. Necessary  
information passed to the Medical  
Authorities.

(1)

"Synoptical, London,  
"12/11/19 (377)

"Please inform condition of 3455-  
"Coombs-when will he be repatriated  
MILITARY?"

Lieut.Col.,

(2)

"Military, St. John's,  
"11/12/19, (399)

Chief Staff Officer.  
for  
Minister of Militia

"Reference your telegram 10th  
"December-Coombs-underwent-re-  
amputation of left leg-3rd London  
"General Hospital-2nd December-not  
"reported by hospital-this office-it  
"is probable that-will not be transferred  
to Roehampton-before-two or three-months-  
progressing favourably-full stop.  
SYNOPTICAL."

(3)

"Military, St. John's.  
"11/12/19, (399)

"3472-Warford-will be demobbed-  
"United Kingdom-January 8th-  
SYNOPTICAL?"

Copy of this office No.  
12555/82/C-11 & 16/12/19 exchange with  
Officer Commanding, 3rd London General  
Hospital concerning,-

210, Cpl. Clare, R.  
3455. Pte. Coombs, R.  
3593. " Hurley, J.

is enclosed.

It will be observed that  
probable dates of the men being fit  
for repatriation are stated as earlier  
than formerly. Generally the reports are  
sparse, and are transmitted for what they  
may convey. Then there is the question of  
how long it will take to provide fittings at Roehampton,  
H.A. TIMEW...

for Orig See 210

C O P Y.

CP. 3455

12555/82/C

From: O.C.  
3rd London Gen'l. Hospital.

Officer Commanding,  
3rd London General Hospital,  
Wandsworth.

To: Officer in Charge  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.

Pay & Record Office.

Wandsworth, S.W.

11th December 1919

16-12-19

DEMOBILIZATION.

For purposes of transmission to Headquarters, St. John's will you kindly furnish as early as possible general reports and probable dates of being fit for repatriation to Newfoundland with regard to the following:-

In reply.  
The following information is sent to you, please,-

210 Cpl. Clare, R.  
3455 Pte. Coombs, R.  
3593 " Hurley, J.

Cpl. Clare. 2 mos.  
Pte. Coombs, 2 mos.  
Pte. Hurley. 2 mos.

With reference to No. 3455 Coombs, and conversation over the telephone today, as a result of the following telegram from St. John's,-

SGD. Alfred Pearce Gould, Lt. Col.

"Please inform-condition of-  
"3455-Coombs-when will he be-  
"repatriated-"

Sgd. J. Titmus, Major.  
Registrar, F.A.M.C.  
3rd London General Hospital.  
Wandsworth, S.W.1.

It is understood that he underwent a re-amputation of the left leg on 2/12/19, that he is progressing favourably, and it will be two or three months before he is fit for discharge to Rochampton for fitting of artificial limb.

Kindly note that notification of this re-amputation does not appear to have been received at this Office.

Lt. Col.  
Chief Staff Officer, (London)

See 210 for filing

3 FEB 1920

~~NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT~~

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CASUALTY

No. 3455 Pte. R. Coombs was transferred  
ex 3rd London General Hospital to South  
African Military Hospital, Richmond,  
Surrey on 11/2/20.

AUTHORITY

A.F.W. 3016.



52 M-2-3  
COPY.

378/1/OT

C.R. 3455

58, Victoria Street, S.W.I.

Officer Commanding,  
3rd. London General Hospital,  
Wandsworth, London, S. W.

HT/HR

Vicos

Versa

13th. February 20

10th. February, 20

In view of the Pay & Record office having been closed, and that its residuary duties will be shortly be finally taken by the High Commissioner, I shall be grateful if you will be good enough to furnish hereon reports as to the conditions and prospects of the following men:-

210, Cpl. R. Clare.  
3593, Pte. J. Hurley  
3455, Pte. R. Coombs.

understood to be still under your care. Say-

(A) Present Conditions

(B) When may he be expected to be fit to travel to Newfoundland.

(C) Other remarks of interest for transmission to Newfoundland for information of the men's relatives etc.

It may be mentioned that direct opportunities to St. John's Newfoundland at present only offer at intervals of about three weeks, and do not afford accommodation for anything of the nature of a Hospital Case. Further that it may be advisable to take into consideration the winter conditions of the other side of the Atlantic, please.

These men's homes are at St. John's with the exception of Coombs whose home is at Harbour Grace so that his journey will continue after reaching St. John's, the port of debarkation ex transatlantic steamer.

Thanking you in anticipation of the requisite.

Lt. Col.,

210 Cpl. R. Clare has had an amputation of the left leg on February 7th, and therefore will not be fit for some months as he will be required to be fitted with an artificial limb.

3593 Pte. J. Hurley has had a gunshot wound of thigh which was united but still a sinus leading down to the bone.

3455. Pte. R. Coombs an amputation below the knee of the right leg not quite healed and has been transferred to the South African Hospital Richmond on 11/2/20.

Sgd J. St. Andrew Titmus.  
Major R.A.M.C. T.

Hurley was today 13/2/20 transferred to South African Military Hospital, Richmond Surrey.



C.R. 3455

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Vice  
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378/1/OT.

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quisite information.

Lt. Col.,

for Orig. See # 210

C.R.

3455

Extract from telegram from Rurality London, to Military  
St. John's. Dated Feb. 14th 1920.

3455, Coombs 3593, Hurley have been  
transferred to South African Hospital,  
Richmond. Foregoing information  
just received.

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C.R. 3455

March. 18th. 1920

Mr. William Coombs

Hr. Grace

Dear Sir:-

Notification has been received to the effect that No. 3455 Private R. Coombs has been transferred to the South African Hospital Richmond from the 3rd London General Hospital on 11th Feb. 1920

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

COPY *CR* 3455  
Counter No. \_\_\_\_\_

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

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

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

*Dated* May 31st 1920.  
*To* Mrs. William Coombs,  
HR. GRACE.

REFERENCE YOUR WIRE MAY TWENTY SIXTH  
3455 COOMBS WILL BE REPATRIATED JUNE  
15TH.

MILITARY.

CHARGE TO DEPT. OF MILITIA.

FOR TYPEWRITER

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Signature of Sender Mrs. Wm. Coombs. Address HR. GRACE.

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

*Dated* May 26th 1920.

*To* Colonel Rendell,

Militia Department.

WIRE LATEST FROM PRIVATE RICHARD COOMBS  
3455 WHERE IS HE AND WHAT TIME COMING  
HOME WIRE PARTICULARS QUICKLY..

(Sgd). MRS. WILLIAM COOMBS.

C.R. 345-5

Extract from telegram from Rurality, London to  
Military, St. John's. dated May 27th 1920.

With reference to your telegram May 26th 3455 Coombs  
at Richmond Park, South African Military Hospital,  
will be repatriated SACHEM June 15th.

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C.R. 3455

Extract from telegram from Military, St. John's,  
to Rurality, London dated July 16th 1920.

Inform balance of accounts and date last  
credited with pay 3455 Coombs.

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555

C.R.

3455

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

CASUALTY

No. 3455 Pte. R. Coombs was granted leave from  
South African Military Hospital from 13/5/20 to  
20/5/20

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AUTH:

A.F.B.295A.  
in possession of Coombs  
14/5/20.

C.R. 3455

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal  
Newfoundland Regiment, dated August 2nd 1920.  
Depot St. John's.

The Discharge of the undernoted on demobilization  
has been APPROVED by O.C. Discharge Depot from noted  
date.

3455, Pte. R. Coombs,            9-7-1920.

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C.R.

3452

Extract from telegram from Military, St. John's, to  
Rurality, London dated May 15th 1920.

Following from Willey 345<sup>5</sup>~~2~~, Coombs ledger sheets received  
show this man last ~~xx~~ credited with pay Dec. 20th 1918, and  
further charges made after that date. Please inform balances  
transferred to High Commissioner and up to what date last  
credited.

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C.R. 345-3  
Counter No.

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address **Dept of Militia**

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated **June 19th, 1920**

To **MRS. WILLIAM COOMBS, HARBOUR GRACE**

**BEG TO INFORM YOU 4555 PRIVATE RICHARD COOMBS  
EMBARKED LIVERPOOL ON SACHIN JUNE SEVENTEENTH  
FOR THIS COUNTRY.**

**MILITIA.**

*Copy*

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

C.R. 3455

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, Depot St.

John's, dated June 30th 1920.

3455, Pte. R. Coombs.

Returned from Overseas and reported to the

Militia Department 25-6-1920.

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C.R. 3455

Extract from telegram from Military to Rurality,  
London dated May 26th 1920.

Please inform condition and whereabouts of 3455  
Coombs when will he be repatriated.

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C.R. 3455

Extract from telegram from Rurality, London to Military,  
dated May 17th 1920.

Following for Willey:-

With reference to your telegram of May 15th credit balance  
including April 30th 1920

3455, Coombs £23.5.9.



C.R. 3455

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal  
Newfoundland Regiment Dated August 2nd 1920.  
Station ST. JOHN'S.

The discharge of the undernoted on demobilization  
has been CONFIRMED by Officer i/c Records from  
noted date.

3455 Pte. R. Coombs.

23-7-1920.

C.R. 3455

Return No.6. of Other Ranks in the United Kingdom as at 4th,  
March, 1920.

3455 Pte. R. Coombs.

South African Mil. Hospital, Richmond, Surrey.  
G.I.V. Multiple Amp. Left Leg.

No written report received from O.C. South African Mil. Hospital  
although repeatedly promised.  
Verbal report per telephone "3455 Pte. R. Coombs would be fit for  
discharge in one month.

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Subject

*Medical Documents re case  
3455, R. Coomb*

*Royal Newfoundland Regt*

REFERRED TO			

Copy

M.P.A. 36 C

# FORM OF MEDICAL REPORT BY RE-SURVEY BOARD.

Date of Expiry of Current Award.....

Awards Reference No. M 211

Surname COOMBS Christian Names Richard

Ship, Corps, or Regt. } Newport Official or Regtl. } 3455  
from which discharged } Number }

Date of discharge.....

## DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

DISABILITY	PENSION GRANTED IN RESPECT OF:— (a) ATTRIBUTABILITY or (b) AGGRAVATION (To be completed in Awards)	DISABILITY CODE NUMBER (To be completed by Board)
<p><i>amp. R. Leg</i> <i>G.S.W. L. Leg</i></p>		<p><i>15</i> <i>9</i></p>

To prevent personation the Medical Officer is requested to identify the man before examination as to state of health. This can usually be done by comparison of signature, personal description, or marks on body. In cases of doubt questions should be asked, based on the records of service, the answers to which would not be known to a personator, such as the nature of illness mentioned in the Medical History Sheet, or offences in the Defaulter Sheet, &c., for which purpose the whole of his Discharge Documents are annexed.

The Minister of Pensions requires a Medical Report on the state of health of the Pensioner above-named, to assist him in determining on his claim to a further grant of Pension. The paper when completed, together with the Discharge Documents, to be returned to—

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

MEN'S AWARDS BRANCH,

BROMYARD AVENUE,

ACTON, LONDON, W.8.

*4*  
*M.S.!*

1.—Are you satisfied that the man before you is the Seaman, Soldier or Airman referred to in Discharge Documents sent herewith? (See instructions on page 1.)

Yes Age 33

2.—Describe the present state of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

(a) Man's complaints. (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs. (c) Effect of disability or disabilities on function.

Also state (d) Whether any change of diagnosis is involved.

Wrist hand. Laid up a month May 1930 Sore Stump - not laid up any other time since last Board.

Stump always sore.

Pain in region of wound L. Leg at times.

143 lb. dressed. 5 ft. 6 in.

Urine no albumen - no sugar

G.C. Good. Teeth defective & deficient.

Tongue clean.

Heart N.A.D. P.R. S. Irregular

Lungs clear

Abdomen N.A.D.

L. K. & Present

Stump. Scar present and adherent

Bone somewhat tender to deep pressure

Tendons well present

Knee extension full. Flexion to 90°

Considerable wasting of quadriceps.

Some chafing under side of thigh

Some flattening L. foot

L. leg Scar as before described - Small gap in fascia middle outer side of thigh. L. Hip extension Flexion full. Movement at knee & ankle full.

R. Hip flexion to 85°. Abduction slightly restricted. Abduction and rotation full.

X-ray films & report attached.

c. Considerable

d. N.Y.

(1)

(8)

Send all possible copies of acknowledgment to each of the following addresses: (1) The Board of Pensions, 1100 ...  
The Board of Pensions, 1100 ...

Important Note: "Final and Stationary" does not signify that the condition has reached a permanent state. It means that the condition is such that it is not expected to change materially in the near future. It does not mean that the condition is permanent.

- 8.—(i) Is the condition of the Disability, or the Disabilities together, final and stationary? *Yes*
- (ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of 6 months?.....
- 12 months?.....
- More than a year?.....

4.—What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed in respect of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1, independent of Hospital or other treatment? (Assessment to be stated in words as well as figures.)

DISABILITIES			COMBINED ASSESSMENT FOR ALL DISABILITIES
1	2	3	
<i>15%</i>	<i>60%</i>		<i>Sixty 60%</i>

(With regard to disabilities assessed at under 20 %, See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 3D).



(4)

5.—If this case has hitherto been accepted by the Ministry as a case of aggravation by service during the Great War, have the effects of aggravation passed away?

na

6.—If the above Assessments have been arrived at after discounting any "other condition" (e.g. personal habits, misconduct, etc.) the facts should be fully stated and the method of arriving at the Assessment indicated. (See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 5).

None

(542) 1/20/34  
K.A.C.M.S.  
22/4/34

AMF James

Examined 9/4/34  
Completed 17/4/34

Signatures— (Sgd) W.B. Heywood Chairman.

Place of Board Min. of Pensions

(Sgd) C.V. Mackay  
Sing. Spec. Members.

Date Phillips St.  
Westminster S.W.7.



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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS

M.P.M.S.D. 61.

Name R. Coombs Rank Pte. Regtl. No. 3455 Regt. Newfoundland.  
Disability Amp. R. Leg and G.S.W. L. Leg.

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Report 9.4.31.

Right.

Stump of tibia shows no bone disease. There is a small spur posteriorly Fibula removed entirely.

To the Medical Electrician.

Left.

Please examine and report on the above named case in respect of the following particulars:-

2 F.Bs present (1/3 ins) at about lower 1/3 / 2/3 on outer side of leg. No bony injury revealed.

X-ray stump R. Leg. Condition of bone lower 2/3 of L. Leg ? F.B. or any injury to Fibula.

(Sgd) E.E. HOLDSWORTH  
(Pathologist)  
(Electrician)

14.4.31.

(Sgd) W.B. HEYWOOD.  
M.O.  
9.4.31.

# FORM OF MEDICAL REPORT BY RE-SURVEY BOARD.

Date of Expiry of Current Award.....

Awards Reference No. *Newfoundland*Surname *COOMBS* Christian Names *R.*Ship, Corps, or Regt. from which discharged *R.N. Regt.* Official or Regtl. Number *Pk. 3455*

Date of discharge.....

## DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

DISABILITY	PENSION GRANTED IN RESPECT OF:— (a) ATTRIBUTABILITY or (b) AGGRAVATION (To be completed in Awards)	DISABILITY CODE NUMBER (To be completed by Board)
<i>L.S. W. Left Leg</i>		<i>9</i>
<i>Amp. Right Leg</i>		<i>15</i>

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The Minister of Pensions requires a Medical Report on the state of health of the Pensioner above-named, to assist him in determining on his claim to a further grant of Pension. The paper when completed, together with the Discharge Documents, to be returned to—

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

MEN'S AWARDS BRANCH,

BROMYARD AVENUE,

ACTON, LONDON, W.3.

1.—Are you satisfied that the man before you is the Seaman, Soldier or Airman referred to in Discharge Documents sent herewith? (See instructions on page 1.)

Yes - Age 31

2.—Describe the present state of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

(a) Man's complaints. (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs. (c) Effect of disability or disabilities on function.

Also state (d) Whether any change of diagnosis is involved.

Factory work - not laid up ill since last Board

Pain + soreness R Skamp

Pain in left foot - cramp now and again.

138 lbs. dressed. 5ft 5in.

G.C. good

Teeth adequate

Heart + Lungs NAD

Comp. R. Leg - scar adherent fractures tender, painful nerve

little pathology - signs of chafing here and in thigh

Range of movement Knee 180° - 90° creaking present

Hip flexion only to 90°

Multiple scars as before L lower limb, all movements

full. X-Ray noted.

C - Considerable

D - No.

3.—(i) Is the condition of the Disability, or the Disabilities together, final and stationary? Yes \*

(ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of 6 months? NA

12 months? NA

More than a year? NA

4.—What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed in respect of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1, independent of Hospital or other treatment? (Assessment to be stated in words as well as figures.)

DISABILITIES			COMBINED ASSESSMENT FOR ALL DISABILITIES
1	2	3	
1-5	60		Sixty 60%

(With regard to disabilities assessed at under 20 %, See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 3D).

\* Med. Admty  
to Board of Pension  
Commission for  
Navy Personnel  
of assessment of 60% to be  
for 24 months.  
Awarded again after  
that period.  
J. M. M. M. M. M.  
Office Paying Office  
in London

5.—If this case has hitherto been accepted by the Ministry as a case of aggravation by service during the Great War, have the effects of aggravation passed away?

*N.A.*

6.—If the above Assessments have been arrived at after discounting any "other condition" (e.g. personal habits, misconduct, etc.) the facts should be fully stated and the method of arriving at the Assessment indicated. (See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 5).

*None*

*RCS removed  
No special treatment*

Signatures— *(Sgd) W.B. Heywood* ..... Chairman.  
*(Sgd) C. J. Emmis Marshall* ..... *Member*

Place of Board *Balinghry* .....  
*Westminster, S.W.* ..... } Members.

Date *23<sup>rd</sup> May 1935* .....

AK. 307

M.P.A. 36 C

# FORM OF MEDICAL REPORT BY RE-SURVEY BOARD.

Date of Expiry of Current Award.....

Awards Reference No. *Newfoundland*Surname *COOMBS* Christian Names *R*Ship, Corps, or Regt. from which discharged } *Royal Naval Regt.* Official or Regtl. Number } *Rte 3450*

Date of discharge.....

## DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

DISABILITY	PENSION GRANTED IN RESPECT OF:— (a) ATTRIBUTABILITY or (b) AGGRAVATION (To be completed in Awards)	DISABILITY CODE NUMBER (To be completed by Board)
<i>G Sw. Left Leg</i> <i>Amput. Rt Leg</i>		<i>9</i> <i>15-X</i>

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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

MEN'S AWARDS BRANCH,

BROMYARD AVENUE,

ACTON, LONDON, W.3.



1.—Are you satisfied that the man before you is the Seaman, Soldier or Airman referred to in Discharge Documents sent herewith? (See instructions on page 1.)

Age 32

Height 5ft 5"  
Weight 140

2.—Describe the present state of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

(a) Man's complaints. (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs. (c) Effect of disability or disabilities on function.

Also state (d) Whether any change of diagnosis is involved.

Condition unaltered. No treatment since last wars.  
a Amputation of right leg below knee with painful stump  
Pain left front & down outer side left leg.  
Difficultly in walking any great distance.  
Bears an artificial right leg  
Is a bootmaker by trade but is working now as a  
General labourer.

b G.C. gives not anaemic. Teeth adequate.  
Heart, lungs etc & CNS are all normal Pulse 72 regular  
No hernia

Surgeon's Report Right Leg Amputation stump below knee 2 1/4"  
Scar normal & prominent. Healing fractures  
adherent to underlying femur. Tender on  
pressure. Underlying bone bare.

Measurements of knee: Full. No breaking

Thigh Markedly wasted 3" at normal base 1" above  
knee.

Knee Movement: Flexion limited to 90°. Other movements free  
bears artificial limb.

Left leg Thigh & leg multiple scars exceeding 1 1/2" x 1/4"  
over outer aspect of thigh & leg & buttock.  
All movements of left lower limb free & free

This left foot rather hardened (with Calluses) (painful)  
under heads of 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> metatarsals & also under ball of

C. Senior Disabled;

8 No

3.—(i) Is the condition of the Disability, or the Disabilities together, final and stationary? No

(ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of 6 months? NA

12 months? Yes

More than a year? No

4.—What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed in respect of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1, independent of Hospital or other treatment? (Assessment to be stated in words as well as figures.)

DISABILITIES			COMBINED ASSESSMENT FOR ALL DISABILITIES
1	2	3	
Less than 20% 1-5%	Deep Pt. Leg 60%		Sixty percent. 60%.

(With regard to disabilities assessed at under 20%, See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 3D).

(4)

5.—If this case has hitherto been accepted by the Ministry as a case of aggravation by service during the Great War, have the effects of aggravation passed away?

*Na*

6.—If the above Assessments have been arrived at after discounting any "other condition" (e.g. personal habits, misconduct, etc.) the facts should be fully stated and the method of arriving at the Assessment indicated. (See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 5).

*Na.*

*No treatment*

*Metropolitan Board of Health* } *J. H. Russell Bayne* ..... Chairman.  
*Burling Street*  
*Westminster*

Place of Board.....

Date *5th May 1928*.....

*A. Debenham Perinck* } Members.  
*SS*



# FORM OF MEDICAL REPORT BY RE-SURVEY BOARD.

Date of Expiry of Current Award.....

Awards Reference No. 15757/4 PC6 (MSI)Surname COOMBSChristian Names RichardShip, Corps, or Regt. } R Newfer Regt.  
from which discharged }Official or Regtl. } Pte 3rd Svr  
Number }

Date of discharge.....

## DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

DISABILITY	PENSION GRANTED IN RESPECT OF:— (a) ATTRIBUTABILITY or (b) AGGRAVATION (To be completed in Awards)	DISABILITY CODE NUMBER (To be completed by Board)
<u>GSW. Left leg.</u> <u>Amputation R. leg.</u>		<u>9</u> <u>15*</u>

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THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR,  
MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

1.—Are you satisfied that the man before you is the Seaman or Soldier referred to in Discharge Document \_\_\_\_\_  
herewith? (See instructions on page 1.)

Yes 31 pt. 132 1/2.

2.—Describe the present state of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

(a) Man's complaints. (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs. (c) Effect of disability or disabilities on function.

Also state (d) Whether any change of diagnosis is involved.

a No treatment during past year. Left leg is still painful  
Amputation of right leg below the knee. wears rubber  
artificial limb but stump is still somewhat tender

b General Condition good, Teeth in fair order.  
Heart not enlarged. No murmurs  
Lungs clear  
Abdomen & Central nervous system OK

Amputation right leg  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches below knee. Stump  
is well healed. 4 inches wasting of right thigh.  
Movement of knee full. Tenderness at top of stump  
Q.S.W. left leg multiple scars with side of left chest  
and leg all soundly healed  
muscular tone is good.  
There is no circulation of any point but there is  
some wasting in left knee.

c Amputation right leg by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches below knee stump  
soundly healed but somewhat tender. Multiple  
scars left leg with some pain and cracking in  
left leg.

d No

3.—(i) Is the condition of the Disability, or the Disabilities together, final and stationary? No

(ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of 6 months? ✓

12 months? YES

More than a year? ✓

4.—What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed in respect of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1, independent of Hospital or other treatment? (Assessment to be stated in words as well as figures.)

DISABILITIES			COMBINED ASSESSMENT FOR ALL DISABILITIES
1	2	3	
one to five 1-5%	Sixty 60%		60%

(With regard to disabilities assessed at under 20%, See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 3D).

Has the man been informed of his Assessment? No

(4)

5.—If this case has hitherto been accepted by the Ministry as a case of aggravation by service during the War, have the effects of aggravation passed away?

*Na.*

6.—If the above Assessments have been arrived at after discounting any "other condition" (e.g. personal habits, misconduct, etc.) the facts should be fully stated and the method of arriving at the Assessment indicated. (See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 5).

*Na*

7.—If the man requires the constant attendance of another person in his home (other than skilled nursing) state whether a separate report has been rendered on M.P.A. 36 C.A.

*Na*  
*RCI permit*  
*No treatment*

Signatures—

*J. Laven*

Chairman.

Place of Board

*Metropolitan Boarding  
& Clinic Centre  
Westminster*

*J. G. P. Edge*

Members.

Date

*10th May 1937*

# FORM OF MEDICAL REPORT BY RE-SURVEY BOARD.

Date of Expiry of Current Award.....

Awards Reference No. 15757/4 PC6 (MSI)Surname COOMBS Christian Names RichardShip, Corps, or Regt. } R Newfor Regt. Official or Regtl. } Pte 3rd Sqn  
from which discharged } Number

Date of discharge.....

## DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

DISABILITY	PENSION GRANTED IN RESPECT OF:— (a) ATTRIBUTABILITY or (b) AGGRAVATION (To be completed in Awards)	DISABILITY CODE NUMBER (To be completed by Board)
<u>Gsw. Left leg.</u> <u>Amputation Rt. leg.</u>		<u>9</u> <u>15 x</u>

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THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR,  
MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

1.—Are you satisfied that the man before you is the Seaman or Soldier referred to in Discharge Documents sent herewith? (See instructions on page 1.)

Yes 31 Nov 1924.

2.—Describe the present state of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

- (a) Man's complaints. (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs. (c) Effect of disability or disabilities on function.

Also state (d) Whether any change of diagnosis is involved.

a No treatment during past year. Left leg is still painful. Amputation of right leg below the knee. wears rubber artificial limb but stump is still somewhat tender.

b General Condition good, teeth in fair order. Heart not enlarged. No murmurs. Lungs clear. Abdomen & Central organs spleen etc.

Amputation right leg  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches below knee. Stump is well healed. 4 inches washing of right thigh. Movement of knee full. tenderness at top of stump. G.S.W. left leg, multiple scars with side of left thigh and leg, all soundly healed. Muscular tone is good. There is no amputation of any joint but there is some washing in left knee.

c Amputation right leg by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches below knee. Stump soundly healed but somewhat tender. Multiple scars left leg with some pain and cracking in left leg.

d No

3.—(i) Is the condition of the Disability, or the Disabilities together, final and stationary? No

(ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of 6 months? Yes

12 months? Yes

More than a year? Yes

4.—What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed in respect of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1, independent of Hospital or other treatment? (Assessment to be stated in words as well as figures.)

DISABILITIES			COMBINED ASSESSMENT FOR ALL DISABILITIES
1	2	3	
One to five 1-8%	Sixty 60%		60%

(With regard to disabilities assessed at under 20%, See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 3D).

Has the man been informed of his Assessment? No

(4)

5.—If this case has hitherto been accepted by the Ministry as a case of aggravation by service during the Great War, have the effects of aggravation passed away?

*Na.*

6.—If the above Assessments have been arrived at after discounting any "other condition" (e.g. personal habits, misconduct, etc.) the facts should be fully stated and the method of arriving at the Assessment indicated. (See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 5).

*Na*

7.—If the man requires the constant attendance of another person in his home (other than skilled nursing) state whether a separate report has been rendered on M.P.A. 36 C.A.

*Na*  
*RCI parents*  
*No treatment*

Signatures—

*J. Laven*

Chairman.

Place of Board

*Metropolitan Boarding  
& Clinic Centre  
Westminster*

*J. Brown Edge*

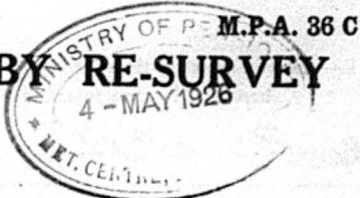
Members.

Date

*10th May, 1927*

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# FORM OF MEDICAL REPORT BY RE-SURVEY BOARD.



Date of Expiry of Current Award.....

Awards Reference No. 15759/4 Pt 6 (mer.)

Surname COOMBS. Christian Names Richard.

Ship, Corps, or Regt. } R. Newfd. Regt. Official or Regtl. } Pt Co 3455.  
from which discharged } Number }

Date of discharge.....

## DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

DISABILITY	PENSION GRANTED IN RESPECT OF:— (a) ATTRIBUTABILITY or (b) AGGRAVATION (To be completed in Awards)	DISABILITY CODE NUMBER (To be completed by Board)
<u>Iss. Left leg.</u> <u>Amputation Rt. leg.</u>		<u>9</u> <u>15</u>

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THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR,  
MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,



1.—Are you satisfied that the man before you is the Seaman or Soldier referred to in Discharge Documents sent herewith? (See instructions on page 1.)

Health. chest      Yes      aged 20

2.—Describe the present state of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

(a) Man's complaints. (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs. (c) Effect of disability or disabilities on function.

Also state (d) Whether any change of diagnosis is involved.

of appearance of R leg  
Some pain in L leg foot. slender scars outer side of left shin.

2. R leg stump 2". Somewhat sore on pressure knee joint normal. There is a small swelling at ending of stump probe a fibrous 3 1/2" wasting thigh.

L leg numerous scars thigh shins. Small hemia mid thigh. Small scar (6") outer side leg tender on pressure which produces pins & needles down in foot.

Et. good no anemia

Tongue clear

Heart normal and sound

Lungs clear

abdomen N & O

cos. normal

of Heavy discharge

of No

bears artificial limb which is satisfactory

No hernia  
No Varix  
Feet normal.

Subph. pressure      No Tr.

3.—(i) Is the condition of the Disability, or the Disabilities together, final and stationary? no

(ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of 6 months? no

12 months? Yes

More than a year? no

4.—What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed in respect of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1, independent of Hospital or other treatment? (Assessment to be stated in words as well as figures.)

DISABILITIES			COMBINED ASSESSMENT FOR ALL DISABILITIES
1	2	3	
Sixty 60% amp. R leg	60% L leg less than ten		60% Sixty

(With regard to disabilities assessed at under 20%, See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 3D).

Has the man been informed of his Assessment? Yes no

(4)

5.—If this case has hitherto been accepted by the Ministry as a case of aggravation by service during the Great War, have the effects of aggravation passed away?

*Yes*

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6.—If the above Assessments have been arrived at after discounting any "other condition" (e.g. personal habits, misconduct, etc.) the facts should be fully stated and the method of arriving at the Assessment indicated. (See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 5).

*Yes*

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7.—If the man requires the constant attendance of another person in his home (other than skilled nursing) state whether a separate report has been rendered on M.P.A. 36 C.A.

*Yes*

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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,  
BULINGA STREET,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.

*R 57 5*

Signatures—

*C Marshall*

Chairman.

*Ph. Davis*

Place of Board

EXAMINED

14 MAY 1926

Members.

Date DEFERRED

COMPLETED

14 MAY 1926

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.EXAMINATION OF URINE.

Serial No. 15757/4 Pt 6 (last) Board No. 5  
 Name R. COOMBS Regtl. No. 3458 Regt. R.N. REC.

Reaction and Specific Gravity.....

	Positive	Negative	Remarks
Albumen Test .. ..			
Fehling's Test ... ..			

14 MAY 1928

Date.....

D.C.M.S. (Pathology)  
 BRIGHTON-ALCOCK  
 D.C.M.S.  
 Region.  
 Area.



# FORM OF MEDICAL REPORT BY RE-SURVEY BOARD.

Date of Expiry of Current Award.....

Awards Reference No. 15957/14 Part 6 (M.S.I.A.)

Surname COOMBS Christian Names Richard

Ship, Corps, or Regt. } R. Naval Regt. Official or Regtl. }  
 from which discharged } Number } No. 3155

Date of discharge..... 19-8-20.

## DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

DISABILITY	PENSION GRANTED IN RESPECT OF:- (a) ATTRIBUTABILITY or (b) AGGRAVATION (To be completed in Awards)	DISABILITY CODE NUMBER (To be completed by Board)
<u>G. S. W. Left Leg.</u>		<u>9</u>
<u>Amputation Rt. Leg.</u>		<u>15</u>

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THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR,  
MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

1.—Are you satisfied that the man before you is the Seaman or Soldier referred to in Discharge Documents sent herewith? (See instructions on page 1.)

EG

2.—Describe the present state of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

- (a) Man's complaints.
- (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs.
- (c) Effect of disability, or disabilities on function.

Also state (d) Whether any change of diagnosis is involved.

1 95% left leg  
2 amputation right leg.

Age 28 wt in light clothes with out artificial limb - 129 lbs.

Has attended at Sorting Clinic

(6) 90 Pain in left leg of foot.  
Long right leg below knee.

(6) 90 foot. no pain. no amnesia. Wound in the heel not healed. no beats pulse of leg  
Sump no added sound

Abdomen with abnormal distended

Multiple scars left thigh of leg. all healed. some tender slight bunch in the scar which will heal  
no compensation of occasional pain on dorsum of left foot on walking a long distance cannot take foot lightly on account of pain.

Right leg. Amputated below right knee leaving stump 3 1/2 inches. healed soon. stump under of red. Length of left leg 5 1/2 inches - working of right leg 5 1/2 inches  
movement of left hand full. some limitation of movement of right leg. -

no Hermin. Vain or flat feet  
noir - no specimen -

no treatment.

3.—(i) Is the condition of the Disability, or the Disabilities together, final and stationary? no

(ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of 6 months? ✓

12 months? EG

More than a year? ✓

4.—What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed in respect of the disability or disabilities shown on page 1, independent of Hospital or other treatment? (Assessment to be stated in words as well as figures.)

DISABILITIES			COMBINED ASSESSMENT FOR ALL DISABILITIES
1	2	3	
6% 174% Slight for hand Ampl. knee than a year	60% Sixty.		60% Sixty

(With regard to disabilities assessed at under 20%, See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 3D).

Has the man been informed of his Assessment? NO



5.—If this case has hitherto been accepted by the Ministry as a case of aggravation by service during the Great War, have the effects of aggravation passed away?

1 NA  
2 NA.

6.—If the above Assessments have been arrived at after discounting any "other condition" (e.g. personal habits, misconduct, etc.) the facts should be fully stated and the method of arriving at the Assessment indicated. (See M.P.M.S.D. 57 Supplement 5).

NA

7.—If the man requires the constant attendance of another person in his home (other than skilled nursing) state whether a separate report has been rendered on M.P.A. 36 C.A.

no

Bd 5

EXAMINED 29 APR 1925

DEFERRED

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Signatures— W. G. B. [unclear] Chairman.

Place of Board MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,  
BULINGA STREET,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1. Members.

Date



Date of Expiry of Current Award \_\_\_\_\_

No.

Name and Address of Pensioner.	Corps or Regiment from which Discharged.	Date of Discharge.	Chelsea or Regional No.
COOMBS R.	R. Newbold Regt. Regimental No. Pte. 3455.	19-8-20	15759/4 Pak. 4. (M.S.I.A.)

DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

1. G. S. W. Left Leg.
2. Amputation Right Leg.

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THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR,

..... REGION.

1.—Are you satisfied that the man before you is the soldier referred to in Discharge Documents sent herewith?

Yes

(i) Is the Disability in a final stationary condition? NO

(ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of: 6 months \_\_\_\_\_

12 12 months Yes

More than a year \_\_\_\_\_

2.—The present state of the Disability or Disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

(a) Man's complaints. (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs. (c) Effect of disability or disabilities on function.

(a) 2) Wt is 127 128 lbs  
has heartburn since last exam

1 95W Left leg

2 amputation Right leg.

N.B.—Degrees of disablement should be expressed in one of the following percentages —100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, less than 20, or nil. (Vide Instructions to Pensions Boards.)

1 Severe W. W. 1.5 m (prob)

2 60/60

Total 60/60

5.—If this is a case of the aggravation by service of a disability which existed prior to entry, has the effect of the aggravation now passed away?

NA

6.—Does the man require the constant attendance of another person in his home (other than skilled nursing)?

NO

7.—If there is any disability present other than those recorded on the man's documents as existing on discharge or discovered at any later examination, or if there is any disability now claimed or discovered to be causing disablement which was recorded as attributable to or aggravated by service in the War, but as not causing disablement at the time of discharge or discovery, state:

(i) The nature and condition of each disability, giving (a) the man's complaints (b) the symptoms and physical signs, and (c) the effect of the disability on function.

no hernia

- Veni

- 2nd foot. (left)

nois normal

none

(b) 40 Pain & weakness left leg.  
amputation right below knee

(c) G.C. foot. no amnesia, mouth in order

Heart

Stomach

Abdomen

nil abnormal detected. Feb. 72

95W Left leg. multiple scars left thigh and leg all healed  
low tenders - no bone injury - some corns on sole  
of foot. movement of joints full of range - some pain in  
Right leg amputated below knee leaving a  
3 1/2 inch stump. which scar is healed slightly  
adherent to tendons. Circumference of thigh is 5 inches  
is less than left. movement of knee full of range.  
Length of left tibia 14 1/4 inches

1. 95W multiple left leg thigh

(1) above 2 amputation of right leg below knee  
3 1/2 inch stump. no treatment

7.—(i) continued.

(ii) State whether the disability is —

(a) In a final stationary condition

(b) If not, how soon re-examination is advised in respect of this further disability?

(iii) State the degree of disablement it would entail if there were no other disability.

(iv) State :—

(a) Whether or not it is attributable to or aggravated by service in the War.

(b) And if the disability is one aggravated by service the degree of disablement caused by it at the time of enlistment.

(v) State the degree of disablement caused by the further disability\* and the already accepted disability combined.

\* Only attributable or aggravated disabilities to be taken into account.

*Meth*

Signatures—

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS  
CHELTENHAM TERRACE  
Address AREA BD.  
CHELSEA, S.W. 3

Date  
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*W. C. ...*  
..... Chairman.  
*E. Charles*  
..... Members.  
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4 JUN 1924

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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

CHELTEMHAM TERRACE.

SERIAL NO:- MSIA 15454

BOARD NO:- 1

NAME:- Coombes R REGT. NO:- 3455 REGT:- R Hawke

SPECIMEN TAKEN:- URINE

RESULT

	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	REMARKS
ALBUMEN TEST	<b>NIL</b>		
FENLING'S TEST			

*F. Jeffice*

Medical Officer i/c Central Urinary Dept.

B.21/71.

## Date of Expiry of Current Award

No.

Name and Address of Pensioner.	Corps or Regiment from which Discharged.	Date of Discharge.	Chelsea or Regional No.
<i>Coombs, R</i>	<i>Reg. Warfes</i> Regimental No. <i>Rt 3455</i>	<i>19. 8. 20</i>	

DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

*G.S.W. Left leg & ~~amp~~ amputation right leg.*

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THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR,

REGION.

1.—Are you satisfied that the man before you is the soldier referred to in Discharge Documents sent herewith?

Yes

Age 26

2.—The present state of the Disability or Disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

(a) Man's complaints. (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs. (c) Effect of disability or disabilities on function.

a) Loss of R leg below knee, painful stump  
Recently finished treatment

b. G.C. good mouth in order

Heart & Lungs N.A.D.

R leg amputated below knee

Stump 3 1/2" well covered. Healed but tender at tip

Mean of punctin around knee joint for pressure

R thigh measures 44"

L leg measures 18 1/2" No hernia, varix or purple lump

L leg. No disability as at last board

No treatment

c. Amputation of R leg below knee with painful stump  
Artificial leg not very satisfactory. Man states he is getting another leg at Reckhampton

3.—(i) Is the Disability in a final stationary condition? No

(ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of 6 months

12 months Yes

More than a year

4.—What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed in respect of the disability shown on p. 1, independent of Hospital or other treatment? (Assessment to be stated in words as well as figures.)

N.B.—Degrees of disablement should be expressed in one of the following percentages:—100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, less than 20, or nil. (Vide Instructions to Pensions Boards.)

70% (Seventy)

5.—If this is a case of the aggravation by service of a disability which existed prior to entry, has the effect of the aggravation now passed away?

N.A

6.—Does the man require the constant attendance of another person in his home (other than skilled nursing)?

No

7.—If there is any disability present other than those recorded on the man's documents as existing on discharge or discovered at any later examination, or if there is any disability now claimed or discovered to be causing disablement which was recorded as attributable to or aggravated by service in the War, but as not causing disablement at the time of discharge or discovery, state:

(i) The nature and condition of each disability, giving (a) the man's complaints (b) the symptoms and physical signs, and (c) the effect of the disability on function.

None

(ii) State whether the disability is—

(a) In a final stationary condition

(b) If not, how soon re-examination is advised in respect of this further disability?

(iii) State the degree of disablement it would entail if there were no other disability.

(iv) State :—

(a) Whether or not it is attributable to or aggravated by service in the War.

(b) And if the disability is one aggravated by service the degree of disablement caused by it at the time of enlistment.

(v) State the degree of disablement caused by the further disability\* and the already accepted disability combined.

\* Only attributable or aggravated disabilities to be taken into account.

Signatures—

} Chairman.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*J. W. Farrell*

} Members.

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Date of Expiry of Current Award \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name and Address of Pensioner.	Corps or Regiment from which Discharged.	Date of Discharge.	Chelsea or Regional No.
Coombes R.	Ryl. Newfth. Regimental No. 3455.	✓	11/117685/M.S.

DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

G. S. W. Left Leg.  
amp. Right Leg.

(18)

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REGION.



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Yes.

2.—The present state of the Disability or Disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

(a) Man's complaints. (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs. (c) Effect of disability or disabilities on function.

(a) Pain in stump R leg.

(b) G. L. good. Mouth in order. Teeth good. Not anemic

Heart  
Lungs g N. A. D.

Amput. R. Leg. Amput. below knee. Stump  $3\frac{1}{2}$ "  
L. Tibia 14"

Scar of heeler. Not tender not adherent  
Tenderness on pressure End of stump  
State he cannot wear present artificial  
limb on account of pain in stump.  
No pressure sores.  
Thigh  $3\frac{1}{2}$  less in circumference than left

Lt. leg. Multiple scars. Uncomplicated.  
No bone injury.  
Movements full and free  
No disability.

3.—(i) Is the Disability in a final stationary condition? NO

(ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of 6 months —

12 months 4/4

More than a year —

4.—What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed in respect of the disability shown on p. 1, independent of Hospital or other treatment? (Assessment to be stated in words as well as figures.)

N.B.—Degrees of disablement should be expressed in one of the following percentages:—100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, less than 20, or nil. (Vide Instructions to Pensions Boards.)

Sixty per cent (60%)

5.—If this is a case of the aggravation by service of a disability which existed prior to entry, has the effect of the aggravation now passed away?

N. A.

6.—Does the man require the constant attendance of another person in his home (other than skilled nursing)?

NO

7.—If there is any disability present other than those recorded on the man's documents as existing on discharge or discovered at any later examination, or if there is any disability now claimed or discovered to be causing disablement which was recorded as attributable to or aggravated by service in the War, but as not causing disablement at the time of discharge or discovery, state:

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Nil

To continue treatment. O.P. Orthopedic.

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- (ii) State whether the disability is—  
(a) In a final stationary condition  
  
(b) If not, how soon re-examination is advised in respect of this further disability?
- (iii) State the degree of disablement it would entail if there were no other disability.
- (iv) State :—  
(a) Whether or not it is attributable to or aggravated by service in the War.  
  
(b) And if the disability is one aggravated by service the degree of disablement caused by it at the time of enlistment.
- (v) State the degree of disablement caused by the further disability\* and the already accepted disability combined.

\* Only attributable or aggravated disabilities to be taken into account.

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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS  
CHELSEA, S.W. 3  
Address

Signatures—

*B. Bennett Ham* Chairman.

*D. King*

Members.

EXAMINED Date 15 FEB 1923

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# Treatment Recommendation by Medical Board.

(To be forwarded with the Documents to the C.M.S.)

## ELIGIBILITY FOR TREATMENT.

- N.B.**—1. If the disability is either attributable to or aggravated by service, treatment may be recommended for that disability or for a condition directly consequent thereon, either in or at an Institution, or at home under a general practitioner.
2. If the disability is neither attributable to nor aggravated by service, and was the cause of the man's discharge from the Service, treatment may be recommended for that disability only (not for a consequence), and then only if the condition of the disability is such as to render in-patient treatment necessary.

### PARTICULARS OF MAN.

Surname Coombs R Christian Names R  
(In capital letters)

Regt. or Ship 2453 Rank or Rating PL Regt. or Official No. 3453

Home address in full 10000 Latham Terrace Leharjona, Battersea S.W.

1. Name the disability for which treatment is recommended. (See note above regarding eligibility.)

1. Amputation R leg

2. If this disability has not yet been considered by the Ministry as regards attributability or aggravation, state whether you consider it to be "attributable" or "aggravated."

2. Unsuccessful Stump

3. State whether your recommendation is for in-patient, out-patient, or home treatment. (See note above regarding eligibility.)

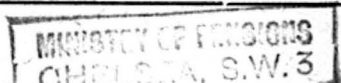
3. O.P.

4. If your recommendation relates to Institutional treatment state precisely what type of Institution.

4. Orthopaedic

5. If a surgical appliance is needed state the nature thereof, and say whether the Board is arranging to provide it.

5. N.A.



Station.....

Signature B. Burnett Nam Chairman.

Date 15/2/25.

Signature Adair Members.

..... War Pensions Committee.

Date.....192

Signature.....

for C.M.S.

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Date of Expiry of Current Award.....

No.

Name and Address of Pensioner.	Corps or Regiment from which Discharged.	Date of Discharge.	Chelsea or Regional No.
Coombes, R. Royal Crown Cottage Letcham Grove Battersea S.W. 2.	Newfoundland Regt Regimental No. Pte. 3455.	—	11/114685/M.S.

DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

Amputation of R. Leg  
& G.W.S. Left Leg.

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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,  
LONDON REGION,  
BURTON COURT, KING'S ROAD,  
LONDON, S.W.3.

Handwritten initials/signature

1.—Are you satisfied that the man before you is the soldier referred to in Discharge Document sent herewith?

Yes. 2 1/2 years.

2.—The present state of the Disability or Disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

(a) Man's complaints. (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs. (c) Effect of disability or disabilities on function.

(a). Pain in stump. L<sup>t</sup> leg: cannot bear much weight on foot & has to walk mainly on the heel.

(b). R<sup>t</sup> leg: amputation below knee: stump 3 1/2"  
L<sup>t</sup> knee. 14"

Scar of op<sup>n</sup> healed: not tender or adherent

Scar 3" part ~~of stump~~ outer aspect of stump extending up to head of fibula.

There is tenderness on pressure over end of Tibia.

A pressure sore below Patella: hot & tender.

Movements full.

L<sup>t</sup> leg: multiple scars of thigh: uncomplicated

Scar on wrist: uncomplicated. Movements full.

Has artificial limb which turns on stump.  
Treatment rec<sup>d</sup>: O.P. Orthopedic. A<sup>10</sup> B. uni<sup>d</sup>.

3.—(i) Is the Disability in a final stationary condition? No.

(ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of 6 months .....

12 months Yes .....

More than 1 year .....

4.—What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed in respect of the disability shown on p. 1. independent of Hospital or other treatment? (Assessment to be stated in words as well as figures.)

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60 (Sixty) %

5.—If this is a case of the aggravation by service of a disability which existed prior to entry, has the effect of the aggravation now passed away? No.

6.—Does the man require the constant attendance of another person in his home (other than skilled nursing)? No.

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None

7.—(i) continued.

(ii) State whether the disability is—

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\*Only attributable or aggravated disabilities to be taken into account.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS CHELTENHAM OFFICE M AREA 50 CHELSEA S.W. 3
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Signatures

*Arthur P. P. P.*

.....Chairman.

Address.....

*H. S. S. - J. J. J.*

} Members.

EXAMINED - 1 SEP 1922

Date - 1 SEP 1922

COMPLETED - 1 SEP 1922



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Date of Expiry of Current Award.....

No.

CROWN COTTAGE  
LEITRIM RD SW 11

Name and Address of Pensioner.	Corps or Regiment from which Discharged.	Date of Discharge.	Chelsea or Regional No.
COOMBS Richard	1 <sup>st</sup> Batt AIFLD Regimental No. 3455 RG	19. 8. 20	

DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.

Left Back Legs Jan. 84  
(amp'd R.L.)



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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,  
LONDON REGION,  
BURTON COURT, KING'S ROAD,  
LONDON, S.W.3.

1.—Are you satisfied that the man before you is the soldier referred to in Discharge Document serial 1234 with?

Yes  
% loss R. leg - below knee  
100% knee L foot.

Age 24

Wounded: Oct 1918

2.—The present state of the Disability or Disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

(a) Man's complaints. (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs. (c) Effect of disability or disabilities on function.

Q.D. good. No anaemia. Talk adequately  
Heart: Area sounds normal  
lungs: No AP S

Amputation: Stump well healed - but  
at present swollen & bruised - the  
result of a recent fall.  
Tibia - stump = 3 1/2 inches  
R Tibia = 14 inches  
It is a tender bulbous stump at  
present. He cannot fully extend  
the knee today.  
Stiff movements full.

No. Leg. Is not wearing artificial limb.  
Multiple scars on outer side.  
of the thigh. Gap in fascia under  
on but no muscle hernia.  
Scar on instep - not disabling  
all movements full.

No disability

To continue treatment - O.P. Surg. Host.  
A 3/4 B rendered

3.—Is the Disability in a final stationary condition? No

(ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of 6 months .....

12 months .....

More than a year 18 months

4.—What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed in respect of the disability shown on p. 1. independent of Hospital or other treatment? (Assessment to be stated in words as well as figures.)

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Sixty (60)

5.—If this is a case of the aggravation by service of a disability which existed prior to entry, has the effect of the aggravation now passed away? NA

6.—Does the man require the constant attendance of another person in his home (other than skilled nursing)? No

7.—If there is any disability present other than those recorded on the man's documents as existing on discharge or discovered at any later examination, or if there is any disability now claimed or discovered to be causing disablement which was recorded as attributable to or aggravated by service in the War, but as not causing disablement at the time of discharge or discovery, state:

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NA

7.—(i) *continued.*

(ii) State whether the disability is—

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Signatures—

*W. Hamilton*

.....Chairman.

*W. Nelson*

.....} Members.

CHELTENHAM TERRACE,  
SLOANE SQUARE, S.W. 3.

Address.....

19 JAN 1922

*19/1/22*

Date.....

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IN REPLY  
PLEASE QUOTE

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HOSPITAL, 19/12/21  
RUSKIN PARK, S.E. 5

**TREATMENT CERTIFICATE** No. 6,434

PARTICULARS OF MAN. (To be filled up by the Secretary of Local Committee).

Surname COOMBS Christian Names Richard

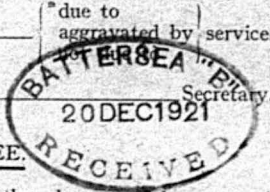
Present Address Crown Cott. Leitrim Grove. Battersea

Regiment (or Ship) Newfoundland Regt.

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Rank 1st Lt Regt. No. 3455 Date of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

Disability for which discharged \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>\* due to aggravated by service.</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ War Pensions Committee. \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary.



CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL REFEREE.

I have read all the documents submitted to me relating to the above-named man, and have examined him to-day. I am of opinion that:—

- (a) He is suffering from Amp. Rt leg. Pampelstrump.
- (b) His present ailment <sup>\*is</sup> ~~is not~~ due to or <sup>\*is</sup> ~~is not~~ a consequence of the disability for which he was discharged.
- (c) He <sup>\*is unable to work</sup> ~~is able to work~~ should not work on medical grounds at a remunerative occupation.
- (d) He is not likely to be able to work at a remunerative occupation for 4 weeks from this date.
- (e) <sup>\*The treatment recommended below</sup> ~~No treatment~~ is necessary in the man's interests.

RECOMMENDATION.

1. I recommend that he receive the following form of treatment

(a) as ~~in-patient~~ out-patient

at a General Hospital, viz:—

at a Special Hospital, viz:—

Rushin Pk. Speding Centre.

(b) Massage and Electricity { <sup>\*at</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital. <sub>at Home</sub>

(c) Convalescent Home for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.

(d) Home treatment under his own doctor for \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.

2. (a) He should be referred to the Local Insurance Committee for an opinion on the treatment required for Tuberculosis.

(b) He should be supplied with the undermentioned <sup>\*surgical appliance</sup> ~~artificial limb~~.

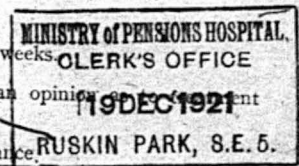
2 wks rest at home then attend as D.F.

Battersea

Signature J. St. Ward

Medical-Referee for Rushin Pk

Date 14-12-21



For such period as may be deemed necessary by the medical practitioner in attendance.

\* Strike out alternative not required.

Regional.

Date of Expiry of Current Award \_\_\_\_\_

No.

Name and Address of Pensioner.	Corps or Regiment from which Discharged.	Date of Discharge.	Chelsea or Regional No.
COOMBES, R.	NEWFOUNDLAND,  Regimental No. 3d/55.		11/114685/ M.S.

DISABILITY OR DISABILITIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH PENSION WAS GRANTED.



To prevent personation the Medical Officer is requested to identify the soldier before examination as to state of health. This can usually be done by comparison of signature, personal description, or marks on body. In cases of doubt questions should be asked, based on the records of service, the answers to which would not be known to a personator, such as the nature of illness mentioned in the Medical History Sheet, or offences in the Defaulter Sheets, &c., for which purpose the whole of his Discharge Documents are annexed.

The Minister of Pensions requires a Medical Report on the present state of health of the Pensioner above named, to assist him in determining on his claim to a further grant of Pension. The paper when completed, together with the Discharge Documents, to be returned, in the enclosed envelope, to—

THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR,

.....REGION.



1.—Are you satisfied that the man before you is the soldier referred to in Discharge Documents sent herewith?

Yes.  
No amputation right leg at seat of section  
inability to wear artificial limb.  
Healed wound leg.

2.—The present state of the Disability or Disabilities shown on page 1 of this form giving:—

(a) Man's complaints. (b) Symptoms and Physical Signs. (c) Effect of disability or disabilities on function.

(b) mouth in good order D.C. good.

Heart & lungs normal.

Rt. leg

Amputation at junction of  $\frac{3}{4}$  & upper  $\frac{1}{4}$   
Length of stump =  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Sound leg =  $15\frac{1}{2}$  inches  
Stump well healed - slightly adherent -  
not painful - no neuromata felt

Redness of skin laterally & internally from pressure  
of bucket leg.

Free movement of knee joint.

G.S.W. L. leg

Scars - multiple on outer side of thigh  
no disability. In one of them there is a gap in  
fascia lata - three F.B.'s. (1) 1" above patella  
(2) 3" above patella. (3) 1" below tubercle of tibia.

3.—(i) Is the Disability in a final stationary condition? no

(ii) If not, is re-examination advised, at the expiration of 6 months no

12 months yes

More than a year no

4.—What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed in respect of the disability shown on p. 1, independent of Hospital or other treatment? (Assessment to be stated in words as well as figures.)

N.B.—Degrees of disablement should be expressed in one of the following percentages:—100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, less than 20, or nil. (Vide Instructions to Pensions Boards.)

60% Sixty per cent.

5.—If this is a case of the aggravation by service of a disability which existed prior to entry, has the effect of the aggravation now passed away?

n.a.

6.—Does the man require the constant attendance of another person in his home (other than skilled nursing)?

no.

7.—If there is any disability present other than those recorded on the man's documents as existing on discharge or discovered at any later examination, or if there is any disability now claimed or discovered to be causing disablement which was recorded as attributable to or aggravated by service in the War, but as not causing disablement at the time of discharge or discovery, state:

(i) The nature and condition of each disability, giving (a) the man's complaints (b) the symptoms and physical signs, and (c) the effect of the disability on function.

§2. Continued

home

Small scar over tibia - not adherent tender or painful  
no anaesthesia

(c) Function of stump now temporarily impaired as  
a result of badler fitting artificial leg.  
Alteration of the fitting recommended.

7.—(i) continued.

(ii) State whether the disability is —

(a) In a final stationary condition.

(b) If not, how soon re-examination is advised in respect of this further disability?

(iii) State the degree of disablement it would entail if there were no other disability.

(iv) State :—

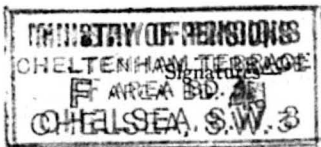
(a) Whether or not it is attributable to or aggravated by service in the War.

(b) And if the disability is one aggravated by service the degree of disablement caused by it at the time of enlistment.

(v) State the degree of disablement caused by the further disability\* and the already accepted disability combined.

\* Only attributable or aggravated disabilities to be taken into account.

EXAMINED 4 APR 1921  
DEFERRED  
COMPLETED 4 APR 1921



Address .....

Date 4 - 10 - 1921 .....

*H. Lewis* ..... Chairman.

*F. Senior* .....  
*L.P. Brodie* ..... } Members.



455

Private

Coombes R.

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Enlisted Jan. 20th 1917

Disability :- SHRAPNEL WOUND BOTH LEGS. AMPUTATION OF  
RIGHT LEG BELOW KNEE.

History:-

Joined up Jan. 1917 went overseas in March 1917. Wounded in France Oct. 1918 at Ypres. Was admitted to No. 11 C.C.S. then to the 55th General Hospital Boulogne where leg amputated at ankle joint. Five further operations for re-amputation whilst at 3rd London General Hospital. Transferred to S. African Hosp. Richmond and discharged from here 16th June 1920.

Right leg amputated above 4th inferior to knee joint. Stump not painful but three scars discharging on anterior aspect. Two lateral scars result of chafe from wearing peg leg. Central scar in line of operation. Complains of pain in left foot as result of wound through dorsal portion of foot. Unable to rise on toes and foot painful in walking, also scar on lateral surface left thigh about junction of middle and lower thirds where a piece of shrapnel was imbedded (removed by operation). This wound causes no pain.

2nd Board October 8th 1920..

Wounds now healed, no discharge. Weakness of left foot. Was injured in left shoulder causing weakness so that cannot elevate the shoulder to full extent. Wearing a temporary peg leg.

P 98

January 3rd., 1924.

Ref. L/54926/M.S.4D.

3455 R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd. of January regarding the supply of an artificial limb to the above-named pensioner.

In view of the Board's Report that the limb at present in use by Mr. Coombs being rendered unsatisfactory, authority is given for the supply of a Hanger metal No. 8 with soft corset.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Director General of Medical Services,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
2, Sanctuary Buildings,  
Great Smith Street,  
S.W.1.

January 3rd., 1924.

3455 R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of a Report from Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, regarding the supply of an artificial leg to the above-named pensioner.

In view of the Board's Report that the limb at present in use by Mr. Coombs being rendered unsatisfactory, authority has been given that it should be replaced by a metal leg.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,  
Board of Pension Commissioners,  
ST. JOHN'S,  
Newfoundland.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

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Telegram full-text from the Board of Pensions Commissioners, St. John's.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated January 22nd, 1924. Decoded by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

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3456 Coombes 79 dollars 50 cents per month 6 months.

PENCOM.

24th January, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram received as follows:-

"3456 Coombes 79 dollars 50 cents per month six months"

It would appear that under the Newfoundland War Pensions Act he would be entitled to a pension at the rate of 80 dollars 50 cents per month, and I am to ask that you will be good enough to confirm the amount.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,  
The Board of Pensions Commissioners,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

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Telegram full-text from the Board of Pensions Commissioners, St. John's,  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 15th February, 1924. Decoded by \_\_\_\_\_ Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

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With reference to your letter 22nd January regarding assistance for  
blind soldiers letter not enclosed fullstop 3455 Coombs 80 dollars  
50 cents per month 6 months

PENCOM.



19th May 1924.

3455 R. COOMBS,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 16th April, 1919, the Board of Pensions Commissioners have asked that the above-named man may be rewarded.

I am accordingly to ask that you will be good enough to arrange for a Medical Examination to be held as soon as possible.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:-

- (1) B.P.C.98.
  - (2) A 36 Regional (5).
- c

Mr. Coombs' address is Crown Cottage, Leitrim Grove, Battersea, S.W.2.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Encls.

Secretary.

The Director-General of Medical Services,  
2, Sanctuary Buildings,  
Great Smith Street,



Brown Cottage  
Leitrim Grove  
Battersea Park Rd. S.W. 11.  
June 13<sup>th</sup> 1924

Dear Sir

Will you please send me a report of my medical board which I had on June 4<sup>th</sup>, without a notice saying I am not having treatment allowances I am not able to do anything. I have signed on the labour exchange for work & I must let them know everything, I don't want to get myself into any trouble, I have to report tomorrow to let them know, so if you could kindly, by <sup>reply</sup> letting me know I would be very pleased.

Yours faithfully  
R. Coombs.

13th June, 1924.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of to-day's date requesting a copy of the result of your Medical Board which was held at Chelsea on June 4th, 1924. I would inform you that the Board assessed the degree of disablement on account of Gunshot Wound Left Leg and Amputation of Right Leg, at the rate of 60 per cent for a period of 12 months. Treatment was not recommended by the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Mr. R. Coombs,  
Crown Cottage,  
Leitrim Grove,  
Battersea Park,  
S.W.11.

E.M.M.

Telephone: Victoria 8740.  
Telegraphic Address:  
"Warpension, Parl, London."



MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION,

2, SANCTUARY BUILDINGS,

GREAT SMITH STREET,

WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

Reply should be addressed to  
The Secretary, Ministry of Pensions,  
and the following number quoted:—

15757/4. Part 4.

(M.S.I.A.)

13 JUN 1924

Sir,

COOMBS, R. late Pte. No. 3455, Royal Newfoundland Regt.  
Crown Cottage, Leitrim Grove, Battersea, S.W.2.

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I am directed to enclose herewith the medical documents relative to the case of the above-named ex-member of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who was examined by a Medical Board at Chelsea on the 4th June, 1924, in accordance with your request of the 19th May.

As a result of this examination, the Board assessed the degree of disablement on account of Gunshot Wound Left Leg and Amputation of Right Leg at the rate of 60 per cent for a period of 12 months. Treatment was not recommended by the Board.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

for Director General of Medical Services.

The High Commissioner for Newfoundland,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

3455 R. COOMBS.  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

14th June, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of a Medical Board Report held on the above-named pensioner on the 4th June, 1924.

As a result of this examination, the Board assessed the degree of disablement on account of Gunshot Wound Left Leg and Amputation of Right Leg at the rate of 60 percent for a period of 12 months. Treatment was not recommended by the Board.,

Your further instructions are awaited in this case.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Encl.

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Board of Pensions Commissioners,  
St. John's,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

Brown Cottage  
Leitrim Lane.  
Battersea Park Rd.  
June 16<sup>th</sup> 1924. S.W. 11.

Dear Sir

Thanking you very much for the letter. Would you  
write & let me have how much account mounts up to at the  
end of the month, if I have any more money to come of this  
months will you please send it along to me & oblige

Yours faithfully  
R. Coombs

Accounts  
Called in

19th June, 1924.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your call at this Office on Tuesday last, I am directed to enclose herewith the sum of £3.0.0., (three pounds) which will be charged against your pension. A further communication will be forwarded to you later.

Kindly sign and return the enclosed receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Encls.

Secretary.

Mr. P. Coombs,  
Crown Cottage,  
Leitrim Grove,  
Battersea,  
S.W.11.

# MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

RAE/ICB.

Telegraphic Address :  
"Warpension."  
Telephone :—Battersea 1885-6.



WANDSWORTH AND BATTERSEA  
AREA OFFICE,  
66, NORTH SIDE,  
WANDSWORTH COMMON,  
S.W.18.

Our Ref: A.211.

14th July, 1924.

Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, Crown Cottage, Leintrim Grove, Battersea.  
Late Private, No. 3455, Newfoundland Regiment.

With reference to the above named pensioner, I have to inform you that a letter has been received from the Local Employment Exchange asking whether any assistance can be given with a view to the above named pensioner obtaining suitable training.

I have been in connection with the Divisional Director of Industrial Training, Ministry of Labour, who states that the pensioner cannot be accepted by that Department owing to his being an ex-Newfoundland soldier. They, therefore, suggest referring the case to you with a view to ascertaining whether you can be of any assistance in this case.

Yours faithfully,

  
Chief Area Officer.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.



3455 R. Coombs  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

16th July, 1924.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th July regarding an application from the above named relating to a course of training.

This matter is being placed before the Board of Pension Commissioners, Newfoundland, for consideration and upon receipt of a reply you will be further advised.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

The Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
66, North Side  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W.18.

3455 R. Coombs  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

16th July, 1924

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith copy of a letter dated 14th July, received from the Ministry of Pensions, for attention and any necessary action.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Encl.

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Board of Pension Commissioners,  
St. John's,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

Tower. St. Gardens.  
Alton. Hants.  
Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1924

Dear Sir

Could you be so kind as to let me know what my husband's pension is. Mr. A. Coombs. of Lower Cottage, Littleham Green. Battersea. I do not know what he gets every month, or how much he draws for myself and child he never gives me a penny, as you will see by my address I have had to leave him for his cruelty, I am not able to get back to London yet as he has burnt me about the face so, but when I am better I will come to the pay office myself. I cannot stand him any longer, he has told me many a time that he will have my money stopped that is allowed for me and go

back to Newfoundland, so if you  
would kindly oblige me by letting  
me know as I don't know what he  
does with his money.

Yours & affly

Mrs. Coombs

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Mrs. Coombs.

C/o Mrs. Ward.

Lower St. Gardens

Elton

Hants

15th August, 1924.

Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th August. If you will be good enough to call at this Office when you are better I shall be glad to discuss the matter of your Pension Allowance with you.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Mrs. R. Coombs,  
c/o Mrs. Ward,  
Tower Street Gardens,  
Alton,  
HANTS.

Lower St. Gardens.  
Alton Wants

Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> 1924

Dear Sir

As I am leaving  
the above address tomorrow  
Wednesday, I will be calling  
at your office on Thursday  
at 12<sup>th</sup> during the morning.

Yours faithfully

Mr. R. Coombe

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Brown Cottage  
Leitrim Grove.  
Battersea Park Rd.  
S.W. 11.

Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> 1924

Dear Sir

I am writing thanking you for what you have done for me, my husband, Mr Coombs, gave me the money this month as promised, he says he is coming to the office to ask for money, he is not in need of any, I hope you wont think I am taking a liberty, but if he should come for money would you kindly refuse him as it will make the money so short at the end of the month I am quite able to make the money do myself,

Yours. Faithfully  
Ethel Coombs.



to see her again. She only  
wanted him to go with her  
so that the pay master could  
talk to them and see if he  
would promise to behave  
better. he is such a terrible  
dear. My Daughter ~~got~~  
left me to day she has  
gone so that he cannot  
find her again she is so  
afraid of him her arms are  
all scratched and black  
but she went to a Dr  
and showed him. I hope

Sir you will excuse  
me bothering you but  
I must try and stop  
him if I can. I remain  
yours very respectfully  
W. A. C.

Crown Cottage  
Leicester Grove  
Battersea & New  
St

Dear Sir

Will you kindly  
excuse the liberty I am  
taking in writing to you but  
I must tell you Mr Coombes  
left his Wife on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>  
after nearly beating her wrist  
trying to force her Breast off  
he come home and told her  
he had got a room and  
demanded 3<sup>/-</sup> and because  
she did not give it to him  
he started on her knocked  
her of her Chair tore her  
blouse when I went to  
her help he struck me

has got them out for him  
once. on Friday I told my  
Daughter I could not put  
up with the worry any longer  
they would have to go if  
it did not stop, she went  
up stairs and asked him  
if he would go with her  
to see the paymaster but  
he told her he had not  
got time but he went  
himself to see the pay  
master and come home  
with the message that  
my Daughter was not to  
go to the pay office again  
as you did not want to

in the Chest as well he  
is a disgrace to anyone  
when I ordered him out of  
my kitchen he caught hold  
of the table cloth and upset  
all the tea things on the  
floor Broke the things as  
well I sent in for a friend  
to come in to our help  
then he went off we  
have not seen him  
since and I do hope  
he will stop away  
he spent 3£ in a week  
and then he took his  
drift to the pawn shop  
on Saturday<sup>th</sup> My Daughter



*St. John's*

October 13th 1924.

3455 R. Coombes,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Sir:-

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 16th July regarding the above named ex-member of the Newfoundland forces and a letter from the Ministry of Pensions, dated 14th July regarding a course of training .

I have obtained from the Archivist of Militia Records the information that on this man's discharge he was named for a course under the Civil Re-Establishment Committee. He is unable to find any record of any payment having been made in respect of this course, and I would like to point out that as the Department dealing with this matter has been closed for a considerable time and as there is no other Department dealing with such cases, that nothing can be done for Coombes at this late date.

I would be glad if you would instruct the Ministry of Pensions, accordingly.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

The High Commissioner for Nfld.,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster,  
London, S. W. 1,  
England.

212 Batter Sea The Road.  
London S.W.

Oct 21th. 1924

To the High Commissioners  
of New Foundland &c.

Sir Having left  
Mr Coombes

Crown Cottage

Batter Sea S.W.  
£1.10.0 on account, as I  
settling his wife & mother  
and now I can not find  
him. I kindly ask you  
could you help me in  
the matter, and oblige.

I am Sir

Yours Truly  
Thomas Hugh

25th October, 1924.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th October, regarding Mr. R. Coombs.

In reply I am to state that the only address we have of Mr. Coombs is:- Crown Cottage, Leirim Grove, Battersea, and if you communicate with that address they would no doubt be able to inform you of Mr. Coombs' whereabouts.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Thomas Pugh Esq.,  
212, Battersea Park Road,  
S.W.11.

3455 R. COOMBS.  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

25th October, 1924.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 14th July last, regarding the case of the above-named pensioner.

I am now in receipt of a letter from the Board of Pensions Commissioners, Newfoundland, to the effect that at the date of this man's discharge he was named for a course under the Civil Re-Establishment Committee. It is, however, now pointed out that as the Department dealing with this matter has been closed for a considerable time, it is regretted that Mr. Coombs' application cannot now be considered.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W.18.

Secretary.

Dear Sir

i have been torn out of my home  
near i live i owe my wife £12 for  
the month i want to see but  
get no reply i have to pay my Rent  
to morrow £2 is all i have to  
live on this month i be please if  
you would let have a five  
Pounds to get this week over  
i do not know were she is  
she taken all the money watch  
her

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R Brooks

12 Sugden Road

Blapton Common



28th October, 1924.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing herewith the sum of £1.0.0., (one pound) to help you in your necessitous circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.

Secretary.

Mr. R. Coombs,  
12, Sugden Road,  
Clapham Common,  
S.W.

28th October, 1924.

Dear Madam,

I am directed to inform you that we are in receipt of a letter from your husband to the effect that he has been turned out of his rooms, which I understand were rented by him from your mother, Mrs. Ward. He further states that on the 1st of this month he gave to you £12.0.0., which amount included board and lodging for the month of October.

It would appear that ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Coombs has had to find lodgings elsewhere, and although he has written to you several he has to date received no reply, and as his pension, being his sole income, was paid to you, he is in rather poor circumstances.

I shall be glad if you will let me know what amount if any has been paid by you towards his upkeep out of the allowances above referred to.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Mrs. R. Coombs,  
Crown Cottage,  
Leitrim Grove,  
S.W.11.

29/10/27

Crown Cottage  
Leicester Grove  
Battersea P. Rd  
S W

Sir

Your letter to hand this morning  
to my Daughter it had the Credit on  
or I should not have taken it  
in as I am sending all letters  
back addressed to Coombs you  
have been misinformed about  
him being turned out he gave  
me notice a week before he left  
and had his portmanteau packed  
a fortnight before he left he left  
because we told him to keep his  
own room the one he paid for  
the night he left he knocked his  
wife of a Chair broke her Braces  
and injured her wrist I sent for  
a Neighbour to come in to help  
us and after repairing the table  
he went off he wanted  
3/6 as he had let a room if  
his Wife had given it too him  
he would have spent it and

3 exchange this month it will  
be 6 £ My Daughter wants keeping  
as well as her husband and she  
has taken the rest of her money  
to keep herself and child and  
pay rent for one room until  
she gets work there is a mis-  
fuss made about her having  
the pension she has been  
permitted for 4 years are you  
all alike in Newfoundland  
one who's not allowed any  
money are they to be at a  
mans back and call and  
have nothing but blows  
and the filthy language  
2 months she has had the  
pension out of 4 half years  
he gave up the key and  
gave up possession of my  
Daughter calls I will give  
her your letter but I have  
not seen her since she left.  
S. Ward.

2 come back again the same  
night if you know the English  
law at all you must know  
I could not have turned him  
out without proper notice and  
that would have taken me about  
3 months and I should have  
to turn my Daughter out as well  
and that is a thing I should  
never have done to any of my  
children I have lived here for  
15 years and have got a clean  
name and dont owe any one  
any thing money but now I  
have got to put up with  
the annoyance of people coming  
to my door for money that I  
have borrowed he gets money  
of my Neighbours and they let  
him have it because of they  
know I am straight and  
keep decent you are under  
a mistake about Coombs having  
only his pension he has 5 £  
a month from The Labour

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 1924

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup>. I wish to inform you that my husband left me on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October after hitting me & trying to steal my bracelet, for week before he left he had threatened to leave me, you must know yourself that the English law would not allow him to be turned out of his rooms, The £12. He gave me what I owed for board rent & his weekly, which I have to pay for his clothing, He has told such terrible lies & untruths that I find it impossible to answer his letters, life has been so unbearable with him I find working for my living & am much happier, I asked him to come to the pay office with me to talk things over with you, but he said he had not the time, but he came home the same day & told me you did not wish to see me again, he would not come with me because he knew the truth would have to be told. I have just recently,



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had a miscarriage through his ill treatment, for this  
I have the doctor & nurses proof. We are a month  
behind with our bills not in advance, so really he  
owes for the time he stayed in October, I told mother  
to take no letter in for me & was very cross to  
receive this one, I do not wish to hear any more of  
my husband's terrible lies, so please do not correspond  
with me any further as I am afraid it is doing no  
good, as for him being in poor circumstances, he get  
25/- per week labour money, which includes my child & my  
allowance, what I am getting I have to work hard for  
but I much prefer it to a miserable life, the money  
which I had over after paying the bills went towards  
my moving on a own.

yours faithfully  
Mrs. B. O. O. O.

"South Western Dairy"

212 Battersea Park Road

X. 20<sup>th</sup> 1921 London S.W. 11

W. Bitchings Esq.

~~Secret~~ Secretary &c.

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. I have enquired at Crown Cottage Battersea S.W. and I have been informed that he has deserted his wife &c. three weeks ago, and please allow me to state to you that I lent him this money until he had his money down &c, and as I was serving his people with milk &c. I let him have it, and I shall be greatly obliged if you could help me - on the matter to find him &c. and oblige.

I am Sir

Yours truly

To the High

Thomas Lugh

Commissioner's Office &c.



Olinha  
R. L. Stevenson Avenue  
Westbourne  
Bournemouth  
Nov. 18. 1924

Mr. Hutchings

Dear Sir,

I have taken all things into consideration, I think it will be better for my baby & myself if Mr Coombs & I came together again, I have made all arrangements with Mr Coombs, he has promised never to ill treat me again, & it is right that I should give him another chance.

Yours. Respectfully  
Mrs. Coombs.

Brown. Cottage  
Leitrim. Grove.  
Battersea Park Rd.  
Battersea. S.W. 11.  
March. 25<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Dear Sir.

If I came up on Saturday morning would you kindly let me have my pension, I have had my wife in bed this month with influenze & have run short & oblige

Yours. faithfully  
R. Coombs

16th April, 1925.

3455 H. Coombs  
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Sir,

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to arrange for the above named pensioner to be medically examined as soon as possible. Documents in connection with this case are enclosed herewith.

Mr. Coombs' address is Crown Cottage, Leitrim Grove, Battersea Park Road, Battersea, S.W. 11.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Encls.

Secretary.

Director General of Medical Services,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
2, Sanctuary Buildings,  
Great Smith Street,  
S.W. 1.

## MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address :  
"Warpension."  
Telephone :—Battersea 1885-6.



WANDSWORTH AND BATTERSEA  
AREA OFFICE,  
66, NORTH SIDE,  
WANDSWORTH COMMON,  
S.W.18.

Ref. A.211

21st April, 1925.

Dear Sir,

re COOMBS R, late Private, 3455, Newfoundland  
Regt, of Crown Cottage, Leitrim Grove,  
Battersea.

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The above named pensioner has made application to this office for repairs to his Hanger Artificial Limb supplied in October, 1922. I am to request, therefore, that you will forward the necessary authority for the man's attendance at the Limb Fitting Centre.

Yours faithfully,

*A. Bevan*  
for Chief Area Officer.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
Victoria Street,  
S.W.

Reference A211

22nd April, 1925.

3455 R. Coombs.  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st April and in reply to inform you that authority is given for the repairs of the above named pensioner's artificial limb.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

The Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W. 18.

11th May, 1925.

3455 R. Coombs.  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of medical board report, held on the above named pensioner on the 29th April, 1925. As a result of this examination, the Board assessed that degree of disablement on account of gun shot wound left leg 6-14%, temporary more than a year; amputation right leg, 60%, combined assessment 60% for a period of twelve months. Mr. Coombs' pension expires on the 20th May and it is requested that further instructions may be transmitted as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Board of Pensions Commissioners,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

15th June, 1928.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that authority has been received from the Board of Pension Commissioners for the payment to you of a pension at the rate of 50% ( \$69.00 per month) for a further period of twelve months. A cheque for 24. 5. 1. for the period 22/5/28 to 31/5/28 is enclosed herewith.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.

Secretary.

R. Coombs, Esq.,  
493, Battersea Park Road,  
S.W. 11.



493. Battersea Park Rd.

London. S.W. 11.

June 18 - 1928

Dear Sir

I received a cheque for £4-5-1. quite safe thanking  
you for same.

Yours faithfully  
R. Coombs.

GJ.

Telephone: Victoria 8740.  
Telegraphic Address:  
"Warpension, Parl, London."

Reply should be addressed to  
The Secretary, Ministry of Pensions,  
and following number quoted:—

...15757/4...Part...6...



MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION,

2, SANCTUARY BUILDINGS,

GREAT SMITH STREET,

WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

8 MAY 1925

Sir,

Re R. Coombs, late Pte. 3455.  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.  
Crown Cottage, Leitrim Grove,  
Battersea Park Road, S.W.11.

I am directed to enclose herewith the medical documents relating to the above-named ex-member of the Newfoundland Forces, who was examined by a Medical Board at Westminster on the 29th April, in accordance with your request of the 16th April.

As a result of this examination the Board assessed the degree of disablement on account of Gun Shot Wound, left leg, 6 - 14% temporary more than a year, amputation right leg 60%, combined assessment 60% for a period of twelve months.

Treatment was not recommended by the Board.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

for Director General of Medical Services.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
High Commissioner's Offices,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

15757/4. Part 6.

8 MAY 1925

Sir,

Re R. Coombs, late Pte. 3455.  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.  
Crown Cottage, Leitrim Grove,  
Battersea Park Road, S.W.11.

I am directed to enclose herewith the medical documents relating to the above-named ex-member of the Newfoundland Forces, who was examined by a Medical Board at Westminster on the 29th April, in accordance with your request of the 16th April.

As a result of this examination the Board assessed the degree of disablement on account of Gun Shot Wound, left leg, 6 - 14% temporary more than a year, amputation right leg 60%, combined assessment 60% for a period of twelve months.

Treatment was not recommended by the Board.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) J. WALLACE,

for Director General of Medical Services.


The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
High Commissioner's Offices,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

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ST. JOHN'S HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEWFOUNDLAND  
NEWFOUNDLAND

YPREUP VYSUVWAEHT BGVHOLLEM

BURALITY

Translation With reference to my letter of the 11th May 3455 Coombs  
please expedite reply.

**Office of the High Commissioner for Newfoundland,  
 58, Victoria Street, S.W. 1.**

NOT TO BE  
 TELEGRAPHED.

Having read the Conditions printed upon the back of this form, I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded according to the said Conditions, by which I agree to abide.

Signature, .....

Address, .....

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THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.



ST JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

REPLY REFER TO

No. 2305

June 5, 1925.

The High Commissioner for Nfld.,  
58 Victoria Street,  
Westminster,  
London, England.

Re:- 3455 Pte. R. Coombes.  
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Sir:-

I have the honour to forward herewith the  
authority for Renewal of Award in the case of  
the above noted.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

BT.

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Pension No. 2305

Awards renewals etc.,

Newfoundland pensioners residing in the United Kingdom.

Name: R. Coombes  
Rank: Pte Regt. No. 3455  
Address: c/o High Commissioner for Nfld., London  
Date of Medical Re-Board: 29 April, 1925  
Disability for which pensioned: Ampt. of Right Leg.  
Degree of Disablement: 60% Period: 12 mos.  
New award expires: 21 May 1926  
Marital Status: Wife and one Child.

Pension awarded as follows:

Allowance for self.....	\$	<u>45.00</u>	per month
" " Wife.....	\$	<u>15.00</u>	"
" " 1st child....	\$	<u>9.00</u>	"
" " 2nd Child....	\$	_____	"
" " _____ Children.	\$	_____	each..\$
Total monthly allowance.....	\$	<u>69.00</u>	

Remarks:

  
Secretary.

18th June, 1925.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that authority has been received from the Board of Pension Commissioners Newfoundland, for the payment to you of a pension at the rate of 69 dollars per month for a period of 12 months as from the 22nd May 1925. A cheque for £4.14.7 being the amount due for the 21-30/5/25 is enclosed herewith. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Encls.

Mr. E. Coombs,  
Crown Cottage,  
Leitrim Grove,  
Battersea Park Road,  
S.W. 11.



Cable received from Pencom on the 18th June 1925.

With reference to your telegram of 17th June 3455 Coombs awarded 69 dollars per month for a period of 12 months. 189 Lewis awarded \$3.75 per month for a period of 12 months, letter follows. Following for Doctor Parsons:- your telegram 18th June Mrs. Taylor reports children all well, glad to hear you are progressing favourably. Did you receive my telegram 6th June asking if Mr. Pratt's brother has been to see you and if you would enquire and report if Com. Howley's claim for pension has been under consideration. Miss Dumphy finished work on the 15th everything going on well at office.

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.



ST JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

IN REPLY REFER TO

Nº 2305

June 16, 1925.

The High Commissioner for Nfld.,  
56 Victoria Street,  
Westminster, London, S W 1,  
ENGLAND.

Re:- 3455 Pte. RICHARD COOMBES.  
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Sir:-

I have the honour to enclose herewith Renewal  
of Award in the case of the above noted for your  
information and necessary action, please.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

  
Secretary.

BT.

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Pension No. 2305

Awards renewals etc.

Newfoundland pensioners residing in the United Kingdom.

Name: RICHARD COOMBES

Rank: PTE. Regt. No. 3455

Address: .c/o HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR Nfld., LONDON.

Date of Medical Re-Board: 29 APRIL 1925

Disability for which pensioned: .G.S.W. LEFT LEG AMP. RT. LEG.

Degree of Disablement: 60% Period: 12 MOS.

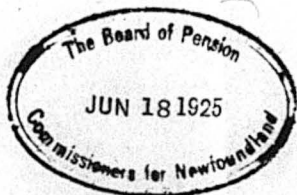
New award expires: 20 MAY 1926

Marital Status: WIFE AND ONE CHILD

Pension awarded as follows:

Allowance for self.....	\$ <u>45.00</u>	per month
" " Wife.....	\$ <u>15.00</u>	"
" " 1st child....	\$ <u>9.00</u>	"
" " 2nd Child....	\$ _____	"
" " _____ Children.	\$ _____	each..\$ _____
Total monthly allowance.....	\$ <u>69.00</u>	

Remarks:



*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Secretary.

Brown. Cottage  
Lilim Lane.  
Battersea Park Rd.  
July. 29<sup>th</sup> 1925.

Dear Sir

Could you kindly oblige me with my pension  
on Thursday, as I am rather in difficulties.

Yours Respectfully  
R. Coombs

Brown Cottage  
Belvoir Square.  
Battersea S.W. 11.

Dear Sir

Could you kindly let me have my  
pension by Saturday morning, I have run rather  
short this month

Yours Respectfully  
H. Coombs

# MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address,  
"Warpension, Wands,  
London."  
Telephone: Battersea 1885-6.



WANDSWORTH AND BATTERSEA  
AREA OFFICE,  
66, NORTH SIDE,  
WANDSWORTH COMMON,  
S.W.18.

Our ref:  
A/211 EC/EB

19th September, 1925.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
High Commissioner's Offices,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

Re:- COOMBS, Richard, Crown Cottages, Leirim Grove,  
Battersea, S.W.11.  
late Pte. 3455 - Newfoundland Regiment.

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The above named pensioner has applied to this office for repairs to his artificial limb, and I should be glad if you would kindly give authority for the same to be carried out.

Yours faithfully,

*A. Bevan*  
for Chief Area Officer.

A/211 EC/EB

22nd September, 1925.

3455 R. Coombes  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th September and in reply to inform you that authority is given for the repairs of the artificial limb of the above named pensioner.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

The Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W. 18.



Boxers. Cottage  
Belbin Lane  
Battersea Park Rd.  
S.W. 4

Dear Sir

Will you kindly let me  
have my pension by Friday night,  
as I am greatly in need of it, my  
little girl has been ill this last  
month & that has been an expense  
to me you will greatly oblige,

Yours. Respectfully  
R. Bombs.

25th September, 1925.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and in reply to inform you that under the Newfoundland War Pensions Act pensions are only to be paid monthly at the end of each month, and it is regretted that we are unable to grant your request.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

H. Coombs Esq.,  
Crown Cottage,  
Leitrim Grove,  
Battersea Park Rd.,  
S.W. 11.

Brown. Cottage  
Leitrim Grove  
Battersea Park Rd.  
London. S.W.11.

Dear Sir

Could you let me have my pension this week to help me over Christmas, if not all, could you let me have a little as I am rather short of funds for the holidays.

Yours Respectfully  
H. Bombs.

B/CH

Telephone : Victoria 8740.

Telegraphic Address :

"Warpension, Parl, London."

Reply should be addressed to  
The Secretary, Ministry of Pensions,  
and the following number quoted—

MS/Gen/1444/114. Part 4.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

-2, SANCTUARY BUILDINGS,

18, GREAT SMITH STREET,

LONDON, S.W.1.



12<sup>th</sup> January, 1926.

Sir,


R. Coombes, No. 3455, Royal New Foundland Regt.

I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to refer to your letter dated the 3rd January, 1924, sanctioning the supply of an artificial limb to the above named pensioner, and to state that under the terms of the contract governing the supply of the limb the makers (Messrs. J.E. Hanger & Co. Ltd.) have agreed to maintain the limb in repair for five years from the date of supply for the sum of £7 payable in four equal instalments which are due at the end of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th years.

As the first instalment of the maintenance fee is due on the 1st proximo I am to ask you to be good enough to state whether this pensioner is still resident in this Country, or, if he has emigrated, to give the date of emigration.

It will be appreciated if this information can be furnished at your earliest convenience, as under this Scheme maintenance charges on artificial legs supplied to officers or pensioners accrue only to the date of removal abroad or decease.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

  
for Accountant General.

*Just*  
The High Commissioner for the  
Dominion of New Foundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

Your Reference MS/GEN/1444/114 Part.4.  
3455 R. Coombs  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

14th January, 1926.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th January regarding supply of an artificial limb for the above named pensioner, and to inform you that Mr. Coombs is still resident in this country.

The charges for keeping this man's limb in repair should be paid and the account forwarded to this Office for refund.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

The Accountant-General,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
2, Sanctuary Buildings,  
Great Smith Street,  
S.W.I.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address :  
" Warpension."  
Telephone :

Replies should be addressed to  
the Chief Area Officer and the  
following No. quoted :—

A.211.

South West London Area,  
MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,  
64-66, NORTH SIDE AREA OFFICE.  
WANDSWORTH COMMON, S.W.

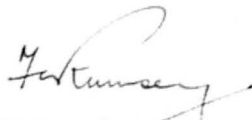
6th May, 1926.

Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, Crown Cottage, Leitrim Grove,  
Battersea, late Private, No. 3455,  
Newfoundland Regiment.

The above named pensioner has made application  
for the supply of 6 Stump Socks and I shall be glad if  
you will kindly let me have your sanction as soon as  
possible.

Yours faithfully,



for Chief Area Officer.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
High Commissioner's Offices,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

Ref. A.211.

7th, May, 1926.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th, May, and to inform you that authority is hereby given for the supply of 6 Stump Socks to Pensioner R. Coombs.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W.



29th, April, 1926.

Sir,

3455, R. Coombs,  
R. Newfoundland Regt.

I am directed to enclose herewith, medical documents relating to the case of the above named pensioner, and to ask that you will be good enough to arrange for his medical re-examination as early as possible.

Mr. Coombs' address is:-

Crown Cottage,

Leitrim Grove,

Battersea, S.W.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

The Director General  
of Medical Services,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
Sanctuary Buildings,  
18, Great Smith St, S.W. 1.

EC/ICB.

M. P. A. O. 7.

## MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address :  
" Warpension,"  
Telephone :

South West London Area,

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,  
64/66, NORTH SIDE, AREA OFFICE.  
WANDSWORTH COMMON, S.W.

Replies should be addressed to  
the Chief Area Officer and the  
following No. quoted :-

A.211.

10th May, 1926.

Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, Crown Cottage, Leitrim Grove,  
Battersea, late Private, No. 3455,  
Newfoundland Regiment.

With reference to our telephonic conversation of  
the 4th instant, I have to inform you that repairs have  
been carried out to the above named pensioner's (March 1921)  
limb, sanction for which was given by you verbally, and I am  
requested by the Medical Superintendent of Roehampton  
Hospital to forward <sup>him</sup> a copy of your sanction.

I shall be glad, therefore, if you will be good  
enough to let me have your sanction in writing.

Yours faithfully,



for Chief Area Officer.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
High Commissioner's Offices,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.



19th, May, 1926.

Ref. A/211

Sir,

3455, R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th, May, and in reply to inform you that authority is given for the repairs to the artificial limb of the above named pensioner.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Secretary.

Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W. 18.

20th, May, 1926.

Sir,                      3455, R. Coombs,  
                                 Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I have the honour to enclose herewith, copy of a Medical Board report held on the above named pensioner on the 14th, May, 1926. As a result of this examination, the Board assessed the degree of disablement on account of Amputation Right Leg, at the rate of 60 % for a period of twelve months.

Mr. Coomb's pension expires to-day, and I am to ask that further instructions may be transmitted as early as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Encl.

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Board of Pension Commissioners,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.



ST JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

June 4, 1926.

IN REPLY REFER TO  
No. M-3455

The High Commissioner for Nfld.,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1

3455 R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Medical Board report in the marginally named case, and to state that our Medical Adviser has confirmed the assessment of your Board at 60% for a period of twelve months.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Secretary.

VMD  
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29th June, 1926.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that authority has been received from the Board of Pension Commissioners, Newfoundland, for the payment to you of a pension at the rate of 60 per cent for a period of twelve months.

cheque for £18.18.2. (eighteen pounds eighteen shillings and twopence) being the amount <sup>due</sup> to you for the period 21/5/26 - 30/6/26 is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.

Secretary.

Mr. R. Coombs, Esq.,  
Crown Cottage,  
Leitrim Grove,  
BATTERSEA.



Brown. Cottage  
Leitrim. Co. Rose.  
Battersea. S.W. 11  
July. 28. 1926

Dear Sir.

Could you kindly oblige me with my  
pension on Friday as the holidays are so near.

Yours Respectfully  
A. Coombs

493. Battersea Park. Rd.  
Battersea S.W. 11.

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1926.

Dear Sir.

Having moved from our former residence, I am sending you the new address for all future communications to Mr. R. Coombs.

Yours Respectfully  
A. Coombs.

DAG-

Telephone: Victoria 8740.

Telegraphic Address:

"Warpension, Parl, London."

Reply should be addressed to  
The Secretary, Ministry of Pensions,  
and the following number quoted:—

MS/Gen/1444/114/rt:

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,

SANCTUARY BUILDINGS,

18, GREAT SMITH STREET,

LONDON, S.W.1.



15<sup>th</sup> January, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to refer to the undermentioned pensioner who has been supplied with an artificial leg under the maintenance scheme.

I am to explain that, under the terms of this scheme, the limbmaker's fee for the maintenance of a leg is subject to adjustment in the event of the pensioner's decease or emigration abroad, and it is therefore necessary, before the full fee is paid, to obtain confirmation that the pensioner is still alive and resident in this country.

In the undermentioned case, maintenance fee falls due on the 1st proximo, and in order that payment may be made at the correct rate, I am to ask you to be good enough to furnish the information requested below, and to return to this Department as early as possible.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street, S.W.1.

*[Signature]*  
for Accountant General.

Name of Pensioner.

Is he still alive  
and resident in  
this country.

If not, please state:-

Date of  
emigration  
(if abroad)

Date of  
decease  
(if dead).

Coombs, R. Pte:  
3455. R.Newfd.Regt:

Ref. MS/Gen/1444/114/Pt:

17th, January, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th January and in reply to inform you that pensioner R. Coombs, ex 3455, Royal Newfoundland Regiment is still a resident in this country.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

The Accountant General,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
Sanctuary Buildings,  
18, Great Smith Street,  
S.W. 1.

23rd, April, 1927.

Sir,                    3455, R. Coombs,  
                          Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to enclose herewith Medical documents relating to the case of the above named pensioner and to ask that you will be good enough to arrange for his medical re-examination as early as possible. Mr. Coombs' address is 493, Battersea Park Road, S.W. 11.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

Director-General  
Medical Services,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
Sanctuary Buildings,  
18, Great Smith Street,  
S.W. 1.

12th May, 1927.

Sir,                   3455. R. Coombs,  
                          Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to enclose herewith copy of a Medical Board report held on the above named pensioner on the 10th May, 1927. As a result of this examination, the Board assessed the degree of disablement on account of Amputation Right Leg at the rate of 60 % for a period of twelve months. Mr. Coombs' pension expires on the 21st May, and it is requested that further instructions may be transmitted at your earliest convenience.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Encl.

Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Board of Pension Commissioners,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.



IN REPLY REFER TO

No. M-3455

ST JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

May 31, 1927.

The High Commissioner for Nfld.,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

3455 R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of report of medical board held on May 10, in the above noted case. The award of 60% for twelve months in respect of G.S.W. Left Leg, and Amputation Right Leg, has been confirmed.

Authority for payment is enclosed herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

  
Secretary.

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THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Pension No. 2305..

Awards renewals etc.,

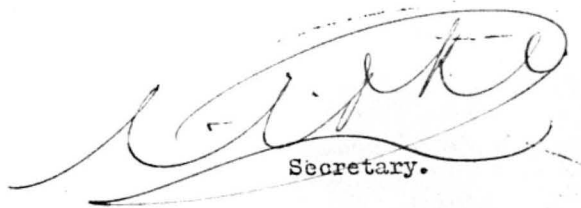
Newfoundland pensioners residing in the United Kingdom.

Name: ..... COOMBS, R. ....  
 Rank: ..... PTE. .... Regt. No. 3455 .....  
 Address: ..... U-K. ....  
 Date of Medical Re-Board: ..... 10/5/27 .....  
 Disability for which pensioned: G.S.W. LEFT LEG, AMPUTATION RIGHT LEG.  
 Degree of Disablement: ..... 60% ..... Period: ..... 12 MONTHS.  
 New award expires: ..... 21/5/28 7/8 .....  
 Marital Status: ..... Married .....

Pension awarded as follows:

Allowance for self.....	\$	45.00	per month
" " Wife.....	\$	15.00	"
" " 1st child....	\$	9.00	"
" " 2nd Child....	\$		"
" " Childrer..	\$		each..\$
Total monthly allowance.....	\$	69.00	

Remarks:

  
 Secretary.

16th June, 1927.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that authority has been received from the Board of Pension Commissioners for the payment to you of a pension at the rate of 60% ( £69.00 per month) for a further period of twelve months. Acheque for £4.5.1. (four pounds five shillings and one penny) for the period 22/5/27 to 31/5/27 is enclosed herewith.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.

Secretary.

R. Coombs, Esq.,  
493, Battersea Park Road,  
S.W.11.

493. Battersea Park Rd.  
London - S.W. 11.

Dear Sir

● Received cheque for £4-5-1. Thanking  
you for same.

yours faithfully  
R. Coombs.

## MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address :  
"Warpension,"

Telephone:

Replies should be addressed to  
the Chief Area Officer and the  
following No. quoted:—

A.211.

South West Metropolitan AREA OFFICE.  
64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W.18.

18th July, 1927.

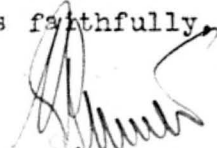
Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, Crown Cottage, Leitrim Grove,  
Batterssa, late Private, No. 3455,  
Newfoundland Regiment.

Adverting to the conversation I had with you  
over the telephone on the 15th instant relative to  
the above named man, will you kindly note that an  
application was received from this man for repairs to  
be carried out to his limb.

In accordance with the provisional sanction  
received from your Department the matter was referred  
to the Limb Fitting Centre, Roehampton, and I shall  
be glad if you will let me have written confirmation  
in due course. Perhaps at the same time you will be  
good enough to authorise the supply of Stump Socks  
which the applicant states he requires urgently.

Yours faithfully,

  
for Chief Area Officer.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

AD/ICB.

M. P. A. O. 7.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address :  
"Warpension."  
Telephone :

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following No. quoted :—

A.211.

South West Metropolitan AREA OFFICE.  
64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W.18.

28th September, 1927.

Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, 493, Battersea Park Road, S.W.  
Late Private, 3455, Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to inform you that the above named pensioner attended at the Limb Fitting Centre, Roehampton, on the 8th instant for the purpose of having repairs carried out to his artificial limb and he has now submitted a claim for compensation for loss of remunerative time.

Relative form M.P.F.81.F(C) is forwarded for your information and perhaps you will be good enough to inform me whether the sum of 7s.8d. may be refunded to him.

It is recorded on the attendance card that the man arrived at the Limb Fitting Centre at 10.s.m., and left at 12 noon.

Yours faithfully,

*Mandy*  
for Chief Area Officer.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

Your ref. A.211.

29th September, 1927.

Sir,                   3455, R. Coombs,  
                          Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 28th September and in reply to state that authority is given for the payment of 7s.8d. to the above named man in respect of a claim for compensation for loss of remunerative time.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

The Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
64, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W. 18.

AD/ICB.

M. P. A. O. 7.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address :  
"Warpension."  
Telephone :

Replies should be addressed to  
the Chief Area Officer and the  
following No. quoted :—

A.211.

South West Metropolitan AREA OFFICE.  
64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W.18.

4th October, 1927.

Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, 493, Battersea Park Road, S.W.  
Late Private, No. 3455, Newfoundland Regiment.

With reference to your communication of the  
29th ultimo, it is noted that authority is given for  
the payment of 7s.8d. but the claim form, M.P.F.81.F(C)  
was not returned with your letter. Perhaps you will  
be good enough to return the form to this Office as  
Mr.Coombs is pressing for settlement of his claim.

Yours faithfully,

*Adamsport.*

for Chief Area Officer.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.



RAR/ICB.

M. P. A. O. 7.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address :  
"Warpension."

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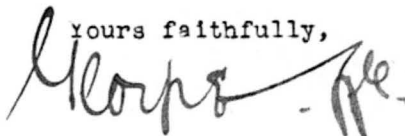
30th December, 1927.

Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, 493, Battersea Park Road, S.W.  
Late Private, No. 3455, Newfoundland Regiment.

The above named pensioner has applied to this Office for repairs to his artificial limb. As he is desirous of attending at the Limb Centre on the 2nd prox., perhaps you will be good enough to let me have a reply by return as to whether sanction is given for the necessary repairs to be carried out.

yours faithfully,



for Chief Area Officer.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

31st December, 1927.

Your ref. A.211

Sir,

3455 R. Coombs  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th December and in reply to inform you that authority is given for the repair of the above named pensioner's artificial limb.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

The Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W.18.

25th April, 1928.

Sir, 3455, R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to enclose herewith Medical documents in connection with the case of the above named pensioner and to ask that you will be good enough to arrange for his medical re-examination as early as possible.

Mr. Coombs' address is 493, Battersea Park Road, Battersea, S.W.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Encl.

Secretary.

The Director of  
Medical Services,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
Sanctuary Buildings,  
10, Great Smith Street,  
S.W. 1.

10th May, 1928.

Sir, 3455, E. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to enclose herewith Medical Board Report held on the above named pensioner on the 5th May and as a result of which the Board assessed the degree of disablement on account of Amputation Right Leg at the rate of 60% for a further period of twelve months. Mr. Coomb's pension expires on the 21st May and it is requested that you will be good enough to let me have your instructions as early as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Encl.

The Secretary,  
Board of Pension Commissioners,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

Secretary.

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.



ST JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

IN REPLY REFER TO

N<sup>o</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

May 31st., 1923.

The High Commissioner for Nfld.,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S W 1.,  
London, ENGLAND.

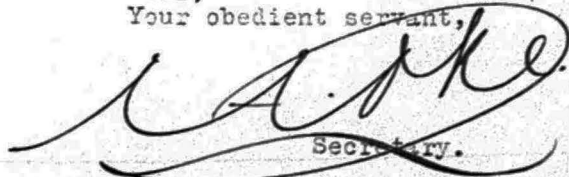
Re:- 3455, R. Coombes:  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment:

Sir:-

I have the honour to refer to your communication of May 10th., enclosing completed Medical Examination in the case of the marginally named, and to advise you that same meets with the approval of this Board and the assessment of 60% for a period of twelve months has been confirmed.

Authority for payment is enclosed herewith.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

  
Secretary.

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22/5-31/5

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Pension No. 2305.

Awards renewals etc.,

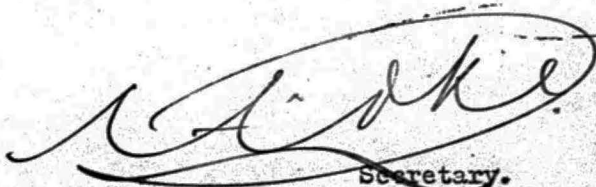
Newfoundland pensioners residing in the United Kingdom.

Name: ..... RICHARD COOMBES. ....  
Rank: ..... PTE: ..... Regt. No. .... 3455  
Address: ..... c/o HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NFLD. ....  
Date of Medical Re-Board: ..... MAY 5, 1928 .....  
Disability for which pensioned: ..... G.S.W. LEFT LEG. AMPUTATION RT. LEG. ....  
Degree of Disablement: ..... 69% ..... Period: ..... 12 months. ....  
New award expires: ..... 21ST MAY 1929 .....  
Marital Status: ..... MARRIED .....

Pension awarded as follows:

Allowance for self.....	\$ 45.00	per month
" " Wife.....	\$ 15.00	"
" " 1st child....	\$ 9.00	"
" " 2nd Child....	\$	"
" " Children..	\$	each..\$
Total monthly allowance.....	\$ 69.00	

Remarks:

  
Secretary.



PW/ICB.

M. P. A. O. 7.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

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Telegraphic Address :  
"Warpension."  
Telephone :

Replies should be addressed to  
the Chief Area Officer and the  
following No. quoted :—  
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South West Metropolitan AREA OFFICE.  
64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
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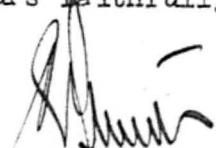
9th July, 1928.

Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, 493, Battersea Park Road, S.W.  
Late Private, 3455, Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

The above named pensioner has made application  
for repairs to his artificial limbs and I shall be glad  
if you will kindly forward sanction in order that I may  
arrange with the Limb Fitting Centre, Roehampton, for  
the repairs to be carried out.

Yours faithfully,

  
for Chief Area Officer.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.



28. Sregarson. Rd.  
Blapham, Common.  
S.W.

Oct 25 - 1928

Dear Sir

I am writing to notify you of my  
new address, please note above,

yours Respectfully  
R. Coombs

late 493 Battersea Park Rd.

ELT.

Telephone: Victoria 8740.  
Telegraphic Address:  
"Warpension, Parl, London."

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,  
SANCTUARY BUILDINGS,  
18, GREAT SMITH STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.



Reply should be addressed to  
The Secretary, Ministry of Pensions,  
and the following number quoted:—

M.S/Gen/1444/118.

*Encl.  
From A.G.T.I.  
in respect of 3000.  
R. Coombs & Partners  
to him by Mr. Kelly  
+ resident in  
the country.*

14 January, 1929.

Sir,

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I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to refer to the pensioner shown on the enclosed list, who has been supplied with an artificial leg under the maintenance scheme.

I am to explain that, under the terms of this scheme, the limb-maker's fee for the maintenance of a leg is subject to adjustment in the event of the pensioner's decease or emigration and it is, therefore, necessary before the full fee is paid, to obtain confirmation that the pensioner is still alive, and resident in this country.

In this case, a maintenance fee falls due on the 1st proximo, and in order that payment may be made at the correct rate, I am to ask you to be good enough to furnish the information requested on the attached form and to return to this Department as early as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,  
High Commissioner's Office,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

*W. E. Cobble*  
for Accountant General.

Your ref. M.S/Gen/1444/118.

16th January, 1929.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 14th January and to return herewith completed form A.G.II. in the case of 3455, R. Coombs, Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Encl.

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

The Accountant General,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
Sanctuary Buildings,  
18, Great Smith Street,  
S.W. 1.

7th May, 1929.

Sir, 3455, R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to enclose herewith Medical documents in connection with the case of the above named pensioner and to ask that you will be good enough to arrange for his medical re-examination as early as possible.

Mr. Coomb's address is 29, Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common, S.W.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Encl.

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

The Director General of  
Medical Services,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
Sanctuary Buildings,  
18, Great Smith Street,  
S.W. 1.

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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS  
MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION  
SANCTUARY BUILDINGS  
18, GREAT SMITH ST,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

31st May, 1929.

Dear Sir,

R. Coombs, Pte. No. 3455,  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

In reply to your letter of the 7th May, the medical documents relating to the above named pensioner are returned herewith.

This man has now been Boarded at Bulinga Street and the condition of G.S.W. Left Leg and Amputation of Right Leg, assessed at 60%, at which rate the condition has been assessed since 1924.

Though it is open to doubt whether the condition is actually final and stationary, as stated by the Board, in view of the presence of painful nerve bulbs and creaking in the knee, it is not considered that any very material change is likely to occur in the future.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) ?

for Director General of Medical Services.

The High Commissioner for Newfoundland,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W. 1.

Ref. Pension No. 2305.

3rd June, 1929.

Sir,

3455 R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to enclose herewith Medical Board Report held on the above named pensioner on the 23rd May and as a result of which the Board assessed the degree of disablement on account of G.S.W. Left Leg and Amputation Right Leg at the rate of 60 %, final and stationary. For your information I am also enclosing a letter dated the 31st May, received from the Ministry of Pensions regarding this case. Mr. Coomb's pension expired on the 21st May and it is requested that further instructions may be transmitted at your earliest convenience.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Encls.

The Secretary,  
Board of Pension Commissioners,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.



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Telephone: Victoria 8740.  
Telegraphic Address:  
"Warpension, Parl, London."

Reply should be addressed to  
The Secretary, Ministry of Pensions,  
and the following number quoted:—  
M.S/Gen/1444/118.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,  
SANCTUARY BUILDINGS,  
18, GREAT SMITH STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.



3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1929.

*From  
reference  
to M of P  
"Yes"*

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to refer  
to the pensioner shewn on the enclosed list, who has been  
supplied with an artificial leg under the maintenance scheme.

I am to explain that, under the terms of this scheme,  
the limb-maker's fee for the maintenance of a leg is subject to  
adjustment in the event of the pensioner's decease or  
emigration and it is, therefore, necessary before the full fee  
is paid, to obtain confirmation that the pensioner is still  
alive and resident in this country.

In this case, a maintenance fee falls due on the  
1st proximo, and in order that payment may be made at the  
correct rate, I am to ask you to be good enough to furnish the  
information requested on the attached form and to return to  
this Department as early as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. R. G. Coombs*

The Secretary,  
High Commissioner's Office,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.  
for Accountant General.



ADG/IGB.

M. P. A. O. 7.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address  
"Warpension."  
Telephone:

Any further correspondence on  
this subject should be addressed  
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64/66, North Side,  
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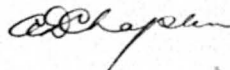
10th June, 1929.

Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, 28, Tregarvon Road, S.W.11.  
Late Private, 3455, Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

The above named pensioner has made application  
for the supply of Stump Socks and your sanction is awaited  
before any further action is taken.

Yours faithfully,



for Chief Area Officer.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

Your ref. A. 211.

11th June, 1929.

Dear Sir,                   3455, R. Coombs,  
                                  Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10th June and in reply to state that authority is hereby given for the supply of Stump Socks to the above named pensioner.

Yours faithfully,

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

The Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W. 18.

ADC/ICB.

M. P. A. O. 7;

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address  
"Warpension."

Telephone:

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to the Chief Area Officer and the  
following No. quoted:—

A.211.

64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W.18.


25th June, 1929.

Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, 28, Tregarvon Road, Clapham  
Common, late Private, No. 3455, Royal  
Newfoundland Regiment.

For your information a supply of Stump Socks  
was forwarded to the above named pensioner on the  
18th instant.

Yours faithfully,



for Chief Area Officer.

The Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.



ST JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

IN REPLY REFER TO  
N<sup>o</sup>. M- 3455.

June 20th., 1929.

Office of  
The High Commissioner for Nfld.,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminister, S W 1.,  
London, ENGLAND.

Re:- 3455, R. Coomes,  
Royal Nfld., Regiment:

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication of June 3rd., enclosing completed Medical Documents relative to the case of the marginally.

I have to advise you that our Act., Medical Adviser has approved of the assessment of 60% in this case, but for a period of twenty-four months, and not final assessment.

Authority for payment is enclosed herewith,

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*H. P. H. H.*  
Actg. Secretary.

BT:

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Pension No. 2305.

Awards renewals etc.,

Newfoundland pensioners residing in the United Kingdom.

Name: RICHARD COOMBES.  
 Rank: PTE: ..... Regt. No. 3455  
 Address: c/o High Commissioner's Office,  
 Date of Medical Re-Board: May 23, 1929  
 Disability for which pensioned: G.S.W. LEFT LEG  
AMPUTATION RIGHT LEG.  
 Degree of Disablement: 60% ..... Period: 24 months.  
 New award expires: MAY 21st, 1931  
 Marital Status: MARRIED

Pension awarded as follows:

Allowance for self.....	\$ 45.00	per month
" " Wife.....	\$ 15.00	"
" " 1st child.....	\$ 9.00	"
" " 2nd Child.....	\$	"
" " Children.....	\$	each..\$
Total monthly allowance.....	\$ 69.00	

Remarks:

June 20th., 1929.

*W. Russell*  
 Secretary.

5th July, 1929.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that authority has<sup>to-day</sup> been received from the Board of Pension Commissioners for Newfoundland for the payment to you of a pension at the rate of 60% (\$69.00 per month) for a further period of twenty-four months expiring May 31st, 1931. A cheque for £18. 8. 8. for the period 22/5/29 to 30/6/29 is enclosed herewith.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Encls.

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

Mr. R. Coombs,  
28, Tregarvon Road,  
Clapham Common,  
S.W.



**QUEEN MARY'S (ROEHAMPTON) HOSPITAL**  
FOR SAILORS, SOLDIERS, AND ARMEN WHO LOST THEIR LIMBS IN THE WAR.

*Patroness :*  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

*Presidents :*  
THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY.  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR.  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR.  
THE MINISTER OF PENSIONS.

TELEPHONE : PUTNEY 6131/4

*All communications should be addressed to  
the Medical Superintendent.*

ROEHAMPTON HOUSE,  
ROEHAMPTON, S.W.15

Q.M.11515.

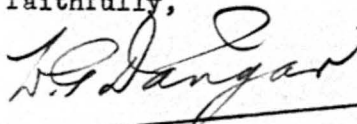
18th November, 1929.

Dear Sir,

Re:- R. Coombs. 3455. Newfoundland Regt.  
28. Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common.  
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Would you be good enough to note in the case of the above-named Newfoundland patient that he applied direct to this Centre for repairs to be executed to his Hanger metal limb of January, 1924, which he despatched here. The repairs were duly effected by the firm concerned and the limb returned to the patient on the 13th instant, the requisite work being performed under the maintenance scheme. No attendance on the part of the pensioner was necessary in connection therewith.

Yours faithfully,



For Medical Superintendent.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

D/DS.



MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address

"Warpension."

Telephone:

Any further correspondence on this subject should be addressed to the Chief Area Officer and the following No. quoted:-

A. 211.

64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W.18.

8th May, 1930.

Dear Sir,

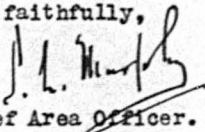
Richard COOMBS, 28, Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common.  
Late Private, No. 3455, Newfoundland Regiment.

It is notified for your information that the above named man applied for treatment for his disability Amputation Right Leg and on examination on the 5th instant it was recommended that he should be referred to the Limb Surgeon at Roehampton Hospital for an opinion as to the necessity for treatment.

The necessary action has been taken in this connection and the report from the Limb Surgeon on M.S.D.92 dated 6th May, 1930, states:-

"The above named man attended 6.5.30. To report again 13.5.30. While at home he will be unable to work at his ordinary occupation as Mill Hand because he will be prevented by the condition of his stump from wearing a suitable artificial limb either permanent or provisional."

Yours faithfully,



for Chief Area Officer.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

Your ref. A.221.

12th May, 1930.

Dear Sir,      3455, Richard Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 8th May regarding the above named man's application to you for treatment for his disability Amputation Right Leg and the report in this connection by the Limb Surgeon at Roehampton Hospital is noted. It is also noted that Mr. Coombs should again report at Roehampton Hospital on 13.5.30. and it would be appreciated if the Report (M.S.D.92.) arising out of his examination on this occasion could be forwarded to me at the above address. It would also be appreciated if the Report (M.S.D.92) dated 6th May, or copy thereof on Form M.S.D.92, referred to in your letter under reference, could also be sent to me here. Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common, S.W. 18.

AD/ICB.

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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address  
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64/66, North Side,  
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S.W.18.

14th May, 1930.

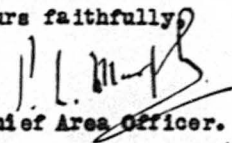
Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, 28, Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common.  
Late Private. No. 3455. Newfoundland Regiment.

With reference to your communication of the 12th instant,  
--- the attached reports on M.S.D.92 dated the 6th and 13th May are  
forwarded to you as requested.

Any further reports received from the Limb Fitting Centre,  
Roehampton, will be sent to you without delay.

Yours faithfully

  
for Chief Area Officer.

The Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

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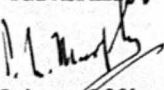
21st May, 1930.

Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, 28, Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common.  
Late Private, No. 3455, Newfoundland Regiment.

With further reference to your communication of the  
12th instant, a report on M.S.D.92 dated the 20th instant is  
forwarded for your necessary information.

Yours faithfully,



for Chief Area Officer.

The Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
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29th May, 1930.

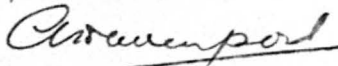
Dear Sir,

Richard COOMBS, 28, Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common.  
Late Private. No. 3455, Newfoundland Regiment.

With further reference to your communication of the 12th instant, the attached reports, M.S.D. 92 and 92A, are forwarded for your information.

It will be seen that on the 27th May the man was seen by the Limb Surgeon and again on the 28th May which accounts for the two reports.

Yours faithfully,



for Chief Area Officer.

The Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster,  
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ROEHAMPTON HOUSE,

ROEHAMPTON, S.W.15

When replying please quote:-

Q.M.11515

30th May, 1930.

Dear Sir,

Re - COOMBS. R. (3455) Newfoundland Regt.  
28, Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common.  
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Will you please refer to the file of the above named Newfoundland pensioner, your case number unknown, who applied to this Centre for action to be taken in connection with repairs to both of his artificial limbs which were ill fitting, and the work was proceeded with under your general authority quoted in your letter of the 6th September 1922.

He first reported here on the 6th instant and his Hanger metal limb of January 1924 was dealt with in the matter of the socket and container and other repairs as found requisite, but the patient's stump was found to be badly rubbed and he was referred to his Chief Area Officer for treatment until it had recovered to normal and he could take delivery of the limb.

On the 13th instant the stump was found to be ready for fittings to be proceeded with. The limb was therefore completed and the patient again reported on the 27th instant and took delivery.

His other limb a Hanger of March 1921 is held in our Store pending refitting as found requisite by the Limb Fitting Surgeon but action in this matter will be suspended until it is seen how the patient progresses with the 1924 Hanger limb.

On



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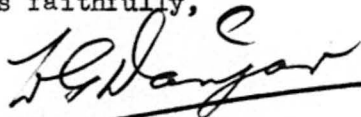
Q.M.11515

30th May, 1930.

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On the 28th instant, however, the patient again had occasion to report complaining that the corset of the 1924 Hanger limb had caused a swelling at the top of his thigh and this was found on examination to be the case. An order was placed to adjust the corset free of charge and the patient was referred back again to rest his stump for a period of one week, he being unable to continue with his employment. However, he reattended here to-day for further examination, the stump was found to have recovered, the adjustment of the corset was completed and the limb again passed as satisfactory. Form 92a has this day been despatched to his Chief Area Officer.

Yours faithfully,



for Medical Superintendent.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster. S.W.1.

D/MT.



31st May, 1930.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the fitting of your new artificial limb I have been advised by the Ministry of Pensions that from the 6th May to time of writing you have been recommended for Outpatient Treatment Allowances, which are payable at the rate of \$115.00 per month in your case. I am accordingly enclosing herewith cheque for £22. 1. 1. being pension @ \$69.00 per month from 1st May to 5th May, and Outpatient Treatment Allowances @ \$115.00 per month from 6th May to 31st May. This payment is of course subject to confirmation and approval by the Board of Pension Commissioners for Newfoundland, whom I am advising of my action in this connection. Kindly acknowledge receipt and return completed pink certificate, also enclosed, at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Encls.

Mr. R. Coombs,  
28, Tregarvon Road,  
Clapham Common,  
S.W.

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

Telegraphic Address  
"Warpension."

Telephone:

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A.211

64-66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common,  
S.W.19.  
4th. June, 1930.

The Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
56, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

COOMES, Richard, of 29, Tregarvon Road,  
S.W.4., late Pte. 3455 Newfoundland Regt.  
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With further reference to your communication of  
the 12th. ulto., I enclose herewith copy of a letter  
received from the Medical Superintendent, Roehampton  
Hospital, and Form M.S.D.92A. It will be seen that  
the pensioner attended on the 30th. May and took  
delivery of his artificial limb.

Yours faithfully,

*Adams*

for Chief Area Officer.

COPY.

QUEEN MARY'S (ROEHAMPTON) HOSPITAL,  
S.W.15.

3rd. June, 1930

Dear Sir,

re R.COOMBS, 3455, Newfoundland Regt.,  
28, Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common.  
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Referring to the case of the above-named pensioner, your File No.A.211 and my LO/60 of the 29th.ulto., would you be good enough to note that following despatch to you of the former LO/60 dated the 6th. May the patient duly re-attended on the 13th. idem and Form M.S.D.92 up to the 27th. May was despatched to you when the pensioner was called to take delivery of the Hanger metal limb which was under repair. He duly reported and took delivery of the limb and Form M.S.D.92A ceasing allowances was then despatched to you. The patient, however, re-attended on the following day complaining that the corset of the limb had caused a swelling at the top of the thigh, etc., as intimated in my LO/60 of the 23th. May referred to above. The patient was then called on Form M.P.F.59 to report here again on the 3rd. June but actually attended on the 3~~rd~~th. May, when he took delivery of the limb again after the corset had been adjusted to the Surgeon's satisfaction. A further Form M.S.D.92A was then despatched to you as from that date, ceasing allowances in that the patient was in possession of an efficient artificial limb for his further use. The Record Card Sub-file is returned herewith,

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) W.G.Dangar,

for Medical Superintendent.

Ref. Pension No. 2305.

19th June, 1930.

Sir,

3455, R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I have the honour to inform you that the above named pensioner in the early part of May complained that his artificial limbs were giving him trouble, and arrangements were accordingly made to have him seen by the Limb Fitting Surgeon at Roehampton Hospital. Mr. Coombs reported at Roehampton Hospital on the 6th May and had his Hanger metal limb of January 1924 satisfactorily repaired, his stump having recovered and all necessary adjustments being passed as satisfactory by the Surgeon on the 31st May. During the time he was having his stump and limb attended to, viz:- 6th May to 31st May inclusive, he was considered unable to work at his ordinary occupation, and Outpatient Treatment Allowances were accordingly paid to him for that period, pending your confirmation.

Mr. Coombs' other limb, a Hanger of March 1921 is being held at Roehampton Hospital, pending refitting as found requisite by the Limb Fitting Surgeon, and action in this matter will be suspended until it is seen how the patient progresses with the 1924 Hanger.

A copy of a letter dated 31st May, received from Roehampton Hospital, being a general report on this case, is enclosed for your information and forms M.P.M.S.D. 92 and 92A, dealing with the Ministry's recommendations for Outpatient Treatment Allowances are being attached to the Casualty Return of Pensioners for the month of May, 1930, which will be forwarded in the usual way with the audited Summarised Statement and Schedule of Pension Payments for the same period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Encl.

The Secretary,  
Board of Pension Commissioners,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pension

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.



ST JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

IN REPLY REFER TO  
N<sup>o</sup> M-3455

July 3rd., 1930.

Officer paying Newfoundland pensions,  
Office of the High Commissioner for Nfld.,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S W 1.,  
London, England.

Re:- 3455, R. Coombes;  
Royal Nfld., Regiment..

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
June 19th., enclosing a copy of a letter received  
from the Queen Mary's (Roehampton) Hospital, relative  
to the case of the marginally named.

In reply I have to advise you that the action  
taken is awarding Mr. Coombes Out-Patient Allowances  
is hereby confirmed.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

  
Secretary.

CCO/BT:

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ROEHAMPTON HOUSE,  
ROEHAMPTON, S.W.15

When replying please quote:-

Q.M.11515

18th July, 1930.

Dear Sir,

Re - COOMES. R. (3455) Newfoundland Regt.  
28, Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common.  
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With reference to the case of the above named Newfoundland pensioner who is a right leg amputee and in possession of two artificial limbs, namely a Hanger wooden No.8 of 22.3.21 and a Hanger metal No.8 of 16.1.24, I beg to inform you he attended at this Centre on the 16th instant and complained that the Hanger wooden limb no longer fitted him and asked for a second Hanger metal leg.

On examination it was found the 1921 leg requires the following:-

New socket.  
New block leather tuber bearing corset.  
Heel, instep and toe rubbers.  
Pad and cover heel and sole.  
Suspenders.

This patient has a difficult stump.

The repairs required are extensive and, in view of the difficult nature of the fitting, it is recommended that the first leg be condemned and that the patient be fitted with a Hanger metal No.8 with leather socket, block leather tuber bearing thigh corset, wood foot and double

suspenders.



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suspenders.

Your instructions in this case will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



for Medical Superintendent.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster. S.W.1.

NWK/MT.



Your Reference Q.M.11515

24th July, 1930.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th July regarding the case of R. Coombs and in reply to state that authority is given for the supply of an artificial limb to this man.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

The Medical Superintendent,  
Queen Mary's (Roehampton) Hospital,  
Roehampton House,  
S.W.15.

FJ.

Telephone: Victoria 8740.

Telegraphic Address:

"Warpension, Parl, London."

Reply should be addressed to  
The Secretary, Ministry of Pensions,  
and the following number quoted:—

D.M. 197015. (M.S.A.)



MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,  
MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION,  
SANCTUARY BUILDINGS,  
18, GREAT SMITH STREET,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1930.

Sir,

re COOMBS, R., late Private, 3455,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to inform you that the above named man has made application for a supply of stump socks and to enquire whether you approve of the supply.

It is noted that in your letter dated 6th September, 1922, you gave a general authority for future repairs necessary to this man's artificial limb and I am to enquire whether the supply of stump socks which are necessary with the use of the limb may be regarded as covered by that authority or whether it is desired that each application for these articles should be referred to you as and when received.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

for Director General of Medical Services.

The Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions,  
High Commissioners Offices,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

Your Reference V.N.197015.M.S.4.

24th July, 1930.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd July and in reply to state that authority is given for the supply of stamp sock to Mr. R. Coombs.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary

The Director-General of Medical Services  
Ministry of Pensions,  
Sanctuary Buildings,  
18, Great Smith Street,  
S.W.1.,

E.C. Telephone: Victoria 8740.

Telegraphic Address:  
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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,  
MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION,  
SANCTUARY BUILDINGS,  
18, GREAT SMITH STREET,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

7 - AUG 1930  
August, 1930.

Sir,

R. Coombs, 3455, Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to refer to your letter of the 24th July and to state that six stump socks were duly despatched to the above named pensioner on the 1st August.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*W. H. H. H.*  
for Director General of Medical Services.

The Secretary,  
High Commissioner's Offices,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

1st September, 1930.

Dear Sir,                    3455, R. Coombs,  
                                 Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

With reference to our telephone conversation of this afternoon regarding the above named pensioner, authority is hereby given to carry out certain minor repairs to Mr. Coomb's Hanger limb, as requested by him.

Yours faithfully,

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

The Medical Superintendent,  
Queen Mary's (Roehampton) Hospital,  
Roehampton House,  
Roehampton, S.W. 15.

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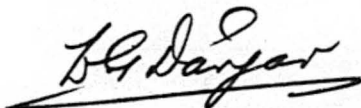
Dear Sir,

Re - COOMBS. R. (3455) Newfoundland Regt.  
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With reference to your letter of the 24th July last in the case of the above named Newfoundland pensioner, will you please note the requisite order was placed for a new Hanger metal No.8 limb, the patient last reporting on the 1st September and taking delivery thereof.

With regard to your letter of the 1st instant in respect of the patient's other limb the Hanger metal of July 1924, will you kindly note that the requisite order in respect of repairs as found essential was placed with that firm and the conclusion of the case will be reported to you in due course.

Yours faithfully,



for Medical Superintendent.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster. S.W.1.

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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS.

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64/66, North Side,  
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S.W.18.

11th September, 1930.

Dear Sir,

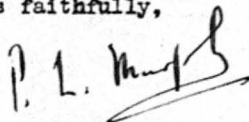
Richard COOMBS, 28, Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common.  
Late Private, No. 3455, Newfoundland Regiment.

The above named pensioner has attended on two occasions at the Limb Fitting Centre for repairs to his artificial limbs and has claimed loss of remunerative time.

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Forms F.81.F(C) are enclosed for favour of your instructions as to the amount which should refunded to the man.

Please return the forms together with your reply.

Yours faithfully,



for Chief Area Officer.

The Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.



Your ref. A.211.

13th September, 1930.

Dear Sir,

3455, R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 11th September advising that the above named pensioner has claimed for loss of remunerative time while attending the Limb Fitting Centre at Roehampton for repairs to his artificial limbs and to state that the amount of 8/10 is hereby authorised for payment to Mr. Coombs in this connection.

Forms M.P.F. 81 F. (C) are returned herewith as requested.

Encls.

Yours faithfully,

The Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common, S.W. 18.

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

16th September, 1930.

Dear Sir,            3455, R. Coombs,  
                         Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to refer to my letter of the 13th instant incorrectly stating that the amount of 8/10 is authorised for payment to Mr. Coombs for loss of remunerative time while attending the Limb Fitting Centre at Roehampton. The correct amount in this connection is 17/8d. and I shall be glad if you will regard this letter as your authority for the payment of 17/8d. to Mr. Coombs instead of 8/10d. as already stated.

Apologising for any inconvenience which may have been caused you.

Yours faithfully,

The Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common, S.W. 18.

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

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Q.M.11515

3rd October, 1930.


ROEHAMPTON HOUSE,  
ROEHAMPTON, S.W.15

Dear Sir,

Re - COOMBS. R. (3455) Newfoundland Regt.  
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Following my communication Q.M.11515 of the 4th September and previous correspondence in the case of the above named Newfoundland pensioner, will you kindly note he last reported at this Centre on the 29th ultimo and took delivery of his 1924 Hanger metal artificial limb on completion of requisite repairs.

Yours faithfully,



for Medical Superintendent.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster. S.W.1.

D/MT.

Your ref. Q.M.11515.

6th October, 1930.

Dear Sir,

3455, R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd October regarding the case of the above named pensioner and to inform you that the contents of your letter under reference have been duly noted.

Yours faithfully,

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

The Medical Superintendent,  
Queen Mary's (Roehampton) Hospital,  
Roehampton House,  
S.W. 15.

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M. P. A. O. 7.

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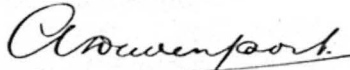
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for Chief Area Officer.

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58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S.W.1.

Your ref. A.211.

10th October, 1930.

Dear Sir,

3455, R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th October advising that the above named pensioner has claimed for loss of remunerative time while attending on two occasions at the Limb Fitting Centre at Roehampton for repairs to his artificial limbs and to state that the amount of 17/10d. as certified by Mr. Coomb's employer, is hereby authorised for payment to Mr. Coombs in this connection.

Forms M.P.F. 81 F. (C) are returned herewith as requested.

Encls.

Yours faithfully,

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

The Chief Area Officer,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
64/66, North Side,  
Wandsworth Common, S.W. 18.

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ROEHAMPTON HOUSE,  
ROEHAMPTON, S.W.15

When replying please quote :-

Q.M.11515

31st December, 1930.

Dear Sir,

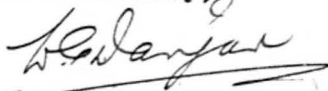
Re - COOMBS. R. (3455) Royal Newfoundland Regt.  
28, Tregarvon Road, Clapham Common. S.W.11.  
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Will you be good enough to note in your records that the above named Newfoundland pensioner despatched to this Centre for repairs his Hanger metal limb, ordered here on the 28th July last. These were placed in hand, duly completed, and the limb returned to the patient by Messrs. Carter Paterson & Co. on the 29th instant.

The following repairs were found essential on examination and were executed under the Maintenance Scheme:-

Instep and heel rubbers.  
Bush ankle.  
Ankle staple.

Yours faithfully,



for Medical Superintendent.

The Secretary,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster. S.W.1.

D/MT.



Your ref. Q.M.11515 .

2nd January, 1931.

Dear Sir,

3455, R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo advising that certain repairs were effected to the Hanger metal limb ordered on the 28th July last for the above named pensioner, the particulars of which have been duly noted.

Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

The Medical Superintendent,  
Queen Mary's (Roehampton) Hospital,  
Roehampton House,  
Roehampton, S.W. 15.

19th March, 1931.

Sir,                    3455, R. Coombs,  
                          Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am directed to enclose herewith medical documents relating to the case of the above named pensioner and to ask that you will be good enough to arrange for his medical re-examination as early as possible.

Mr. Coombs' address is 16, Marmion Road, Clapham Common, S.W.

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I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Encl.

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

The Director General  
of Medical Services,  
Ministry of Pensions,  
Sanctuary Buildings,  
18, Great Smith Street,  
S.W. 1.

Ref. Pension No. 2305.

24th April, 1931.

Sir,

3455. R. Coombs,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I have the honour to enclose herewith Report of Medical Board held on the above named pensioner on the 9th April and as a result of which the Board assessed the degree of disablement on account of Amputation Right Leg and G.S.W. Left Leg at the rate of 60%, final and stationary. I am also enclosing Form M.P.M.S.D. 61. giving an X-ray report in connection with this case, together with the relative skiagrams, which are also forwarded herewith.

Mr. Coomb's present award will expire on the 21st May and it is requested that your further instructions may be transmitted as early as possible.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Encls.

The Secretary,  
Board of Pension Commissioners,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.



ST JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

IN REPLY REFER TO  
N<sup>o</sup> M-3455

June 2nd., 1931.

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions,  
Office of The High Commissioner,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster, S W 1.,  
London, ENGLAND.

Re:- 3455, R. Coombes,  
Royal Newfoundland Regt:

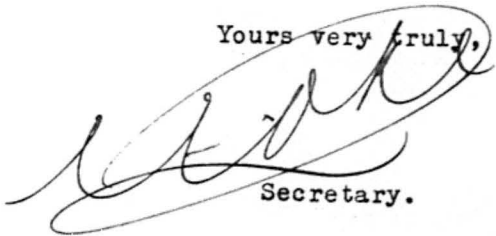
Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of April 24th., enclosing completed Medical Examination in the case of the marginally named.

I have to advise you that our Medical Adviser has approved of the assessment of 60% in this case, for a period of twelve months, expiring May 21st/32.

Authority for payment of pension is forwarded herewith.

Yours very truly,

  
Secretary.

BT:

THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Pension No. 230 5-

Awards renewals etc.,

Newfoundland pensioners residing in the United Kingdom.

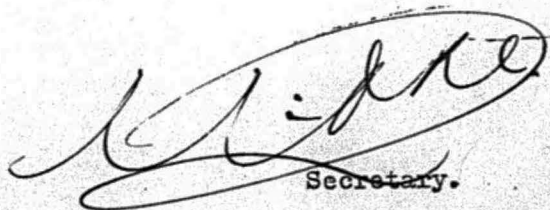
Name: ..... **R. Coombes** .....  
Rank: ..... **Pte;** ..... Regt. No. ..... **3455** .....  
Address: ..... **c/o Officer Paying Mfld., Pensions,** .....  
Date of Medical Re-Board: ..... **9th April 1931** .....  
Disability for which pensioned: .. **G.S.W. Left Leg.** .....  
Degree of Disablement: .. **60%** ..... Period: .. **12 months.** .....  
New award expires: .. **May 21, 1932.** .....  
Marital Status: .. **Married.** .....

Pension awarded as follows:

Allowance for self.....	\$	<u>45.00</u>	per month
" " Wife.....	\$	<u>15.00</u>	"
" " 1st child....	\$	<u>9.00</u>	"
" " 2nd Child....	\$	<u>          </u>	"
" " Childrer..	\$	<u>          </u>	each..\$
Total monthly allowance.....	\$	<u>69.00</u>	

Remarks:

May 30, 1931

  
Secretary.

17th June, 1931.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that authority has to-day been received from the Board of Pension Commissioners for Newfoundland for the payment to you of a pension at the rate of 60% (\$69.00 per month) for a further period of twelve months, expiring 21st May, 1932. You have been paid pension up to and including the 21st May, 1931, and at the end of this month you will be paid pension for the period 22.5.31. to 30.6.31., and thereafter monthly at the end of each month in the usual way.

Yours faithfully,

Officer Paying Newfoundland Pensions.

Mr. R. Coombs,  
16, Marmion Road,  
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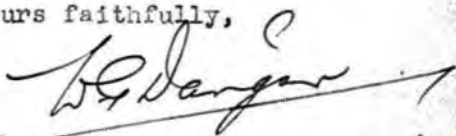
14th July, 1931.

Dear Sir,

Re:- R. Coombs. 3455. R.Newfoundland Regt.,  
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I beg to inform you for your records that the above-named pensioner wrote a letter to this Centre on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant requesting the supply of corset laces for each of his Hanger metal artificial limbs. The requisite order was placed and the accessories despatched to the patient by post from this Centre on the 13th instant. The order was placed on the firm of Messrs Hanger under their maintenance scheme.

Yours faithfully,



for Medical Superintendent.

The Officer Paying  
Newfoundland Pensions,  
Dominion of Newfoundland,  
High Commissioner's Offices,  
58, Victoria Street, S.W.1.

D/DS.