

THE REGIMENT

# First Newfoundland Regiment

## ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1585.

Name in full James Matthew Cron. Age 19

Address Harbour Grace.

~~Married~~ Single  Height 5 ft 4 in Weight 115

Color Fresh Hair Light Brown Eyes Blue.

Other distinguishing marks Scar on Little finger of Right hand

Nearest relative (Mother) Emma.

Address Harbour Grace.

Dependents None.

Occupation Student Present Wage

Previous service

Decorations

General Remarks

Date of Enlistment June 4th 1915

I, James Matthew Cron, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty, and that I will faithfully serve His Majesty in any place where I may be needed (or in the Colony of Newfoundland, as the case may be), against all His enemies and opposers whatsoever, according to the condition of my service.

James M Cron.

Declared before me this 5 day

of June 1915  
J. J. [Signature]  
Lieut.

## DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

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

Reg. No. 1915

Name James Matthew Cron

Apparent age 30 years 0 months. Height 5 feet 4 inches.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded \_\_\_\_\_ inches.  
Range of expansion \_\_\_\_\_ inches.

Distinctive marks Color: Fresh, Hairs Light Brown, Eyes: Blue

Other distinguishing marks: Scar on little finger of right hand

### INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Emma Cron, Harbour Grace

| Relationship Mother

#### Particulars as to Marriage.

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.  
(c) Present address. (d) Signature of Officer verifying entry from certificate.

|     |     |     |                                   |
|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------------|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d)<br>Verified from certificate. |
|     |     |     |                                   |

#### Particulars as to Children.

| Christian Names | Date and Place of Birth | (d)                        |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
|                 |                         | Verified from certificate. |

### STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

| Corps in which served  | Regt. or Depot | Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c. | Army Rank | Dates | Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension |      | Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. O. Pay |      | Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries |
|--|----------------|---|-----------|-------|--|------|--|------|---|
|  |                |   |           |       | years  | days | years  | days |   |
| Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>4/6/15</u>  |                |   |           |       |  |      |  |      |   |
| Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>4 June, 1915</u> <u>Embarked for U.K. 17/6/15.</u>                         |                |   |           |       |  |      |  |      |   |
| <u>Embarked for B.E.F. 8/4/16. Joined Batt. 26/4/16.</u>   |                |   |           |       |  |      |  |      |   |
| <u>Exp. to Capt. German. Wounded 19/5/16. Discharged 30/5/16.</u>  |                |   |           |       |  |      |  |      |   |
| <u>Wounded Beaumont Hamel 17/11/16. Sp. 150th Bn. E. Inf. 2nd Div. 3/1/16.</u>                               |                |   |           |       |  |      |  |      |   |
| <u>Invalided to England 4/1/17. Adm. 32nd Hosp. 4/7/16.</u>  |                |   |           |       |  |      |  |      |   |
| <u>Joined 16/18/16. Embarked for B.E.F. 15/2/17.</u>   |                |   |           |       |  |      |  |      |   |
| <u>Joined Batt. 4/3/17. Officially reported "Missing" 14/4/17.</u>   |                |   |           |       |  |      |  |      |   |
| <u>Killed in Action 14/4/17. Buried on 14/4/17.</u>  |                |   |           |       |  |      |  |      |   |
| Total Service forfeited as above ... ..  |                |   |           |       |  |      |  |      |   |
| Total Service towards Engagement to <u>Kin A. 14/4/17</u> (date of discharge) <u>1</u> years <u>3/5</u> days |                |   |           |       |  |      |  |      |   |
| " " " Pension " ( " ) " " "  |                |   |           |       |  |      |  |      |   |

Regimental Number 1585

Company H.

THE  
1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

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I hereby enlist for service at home or abroad in the King's Forces under the following conditions:

For the duration of the present war, or until my discharge.

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

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

Signed

J. M. Cron

Witness

Chas. A. Ayrce Capt.

Dated at

St. John's - Nfld.

April 5th. 1916.

C.R. 1585

James M. Cron was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ~~...~~<sup>M</sup> June 4th 1915.  
Regimental No 1585 was allotted to Pte. J.M. CRON.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

C.R. 1585

May 21st, 1919

James Cron, Esq .

Hr. Grace

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of Jan. 7th addressed to the Chief Paymaster, London, regarding any further effects of your son, No. 1585, Pte. J. Cron, I beg to say that we have to-day received communication from the Chief Paymaster, requesting us to inform you in reply to your letter that further enquiry has been made to General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon, but that office has not been able to trace any of the deceased soldier's effects, other than the articles forwarded to you.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

Department of Militia

C.R. 15-85

MEMORANDUM

No. 128/1585

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From

MINISTER OF MILITIA,  
ST. JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND  
April 10th, 1919

To

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records  
Pay & Record Office  
The Royal Nfld. Reg  
58 Victoria Street  
London, S.W.1  
6921

SUBJECT:

No. 1585, Private J. Cron

REPLY

Dated 6th May, 1919.

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

The father of the above named deceased soldier has written me enquiring if any further particulars concerning the death of his son are obtainable, and also if any personal effects other than already received could be procured. Will you please cause enquiries to be made with a view to ascertaining whether everything obtainable concerning this soldier has been sent to this country.

It is regretted that no further information is obtainable than that contained in My Nos. ~~12149/120~~ ~~120~~ ~~120~~ ~~120~~ 9488/18 of 14/9/17 12149/120 of 13/11/17 14424/235/R.&C.C of 24/12/17 and 6277/249/P&A.A. of 23/4/19.

*J. B. Anderson*  
Capt.,  
For Chief Staff Officer.

*J. P. Bennett*

Minister of Militia.

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| NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,<br>PAY & RECORD OFFICE. |       |
| Ref. Nos IN                                      | 3370. |
| ec'd   |       |
| ck'd   | Ans'd |
| Ref. Nos. OUT                                    |       |
| ACTED UPON                                       |       |
| SEARCHED   | DATE  |
| INDEXED  | BY    |
| FILED  |       |
| P.S.   |       |

**NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.**

**MEMORANDUM.**

Ng277/249/P&A

C.R. 1585

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

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

April 23rd '19

FM/FK.

**SUBJECT:**

1585 PTE. J. CRON (DECEASED)  
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.  
Reference Nos. 12149/120 13/11/17.  
14424/235 24/12/17.

With reference to the  
above quoted memoranda and the  
following letter from Mr. James  
Cron, Harbor Grace, Nfld, 7/1/19,  
(1131):-

"Have you heard anything  
"else since of Pte. James  
"M. Cron's (No.1585) dis-  
"appearance at the battle  
"of Monchy? If only a slight  
"relief of his from either  
"the base in France, Beaumont,  
"Hamel or Monchy could be  
"got for me how very grateful  
"I would be, if not too much  
"bother.  
"His sister Nurse Cron (Mrs.  
"James Beveridge) may be in  
"to see you no doubt by this  
"time from Salonica. You may  
"communicate with her as she  
"expects to be in Honor Grace  
"shortly.

Further enquiry has been  
made to General Headquarters, 3rd  
Echelon, but that office has not  
been able to trace any of the  
deceased soldier's effects, other  
than the articles forwarded to you  
6/7/17, which have been acknowledged  
by Mr. Cron.

Will you kindly reply to  
Mr. Cron's letter, please.

*F. J. [Signature]*  
Capt.  
Asst. (Chief) Paymaster.  
For Chief Paymaster & O.I/c.Recds.

**REPLY**

Dated **May 21st** 1919

Please return **ORIGINAL** and retain **DUPLICATE.**

Noted, and Mr. Cron duly  
notified.

Minister of Militia

C.R.

1585

Extract from Nominal Roll Draft ( All Ranks ) to 1st  
Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Southampton.

1585 Pte. J. Cron.

15-2-18.



C.R. 1585

Extract of Nominal Roll Draft ( All Ranks) to 1st Bn.,  
B.E.F. Embarked Southampton.

1585 Pte. J.CCron.

8-4-16.

Harbor Grace  
Mar 31/19

The Ministry of Militia  
St John's.

CR 1585

Dear Sir: -

Several people have been to me seeking information about the estates of boys who have been killed in action in France, I could give them no satisfactory answer to their questions, and I hardly know how to place the matter before you in such a way that you may give me the information sought.

The best way will be to state a case, so let me state my own, which will pretty well cover the others, as their cases are very much the same as mine.

My son No 1585 Pte J. J. J. enlisted in June 1915, was sent across the ferry mouth in the S.S. "Calgerian" after training in the old country, was sent to France early in 1916, was wounded at Beaumont Hamel, sent to Waudsworth, discharged from Hospital to the depot at Ayr to convalesce in Feb 1917 he returned to France and was reported killed in action at Monchy on the 14th April 1917. That is the history.

We have tried from every source we could think of to ~~try and~~ get further information about the lad, but of course, he was reported

by a comrade to have been wounded and trying to get back to the lines, when a couple of shells came and pitched near by, & he did not see Jim afterwards."

We have had none of his belongings sent home excepting a few soiled Post Cards & letters, there was no information as to where these were found, and we can only presume they were taken from some pocket or pockets of his old clothes that he left behind either at the base, or in the trenches before he went over the top, they could not have been taken from his body as the authorities have no information to give us as to his body, where turned, so again we have to presume it was never found and identified, don't you think they might have told where they got those mementos that were sent us. (Post Cards & letters soiled) we have had to presume a lot in his case I can assure you.

Now we come to what the people are seeking to know. every soldier has an account opened with the pay office, and anything he may leave behind goes to those he named at his enlistment, it is true his mother has received regularly his allotment money, but now the war is over

we know the allotment money will  
not be paid very much longer, but  
there is the balance of his pay the  
diff. since he was killed, in his case  
50<sup>¢</sup> a day. or any balance that may  
have been in his favor when he was killed  
so the question is

Do the relatives of the deceased  
soldier get the bal: of pay that may  
be due them?

Is there any compensation allowed  
the next of kin of a deceased soldier?

Is the allotment they are drawing  
now all the relatives may expect?

I will be greatly obliged and  
those others who are asking thro me  
if you will put us right on the  
above.

and remain  
yours obedtly  
James Cron

C.R. 1585

Extracy from Nominal Roll Nfld. Regt. Draft No.4.  
from 2nd Bn., Depot to 1st, Bn., R.E.F. Embarked  
8/4-16.

1585 Pte. J.Cron.

C.R. 1585

April 10th 19

James Cronn, Esq.,  
Hr. Grace

Dear Sir:-

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 21st requesting information on certain subjects in connection with deceased soldiers. With reference to the questions enumerated in the last part of your letter, I would state as follows:-

When a soldier becomes deceased, the balance of his Pay and Allowance up to the end of the month in which his death takes place, is credited to his estate. If the soldier has left a will, it is of course disposed of in accordance therewith. If there is no will, the matter is referred to the Dept. of Justice who are notified of the name of the next of kin. Letters of administration are issued and this Department authorised by the Dept of Justice to pay the balance of the estate to the administrator. The Pay and Allowance of a soldier ceases when he becomes deceased.

Until a few months, when the Board of Pension Commissioners commenced their duties, the matter of pensions for dependents of deceased soldiers was not taken up to a very large extent by the old Pensions and Disabilities Board; but at their request allotment, when payable, to parents of deceased soldiers was continued on account of any pension that might be due, until the Pension Commissioners were able to dispose of the case. So that, in cases where the allotment has been continued, the payments must be taken not as a continuation of allotment but as payments on account of pension. In case it is decided that pension is due, the difference between the allotment and the amount of the pension from the date of the death of the soldier to the date of this decision will be credited and a cheque issued by the Pension Commissioners. In cases where the decision is that no pension is payable, no further payments of allotment cheque will be made, and of course no further payments will be made by the Pension Commissioners; but no refund of amount already paid will be asked for. Incidentally the Board of Pension will have to refund to this Dept. for all cheques issued as continuation of allotments on account of pensions. Pension is allowed to dependents of deceased soldiers when it is proved to the satisfaction of the Board that said soldier was sole or main support of the dependents to whom the allotment was made payable.

In case there is any doubt on the question, I would reiterate that a soldier's pay does not continue after his death. I stated this because it has come to my notice that many people are of the opinion that his pay continues to the termination of the war; this of course, is a wrong idea.

With reference to the case in particular noted by you, that of No. 1585, Private J. Cronn, I would state that no further particulars concerning his death have been received by this Department other than has been notified to you. The effects returned to you would most likely be taken from his Kitbag which would have been left in the transport lines, some distance

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in the rear of the front line trenches; or from his pack, which might have been left behind when he went into the attack. Great care is taken always to collect all personal effects of deceased soldiers and forward them through the usual channels to this country. However, I am having a further request forwarded to the Pay & Record Office, London that further enquiries be made respecting this case, in an endeavour to ascertain whether everything obtainable concerning your son has been forwarded to this country.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.

Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 15-85

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Chief Paymaster & C. i/o Records  
Pay & Record Office  
The Royal Wfld. Reg  
58 Victoria Street  
London, S.W.1

April 10th, 1919

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cause enquiries to be made with a view  
to ascertaining whether everything  
obtainable concerning this soldier  
has been sent to this country.

Minister of Militia.



C.R. 1585

Extract from Nominal Roll of MFLd. Regt. Draft No. 19  
from 2nd Bu. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E. F. Embarked South-  
ampton, 15-2-17.

1585 Pte. J. Cron.

**NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.**

**MEMORANDUM**

*C.R. 1585*

No. 12140/120

From

PAY & RECORD OFFICE,  
55, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.

To

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

13th November, 1917.

HA/WW

**SUBJECT:**

1585, PTE. J.A. CRON, Deceased

Reference Nos.

**REPLY**

Dated December 8, 1917

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

With reference to your letter 11/9/17 (5548): I beg to state that the O.G., 1st Bn., B.E.F., France wrote as follows on 23/10/17, in answer to an enquiry sent by me as the result of a letter received from James Cron, of Harbor Grace 31/8/17:

"No. 2489 J. Mahon states that Pte. Cron was wounded on Ap. 14 and that while making his way back 2 shells pitched quite close to him and he disappeared. I do not know through what channel his papers were forwarded, but you might ask the Graves Registration if they have any trace of his grave.

(Sgd) A.L. Hadow."

The matter has now been taken up with the Base and the D.G.R. & E., please.

Mr. James Cron has been notified of the result of enquiry as far as it has gone. It is noted that the matter is being taken up with the Base and the D.G.R. & E., and further information if available is awaited.

Minister of Militia.

*A.L. Hadow* Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. i/o Records.

14423/2/R. & C.

24th December, 7.

Mr. James Cron,  
Harbour Grace,  
Newfoundland.

Sir,

No. 1585, Pte. J. Cron, (Deceased)

With reference to your letter 31/8/17 asking for further particulars regarding the death of your son: the matter was again referred to the Base and by the authorities there to Colonel Hadow, Officer Commanding 1st Battalion, who has made the following reply to the enquiries:

"It is regretted that no further information can be obtained now owing to the large number of casualties which have happened since.

It may be taken for granted that the pay book and papers which were sent in were taken from his body.

Owing to the heavy fighting which was going on at the time it is impossible to say if he was buried. The Graves Registration Dept. would doubtless be able to inform you."

I also wrote to the Director of Graves Registration & Enquiries and was informed that no report had been received concerning Pte. Cron's grave.

I greatly regret that it has not been possible to obtain further details, but of course you will understand that this office can only pass on information which it is able to obtain from those actually on the scene.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HA/NW

for Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Dag: 6th. 1917.

Jas. Cron Esq.,

Hr. Grace.

Sir:- 1585 Pte J. A. Cron Deceased.

With further reference to my letter of 11th. Sept. I have the honour by direction to inform you, that, in reply to my letter forwarded to the Pay and Record Office London the following answer has been received. " I beg to state that the O. C. 1st. Battalion B. E. F. wrote as follows on the 23rd. Oct./17-- No 2489 J. Mahon, states that Pte Cron was wounded on the 14th April, and that, while making his way back, two shells bursted quite close near him and he disappeared."

I do not know through what channels his papers were forwarded, but you might ask the Graves Registry, if they have any trace of his grave. (Sgd.) A. L. Hadow.

I am informed that the matter has been taken up with the base and the D.G.R. and E.

If any further information comes to hand, we will immediately forward.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



C.S.O. Dept. Militia.

14th September, 7.

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

Sir,

No. 1585, Pte. J. M. Cron, deceased.

With reference to your telegram No. 121. 8/9/17  
(5083):

"Synoptical, London.

"1585- Cron- telegraph please details- as far as  
"can be ascertained.

Military."

I have the honour to state that it is regretted that no  
further information than that already conveyed can be  
furnished.

Per Casualty telegram No. 400/151 and Casualty  
report No. 1440, 13/5/17, this soldier was reported  
"Missing 14/4/17". Per telegram No. 401/152 and Casualty  
report No. 1443, 14/5/17, he was reported "Killed in  
Action, 14/4/17".

On 25/7/17 a letter was received from Mrs. James  
Cron asking for information. This letter was addressed  
to "Lieut. Hugh Anderson" who was away on leave and sent  
the letter here for reply. Enquiries were made and the  
letter was replied to: see copy of this office No.  
7825/2 enclosed.

On reference being made to him Capt. Nangle stated  
in due course: "I know nothing nor can I find anything  
of the death of 1585 Cron, please".

Enquiries were also circulated through the Officer  
i/c Records, 3rd Echelon, Base, and Mrs. Cron was again  
written to: see copy of letter No. 8390/3, 16/8/17,  
also attached.

From the foregoing it will be seen that no further  
information appears to be available.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

## NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

CABLES AND TELEGRAMS.  
"SYNOPTICAL."  
LONDON.

TELEPHONE:  
VICTORIA 147.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS,  
AND THE FOLLOWING NO. QUOTED:

9488/18

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

PAY &amp; RECORD OFFICE,

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14th September, 1917.

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Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Major,

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.



DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY  
Posted 20 SEP 1917

C.R. 3419

14th September, 1917.

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

Sir,

No. 1595, Pte. J. M. Cron, deceased.

With reference to your telegram No. 121. 9/9/17  
(5093):

"Synoptical, London.

"1595- Cron- telegraph please details- as far as  
"can be ascertained.

Military."

I have the honour to state that it is regretted that no  
further information than that already conveyed can be  
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also attached.

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information appears to be available.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Major,

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

September 11th.,

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Paymaster & Officer i/c Records,  
London.

Sir:-

Re 1585 Pte. James Cron reported  
Killed in Action April 4th.

I confirm telegram sent September 8th. asking you  
to telegraph any details as far as could be ascertained.

I enclose copy of letter from James Cron, Esq.,  
Harbor Grace, and shall be glad to have any particulars  
you can give.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Majör  
For Minister of Militia.



Sept. 11th. 1917.

Sir;- 1585, Pte. J. M. Cron.

I duly received your favour of 31st. ult.

I have no means of knowing where the letter and cards were returned from, but have written to the Pay & Record Office, London for information.

I have also cabled them asking them to telegraph such details as can be ascertained concerning his death, and will communicate with you as soon as any information comes to hand.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Jas. Cron, Esq.,

Hr. Grace.

for Minister of Militia.

Sept. 11th. 1917.

From Minister of Militia,  
St. John's, Nfld.  
To Paymaster & Officer i/o Records,  
Nfld. Pay & Record Office,  
London, S.W.

1585. Pte. J.A. Cron. Killed in Action Apl. 4th/17.

I confirm my telegram of 8th. inst., requesting you  
to telegraph as far as can be ascertained, details of same.

I now enclose copy of letter from Jas. Cron, Esq., and  
shall be glad if you could put me in a position, as far as  
possible, to reply to same fully.

September 11th.,

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James Cron, Esq.,  
Harbor Grace.

Sir:-

I have your communication of the 31st. ultimo with reference to 1585 Pte. J. M. Cron, reported killed in action April 4th., 1917.

With reference to the letter to Cron, returned. I have no information about same but have written the Pay & Record Office, London, on the matter.

I have also sent a cable to the Record Office asking if any further particulars have been obtained in connection with the death of Private Cron.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Major-  
For Minister of Militia.

Starbo Grace

Ans Sept 11/17 Augt 31/17

The Hon. of Militia  
Pay department

Dear Sir:

Ans Sept 11/17

The parents of  
the lad no 1581 Pte Jm Cron  
killed in action Apr 4/17 are  
asking to be informed, where  
the letters & cards returned and  
received two days ago were found,  
on his person or at the base or  
where? we have been making  
enquiries ever since, but so far  
have got no satisfactory reply  
as to how he was killed, whether  
his body was recognized, and buried,  
or what became of him, quoting  
from a communication rec'd from Pay  
& Rec office "The only information gained  
was to the effect that Pte Cron was last seen  
entering the village of Monchy, on the day of the  
attack, with the rest of his platoon. No one could  
say what became of him after that." not very  
satisfactory but, if you can gather any other

Reports  
news about his death  
if you could  
we will be glad to hear

604

16th August,

7.

8390/3  
HA/JC

Mrs. James Cron,  
Harbour Grace,  
Newfoundland.

Madam,  
1585, the late Pte. J.M. Cron.

With further reference to your letter of the 1/6/17 and to mine of the 2/8/17: I am sorry to tell you that there has been little information forthcoming ~~with~~ regarding your son's death. Captain T. Nangle (Chaplain) states that he knows nothing himself, nor can he find out particulars. The Officer Commanding 1st Battalion, Newfoundland Regiment in the Field, caused enquiries to be made from the men who would be most likely to know, but the only information he gained was to the effect that Private Cron was last seen entering the village of Monchy on the day of the attack with the rest of the Battalion. No one could say what became of him after that.

I personally questioned Lieut. J.G. Bemister, who was an Officer of your son's Company. Lieut. Bemister remembers seeing Private Cron in the trenches before the attack, but he cannot recollect seeing him after.

I greatly regret that the result of my enquiries have been so fruitless, but it is feared that, on the day your son died, many other gallant Newfoundland soldiers fell, particulars of whose glorious death may never come to light.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

2/Lieut.  
for Maj.  
Pamaster & O. i/c Records

2nd August, 7

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HA/JC

Mrs. James Cron,  
Harbor Grace,  
Newfoundland.

Madam: 1585, the late Pte. J.M.Cron.

In reply to your letter of the 1/8/17 to Lieut. Anderson: I beg to tell you that I have submitted the enquiry regarding your Son to the authorities in France, hoping that they may be in a position to furnish some particulars regarding his death. Owing to the great activity which prevailed on the front at the time your Son fell, it is feared that little information will be forthcoming, as, unfortunately, so many were killed on that day.

I am also asking Captain T. Nangle, Chaplain, if he knows or can find out any details.

All Private Cron's personal Effects (some letters and cards) which reached this Office were sent to Newfoundland on the 6/7/17, and should any others come to hand in the course of time, they will also be forwarded.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

Major,

Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

August 2, 1917.

Mrs. James Cron,  
Hr. Grace.

Dear Mrs. Cron:

I find that your boy James was reported killed in action on April 14th. It is consequently difficult to feel that there is any hope whatever. If you knew the names of the officers in charge of the particular body of men with whom he was identified and the names of some of his associates, it might be possible to get information from them.

If I can serve you further in this matter I will be very happy to hear from you.

Yours truly,

RECEIVED THE SECRETARY OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT  
AUG 10 1917

Acting Colonial Secretary.

July 30, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Cron:

I am having a cable message sent to London inquiring with respect to your boy James, No. 1585, who has been missing since April 14th, 1917. It is quite impossible for me to offer you any hope, but you may be quite certain that I shall spare no effort to get such reliable information as it is possible to secure. You will appreciate the fact that there will be very considerable delay in securing information, but the matter will be pursued until everything that is available through official channels is communicated to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. James Cron,  
HARBOR GRACE.



Harbor Grace  
May 18/17

The Hon:  
The Colonial Secretary  
St. John's:-

My wife and  
myself would thank  
you for your letter  
of sympathy at the  
loss of our dear lad.  
The blow is a hard one  
especially to our lives.  
Let us hope Time will  
heal the wound, and we  
will be able to look  
back on it with pride  
or at least with resig-  
-nation Sincerely yours  
James Fox

C.R. 1583-

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated May 14, 1917.

1585 Pte. J. Cron.

Killed in Action 14-4-17 R/B, Mag O.C. Bn 4-5-17.

C.R. 1583

Extract of Cablegram received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated May 14, 1917.

Previously reported Missing now reported  
Killed in Action April 14th.

#1585 Cron.

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



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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 *Geo. M. Cron* Address \_\_\_\_\_

| Line Number | Rcd | By | Sent | by | Check |
|-------------|-----|----|------|----|-------|
|             |     |    |      |    |       |

Dated May 14, 1917.

To Mrs. Emma Cron,

Harbor Grace.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports No. 1585, Private James M. Cron, who was previously report missing, is now reported killed in action April fourteenth.

J. R. BENNETT

Colonial Secretary

#### NOTE FOR OPERATOR

This message is not to be sent until receiving office notifies that message to Rev. G. S. Coffin has been delivered and acted upon.

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

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*Dated* May 14, 1917.

*To* Rev. G. S. Coffin,  
Harbor Grace.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London,

today reports No. 1585, Private James M. Cron, son of Mrs. Emma Cron, Harbor Grace, who was previously reported missing, is now reported killed in action April fourteenth. Please inform relatives.

J.R. BENNETT

Colonial Secretary

NOTE FOR

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

## COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated

May 13, 1917.

To

Mrs. Emma Cron,

Harbor Grace.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,  
London, officially reports ~~No. 1585, Private~~  
James M. Cron, missing April fourteenth

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 1585

Extract of cablegram received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated May 13, 1917.

#1585 Pte. M. J. Cron, B. Co.,

Reported Missing April 14th.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

1585

No. 14424/235/R. & C.

From  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.  
55, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.  
24th December, 1917.

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

HA/NW

**SUBJECT:** No. 1585, PTE. J. CRON,  
(Deceased)

**REPLY**

**Reference Nos.** 12149/120, 13/11/17

**Dated** 1917  
January 19,  
Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

With further reference to your letter 11/9/17 (5548) and this office memorandum above quoted: copy of my letter No. 14423/2 of this date to Mr. James Cron is enclosed for your information, please.

Copy of letter attached is received and noted.



Acting Minister of Militia.

for Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records



C.R. 1585

Extract of Communication received from Pay & Record  
Office, London, dated August 17, 1916.

#1585 Pte. J. Cron.

Discharged from Hospital granted furlough from  
light.  
16/8/16 to 25/8/16. /Duty Class B. likely to be  
fit for service overseas within 3 Months.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&R.O.  
July 14th. 1916.

1585, Pte J. M. Cron. ✓

1 Newfoundland R. GSW Hip R.  
Gen. Hogg. 3rd July 1916.

Adm. 1 Gen

C.R. 1585

Extract of Casualties received from War & Record Office,

London, dated July 31, 1916.

(Extract from Army Form B 213, from C.O. 1st Bn 14. Regt.  
dated 11/7/16.

#1585 L/Cpl. J. Cron.

Wounded in Action 1/7/16.

C.R. 1585

Copy of Cablegram to Governor St. John's Nfld.  
from P.&.R.O. 6/7/16.

1585, Cron. ✓

At Wandsworth Gunshot Wound Right Hip.

**NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.**

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*Dated*

July 7, 1916.

*To*

Mrs. Emma Cron,

Harbor Grace

Regret to inform you No. 1585, Private James M. Cron, reported Wandsworth Hospital wounded right hip, not serious.

J.R. BENNETT

Colonial Secretary

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

July 17th. 1916.

From: Officer Commanding 3rd London General Hospital.

To : Officer i/c Records Nfld Contingent 58, Victoria Street S.W

1585, Pte G. Cron. 1st Nfld.

TO BROOKLANDS 13/7/16.

In accordance with your Memo. of 30th June, I beg to inform you that the undermentioned man was transferred to the Convalescent Home on the specified.

C.R. 15851

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record  
Office, London, dated July 6, 1916.

#1585 Pte. J. Cron. ✓

Gunshot wound right hip.

Admitted 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth,  
July 4th, 1916 S.S. Dieppe.

C.R. 1585

Extract from Casualties received from Bag & Record Office,  
London, July 5th, 1916.

July 4th 1916 S.S. Dieppe. Adm. to 4rd London General  
Hospital,

1585 Pte. J. Cron.

G.S.W. R. Hip.



C.R. 1585

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft proceeding to B.E.F.  
on or about the 8th April 1915.

#1585 Pte. J. Cron.

C.R. 1585

Extract from General Bell's Report St. John's for persons per  
S.S. "Californian" June, 10, 1918. "7"

1585 pte. Cron Jas.M.

J. M. Cron.

1885

P. P. 10



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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Spivey OF Christian Name James Matthew

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Harbour Grace County G.F.L.D.

|   | SPECIAL RESERVE.   |                      | REGULAR ARMY.        |            |
|---|--|----------------------|----------------------|------------|
|   | on   | at                   | on                   | at         |
| Examined  | on <u>4<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>June</u> 191 <u>5</u> | at <u>St John</u>    | on                   | day of 191 |
| Declared Age  | <u>19</u> years  | days                 | years                | days       |
| Trade or Occupation   |  |                      |                      |            |
| Height  | <u>5</u> feet  | <u>4</u> inches      | feet                 | inches     |
| Weight  |  | <u>115</u> lbs.      |                      | lbs.       |
| Chest Measurement   | Girth when fully expanded...                             | <u>32</u> inches     |                      | inches     |
|   |  | Range of expansion.. | <u>3</u> inches      | inches     |
| Physical Development  |  |                      |                      |            |
| Vaccination Marks   | Right  | Left                 | Right                | Left       |
|   | Arm  |                      |                      |            |
| When Vaccinated   | <u>1910</u>  |                      |                      |            |
| Vision  | R. E.—V= <u>6/6</u>                                      |                      | R. E.—V= <u>    </u> |            |
|   | L. E.—V= <u>6/6</u>                                      |                      | L. E.—V= <u>    </u> |            |
| (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>Geo W. Burden</u>                                     |                      |                      |            |
| (Rank)  | <u>Lieut</u>   |                      |                      |            |
|   | Medical Officer.   |                      | Medical Officer.     |            |
| Enlisted  | at <u>St John</u>  |                      | at                   |            |
|   | on <u>4<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>June</u> 191 <u>5</u> |                      | on                   | day of 191 |
|   | Corps.   | Regtl. No.           | Corps.               | Regtl. No. |
| Joined on Enlistment  | <u>1<sup>st</sup> G.F.L.D.</u>                           | <u>1585</u>          |                      |            |
| Transferred to..  |  |                      |                      |            |
| Became non-effective by.  |  |                      |                      |            |
| (Signature)   | on   | day of 191           | on                   | day of 191 |
| (Rank)  |  |                      |                      |            |

Table II.—Only for admissions to hospital or to the sick list in the 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, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet. | Signature of Medical Officer             |
|--|----------------------|-------|------|--------------------------|-------|------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
|  | Day                  | Month | Year | Day                      | Month | Year |                     |                         |   |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL<br>WANDSWORTH. | 4                    | 7     | 16   | 16                       | 8     | 16   | S.I.W. V. 1. wound. | 44                      | From wound. Perforating S.I.W. peritonitis of abdomen. Wound healed. for hospital.  | J. J. Woodhouse<br>Capt. R. G. Woodhouse |

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

| Date  | Brief Details, and Signature  |
|---|---|
| June 21 <sup>st</sup> 1915<br>" 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1915 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Inoculation 500 Million at Sea Jc<br>Vaccinated at Sea Jc |

TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.

| Station or Troopship | Date of Arrival or Embarkation | Date of Departure or Disembarkation. | Station or Troopship | Date of Arrival or Embarkation | Date of Departure or Disembarkation |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sgt. J. F. K. D.     |                                |                                      |                      |                                |                                     |

**ORIGINAL**

Army Form B. 2090A.

**FIELD SERVICE.**

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 26 or from other official documentary sources.



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

Regtl. No. 1585 Rank Private

Name CRON, J.

Died { Date April 14th., 1917.  
Place France.  
Cause of Death\* Killed in Action.  
Nature and Date of Report B 213, 4/5/17.  
By whom made O.C., Unit.

**DUPLICATE.**  
SENT TO  
O.C. H.Q.  
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.  
279  
No. 5094/52  
4 JUN 1917

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
By whom reported \_\_\_\_\_

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not to hand.  
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) do  
(c) as a separate document do

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } [Signature] Lieut. for Lt. Col.,  
Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1,  
3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date 12/5/17.



# TRIPPLICATE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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

Regtl. No. 1565 Rank Private

Name GRON, J.

Date April 14th, 1917.

Place France.

Cause of Death\* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213, 4/5/17.

By whom made C.O., Unit.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 By whom reported \_\_\_\_\_

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not to hand.  
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*Boalwin*  
 Lieut. for Lt. Col.,  
 Officer i/o Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1,  
 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date 12/5/17.

Admitted 4.7.16

Army Form W. 3016.

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

Date Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1916

(1) To the Officer i/c Records,

58 Victoria St

AW (Station.)

(2) The Officer Commanding,

Infed Cont

Aug. (Station.)

(3) The Paymaster,

58 Victoria St

AW (Station.)

Regimental No. 1585

Rank and Name Plé Cron. J.

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland Contingent

has been granted a furlough from Aug 16<sup>th</sup> to Aug 25<sup>th</sup>

His address while on leave will be:—

58 Victoria St SW

This man has been furnished with a warrant to Victoria and given an advance of £1. (one pound)

I consider he is fit for ~~the~~ Light duty. and likely to be fit for service overseas with 6 months.

Horace Fagan Capt R.A.M.C. (T.F.)  
Officer in charge Registrar, Hospital, C.T.  
3rd London General Hospital,  
WANDSWORTH, S.W. (Station).

\* Strike out that which is inapplicable.

Four copies to be made, and one copy sent to each Officer mentioned above and one copy filed in the office.



No. 1585

Name Jas. Loren

Sgt., Bally, as Company

H Corps

Newfoundland

Date of enlistment

5/6/15

G.C. Badges

Service or Proficiency Pay

Date of last entry in Company Conduct Sheet

14/12/16

No. and date of last drunk

Period not reckoning towards freedom from extra fine

Sheet No.

1

Signature O.C. Company, etc.

*Alv. S. B. T. H.*

Character

Good

| Place | Date of offence | Rank | Cases of Drunkenness | Offence | Names of Witnesses | Punishment awarded | Date of award or of order dispensing with trial | By whom awarded | Remarks |
|-------|-----------------|------|----------------------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------|---------|
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Killed in Action  
7.1.4.18

Army Form B. 199

*Alv. S. B. T. H.*  
61-5-41

(P. 20.)

The Officer i/c,  
No.1 Infantry Section,  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.



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| A.G.'s BRANCH.       |          |
| G.H.Q., 3RD ECHELON. |          |
| Date                 | 1. 2. 18 |
| No.                  | EF/3158. |
| EFFECTS.             |          |

Forwarded for your information, please.

Effects Branch (Men)  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,  
1st Gebruary 1918.  
C/W.

*J. E. Dowse*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,

2-2-18.

*Ref No. 121. Sub. 111.*

This all conveys  
nothing  
Chief Paymaster & Off. Chee,  
Newfoundland Coast.  
Laudon.

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| 1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT |            |
| PAY & RECORD OFFICE       |            |
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| Rec'd.                    | 7 FEB 1918 |
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| BY       | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| DATE     |                    |

Passed to you, please

2-2-18  
G. H. L., 3rd Echelon.

Major,  
Officer / 1st. Inf. Regt.  
*[Signature]*

IV.

The O i/c. Effects Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.  
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Our previous efforts to obtain a satisfactory reply to your Queries failed and this was intimated in the Memo. referred to in Minute II.

It is regretted that we cannot supply a copy as the reply was written on your own Memo. No one at present with the Unit seems to have any knowledge of the matter.

(Sgd) W. Woodruffe,  
Lieut. Col.  
Comdg. 1st Newfoundland Regt.

21/1/18.

M.

The Officer Commanding,  
1st Newfoundland Regiment,  
In the Field.  
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| A.G's. BRANCH.       |
| G.H.Q., 3RD ECHELON. |
| Date 19.1.18         |
| EF/3158              |
| EFFECTS.             |

With reference to the foregoing; there is no trace of your reply having been received here. Can you, therefore, kindly supply a copy of same.

Effects branch (Men),  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,  
19th January 1918.  
C/W.

*W. J. ...*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
for D.A.G.

2nd Application The Officer Commanding,  
for reply: 1st Newfoundland Regiment,  
B. E. F.,

A.G.O. 1918  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon  
170-1-70  
Ef/ 3158

1/Newfoundland Regt. Will you kindly furnish a reply to this Branch  
No. 1585 No. Ef/3158 dated 28th November 1917  
SUBJECT:-

Pte. Cron, J.A. Forwarding correspondence regarding the effects  
of the marginally named. Stating that an A.B.64, letters  
and cards had been received on behalf of Pte. Cron from  
the Unit under your Command, under memorandum dated 5/5/17  
Asking for information as to the circumstances under which  
these articles were recovered.

Please return all the correspondence.

C/P. Effects Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.  
9th January 1918

*Ch. F. Edwards*

Staff Captain,  
for D.A.G.



C O P Y.

To Effects Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.

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Ref minute 1, a reply was sent and correspondence returned by Lt Col A. L. Hadon during the early part of December, whilst he was in command of the Regt. No further information can be obtained concerning the matter from anyone at present with the Regt.

(Sd) H. Woodruffe ?  
Lieut Col  
Comdg 1st Newfoundland Regt.

Stamp  
Effects Branch  
17 Jan 1918  
R.30739 Ef.3158.

J.

The Officer Commanding,  
1st Newfoundland Regt.,  
In the Field.

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A.G's. BRANCH,  
G.H.Q., 3RD ECHELON.

Date 28 11 17  
No EF/3158

EFFECTS

NO. 1585 PTE. CRON, J.A., 1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

With reference to the attached; an A.B.64, letters, and cards were received here on account of the above-mentioned, under cover of your memorandum dated 5th May last a true extract from which is forwarded herewith for your information.

Would you kindly state under what circumstances these articles were recovered. Were they taken from the body of deceased or from his Kit?

Can you give any further information on the points raised by MR. CRON regarding the death and burial of his Son.

Effects Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,  
28th November, 1917.

P/H.

*Ad. H. Brown*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
for D.A.G.

1TB64/62./R.&C.

(S.101) W.1. W12891/M1408 12,000,000 2/17. J.C.&S. (E)

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*Enclosure*

PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE  
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

From

53, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.

MEMORANDUM  
11 NOV 1917  
OFFICE OF THE  
INFANTRY SECTION No. 1

To Officer i/c No. 7 Inf. Sec.,  
From G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon. B.E.F.

To Officer i/c Records,  
Reg. Inf. Sect. No. 1,  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,  
B. E. F.

To Officer i/c Effects (Men's),  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.

ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office,

7th November, 1917

1585 Pte. J.A. Cron, Deceased,  
1st Newfoundland R.

November 15th. 1917.

Copy of letter dated  
31/8/17 from the father of  
the above-named is enclosed  
together with a copy of the  
letter mentioned therein  
(No. 8390/3).

With reference to Effects  
Of 1585 Pte. Cron. J.A., Newfound-  
land Regt.

Would you kindly state when  
these passed through your section  
and from whom they were received,  
please.

The attached correspondence  
is for your perusal and return,  
please.

Report of death was  
made by O.C. Unit on 4/5/17  
when it was stated that  
Cron was killed in action  
14/4/17, having been

*J. Neary*  
2nd Lt. for Major,  
Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section

EFFECTS BRANCH  
G.H.Q. 3RD ECHELON  
B.E.F.  
15 NOV 1917  
No. 1728133.8/31

(over)

previously reported as Missing.

The effects in question  
reached this Office from you  
*about*  
on 10/5/17.

Will you please state  
whence the effects reached you  
and endeavour to trace how they  
were recovered from deceased?

Can you furnish the partic-  
ulars asked for by Mr. Cron,  
please?



Major,

Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

Ita. Jk.

Copy.

Harbour Grace, Nfld.

Augt. 31/17.

Lt. H. A. Anderson,  
Nfld P.&R. Office,  
London, Eng.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst to my wife duly  
rec'd. She desires me to reply.

It does not seem very clear to us (and we would like to  
be satisfied on this question) whether our boy's body was  
found or not? and we reason it out this way. Surely some  
one must have reported his death, for we were notified on  
the publication of the Casualty Lists after the Monchy  
attack that he was missing, and 24 hours after notified he  
was killed in action. Some one must have seen some proof  
that he was killed for the authorities to transfer his name  
from the Missing to the Killed in Action list.

We do not want to be troublesome but you must know it  
is only natural for us to wish to have our mind set at rest  
on this point.

Quoting your letter, "No one could say what became of  
him after that" that is, after entering the village of Monchy.  
If that is so we are led to think you are not certain whether  
he was killed or not.

We received this morning through the Dept. of Militia,  
St. John's, a pckge sent from the P.&R. Office, London, which  
contained a picture post card and his birth certificate, also  
a letter sent him by his mother. These were all much soiled  
and worn, as if they had been carried about in the pocket for  
a long time. Can you find out, and let us know whether these  
were taken from off his body or were they left amongst his  
effects at the base or elsewhere, picked up and sent on.

It would be a satisfaction to us if we could only find  
out how he died? if his body was found? if he got Christian  
burial? You see he was very dear to us. He was very young  
and we could (over)

at least have kept him back for eighteen months, had we tried, and so are apt to blame ourselves..

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) James Cron.

COPY

8390/3  
HA/JC

16th August, 7.

Mrs. James Cron,  
Harbour Grace,  
Newfoundland.

Madam: No. 1585, the late Pte. J.M. Cron

With further reference to your letter of the 1/6/17 and to mine of the 2/8/17: I am sorry to tell you that there has been little information forthcoming regarding your son's death. Captain T. Nangle (Chaplain) states that he knows nothing himself, nor can he find out particulars. The Officer Commanding 1st Battalion, Newfoundland Regiment in the Field, caused enquiries to be made from the Men who would be most likely to know, but the only information he gained was to the effect that Private Cron was last seen entering the village of Monchy on the day of the attack with the rest of his Platoon. No one could say what became of him after that.

I personally questioned Lieut. J.G. Bemister, who was an Officer of your son's Company. Lieut. Bemister remembers seeing Private Cron in the trenches before the attack, but he cannot recollect seeing him after.

I greatly regret that the results of my enquiries have been so fruitless, but it is feared that on the day your son died many other Newfoundland soldiers fell, particulars of whose death may never come to light.

I am,  
Madam,  
Your obedient servant,

2/Lieut.,  
for Maj.,  
Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

MEMORANDUM

BRANCH  
C.R. 1585  
JAN 19 1918  
DATE  
The Hon. the Minister of Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

No. 14424/235/R. & O.

From  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

58, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

24th December, 1917.

HA/NW

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**SUBJECT:** No. 1585, PTE. J. CRON,  
(Deceased)

**REPLY**

**Reference Nos.** 12149/120, 13/11/17

**Dated** January 19, 1918

With further reference to your letter 11/9/17 (5548) and this office memorandum above quoted: copy of my letter No. 14423/2 of this date to Mr. James Cron is enclosed for your information, please.

Copy of letter attached is received and noted.



Acting Minister of Militia.

for Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE  
Ref. No. 14424/235  
Rec'd. 21 FEB 1918  
Ack'd.  
Ans'd.  
File No.



14424/255/R. & C.

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

HA/N<sup>o</sup> 24th December, 7.

January 19/18

No. 1585, PTE. J. CROW,  
(Deceased)

12149/120, 13/11/17

Copy of letter attached is  
received and noted.

With further reference to your  
letter 11/9/17 (5549) and this  
office memorandum above quoted:  
copy of my letter No. 14423/2 of  
this date to Mr. James Crow is  
enclosed for your information,  
please.

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

1887  
21/2/18

for Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Records

DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY  
Posted 9 - JAN 1918

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
58, VICTORIA ST.  
LONDON, S.W.  
CORD OFFICE

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14424/235/R. A C.

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

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HA/NW

24th December, 7.

No. 1585, PTE. J. CRON,  
(Deceased)

January 19, 1918.

12149/120, 13/11/17

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*J. R. V. Bennett*

Acting Minister of Militia.

for Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Records

Translation of Telegram No 121 from  
Minister of Militia Received P.M.O. 8.9.17

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1585

Crow

DIBBING

ANODON

1585

Crow

telegraph please details  
as far as can be ascertained

# CABLEGRAM

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



**GOVT**

No. of Message \_\_\_\_\_

Date **8 SEP. 1917**

*H. J. [Signature]*

The following CABLEGRAM received, at \_\_\_\_\_ M. "Via Commercial Cables."

JB.....XX SR 121 GOVT ST JOHNSNF 7  
 SYNOPTICAL LONDON  
 1585 CRON DIBBING ANODON  
 MILITARY ■

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| 1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT |                |
| PAY & RECORD OFFICE       |                |
| Ref. No.                  | 5083           |
| Rec'd.                    | 9/8/17 6.15 PM |
| Ack'd.                    |                |
| Ans'd.                    |                |
| File No.                  |                |

14th September, 7.

9499/18

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

Sir,

No. 1585, Pte. J. M. Cron, deceased.

With reference to your telegram No. 121. 2/9/17  
(5088):

"Synoptical, London.

"1585- Cron- telegraph please details- as far as  
"can be ascertained.

Military."

I have the honour to state that it is regretted that no  
further information than that already conveyed can be  
furnished.

Per Casualty telegram No. 400/151 and Casualty  
report No. 1440, 13/8/17, this soldier was reported  
"Missing 14/4/17". Per telegram No. 401/152 and Casualty  
report No. 1445, 14/5/17, he was reported "Killed in  
Action, 14/4/17".

On 25/7/17 a letter was received from Mrs. James  
Cron asking for information. This letter was addressed  
to "Lieut. Hugh Anderson" who was away on leave and sent  
the letter here for reply. Enquiries were made and the  
letter was replied to: see copy of this office No.  
7825/2 enclosed.

On reference being made to him Capt. Hangle stated  
in due course: "I know nothing nor can I find anything  
of the death of 1585 Cron, please".

Enquiries were also circulated through the Officer  
i/c Records, 3rd Echelon, Base, and Mrs. Cron was again  
written to: see copy of letter No. 8390/3, 16/8/17,  
also attached.

From the foregoing it will be seen that no further  
information appears to be available.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Records

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Presume you  
have followed  
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All information  
available has been  
sent to Mrs.  
J. J. J.

**NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.**

**MEMORANDUM C.R. 1585**

No. 12149/120

**From**  
**PAY & RECORD OFFICE.**  
 58, VICTORIA STREET,  
 LONDON, S.W.  
 13th November, 1917.

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

HA/NWV

**SUBJECT:**  
 1585, PTE. J.A. CRON, Deceased  
 Reference No. ~~████████████████████~~

**REPLY**  
 Dated December 8, 1917  
 Please return **ORIGINAL** and retain **DUPLICATE.**

With reference to your letter 11/9/17 (5548): I beg to state that the O.C., 1st Bn., B.E.F., France wrote as follows on 23/10/17, in answer to an enquiry sent by me as the result of a letter received from James Cron, of Harbor Grace 31/8/17:

"No. 2489 J. Mahon states that Pte. Cron was wounded on Ap. 14 and that while making his way back 2 shells pitched quite close to him and he disappeared. I do not know through what channel his papers were forwarded, but you might ask the Graves Registration if they have any trace of his grave.  
 (Sgd) A.L. Hadow."

The matter has now been taken up with the Base and the D.G.R. & E., please.

*A.L. Hadow*  
 Major,  
 Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

*[Large handwritten flourish]*

Mr. James Cron has been notified of the result of enquiry as far as it has gone. It is noted that the matter is being taken up with the Base and the D.G.R. & E., and further information if available is awaited.

*J.P. Darnell*  
 Minister of Militia.

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| P.S.          |     |

L. M. Military Hosp.  
Whalley.  
Lancas.  
17.5.17.

Dear Mr. Anderson

I received your letter this morning. The news of Jim's death came as a great shock to me, even yet I cannot realize it.

Thanks for letting me know as otherwise I might have read it in the "Times".

I am under orders for Salonika, may be leaving at any time. The sooner now the better, as I shall have less time to fret.



I know you will overlook  
the way this is written  
as I hardly know what  
I have been doing all  
day.

I am.

yours sincerely.

Francis Cron.

Letters & cards mailed to Alfred  
6 July '87

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Royal Marine Hotel.  
Ventura.  
I. of W.

24-7-17.

Officer in Charge of Records.  
Newfoundland Contingent.

Sir:

I enclose two letters <sup>addressed to me.</sup> from Mr. J. Snow  
and Mrs. James Cran, and I would be  
obliged if you will kindly put them  
through the usual official channels.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. A. Anderson Lt.

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| Rec'd.   | JUL 25 1917 |
| Ask'd.   |             |
| Ans'd.   | ✓           |
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Royal Marine Hotel.  
Ventura.  
I. of W.

24-7-17.

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I am,

Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

H. S. Anderson Lt.

3972  
JUL 25 1917  
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File No.

Harbor Grace  
Newfoundland  
July 1<sup>st</sup> - 1917

Lieut. Hugh Anderson

Dear Lieut. Anderson

Will you kindly give  
me all the particulars of  
Pte James M. Crois death  
on April 14<sup>th</sup> No 15-85.  
That you can. Every word  
is so much to me - his  
mother. He was so young  
and yet so brave like

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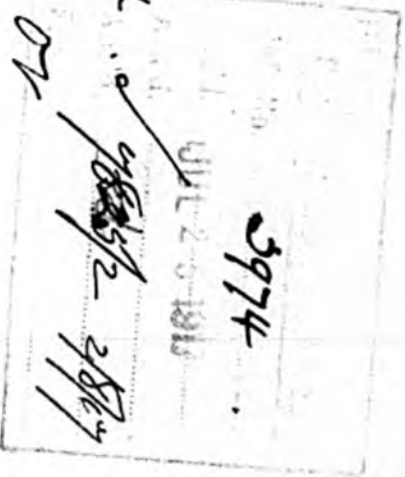
Many another mother's boy,  
'Tis hard to know that  
when war has ceased,  
and the little band of  
heroes come marching  
back that ones loved ones  
will not swell the ranks.  
So please find out if  
you can, where he lies,  
how he was wounded &  
if any little thing remains  
to remind us of Jim.  
Yours very sincerely  
Emma Cron (James Mother)

Address Sister

Mrs James Cron

Starbuck Street

Walden



Mrs Emma Cron

Starbuck Street

Walden

"Be One Med Emma Cron"

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2nd August, 7

7825/2.  
HA/JC

Mrs. James Cron,  
Harbor Grace,  
Newfoundland.

Madam: 1585, the late Pte. J.M.Cron.

In reply to your letter of the 1/6/17 to Lieut. Anderson: I beg to tell you that I have submitted the enquiry regarding your Son to the authorities in France, hoping that they may be in a position to furnish some particulars regarding his death. Owing to the great activity which prevailed on the front at the time your Son fell, it is feared that little information will be forthcoming, as, unfortunately, so many were killed on that day.

I am also asking Captain T. Nangle, Chaplain, if he knows or can find out any details.

All Private Cron's personal Effects (some letters and cards) which reached this Office were sent to Newfoundland on the 6/7/17, and should any others come to hand in the course of time, they will also be forwarded.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

Major,  
Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

No. 7824/2

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**PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS**  
**NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,**  
From **VICTORIA STREET,**  
**LONDON, S.W. 1.**  
**ENGLAND.**

To **Capt. T. Nangle, G.F.,**  
**1/1st Newfoundland Rgt.,**  
**B. E. F.**

From *P Nangle G.F.*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Bn. N.F.L.D. Rgt.*  
To *H.A. Anderson Esq.*

**ANSWER.**

HA/JC

Pay & Record Office,

2nd August, 1917

*B.E.F.*  
*9/7/1917*

1585, the late PTE. J.M. CRON.

An enquiry from the mother of the above-named Soldier has been received here, please.

Do you know or can you ascertain any details with regard to his death (which occurred on the 14/4/17) to enable me to reply, please?

*I know nothing,  
nor can I find anything  
of the death of  
1585 Cron  
Please*

*H.A. Anderson Esq.*  
Major,  
Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

*T Nangle G.F.*

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| 1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT |                |
| PAY & RECORD OFFICE       |                |
| Ref. No.                  | <i>4453</i>    |
| Rec'd.                    | <i>14/8/17</i> |
| Ack'd.                    | <i>✓</i>       |
| Ans'd.                    | <i>✓</i>       |
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*8390/3 to Mrs Cron*



The O/C No 1 Reg. Infantry Section  
G.H.Q. 3<sup>rd</sup> Echelon

I regret that there has been  
unable to obtain any further  
particulars with

Ple. J. M. Crow



.....  
COMM<sup>d</sup> **1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.** LIEUT. COL

8/8/17

To Adjutant  
W. H. H. H. H.

Re the attached, I have  
made enquiries from the  
men of my Coy who went  
into Jackson with the  
deceased and before  
that he was seen entering  
Monchy with the rest of  
his platoon, I can get no  
other particulars. The only  
officer of his Coy who returned  
was wounded and is now  
in England. My Lt J. G. Bennett.

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W. H. H. H.  
O. C. B. L.

General Headquarters,  
3rd. Echelon, B. E. F.

3. 8. 17.

Officer Commanding  
Newfoundland Regt.,  
B. E. F.

The attached  
correspondence is passed  
to you for your remarks  
and early return, please.

Sincerely

Major  
O. i/c No. 1 Reg. Infantry Section  
G. H. Q. 3rd Echelon.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

**MEMORANDUM.**



No. 7722/1

**From**  
**PAY & RECORD OFFICE.**  
 59, VICTORIA STREET,  
 LONDON, S.W.  
 31st July, 1917.

**To** Officer i/c Records,  
 Reg. Inf. Section No. 1,  
 3rd Echelon,  
 G. H. Q.,  
 B. E. F.

HA/NW

**SUBJECT:** No. 1585, Pte. J. M. CROW  
 deceased,  
 1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

**REPLY**

**Dated** Aug. 12th., 1917. 191

**Reference Nos.**

A letter has been received from the mother of the above named man, who was killed in action on 14/4/17, ~~xxxx~~ in which she asks for any particulars concerning her son's death and also enquires about any of his personal belongings that may have been found.

The only information received at this office is the bare fact of his having been killed, and no effects are to hand, apart from several letters and cards which reached here on 10/5/17.

I shall be glad therefore if you will kindly pursue the enquiry and report results to me, please.

Reply from Officer  
 Commanding Newfoundland Regiment  
 herewith, please.

*S. S. S. S. S.*

MAJOR  
 Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1,  
 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

*J. A. Anderson*  
 Major,  
 Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

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| 1st N. W. FOUNDLAND REGIMENT |         |
| PAY & RECORD OFFICE          |         |
| Ref. No.                     | 1482    |
| Rec'd.                       | 15/8/17 |
| Ack'd.                       |         |
| Ans'd.                       |         |
| File No.                     |         |

8390/3 *[Signature]* 15/8/17

18th August, 7.

8390/3  
HA/JC

Mrs. James Cron,  
Harbour Grace,  
Newfoundland.

Madam: 1585, the late Pte. J.M.Cron.

With further reference to your letter of the 1/8/17 and to mine of the 2/8/17: I am sorry to tell you that there has been little information forthcoming regarding your Son's death. Captain T. Nangle (Chaplain) states that he knows nothing himself, nor can he find out particulars. The Officer Commanding 1st Battalion, Newfoundland Regiment in the Field, caused enquiries to be made from the Men who would be most likely to know, but the only information he gained was to the effect that Private Cron was last seen entering the village of Monchy on the day of the attack with the rest of his Platoon. No one <sup>could</sup> say what became of him after that.

I personally questioned Lieut. J.G.Bemister, who was an Officer of your Son's Company. Lieut. Bemister remembers seeing Private Cron in the trenches before the attack, but he cannot recollect seeing him after.

I greatly regret that the result of my enquiries have been so fruitless, but it <sup>is</sup> feared that, on the day your Son died, many other gallant Newfoundland Soldiers fell, particulars of whose glorious death may never come to light.

I am,  
Madam,  
Your obedient Servant,

2/Lieut.,  
for Maj.,  
Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

14423/2/R. & C.

24th December, 7.

Mr. James Cron,  
Harbour Grace,  
Newfoundland.

Sir,

No. 1585, Pte. J. Cron, (Deceased)

With reference to your letter 31/8/17 asking for further particulars regarding the death of your son: the matter was again referred to the Base and by the authorities there to Colonel Hadow, Officer Commanding 1st Babbalton, who has made the following reply to the enquiries:

"It is regretted that no further information can be obtained now owing to the large number of casualties which have happened since.

It may be taken for granted that the pay book and papers which were sent in were taken from his body.

Owing to the heavy fighting which was going on at the time it is impossible to say if he was buried. The Graves Registration Dept. would doubtless be able to inform you."

I also wrote to the Director of Graves Registration & Enquiries and was informed that no report had been received concerning Pte. Cron's grave.

I greatly regret that it has not been possible to obtain further details, but of course you will understand that this office can only pass on information which it is able to obtain from those actually on the scene.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

HA/NW

for Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Pay & Record Office.

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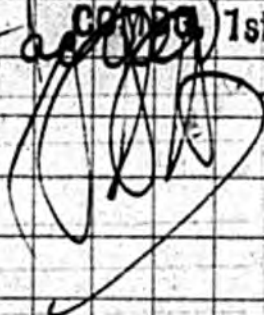
During the heavy fighting which was going on at the time it is impossible to say if he was buried. The Graves Registration Dep would doubtless be able to inform you.

16.12.17.

✓ 8076

A. G. Hobbs.

1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

see all copies  


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| A.S's. BRANCH.       |          |
| G.H.Q., 3rd ECHELON. |          |
| Date                 | 28 11 17 |
| No.                  | Ef/3158. |
| EFFECTS              |          |

The Officer Commanding,  
1st Newfoundland Regt.,  
In the Field.

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NO. 1585 PTE. CRON, J.A., 1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

With reference to the attached; an A.B.64, letters, and cards were received here on account of the above-mentioned, under cover of your memorandum dated 5th May last a true extract from which is forwarded herewith for your information.

Would you kindly state under what circumstances these articles were recovered. Were they taken from the body of deceased or from his Kit?

Can you give any further information on the points raised by MR. CRON regarding the death and burial of his Son.

Effects Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,  
28th November, 1917.

P/H.

*J. E. Dowse*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
for D.A.G.



Forms  
G. 348

PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS,  
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,  
MEMORANDUM.

55, VICTORIA STREET,  
From LONDON, S.W. 1,  
ENGLAND.

From Officer i/c No. 1 Inf. Sec.,  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon. B. E. F.

To Officer i/c Records,  
Reg. Inf. Sect. No. 1,  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,  
B. E. F.

To Officer i/c Effects (Men's)  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.

ANSWER.

~~Pay & Record Office,~~

~~7th November, 1917~~

~~November 13th, 1917.~~

1585 Pte. J.A. Cron, Deceased,  
1st Newfoundland R.

With reference to Effects  
Of 1585 Pte. Cron. J.A., Newfound-  
land Regt.

Copy of letter dated  
31/8/17 from the father of  
the above-named is enclosed,  
together with a copy of the  
letter mentioned therein  
(No. 8390/3).

Would you kindly state when  
these passed through your section  
and from whom they were received,  
please.

The attached correspondence  
is for your perusal and return,  
please.

Report of death was  
made by O.C. Unit on 4/5/17  
when it was stated that  
Cron was killed in action  
14/4/17, having been

2nd Lt. for Major,  
Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Secti

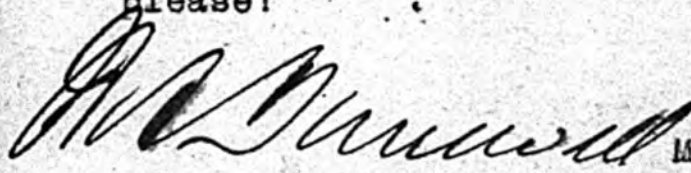
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previously reported as Missing.

The effects in question  
reached this Office from you  
*about*  
on 10/5/17.

Will you please state  
whence the effects reached you  
and endeavour to trace how they  
were recovered from deceased?

Can you furnish the partic-  
ulars asked for by Mr. Cron,  
please?

  
Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

*H.A. Jr.*

E X T R A C T

The Officer i/c Records,  
No 1 Reg. Inf. Sec.  
3rd Echelon,  
B.E.F.

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Stamp  
1st Newfoundland  
Regiment.  
B. E. F.  
5/5/17.  
Orderly Room

Herewith A.B.'s 64 of the following men who were  
killed in Action 14/4/17.

|       |      |          |   |
|-------|------|----------|---|
| x     | x    | x        | x |
| x     | x    | x        | x |
| 1585. | Pte. | J. Cron. |   |
| x     | x    | x        | x |

(Sgd) Kevin J. Keegan,  
Lt. & a/Adjt.  
for Lieut. Col.  
Commg. 1st Newfoundland Regt.

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CERTIFIED a true Extract.

Effects Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.  
22nd November, 1917.

*J. E. Douce*  
Captain.  
Staff Captain.

M/J.

*J.*

Harbour Grace, Nfld.  
Augt. 31/17.

Lt. H. A. Anderson,  
Nfld P. & R. Office,  
London, Eng.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst. to my Wife duly rec'd. She desires me to reply.

It does not seem very clear to us (and we would like to be satisfied on this question) whether our boy's body was found or not? and we reason it out this way. Surely some one must have reported his death, for we were notified on the publication of the Casualty Lists after the Monchy attack that he was missing, and 24 hours after notified he was killed in action. Some one must have seen some proof that he was killed for the authorities to transfer his name from the Missing to the Killed in Action list.

We do not want to be troublesome but you must know it is only natural for us to wish to have our mind set at rest on this point.

Quoting your letter, "No one could say what became of him after that" that is, after entering the village of Monchy. If that is so we are led to think you are not certain whether he was killed or not.

We received this morning through the Dept. of Militia, St. John's, a pckge sent from the P. & R. Office, London, which contained a picture post card and his birth certificate, also a letter sent him by his mother. These were all much soiled and worn, as if they had been carried about in the pocket for a long time. Can you find out, and let us know whether these were taken from off his body or were they left amongst his effects at the base or elsewhere, picked up and sent on.

It would be a satisfaction to us if we could only find out how he died? if his body was found? if he got Christian burial? You see he was very dear to us. He was very young and we could at least have kept him back for eighteen months, had we tried, and so are apt to blame ourselves.

Yours very truly,  
(Sgd) James Cron.

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8390/3.  
HA/JC.

16th August, 1917.

Mrs James Cron,  
Harbour Grace,  
Newfoundland.  
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Madam:

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I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

2/Lieut.,  
for Maj.,

Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.



*Suspense*

# Department of Militia

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

Sept. 11th. 1917. *191*

From Minister of Militia,  
St. John's, Nfld.  
To Paymaster & Officer i/c Records,  
Nfld. Pay & Record Office,  
London, S.W.

1585, Pte. J.A. Cron. Killed in Action Apl. 4th/17.

I confirm my telegram of 8th. inst., requesting you to telegraph as far as can be ascertained, details of same.

I now enclose copy of letter from Jas. Cron, Esq., and shall be glad if you could put me in a position, as far as possible, to reply to same fully.

*Montgomery Major  
Department of Militia*

*see letter  
120 Cronin  
Milit.*

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| 1st N. NEWFOUNDLAND DIST. |                    |
| PAY & RECORD OFFICE       |                    |
| Ref. No.                  | <i>13348</i>       |
| Rec'd.                    | <i>29 SEP 1917</i> |
| Ack'd.                    | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| Ans'd.                    | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| File No.                  |                    |

Hr. Grace,

Aug. 31st. 1917.

The Minister of Militia,

Pay Department.

Dear Sir;-

The parents of the lad No. 1585, Pte. J.M. Cron killed in action April 4/17, are asking to be informed where the letter and cards returned and received two days ago were found on his person or at the base or where?

We have been making inquiries ever since, but so far have got no satisfactory reply as to how he was killed. Whether his body was recognised, or buried or what became of him. Quoting from a communication received from Pay & Record Office. "The only information gained was to the effect that Pte. Cron was last seen entering the village of Monchy on the day of the attack, with the rest of his platoon. No one could say what became of him after that". Not very satisfactory, is it? If you could gather any other news about his death we will be glad to hear of it.

Yours truly,

Sgd. Jas. Cron.

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| 1st WINDMILL BATTALION |             |
| PAY & RECORD OFFICE    |             |
| Ref. No.               | ✓ 3348      |
| Rec'd.                 | 29 SEP 1917 |
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No 8390/3  
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Harbor Grace N.F.D.  
Augt 31/17

2 ✓ Lt J. A. Anderson  
Nfld P.R. Office, London Eng.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the  
16th inst to my wife duly recd, she  
desires me to reply

It does not seem very clear  
to us (and we would like to be satis-  
fied on this question) whether our boy's  
body was found or not? and we re-  
ason it out this way - Surely some  
one must have reported his death,  
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of the casualty list after the Monchy  
attack that he was missing, and  
24 hours after notified he was killed  
in action, some one must have seen  
some proof that he was killed for the  
authorities to transfer his name from  
the missing to the killed in action list

We do not want to be troublesome  
but you must know it is only natural  
for us to wish to have our mind set at  
rest on this point

Quoting your letter - "no one

Ref. made by P.C. Unit 4/5/17.



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after that " that is after entering  
the village of Monchy - if that is so  
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certain whether he was killed or not.

We received this morning thro'  
the Dept of Militia St Johns a package  
sent from the PPR Office London. which  
contained a picture post card, and  
his birth certificate, also a letter  
sent him by his mother, these were  
all much soiled, and worn the same  
as if they had been carried about in  
the pocket for a long time can you  
find out, and let us know whether these  
were taken from off his body or were  
they left amongst his effects at the base  
or elsewhere, picked up and sent on.

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us if we could only find out how  
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very dear to us, he was very young, and  
we could at least have kept him back  
for eighteen months, had we tried, and  
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Yours very truly  
James Cron

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| 1st Lt. Wm. Cron |
| PRR              |
| Det. No. 1068    |
| 5 OCT 1917       |
| 1887             |
| File No.         |

10617/178

*Enclosure*

MEMORANDUM.

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Rds.  
From Newfoundland Contgt.,  
59, Victoria St.,  
London, S.W. 1

To Officer Commanding,  
1/1 Newfoundland Regt.  
B. E. F.

|         |                     |
|---------|---------------------|
| From    | ACTED UPON          |
| DATE To | Pay & Record Office |

ANSWER.

HA/NW

Pay & Record Office,

13th October, 1917.

23-10-17. 1917

No. 1585, PTE. J.A. CRON, Deceased

Copy of letter dated 31/8/17 from the father of the above named is enclosed together with a copy of the letter therein. Report of death was made by you on 4/5/17 when it was stated that Cron was killed in action 14/4/17, having been previously posted as missing.

Can you furnish any particulars, please?

*[Signature]* Major

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records

*[Handwritten initials]*

no: 2489 J. Mahon states that Pte. Cron was wounded on Apr. 14 & that while making his way back 2 shells pitched quite close to him & he disappeared. I do not know through what channel his papers were forwarded but you might ask the Graves Registration if they have any trace of his grave.

A. G. Hadov.

Copy.

Harbour Grace, Nfld,

Augt. 31/17.

Lt. H. A. Anderson,  
Nfld P.&R. Office,  
London, Eng.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst. to my wife duly  
rec'd. She desires me to reply.

It does not seem very clear to us (and we would like to be satisfied on this question) whether our boy's body was found or not? and we reason it out this way. Surely some one must have reported his death, for we were notified on the publication of the Casualty Lists after the Monchy attack that he was missing, and 24 hours after notified he was killed in action. Some one must have seen some proof that [redacted] was killed for the authorities to transfer his name from the missing to the Killed in Action list.

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11703/1

2nd November,

7.

James Cron, Esq.,  
Harbour Grace,  
Newfoundland.

Dear Sir,

1585, Pte. J.A. Cron, deceased.

In reply to your letter of 31/8/17 (5689):  
I beg to enclose copy of this office memorandum No.  
10617/178 to the O.C., 1st Battalion, together with  
his reply thereon.

I am now writing to the Base to endeavour to  
ascertain from what source Private Cron's papers came  
which reached you.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Major,

HA/NWV

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

12th November, 7.

12062/13

Director of Graves Registration & Enquiries,  
War Office, Winchester House,  
St. James' Square, S.W.

HA/NWV

1586, PTE. J. A. CRON, Deceased

Will you please endeavour to trace the grave site  
of the above named Soldier of the 1st Newfoundland  
Regiment who was reported killed in action 14/4/17,  
while serving with the B.E.F.?

Major,

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

22/7576

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

In reply to your 12062/13 dated 12th

November 1917, no report has yet been received of the  
grave of Pte. J.A. Cron.

BRANCH  
*Rds*  
REGISTERED UPON  
BY *W/a JMB*  
DATE

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

*Percy Halliday*  
Capt. D.A.A.G.

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*6895*  
16 NOV. 1917



1585 R. James M. Crow.

3<sup>2</sup> 50/100  
60

Hotel  $\$1-10-0$  ✓

Uniform  $4. 6. 0$  ✓

Clothing  $3. 9$  ✓

Accessories  $1-15-4$  ✓

AT&T  $10-6$  ✓

$\$8. 5. 7$

Balance  $18/4$

From  $15/4/6 - 16/8/6 = 12424$   
 $\$62.00$

@50

$1. 11. 6$  ✓

$12. 14. 9\frac{1}{2}$  ✓

$\$14. 6. 3\frac{1}{2}$

$8. 5. 9$

$6. 0. 8\frac{1}{2}$

*gmc*



**PAY LIST.**

to

191 . Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps

No. *15 8<sup>th</sup>* Rank *Obe*

Name *Brown J.*

Died (a) *Intestate* at *France*

on the *14<sup>th</sup>* of *April* 191*7*

Deserted at

on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

{ *Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
Battery or Company.*

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.**

Form 1.

| Date | Dr.  | £        | s.        | d.        | Cr.  | £        | s.        | d.         |
|------|--|----------|-----------|-----------|--|----------|-----------|------------|
|      | Balance Dr. last month .....                     |          |           |           | Balance Cr. last month <i>14. 4. 17</i>  | <i>2</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>3</i> ✓ |
|      | Cash issues<br>(Date of each issue to be stated) |          |           |           | Pay days at from to  |          |           |            |
|      | £ s. d.  |          |           |           | Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay<br>days at from to                            |          |           |            |
|      | 191  |          |           |           | Messing allowance days at<br>from to   |          |           |            |
|      | "  |          |           |           | Kit allowance .....  |          |           |            |
|      | "  |          |           |           | Amount produced by the sale of Effects from<br>Form 2 .....                            |          |           |            |
|      | "  |          |           |           | Amount of Savings Bank balance, including<br>interest (if no balance, to be so stated) |          |           |            |
|      | Consolidated stoppage .....                      |          |           |           | Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....   |          |           |            |
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|      |  | £        | <i>2</i>  | <i>10</i> |  | <i>2</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>3</i>   |

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 2 10 3 is correctly chargeable against the Public (b).

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Dated at *St. John's* this *11<sup>th</sup>* day of *April* 191*7*  
 55 VICTORIA ST. LONDON, S.W.

191 .

Paymaster:

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.  
 (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

CHECKED.  
*11. 6. 17*

# Department of Militia

## MEMORANDUM

No. 128/1585

From  
MINISTER OF MILITIA,  
ST. JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND  
April 10th, 1919  
191

To  
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records  
Pay & Record Office  
The Royal Wld. Reg  
58 Victoria Street  
London, S.W.1  
6921

SUBJECT:

No. 1585, Private J. Cron

REPLY

Dated 6th May, 1919.

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

The father of the above named deceased soldier has written me enquiring if any further particulars concerning the death of his son are obtainable, and also if any personal effects other than already received could be procured. Will you please cause enquiries to be made with a view to ascertaining whether everything obtainable concerning this soldier has been sent to this country.

It is regretted that no further information is obtainable than that contained in My Nos. ~~12149/120~~ ~~12149/120~~

9488/18 of 14/9/17  
12149/120 of 13/11/17  
14424/235/P.&O.C of 24/12/17 and  
6277/249/P&A.A. of 23/4/19.

*J. B. Anderson* Capt.

For Chief Staff Officer.

*J. R. V. Bennett*

Minister of Militia.

3370 ✓  
4/5/19.

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MEMORANDUM

A. G. H. Branch of 154.

EFFECTS (M.E.R.)

G.H.Q. 3rd ECHELON

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ES/3158  
APR 1919

From C.P.&O. i/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contg.  
58, Victoria St, SW.1.

From The D. A. G.  
Effects Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon, B.E.F.

To Officer i/c  
Effects Branch (Men)  
G. H. Q.

To The Officer i/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58 Victoria Street,  
LONDON. S.W.1

FM/MN 3rd. Echelon, B.E.F.

ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office

19th. February, 1919

4 April 1919

1585. Pte. J. M. Cron.  
(deceased)

No. 1585, Pte. CRON. J.,  
1st Bn. Newfoundland Regt.

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

The next of kin of the above named deceased soldier has asked whether any of his effects were recovered. So far none has reached this Office.

Minute I. is not understood in view of the fact that certain effects recovered on account of the above mentioned were forwarded to you under this Branch Inventory No. 1/213/31 dated 11.5.1917. At the same time his A.E.64 was passed to the No. 1. Infantry Section here for transmission to the Regimental Paymaster.

Pte. Cron was reported as Missing 14/4/17, and later was reported "Killed in Action" on that date.

It should be mentioned that an enquiry (No. 11864/62/R&C) was received from you, through the Officer in Charge, No. 1 Infantry Section here on the 15th Novr. 1917, regarding the recovery of the effects referred to. Investigations were then made and the whole of the correspondence passed to the Officer in Charge, No. 1 Infantry Section on the 1st February 1918. A further copy of this correspond-

Will you kindly cause enquiry to be made to enable reply to be sent to his relatives, please.

*[Signature]*  
Chief Paymaster  
Effects Branch  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon

23 FEB 1919

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ES/3158

ence is attached for your  
information.

*Y. E. Smith*

Lieut.  
Staff Lieut.  
for D.A.G.

R/P.

Copy.

8390/3. Mrs James Cron,  
HA/JC. Harbour Grace,  
Newfoundland.

16th August 1917.

Madam,

No. 1585, the late Pte. J.M. CRON.

With further reference to your letter of the 1/6/17 and to mine of the 2/8/17, I am sorry to tell you that there has been little information forthcoming regarding your son's death. Captain T. Nangle (Chaplain) states that he knows nothing himself, nor can he find out particulars. The Officer Commanding 1st Battalion, Newfoundland Regiment in the Field, caused enquiries to be made from the Men who would be most likely to know, but the only information he gained was to the effect that Pte. Cron was last seen entering the village of Monchy on the day of the attack with the rest of his Platoon. No one could say what became of him after that.

I personally questioned Lieut. J.G. Bemister, who was an Officer of your son's Company. Lieut. Bemister remembers seeing Private Cron in the trenches before the attack, but he cannot recollect seeing him after.

I greatly regret that the results of my enquiries have been so fruitless, but it is feared that on the day your son died many other Newfoundland soldiers fell, particulars of whose death may never come to light

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

2/Lieut.

for Maj.

Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

Lt. H.A. ANDERSON,  
Nfld. P & R. Office;  
LONDON. Eng.

Harbour Grace, Nfld.  
Augt. 31/17.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst. to my wife duly rec'd. She desires me to reply.

It does not seem very clear to us (and we would like to be satisfied on this question) whether our boy's body was found or not? and we reason it out this way. Surely someone must have reported his death, for we were notified on the publication of the casualty lists after the Monchy attack that he was missing, and 24 hours after notified that he was killed in action. Some one must have seen some proof that he was killed for the Authorities to transfer his name from the Missing to the Killed in Action list.

We do not want to be troublesome but you must know it is only natural for us to wish to have our mind set at rest on this point.

Quoting your letter, "No one could say what became of him after that" that is, after entering the village of Monchy. If that is so we are led to think you are not certain whether he was killed or not.

We received this morning through the Dept. of Militia, St John's a pckge sent from the P & R. Office, London, which contained a picture post card and his birth certificate, also a letter sent him by his mother. These were all much soiled and worn, as if they had been carried about in the pocket for a long time. Can you find out, and let us know whether these were taken from off his body or were they left amongst his effects at the base or elsewhere, picked up and sent on.

It would be a satisfaction to us if we could only find out how he died? if his body was found? if he got Christian burial? You see he was very dear to us. He was very young and we could at least have kept him back for eighteen months, had we tried, and so are apt to blame ourselves.

Yours very truly,

Sd. James Cron.

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11864/62/R & C.  
Enclosure.

From Paymaster & Officer i/c records,  
Newfoundland contingent,  
58 Victoria Street, London, S.W.England.

To Officer i/c records  
Reg. Inf, Sec. No. 1.  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon,  
P.E.F.

Pay & Records Office,  
7th November 1917.

1585 Pte. J.A. CRON, Deceased, 1st Newfoundland R.

Copy of letter dated 31. 8. 17 from the father of the above named is enclosed, together with a copy of the letter mentioned therein (No. 8390/3). Report of death was made by O.C. Unit on 4.5.17 when it was stated that Cron was killed in action 14. 4. 17, having been previously reported as Missing.

The effects in question reached this Office from you on about 10.5.17.

Will you please state when the effects reached you and endeavour to trace how they were recovered from deceased?

Can you furnish the particulars asked for by Mr Cron, please?

Sd. B.P. BANEWELL, ? Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

From Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section,  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon, P.E.F.

To Officer i/c Effects (Men's)  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.

November 13th 1917.

With reference to effects of 1585, Pte Cron, J.A., Newfoundland Reg

Would you kindly state when these passed through your section and from whom they were received, please.

The attached correspondence is for your perusal and return please.

Sd. L. Neary.  
2nd Lt. for Major,  
Officer i/c No. 1. Infantry Section.

The Officer Commanding,  
1st Newfoundland Regiment,  
In the Field.

Ef/3158.

No. 1585, Pte. CRON, J.A., 1st Newfoundland Regiment.

With reference to the attached; an A.P. 64 letters and cards were received here on account of the above mentioned, under cover of your memorandum dated 5th May last, a true extract from which is forwarded herewith for your information.

Would you kindly state under what circumstances these articles were recovered. Were they taken from the body of deceased or from his kit?

Can you give any further information on the points raised by Mr Cron regarding the death and burial of his son.

Effects Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.  
28th November 1917.

Sd. F.E. DOWSE BRENNAN. Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
for D. A. G.

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The Officer Commanding,  
1st Newfoundland Regiment,

10. 1. 18.  
Ef/3158.

1/1 Newfoundland Regt,  
No.1585.  
Pte. CRON.J.A.

Will you kindly furnish a reply to this Branch  
No.Ef/3158 dated 28th November 1917.  
SUBJECT. Forwarding correspondence regarding the  
effects of the marginally named. Stating that an  
A.B.64, letters, and cards had been received on behalf  
of Pte. Cron from the Unit under your Command, under  
memorandum dated 5.5.17. Asking for information as  
to the circumstances under which these articles were  
recovered.

Please return all the correspondence.

Sd. F.E.DOWSE BRENNAN. Captain,  
Staff Captain  
for D.A.G.

Effects Branch (men),  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.  
9th January 1918

To Effects Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.

Ref. Minute I., a reply was sent and correspondence returned by Lt.  
Col. A.L.Hadow during the early part of December, whilst he was in command of  
the Regt. No further information can be obtained concerning the matter from  
any one at present with the Regt.

Sd. J. Woodruffe? Lieut. Col.  
Comdg. 1st Newfoundland Regt.

The Officer Commanding,  
1st Newfoundland Regiment,  
In the field.

Ef/3158.  
19. 1. 18.

With reference to the foregoing, there is no trace of your reply having  
been received here. Can you, therefore, kindly supply a copy of same.

Sd. F.E.DOWSE BRENNAN. Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
for D.A.G.

Effects Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.

The O.i/c Effects Branch (Mens),  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.

Our previous efforts to obtain a satisfactory <sup>reply</sup> to your queries failed  
and this was intimated in the minute referred to in Minute II.  
It is regretted that we cannot supply a copy as the reply was written  
on your own memo. No one at present with the unit seems to have any  
knowledge of the matter.

Sd. J. Woodruffe? Lieut. Col.  
Comdg. 1st Newfoundland Regt.

21.1.18.

The Officer i/c  
No. 1 Infantry Section,  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.

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Ef/3158.

Forwarded for your information please.

Sd. F.E.DOWSE BRENNAN. Captain,  
Staff Captain.

Effects Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.  
1st February 1918.

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Yours  
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G.P.&O.i/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contg.  
58, Victoria St, SW.1.

Officer i/c  
Effects Branch (Men)  
G. H. Q.

FM/MN 3rd. Echelon, B.E.F.

Pay & Record Office

19th. February, 9

1585. Pte. J. M. Cron.  
(deceased)

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

The next of kin of the above named deceased soldier has asked whether any of his effects were recovered. So far none has reached this Office.

Pte. Cron was reported as Missing 14/4/17, and later was reported "Killed in Action" on that date.

Will you kindly cause enquiry to be made to enable reply to be sent to his relatives, please.

Captain  
Asst. Paymaster  
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records

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Harbor Grace, Nfld.  
Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1919.

Lieut. Anderson.  
Widow Pay Record Office  
London, England.

Dear Lieut. Anderson:-

Have you heard anything else since of Pte. James M. Lewis (No 1585) his appearance at the battle of Monchy? If only a slight glimpse of his form either the face in France, Beaumont Hamel or Monchy could be just for one hour very grateful I'd be, if not too much to then.

His sister Mrs. Ann (Mrs James Beveridge) may be in to see you on about by this time from when you may communicate with her as she expects to be in Nfld. Grace shortly. Wishing you a useful

and Happy New Year,

I remain

Yours faithfully

E. Emma Cron

(Jim's mother)

add Mr. James Cron

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For

Lieut. Anderson

By Record Office

England

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To

*Capt Anderson*

*No effects have been received.*

*Will you hold letter until Miss Crow calls, as she will no doubt enquire for you please*

*[Signature]*  
*6/19*

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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.

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## MEMORANDUM.

No. 6277/249/P&A (1585)

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

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

FM/FK. April 23rd 1919.

**SUBJECT:**

1585 PTE. J. CRON (DECEASED)  
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.  
Reference Nos. 12149/120 13/11/17.  
14424/235 24/12/17.

**REPLY**

Dated May 21st 1919

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

With reference to the above quoted memoranda and the following letter from Mr. James Cron, Harbor Grace, Nfld, 7/1/19, (1131):-

Noted, and Mr. Cron duly notified.

"Have you heard anything  
"else since of Pte. James  
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"got for me how very grateful  
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"bother.  
"His sister Nurse Cron (Mrs.  
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"to see you no doubt by this  
"time from Salonica. You may  
"communicate with her as she  
"expects to be in Honor Grace  
"shortly.



Minister of Militia

Further enquiry has been made to General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon, but that office has not been able to trace any of the deceased soldier's effects, other than the articles forwarded to you 6/7/17, which have been acknowledged by Mr. Cron.

Will you kindly reply to Mr. Cron's letter, please.

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

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.  
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE.  
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Capt.  
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For Chief Paymaster & O.i/c.Recds.

Crown, J. H.

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NON EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT

Regiment or Corps

No. 1385

Rank

Pts.

Name

Gron, M.

Died Intestate at

at

France

on the 14th of

April,

1917

Deserted at

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I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
Battery or Company

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

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This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to 27 / 7 / 17 and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.



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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
PAYMASTER & OFFICE PAYMASTER

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**PAY LIST.**

to

**191 . Voucher No.**

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps

No. 1585

Rank

Pte.

Name Cron, J.

Died (a) Intestate

at

France

on the 14th of April,

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Deserted at

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\_\_\_\_\_  
{ Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
Battery or Company.

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.**

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Dated at  
this

27 JUL 1917

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*A. J. Munnell*  
PAYMASTER & OFFICE

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CHECKED  
11.6.17  
H.B.

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CHECKED  
11.6.17  
H.C.

# DUPLICATE, FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 from other official documentary sources.



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

Regtl. No. 1585 Rank Private

Name GRON, J.

Died { Date April 14th., 1917.

Place France.

Cause of Death\* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report H 213, 4/6/17.

By whom made O.C., Unit.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By whom reported \_\_\_\_\_

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not to hand.  
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) do  
(c) as a separate document do

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base  
12/5/17.

*Hoover*  
Lieut. for Lt. Col.,  
Officer i/o Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1,  
3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Certified true copy*  
**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps *2/1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland*

Regimental No. *1585.* Rank *Private.* Name *Crow. James.*

Enlisted (a) *L. Johns.* Terms of Service (a) *D of W.* Service reckons from (a) *5. 6. 15.*

Date of promotion } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }  
 to present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

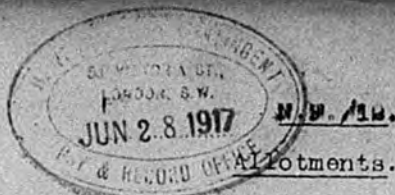
| Report                            |                    | Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case. | Place          | Date                               | Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Date                              | From whom received |  |                |                                    |  |
| <i>15<sup>th</sup> April 1917</i> | <i>O.C. Bn.</i>    | <i>Embarked Southampton.</i>   |                | <i>14. 2. 17.</i>                  |  |
| <i>4. 5. 17</i>                   | <i>Do.</i>         | <i>Disembarked Rouen.</i>  |                | <i>15. 2. 17.</i>                  |  |
|                                   |                    | <i>Joined Battalion</i>  |                | <i>6<sup>th</sup> March 1917.</i>  | <i>B 213.</i>  |
|                                   |                    | <i>Missing.</i>  | <i>France.</i> | <i>14<sup>th</sup> April 1917.</i> | <i>B 213.</i>  |
|                                   |                    | <i>Killed in Action.</i>   | <i>Do.</i>     | <i>14<sup>th</sup> April 1917.</i> | <i>B 213.</i>  |



*J. Johns.*  
*to form*  
*O.C. 101 Reg. Inf Section.*  
*G. H. G. 2nd Echelon.*

(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) e.g., Signaller, Shoing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

DUPLICATE MAIL COPY

Posted 5 - JUL 1917

CANCELLATION OF ALLOTMENT

I, (No.) 2090 (Rank) Pte (Name) Crow John M

hereby apply for cancellation of Allotment made by me on

N.F. 1971 dated 22/3/17 in favour

of James Crow Hurton Gracefield for \$ — cts 40  
per Mem. Such cancellation to take place on the

30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1917

I agree to accept all risks and consequences of this application failing to reach headquarters, St. John's, by mail in time to become operative at above nominated cancelling date, and that in the event of such non-delivery by mail, and thereby the Allotment continuing to be paid to the Allottee, I also agree to such further stoppage as may be thereby necessary being made against me in the Pay Books, or otherwise to refund such overdrawn amount or amounts.

Dated at Aspx

June 19<sup>th</sup> 1917

John M. Crow  
Allotter.

Approved and Witnessed,

M. Haley  
Captain

O.C. "H." Company.

NOTED  
W. H. Martin  
Squad. Cpl.  
Date 29/6/17 Coy

NOTED  
F. L. Hale Lt. Col.  
Adj. P. C. M. G.  
Date 27-6-17 H

To be made out in TRIPLICATE and sent to the Paymaster & Officer in Charge of Records, who will forward Original to Headquarters by first mail, Duplicate by the following, and retain Triplicate.



THE BOARD OF PENSION COMMISSIONERS FOR Nfld.

Nov. 17 1919

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

Sir:-

No. 1585  
Rank Pte.  
Name J. M. Cron

I have the honour by direction, to advise you that the claim for pension on account of the Marginally noted has been considered by the Board, and it has been ordered that if there is an allotment, Separation allowance, or Patriotic Fund allowance, being paid on his account, that it should be cancelled from Nov. 11, 1919

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

I have the honour to be.,

Your obedient servant,

*C. P. Kelly*  
Asst. Secretary.

B.N.C. Form 11.

Discont'd 31/10/19

Mrs Emma Cron

At Grace St B



1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

I, James Cron, Regl. No. 1585

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of — Dollars and Sixty Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person <sup>and</sup> <sub>or</sub> Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person <sup>and</sup> <sub>or</sub> Persons concerned, viz.:

| Identity Certificate No.               | Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend | NAME (in full) | ADDRESS        | AMOUNT (each person) |
|--|---|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 9                                      | Mother  | Mrs Emma Cron  | Harbour Grace  | 60                   |
| 9                                      |   |                | Conception Bay |                      |
| 2                                      |   |                |                |                      |
| <i>Commencing June 12<sup>th</sup></i> |   |                |                |                      |
| Total Allotment, £                     |   |                |                |                      |

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, countersigned by the Officer Commanding Company and handed to the Paymaster as authority to make the required payments on application.

(Sig.) .....

Officer Commanding  
Company

*St Johns*  
*June 11<sup>th</sup>*  
1915

(Sig.) James Cron

(Rank) Private

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$20.22  
x 2

Nov 22 1919

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment

the sum of twenty 22 Dollars.

~~account~~  
balance of Pay. Estab.

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Ch. No. 20500    | Initials J. L. |
| Pay Ledger 170   | Initials W. R. |
| Gen. Ledger..... | Initials.....  |



Regtl. No. .... Rank .....

No. 1585.

Rank

Pt

Name

J Cron

James Cron (Father)

W Grace

In replying the date of this  
letter should be quoted

B.

7466



November 15, 1919.

Sir:

As the estate of James M. Cron, #1585,  
a deceased member of the Royal Newfoundland  
Regiment, consists only of the amount due from  
the Pay & Record Office, I have the honour to  
authorize you to pay the amount due, viz: \$20.22,  
to James Cron, Father of said deceased,

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Deputy Minister of Justice.

Major J. M. Howley,

Pay & Record Office.

December 5, 1919

James Cron,  
Mr. Grace,  
C.B.

Dear Sir:

I enclose cheque for  
\$20.22, balance of Pay due late Pte. Jas.M.  
Cron, please.

Yours truly,

Major.

PAYMASTER



**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 2/1 Newfoundlands  
 Rank Private Surname Owen Christian Name James  
 Religion Presbyterian Age on Enlistment 19 years 2 months  
 Enlisted (a) St John's Terms of Service (a) A & W Service reckons from 15  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to last rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended { \_\_\_\_\_ } Re-engaged { \_\_\_\_\_ } Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate 4 MAY 1917  
 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>Southampton</u> | <u>14-2-17</u>     |   |
|                    |                    |   | Disembarked <u>Rouen</u>    | <u>15-2-17</u>     |   |
|                    |                    |   | Joined Battalion            | <u>6 MAR 1917</u>  | <u>B 213</u>  |
| <u>15 APR 1917</u> | <u>OC In.</u>      | <b>MISSING</b>  | <u>France</u>               | <u>14 APR 1917</u> | <u>B 213</u>  |
| <u>4.5.17</u>      | <u>OP</u>          | <b>Killed in Action</b>   | <u>do</u>                   | <u>14 APR 1917</u> | <u>do</u>   |

COPY SENT TO  
 O.C. H.Q.  
 ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.  
219  
 NO. 5094/52  
 JUN 4 1917

For  
 O. No. 1 Reg. Infantry Section  
 G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon

(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.

[P.T.O.]



C.R. 1585

His Grace

Jan 4 10/20

L Col Russell  
Melita Hd Qrs St Johns.

Dear Sir: -

I beg to acknowledge  
recpt of recd package relating to  
the passing of the late No 15-815  
Pte James Matthew Brown. The package  
contained

one Memorial Card and  
one note of sympathy from  
the King.

Respectfully yours  
James Brown

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



To the Officer in Charge of Records,

*The Royal Nfld. Regt.*

*Dept. of Militia,*

*ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.*

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,  
St. John's.

Augt 13<sup>th</sup> 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of  
the late No. ... 1585 ... Rank ... PL

Name

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Address

James H. Cron

Father

Harbor Grace



(Sgd.)

Relationship.



Fold Here

**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

To the Officer in Charge of Records,



***Royal Nfld. Regt.***

***Dept. of Militia,***

***ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.***

Fold Here

SEP 20 1921

1921.

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

Mrs. Emma Cron (Mother)

in respect of his service as No. 1585 Rank Pte.

Name James M. Cron

Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1921

Signature

Emma Cron

Date

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1921

Address

Mrs. James Cron  
Harbor Grace, [P.T.O.]

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. .... 1588 ..... Name ..... James Cron .....

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

Date. June 29<sup>th</sup> - 1920.  
Place. Harbor Grace.

(Mrs) Emma Cron  
Home.

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

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Regiment of 1st Newfoundland

Number of Sheet 1

Signature of O. C. Company [Signature]

|                            |                         |   |                                   |   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Regimental Number and Name |                         | Enlistment  | Trade                             | Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay |
| No.                        | <u>1585 Cross James</u> | Age on <u>22</u> years <u>2</u> months                                      | Trade<br><u>Student</u>           |   |
| Joined Date                |                         | Place and Date of Enlistment  | Religion                          |   |
| Joined Date                |                         | <u>Sept 25/15</u>   | <u>Presbyterian</u>               |   |
| Joined Date                |                         | Period of { with Colours <u>3/5</u> years<br>with Reserve <u>3/5</u> years. | Place of Birth<br><u>H. Grace</u> |   |

| Place          | Date of Offence | Rank       | Cases of Drunkenness | OFFENCE   | Names of Witnesses                                       | Punishment awarded                 | Date of award or of order dispensing with trial | By whom awarded               | REMARKS                                |
|----------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| <u>News</u>    | <u>18-11-16</u> | <u>Plt</u> |                      | <u>When on active service absent from tattoo until 7 pm. 21-11-16</u> | <u>Sgt Cochran</u><br><u>" Laflin</u><br><u>" Higgot</u> | <u>Deprived 3 days pay by A.A.</u> | <u>22-11-16</u>                                 | <u>Lt Col V. A. Macgregor</u> | <u>Forfeit 4 days pay by R.W. Ind.</u> |
| <u>Reserve</u> | <u>14-12-16</u> | <u>Plt</u> |                      | <u>absent from tattoo until 11-30 pm 14-12-16</u>                     | <u>Sgt Hamant</u>  | <u>2 days. C-13</u>                | <u>15-12-16</u>                                 | <u>Captain Russell</u>        | <u>[Signature]</u>                     |
|                |                 |            |                      | <u>Killed in Action</u>   | <u>114 4/7</u>   |                                    |   |                               |  |

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.