



# THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 132 Name Alvin Ford Corps 1st

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

1. What is your name? ..... 1. Alvin Ford
2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. St. John's
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
4. What is your age? ..... 4. 26 Years 6 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. None
6. Are you Married? ..... 6. No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,\* which? } 7. No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ..... 8. Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? } 9. Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ..... 10. Name ..... Corps .....
11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? ..... 11. Yes

I, Alvin Ford do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Alvin Ford SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

James J. ... Signature of Witness.

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

I, Alvin Ford do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at St. John's on this 15 day of May 1915.

Signature of Attesting Officer James J. ...

### †CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the 1st Corps.

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

Date 15 May 1915 ..... } Approving Officer.

Place St. John's .....

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.  
 ‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

\* If so, Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz:—(Name) ..... re-enlisted in the (Regiment) ..... on the (Date) .....

# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name Alexander Ford

Apparent age 26 years 6 months. Height 5 feet 5 inches

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 37 inches  
 Range of expansion 4 inches

Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Upper Anderson Lane | Relationship Mother  
Benavente Particulars as to Marriage

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

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

## Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

## STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from _____									
Joined at _____ on _____									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to \_\_\_\_\_ [date of discharge] \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ days  
 " " Pensions " " " " " " " " " " " "



# THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 4832 Name Alex Ford Corps Coff

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

1. What is your name? ..... 1. Alex Ford
2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. Upper Ambler Cove  
Parsonville
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
4. What is your age? ..... 4. 25 Years 6 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. Fisherman
6. Are you Married? ..... 6. n
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,\* which? ..... 7. he
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ..... 8. Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ..... 9. Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ..... 10. Name .....  
Corps .....
11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? ..... 11. Yes

I, Alex Ford do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Alexander Ford SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
7-5-18 James G. Gurney Signature of Witness.

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

I, Alexander Ford do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at St. John's

on this 7-5-18 day of May 1918  
Signature of Attesting Officer James G. Gurney

### † CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

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

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

Date May 1 1918  
Place St. John's } Approving Officer.

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‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

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

Name Alexander Ford  
Apparent age 26 years 6 months. Height 5 feet 5 inches  
Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 37 inches  
Range of expansion 4 inches  
Distinctive marks

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT**

Name and Address of next of kin Mr. E. L. Ford  
Upper Anders Road | Relationship Brother  
Banavente Particulars as to Marriage

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

<small>(a)</small>	<small>(b)</small>	<small>(c)</small>	<small>(d)</small>

**Particulars as to Children**

<small>Christian Names</small>	<small>Date and Place of Birth</small>

**STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES**

<small>Corps in which served</small>	<small>Rgt. or Depot</small>	<small>Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &amp;c.</small>	<small>Army Rank</small>	<small>Dates</small>	<small>Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension</small>		<small>Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay</small>		<small>Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries</small>
					<small>Years</small>	<small>Days</small>	<small>Years</small>	<small>Days</small>	
				Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>11-5-18</u>					
				Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>May 1-1918</u>					
<u>Discharged at John's, Jan 16/1919</u>									
<u>Granted Home Leave from 19.5.18 to 29.5.18</u>									
<u>Advised by Dr Rutherford still unfit for service 16.7.18.</u>									
<u>Advised by Dr Rutherford rheumatism &amp; nerves trouble 23.7.18</u>									
<u>Advised by Dr Rutherford still under treatment 4/8</u>									
<u>Recommended by Dr. Rutherford 3 months sick furlough 22.8-1918</u>									
<u>Demobilization St. John's 16-1-1919</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>16-1-1919</u>					<small>[date of discharge]</small>				
Pensions							<u>261</u> days		



C.R. 4832

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ST. JOHN'S Dec. 9, 1918.  
NEWFOUNDLAND

From:- District Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland.

To:- Director Medical Services,  
City.

#4832 Pte. A. Ford.  
#4833 Pte. B. Bartlett.

I enclose correspondence from the  
Officer Commanding Depot in connection  
with the marginally named men together  
with sundry enclosures for your fur-  
ther consideration.

*Montgomery*

Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.

ENCLOSURE.

*W.O.C.*  
Returned for attachment to  
file with report which crossed this  
letter in transit

*Cluny Macpherson*  
Major



## DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

*M*ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA  
AND QUOTE NO.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,

December 9th., 1918

From:- D. M. S.

To:- D. O. C.

4832, Pte. Ford, A.  
4833, Pte. Bartlett, B.

The enclosed correspondence from Magistrate  
Roper, Bonavista, is forwarded for your information,  
please.

*They have both been boarded  
in St. John's Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> & recommended for discharge.*

*C. M. S. P. H. S.*

CM/AMB.

Major, D. M. S.

ENCLOSURE.

  
**THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
**HEADQUARTERS**

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,

December 6th/18.

From Officer Commanding,  
Discharge Depot.

To D.O.C., Newfoundland,  
Militia Dept.

4832, Pte. A. Ford  
4833, " B. Bartlett

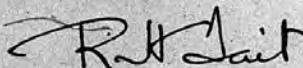
Reference the above mentioned men. I am enclosing the full correspondence on the matter of their absence. It appears that both men enlisted on May 1st, 1918 and were warned for Home Leave with some other Bonavista men on May 19th. Private Bartlett who had been vaccinated a few days before was taken sick on the train on his way home and he states that Dr. A. Forbes visited him on the day after his arrival there - on Tuesday. The next day his brother went to Bonavista to get Dr. Forbes but he was away on another call at some distance from there. A message was left for Dr. Rutherford for him to call which he did - on Thursday, and Dr. Rutherford attended him during the remainder of his illness.

Private Ford proceeded on Home Leave on the 19th May for 10 days. At the end of his leave he walked to Bonavista a distance of 8 miles to catch the train, but, on his arrival there, he found that there was no train until the next day so he walked back again to Amherst Cove that night. The next day he complained of being ill and Dr. Rutherford visited him on the 6th June and from that date onward he was under the Doctor's care.

They both state they were fit to travel to St. John's on the 1st September and applied to Dr. Rutherford for a certificate to bring along to the Depot with them but the Doctor strongly advised them not to come as they were not fit. There is no doubt that the Doctor thought it was not necessary to let them come unless they were fit for Active Service and on that ground kept them back.

The S.M.O., Depot has interviewed both these men and, on investigation of their cases, he is of the opinion that the men were fit to travel to St. John's ~~before~~ the 1<sup>st</sup> September if not at least two weeks before that.

Please see my communication of November 9th which gives the resumé of all the correspondence attached.



Captain,

O.C. Discharge Depot

Bonarata

4 December 1918

Sir

On receipt of your letter of 26 letters  
 - enclosing Correspondence in re. claims  
 for board allowances for Durato and  
 Pontlet. I showed to Ambrose Long  
 found that both men were at 2/11/18  
 I then wired you to this effect saying  
 that for or by reason of their absence  
 I could not ascertain their present  
 condition but that I would for-  
 ward Rutherford's evidence as soon  
 as possible.

This I now enclose.  
 A day or two after Pontlet came  
 home he became very ill & Dr. Shaw  
 took was sent for and informed  
 me that pneumonia appeared to be  
 developing. When Dr. Shaw was  
 could not go & Dr. Rutherford wanted  
 he at first sent pneumonia but  
 later pronounced small pox. On  
 16/12/18 his home was fumigated he  
 being pronounced over that week  
 later I heard from Dr. Shaw that he



had Rheumatism rather than that  
 of Lord & Tomm nothing. but that  
 once during summer he came to my  
 office asked me to write head for  
 that he was still morally unfit  
 for service I saw Dr. Lutherford  
 who corroborated this & promised to  
 give me a certificate & that I expect  
 but failed to do so.

My own impression is that  
 from 1st August they both  
 might have travelled to Joffin's  
 without danger though they may  
 have been unfit for service.

Meaning as they are now at  
 Headquarters you will be able to  
 examine & judge for yourself.

Should you be order Tomm's in-  
 thing about these men having visited  
 Portland but once not having seen  
 Lord at all.

Major M. Phelan  
 D. M. S.  
 Joffin

I have the honour to be  
 Sir  
 Your obedient servant  
 J. M. S.

New York

Bonmarston  
20 Mt.

The evidence of A. S. Rutherford  
of Bonmarston, medical Practitioner  
taken upon oath / N.Y. State:

I know Purvis Posthumus Postlett  
& also John & Elizabeth Cox.

I attended them during last  
Summer. Postlett at first suffered  
from small pox after recovery  
from S.P. developed nephritis  
& Inflammatory Rheumatism. This

rendered him unfit for Military  
Service. was in such condition that  
it would be unsafe for him to travel  
to St. Johns until first of November.

John suffered from acute  
Rheumatism & Cardiac involvement  
which would unfit him for Mil.  
Service. He would be unfit to  
travel to St. Johns until about  
15th October.

A. S. Rutherford M.D.

Sworn before me  
at Bonmarston  
this 14th December

A.D. 1918

John D. Jones  
J.D.



# DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA  
AND QUOTE NO.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,

December 5th., 1918

From:- D. M. S.  
To:- D. O. C.

4832, Pte. Ford, A.  
4833, Pte. Bartlett, B.

The enclosed copy of telegram from Magistrate Roper with regard to the marginally noted men is forwarded for your information, please.

*Cluny Macpherson*

Major, D. M. S.



*O. J. De Pat*

*For your attention please*

*Refer to my conversation today. Always yours, Major*

**NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.****Cable Connection with all the World****All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:**

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

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

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

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

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

**(NOT TRANSMITTED)**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated November 29th., 1918

To M<sup>r</sup> Macpherson,  
Medical Service Board.

Privates Alex Ford and Bertram Bartlett both St Johns  
presumably at headquarters therefore cannot ascertain  
present condition Forbes never attended them will get  
Rutherford evidence soon as possible

(Sgd) JOHN ROPER



# DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,

November 16th., 1918.

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA  
AND QUOTE NO.

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From:- D. M. S.  
To:- D. O. C.

4832, Pte. A. Ford  
4833, Pte. B. Bartlett

I propose, if you have no objection, to ask  
Magistrate Roper of Bonavista to conduct an enquiry  
into the circumstances surrounding the lengthy  
absence of the marginally noted men.

*Cluny Macpherson*

Major, D. M. S.

CM/AMB.

*Approved*

*Beumont Goussier*



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DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ST. JOHN'S Nov. 13, 1918.  
NEWFOUNDLAND

F

From:- District Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland.

To:- Director Medical Services,  
City.

#4832 Pte. A. Ford  
#4833 Pte. B. Bartlett.

I enclose correspondence in connection with these two men who enlisted about the same time, went on leave together, became ill together and after five months are apparently still at their homes, sick.

A claim has been made by their people for board allowance while they have been home, and before same can be considered it is desired that a full investigation be made into the circumstances consequent upon their illness and long stay at home.

*McIntyre*  
Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.

ENCLOSURE.



  
**THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
**HEADQUARTERS**

ST. JOHN'S. NEWFOUNDLAND.

E

November 9th/18

**From:**  
Officer Commanding,  
Depot.

**To:**  
D.O.C., Newfoundland,  
Militia Department.

4832, Pte. Alec. Ford  
4833, " B. Bartlett

With reference to attached correspondence concerning above mentioned men. In answer to the four points brought out in your letter November 7th, I beg to report as follows:

4832, Pte. Alec. Ford.

1. This man proceeded on Home Leave May 19th and was taken sick at home. According to the records of the Depot a message was received from Pte. Ford on July 16th stating that he was "unfit from the 6th June for three months. Dr. Rutherford pronounces Rheumatic and Kidney trouble". On July 17th Pte. Ford reported as follows: "Have reported three times from myself, other times from Magistrate and Doctor, not fit for a while. Have you received reply?" but I cannot find any trace of correspondence from the Magistrate or Doctor before that message. Other letters were received from him under dates of July 16th, 17th, July 24th, Aug. 20th and September 25th all in relation to his condition of health and stating that the Doctor was in attendance upon him. He stated that he was enclosing Doctor's Certificate but it was not received.

2. On July 12th a letter was received from John Reper, Magistrate, Bonavista to the effect that Pte. Ford was ill and that Dr. Rutherford promised to send a certificate to the magistrate to be forwarded to Depot. This letter was duly noted by the Medical Department. In August, no date, a ~~letter~~ certificate was received from Dr. Rutherford stating that Pte. Ford was still under treatment and that he considered Pte. Ford unfit for Duty for a month. On August 22nd another letter was received from Dr. Rutherford, <sup>22nd Aug 18</sup> was suffering from physical disability, Rheumatism in shoulder and varicose heel and recommended that his Sick leave be extended for two months, which was noted by the Medical Department.



# THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## HEADQUARTERS

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,

November 9th/19

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D.O.C.....2

- 3. I cannot say what steps were taken by the District(?) Medical Officer in the matter as I was led to believe that, in matters of this kind, the Medical Authorities pursue their own course.
- 4. On November 4th. Dr. Rutherford was written to from the Depot asking for further report on the above mentioned man, Pte. Ford and when he would likely be able to report.

### 4833, Pte. B. Bartlett

- 1. No definite date can be found as to when this man was granted Home Leave although it is thought that he went on May 19th with Pte. Ford. At that time the Commanding Officer, Depot was sometimes inclined to give verbal leave of absence to men without any records being taken .
- 2. The first intimation that he was sick was a communication from D.M.S. dated May 29th, 18 in which he stated that Pte. Bartlett was quarantined at Amherst Cove suffering from Small-Pox. On July 19th a certificate was received from Dr. Rutherford stating that Pte. Bartlett would be fit for duty August 31st, as he needed that length of time to recuperate. On August 26th another certificate was received saying that Pte. Bartlett, in his opinion, would not be fit before November. This was duly noted by the Medical Department.. On August 31st a letter was sent to Dr. Rutherford by Asst. Adjutant asking how long it would be necessary for Private Bartlett to stay at home before he could come in to St. John's and be placed in one of our Convalescent Hospitals. No reply has been received.
- 3. As in "3" above.
- 4. On the strength of Dr. Rutherford's report, on October 21st, Pte. Bartlett was granted Sick Leave to November 15th when the Class 1, Under the M.S. Act was being called up. On November 4th Dr. Rutherford was written to asking for report and when he would be fit to travel to St. John's.

*R.H. Sait*

Captain,  
O.C. Depot.





# DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA  
AND QUOTE NO.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,

D

November 7, 1918.

To:- Officer Commanding Depot,  
City.

#4832 Private Alec. Ford.  
#4833 Private B. Bartlett (Lower Amherst Cove).

I return correspondence passed by you to the Paymaster under date of November 6th. I find that the amount claimed for these cases covers a period of five months, from May 20th to November 1st.

Before this can be passed it will be necessary to have a very full report made on the circumstances. I should like information on the following points:-

- (1) Nature of sickness and date of report.
- (2) What certificates you have had from attending physicians from time to time.
- (3) What steps were taken by the District Medical Officer to confirm the position of these men and to ascertain their fitness to travel, or otherwise their fitness for service.
- (4) Present position.

I presume that these men were recruits and it seems to me that men should not be allowed to remain at their homes for a period of five months at the expense of the country without a proper investigation of all the circumstances by the responsible medical authority.

*McIntosh*  
Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.

ENCL/.

C.R. 4832

Extract from Daily Orders part II Depot St. John's dated Jan. 17/1919.

The discharges of the undernoted have been CONFIRMED by Officer  
i/c Records from 16-1-19.

#4832 Pte. Alex. Ford.

C.R. 4832

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, Depot St. John's dated Dec. 21st. 1918

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The undernoted discharge on demobilization have been approved by  
C. C. Discharge depot from noted date. He is removed from depot  
strength and transferred to discharge depot, pending confirmation  
by Officer i/c Records.

#4832 Pte. Alex. Ford.

10-12-18.

C.R. 4832

Extract from Preliminary Report at a Medical Board held on  
Tuesday Afternoon December 3rd., 1918.

#4832 Pte. A. G. Ford.

RECOMMENDED DISCHARGE AS PERMANENTLY UNFIT.

BC.

C.R. 4832

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal Nfld.  
Regt. St. John's, dated May 2nd, 1918.

#4832 Pte. Alexander Ford.

Attested for General Service with the Royal Nfld. Regt. S  
from 1/5/18/

COPY.

C.R. 4832

November 13, 1918.

From:- District Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland.

To:- District Medical Services,  
City.

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#4832 Private, A. Ford.

#4833 Private, B. Ford.

I enclose correspondence in connection with these two men who enlisted about the same time, went on leave together, became ill together and after five months are apparently still at their homes sick.

A claim has been made by their people for board allowance while they have been home, and before same can be considered it is desired that a full investigation be made into the circumstances consequent upon their illness and their long stay at home.

Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.

ENCLOSURE.

MM.

C.R. 4832

November 7, 1918.

To:- Officer Commanding Depot,  
City.

#4832 Private Alec. Ford.  
#4853 Private B. Bartlett (Lower Amherst Cove).

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Major,  
District Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland.

ENCL/.

C.R. 4832

Dec. 9, 18.

From:- District Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland.

To:- Director Medical Services,  
City.

#4832 Pte. A. Ford.  
#4833 Pte. B. Bartlett.

I enclose correspondence from the  
Officer Commanding Depot in connection  
with the marginally named men together  
with sundry enclosures for your fur-  
ther consideration.

Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.

ENCLOSURE.

1 copy



# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

4832

## DEMobilIZATION OF

Reg. No. H832 Rank Private Name Ford Alex  
 Date of Enlistment 1-5-18 Address Upper Ambrose District Bonaivista  
 Occupation Fisherman Classification for Discharge B Medical Category E  
 Recommendation S.M.B. Per. Disch. Disability Rating Full  
 Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:— 81-51-21

N.F. P 36	B 268	B 121	1	N.F. Med	D.F. 1	1
B 178	W 3494	B 122		Board 1st	" 2	
B 178a	1 D 400A	1 B 1915	2	do 2nd	" 3	3
B 179	2 D 400B	Form L		do 3rd	" 4	
B 179a	D 400C	Form K		do 4th	" 5	
B 179b	0 B 103	ME 2	1		" 6	
B 179c	B 120	M 93				

Date 17-12-18

*Stanley Carr*  
 O. C. Discharge Depot.

## PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

### 1. Civil Re-Establishment.

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

*Alexander Ford*

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date.....

### 2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

(a) Clothing Allowance payable 1.60

(b) Clothing Supplied Joseph H. Snow

DEC 18 1918

Date 17-12-18

O. i. c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. R 319 to his home at Upper Lambert Cove and Release Certificate No. 434 issued.

Date 17-12-18 437  
ASDicks Capt  
 Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 16-1-19

Date 18-12-18  
Mowley Capt  
 Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 19.12.18

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P 36	B 268	B 121	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1
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B 179b	B 108	ME 2		" 6
B 179c	B 120	M 98		

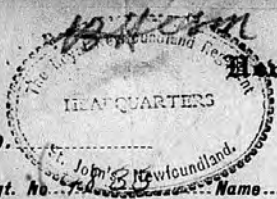
Date 19.12.18  
ASDicks Capt  
 Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED. N.

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

Date DEC 19 1918  
RH Last Capt  
 O. C. Discharge Depot.

Received the above noted documents from O. C. Discharge Depot.  
 Date Dec. 21/1918  
Mowley Capt  
Dyc



**Newfoundland Regiment.**

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Regt. No. 12110211 Name P. Bartlett Rank Pvt. has

Permission to be Absent from His Quarters from 19-5-18

To 29-5-18 For the purpose of proceeding  
to Amherst Cove B.B.

Date 19-5-18

Station St. John's

L. Murphy CAPTAIN.

O.C. \_\_\_\_\_ Company.

November 9th/18

From:  
Officer Commanding,  
Depot.

To:  
D.O.G., Newfoundland,  
Militia Department.

4832, Pte. Alec. Ford  
4833, " B. Bartlett

With reference to attached correspondence concerning above mentioned men. In answer to the four points brought out in your letter November 7th, I beg to report as follows:

4832, Pte. Alec. Ford.

1. This man proceeded on Home Leave May 19th and was taken sick at home. According to the records of the Depot a message was received from Pte. Ford on July 16th stating that he was "unfit from the 6th June for three months. Dr. Rutherford pronounces Rheumatic and Kidney trouble. On July 17th Pte. Ford reported as follows: "Have reported three times from myself, other times from Magistrate and Doctor, not fit for a while. Have you received reply?" but I cannot find any trace of correspondence from the Magistrate or Doctor before that message. Other letters were received from him under dates of July 16th, 17th, July 24th, Aug. 20th and September 25th all in relation to his condition of health and stating that the Doctor was in attendance upon him. He stated that he was enclosing Doctor's Certificate but it was not received.

2. On July 12th a letter was received from John Roper, Magistrate, Bonavista to the effect that Pte. Ford was ill and that Dr. Rutherford promised to send a certificate to the magistrate to be forwarded to Depot. This letter was duly noted by the Medical Department. In August, no date, a ~~letter~~ certificate was received from Dr. Rutherford stating that Pte. Ford was still under treatment and that he considered Pte. Ford unfit for Duty for a month. On August 22nd another letter was received from Dr. Rutherford <sup>for Ford</sup> was suffering from physical disability, Rheumatism in shoulder and varicose heel and recommended that his Sick leave be extended for two months, which was noted by the Medical Department.

November 9th/18

D.O.C.....2

3. I cannot say what steps were taken by the District(?) Medical Officer in the matter as I was led to believe that, in matters of this kind, the Medical Authorities pursue their own course.

4. On November 4th. Dr. Rutherford was written to from the Depot asking for further report on the above mentioned man, Pte. Ford and when he would likely be able to report.

4833, Pte. B. Bartlett

1. No definite date can be found as to when this man was granted Home Leave although it is thought that he went on May 19th with Pte. Ford. At that time the Commanding Officer. Depot was sometimes inclined to give verbal leave of absence to men without any records being taken.

2. The first intimation that he was sick was a communication from D.M.S. dated May 29th, 18 in which he stated that Pte. Bartlett was quarantined at Amherst Cove suffering from Small-Pox. On July 19th a certificate was received from Dr. Rutherford stating that Pte. Bartlett would be fit for duty August 31st, as he needed that length of time to recuperate. On August 26th another certificate was received saying that Pte. Bartlett, in his opinion, would not be fit before November. This was duly noted by the Medical Department. On August 31st a letter was sent to Dr. Rutherford by Asst. Adjutant asking how long it would be necessary for Private Bartlett to stay at home before he could come in to St. John's and be placed in one of our Convalescent Hospitals. No reply has been received.

3. As in "3" above.

4. On the strength of Dr. Rutherford's report, on October 21st, Pte. Bartlett was granted Sick Leave to November 15th when the Class 1, Under the M.S. Act was being called up. On November 4th Dr. Rutherford was written to asking for report and when he would be fit to travel to St. John's.

Sept. 10th, 1918

From Asst. Adjutant,  
Depot

To 4832 Pte. Alec. Ford,  
Amherst Cove

I enclose herewith a further payment of  
\$30.00 on account of your Company Pay.

You will please send receipt for same.

CCD:EC



## DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA  
AND QUOTE NO.

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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

-----Sept. 9th. 1918.-----

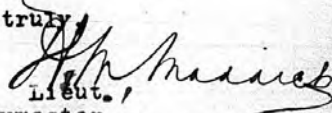
The Officer Commanding,  
Royal Nfld. Regt.,  
Headquarters.

Dear Sir:

I enclose letter from No. 4832, Pte.  
Alec. Ford, on which he requests some money to be for-  
warded on to him.

Will you kindly give this your  
usual attention.

Yours truly,

  
Lieut.,  
for Paymaster

Wimberst Cove

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1918  
from pte where Ford  
# 832. To J m Howley

Dear Sir 2450

through a little forgetfulness I did not send receipt of they money of \$30.00 I received I don't exactly know the day of the month but early in august and glad to receive it and is still in need of pay as I am far from able to report to head I have no money at all trusting to father to support me while here



From Your obedient  
servant  
J. A. [unclear]

I ~~don't~~ forget  
the proper address  
but trust this will  
reach you

October 21st 18

From Adjutant,  
Depot.

To Officer Commanding,  
Depot.

I enclose herewith a letter from Pte A. Ford in which he states his condition of health and makes reference to Dr Rutherford's certificate. I attach other correspondence relating to the soldier~~x~~ for your information.

YCO.

7 copy

October 23rd, 1918.

From Assistant Adjutant,  
Depot.

4832 Pte Alexander Ford,  
Amherst Cove. Bonavista Bay.

Enclosed you will find cheque for the sum of  
Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), being payment on account of  
balance at your credit. You will also sign the enclosed  
receipt and return to me at first opportunity.

Fwy

December 6th/18.

From Officer Commanding,  
Discharge Depot.

To B.O.C., Newfoundland,  
Militia Dept.

4832, Pts. A. Ford  
4832, " B. Bartlett

Reference the above mentioned men. I am enclosing the full correspondence on the matter of their absence. It appears that both men enlisted on May 1st, 1918 and were warned for Home Leave with some other Bonavista men on May 19th. Private Bartlett who had been vaccinated a few days before was taken sick on the train on his way home and he states that Dr. A. Forbes visited him on the day after his arrival there - on Tuesday. The next day his brother went to Bonavista to get Dr. Forbes but he was away on another call at some distance from there. A message was left for Dr. Rutherford for him to call which he did - on Thursday, and Dr. Rutherford attended him during the remainder of his illness.

Private Ford proceeded on Home Leave on the 19th May for 10 days. At the end of his leave he walked to Bonavista a distance of 8 miles to catch the train but, on his arrival there, he found that there was no train until the next day so he walked back again to Amherst Cove that night. The next day he complained of being ill and Dr. Rutherford visited him on the 6th June and from that date onward he was under the Doctor's care.

They both state they were fit to travel to St. John's on the 1st September and applied to Dr. Rutherford for a certificate to bring along to the Depot with them but the Doctor strongly advised them not to come as they were not fit. There is no doubt that the Doctor thought it was not necessary to let them come unless they were fit for Active Service and on that ground kept them back.

The S.M.O., Depot has interviewed both these men and, on investigation of their cases, he is of the opinion that the men were fit to travel to St. John's ~~on~~ the 1 September if not at least two weeks before that.

Please see my communication of November 9th which gives the resumé of all the correspondence attached.

Captain,

O.C. Discharge Depot

Reg. No. 4832 Rank Pte. Name Ford, Alex.

Attested 1-5-18. Address Upper Amherst Cove B.B.

Allotment Allottee

Date of Allotment Returned from Overseas

Embarked for Overseas Cause

1<sup>st</sup> June 17-5-18

Advised from 19-5-18 to 29-5-18  
16-7-18 advised by Dr. Rutherford still unfit for service  
17-7-18 advised by Magistrate " " "  
25-7-18 advised by Dr. Rutherford Rheumatic and kidney trouble  
9-8-18 " " " " Still under treatment, & unfit  
for duty for 1 month.  
22-8-18 recommended by Dr. Rutherford & now fit for long

PASSED TO DEMOBILIZATION OFFICER

DEC 19 1918

REMARKS APPROVED ON DEMOBILIZATION.

3-12-78. Recommended Discharge Permanently  
Unfit

DEC 10 1978

[Recd. in July.]

Ford.

To be Noted

Part II. Orders	_____
Card Index	W. J. F.
Nominal Roll	_____

C.R. 4832

Bonaville  
Newfoundland  
Aug.

Capt. O'Grady -  
Royal West's Regiment  
St. John's.

Dear Sir

I beg to report that

Private Alec Ford, No 4832  
is still under treatment. Although  
somewhat improved, he is still unfit for  
Active Service. I consider that he  
may report for duty in one month from  
date. He is extremely anxious to go  
forward and will report as soon as he is  
fit for duty.

I beg to remain  
Yours truly

Alfred Ford M.D.

Bills  
with



Magistrate's Office

Bonavesta

12 July

1916

Dear Sir.

Private Alex. Ford of Bonavesta Cove who is on home leave and who has been very ill for some time, just in to request me to report him as still unfit for service

Doctor Rutherford confirms this statement, verbally and promised to send certificate to me, but has failed to do so.

Yours faithfully  
A. W. Rogers

I do hereby certify  
that a statement  
has been received  
from

To be Noted

Post-Office Order	.....
Card Index	..... <i>W.D.G.</i> .....
Manpower Book	.....



M.D. Please note and return.

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# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

SAFE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 80

Sent by JD

Rec'd by W. Bell

Class       

Place from Upper Amherst

To Headqrs St Johns



benefit from the  
Sixth June for three  
months doctor  
Rutherford pronounces  
Rheumatic and kidney  
trouble

To 4832 pk Chas Ford

To be Noted

Post-It Orders	_____
Card Index	<u>JD</u>
Memor. Roll	_____

Cincherst Cove

July 16<sup>th</sup> 1918

Capt J M Howley

1899 Dear Sir

Since commencing home on furlough I have been sick with rheumatism and old strain renewed. Under Dr Southwicks hands at howevista he have taken my name twice while I was in bed saying that he would report me to head Quarters and I taught by the him tending me and the magistrate sending him to me that I had nothing to do with reporting but it seems otherwise ~~last evening~~ according to a message I got last evening from headquarters. But Sir what I want to say to you is this I have been home since the twentieth

off may and my furlough was  
from the 20<sup>th</sup> until the 31<sup>st</sup> I left  
home when my time was up but when  
I reached the rest of my comrades small  
pox occurred and I asked for an extension  
and when my extension was up I leaved  
with the bunch and walked nine miles  
to Buxton to catch train but with  
some diffelente couldnt get a train  
had to walk home again and since  
then have been laid up with this  
wouble and is still unft is got by Dr  
advice and see what I want to say is this  
I havent received any pay since I been born  
got payed while at St Johns some where  
between the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> of may I didnt  
get a chance to make my allotment while  
at St Johns and is that why I dont get any  
pay sent me, if the allotment part didnt come  
I was expecting my own part before the but  
th other wise I am in need whatever

of some of my paper this is the order  
I got from the magistrate to write  
you and tell you of my sickness and  
by his advice I did so trusting it will  
be alright and hope not to offend you

Your humble servant

W H F 32 Pte Alex Ford

Upper Amherst Cove B B

if my father and mother swears its  
needed to make clotment before any  
money comes you can have them. <sup>age 55 Dec</sup> Father Thomas Ford  
mother, Selina Ford <sub>age 53 Dec</sub>



Do not doubt me because I am lame.  
For as soon as fit by emanation or my own  
feeling I will come trusting you will  
believe I am true to my undertaking

The Heart is still welling but the body is  
weak do not doubt me ill be there

trusting I am not offending you

you may think it strange for me to write you  
but its the way I feel

Form No. 1

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 112 Rec'd by Ca Check 21 No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place from Upper Antlers  
 To A. C. Depot Bonavista  
Adaps



Have reported three B  
 times from myself  
 other times from magistrate  
 and Doctor not fit for  
 @ while have you received  
 reply 48-32 ple Alexander Ford

To be Noted

Paid in Advance  
 Card Index wys  
 Receipt Book

Amherst Cove

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1948  
To capt O Gredy

As soon as  
but I will  
be at my  
Post

Dear Sir

I thought it right to let you that  
I am still unfit at present Dr tending me  
since June 6<sup>th</sup> with rheumatism and old  
hurt renewed and I thought that the Dr  
and magistrate had to report me but it seems  
otherwise I received a message from O G  
Dept a week ago saying report immediately  
I didnt understand where it went for me to  
come or where it was to send report but  
all I could do is send report it is impossible  
for me to come as yet. I have reported  
myself twice and the magistrate told me  
that he reported me also but I seems  
to be wrong because I sent ~~no~~ report  
and asked for reply if received but didnt get  
any could you please let me know  
immediately whether it will be alright  
me when I am fit to come I have stated my case  
twice at head Quarters besides reports just about  
the same as this but have no reply trusting I will  
receive word from you satisfactory  
yours truly  
4837 Amherst Cove Bonaville Bay



I have received no pay no settlement pay or any  
other since May the 18 to 2 and divide of  
money

July 25th, 1918

From Asst. Adjutant,  
Depot

To 4832 Pte. Alex. Ford,  
Amherst Cove, B.B.

Enclosed you will find cheque for the sum of  
Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) on account of your Company  
Pay.

Regarding your telegram of 16-7-18, you will  
please send us a certificate from Dr. Rutherford  
giving confirmation to your statement that you will  
be unfit for service for three months, also have him  
state the length of time before you can report back  
to Depot.

From adjutant  
To Asst. Adjt.

Attached is a letter  
from H832 Mr A Ford  
I did not find certificates  
mentioned in his letter  
I have written him asking him  
to forward it immediately

Aug. 15/18

J. J. [Signature]

Certificate recd from Dr. Rutherford  
9-8-18. W.S.

Amherst Cove

Aug 20th 1918

To J J O'Grady Capt

Dear Sir received your letter yesterday saying that you found no doctors Certificate from the doctor inclosed in the envelope. Well Sir thats to strange for me to understand the cause I am as sure I put it in as I am writing you now. But certainly you say there was none it must be so but I am astonished at it. But they way it must have been I must have put my own note in with certificate and must have taken it out again and forgotten it but I cant remember of taking it out after putting it in. Anyway I cant find it its not to be found in my house. I went to doctor for another one to day but he didnt care to give me one because giving one a short while ago. He said he wouldnt draw another one yet. He said I may discover it yet somewhere he send word to me to day saying I will write Capt O'Grady myself I trust he will and I trust I will get the certificate or another one. But Sir you can take my word for granted allough it may be true I will report as soon as fit but im now at present far from fit. But trust it will be all well with me in all ways while at home and when reports of I am troubled to any more pray while at home I would like to see you but I wont ask for it it may not be right to do so but I need it I am still your obedient servant J. J. O'Grady 4837 turn over

Dear sir I can give you the words of the certificate  
that mustard it may not be all the same words but  
handy to it. It is something like this as follows

To Capt O'Grady from Dr Rutherford  
Head Quarters St John <sup>copy of his certificate</sup>

This is to certify that Jte Alex Ford  
Upper Amherst Cove Bonaville Bay  
is still unfit He is still under treatment  
although some improved is still unfit for  
active service may report some time in Septem-  
ber he is certainly anxious to go and will report  
as soon as fit

Dr A E Rutherford  
This is the ~~copy~~ copy of words of

Doctor certificate every word may not be alike but  
not much difference if there is any doubt I would  
like for you to inform Dr A E Rutherford

Bonaville

I would like to set cap and buttons before I leave to  
report if possible trusting I am not offending you

Sincerely yours Jte Alex Ford 1834

Amherst Core  
Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1814  
Capt G G Gads

Dear Sir

Received word  
from J M Howley a  
little while ago saying  
send a certificate from  
Doctor that is treating  
me He didnt give me  
his full adress and by  
so I wouldnt risk to send  
it in his name not  
knowing his adress. so  
I ~~felt~~ doctor said  
it would be wise to  
state it to you and you  
could hand it over to him  
please if needs be so  
enclosed you will find  
certificate from Dr

I am yours

Obedient servant

P. to Mr. Ford

Dear Sir is there any  
chance of my getting  
my cap and buttons  
sent me as I am able  
to get around a little  
to a friend's house once  
in a while and seem  
to be improving I  
would very  
much like to get  
my cap & B sent  
if it was to cost me to  
pay for it commencing  
I would like to have it  
now like to have it for the  
rest of the time I sit  
home cap No 7 if it  
can be sent me

Donarivota

Aug 22<sup>d</sup> / 18

Captain O'Grady  
St. John's

Dear Sir

Private Alice Ford # 4832  
informs me that he must  
have mislaid the Certificate  
which I gave him recently, in  
which I recommended leave  
of absence for a month on  
account of physical disability,  
Rheumatism of shoulder and



Variocela being the cause  
of his indisposition.

I also said and recommended  
that his leave be extended  
for two months, when he  
will, I think, be fit for  
service.

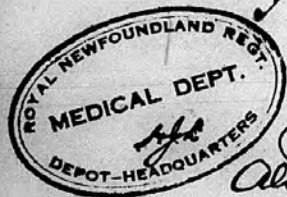
I beg to remain

Yrs truly

W. Rutherford

Letter from Dr Rutherford  
22-8-18 rec at Bonavista.

Recommended two months  
<sup>leave</sup> back pay from that  
date.



To be Noted

Part II. Orders .....  
Card Index .....  
Nominal Roll .....

Amherst Cove

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1918

To Capt O'Grady

Dear Sir ~~Dear Sir~~

I have notified  
Doctor C. E. Sutherland  
for certificate to send  
to head quarters or  
you personally  
regarding state of  
my trouble. Have  
you received it from  
him. Would like to  
know and what form  
would you please let  
me know the statement  
of his certificate by his  
examination, seems  
to be improving good

Trusting if improving do  
not fail but still hold on  
I will be able to report  
for duty between now and  
they 15<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of Oct.

It seems like they told  
that that fell in old  
inquiry is better somewhat,  
I would rather stay at  
home untill I think I am  
able to do my worst work  
I am not as yet than I  
would report not able to  
do do and lose my  
place in the regiment  
I suppose dr gave you  
good advice of my trouble  
and there is no need  
of me saying any  
more. But please  
let me know if

You recievd certificate  
and what he thought  
of me; if I am supposed  
to know trusting that  
none will loose confidence  
in me

I still remain  
Your Obedient  
Servant

4832

J. W. Allen Ford  
Amherst Cove  
B D

please reply if certificate  
has been recievd. and if  
the degustine is  
suitable

Bombay to  
Newfoundland  
November 12<sup>th</sup>/18

Adjt. Capt. D. J. O'Grady  
St. John's.

Dear Sir -  
Pte. Alexander Ford No. 1532  
is still missing from the service,  
although, had the war continued, he  
very well might have been able to rejoin  
the ranks. He has been under  
my care since the last time of  
writing you, & is leaving for St. John's  
to report personally.

I beg to remain

Yrs truly

Alfred the pure M.D.

Newfoundland  
Military Service Act, 1918.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

November 8th 1918.

To:- Officer Commanding Depot,  
City.

From:- Deputy Registrar, M.S.A.

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Attached please find telegram received this  
afternoon from Magistrate Roper.

For your information and attention, please.

*A. Montgomerie*  
Major. #1

DEPUTY REGISTRAR.



# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sent by Donavista Check 8

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

Place from Kepty Registrar



To M. S. B.  
Privates Herbert Bartlett and  
Alex Ford Amherst Cove  
who have been home sick  
wish to report headquarters  
Shall I give pass.

John Roper

1  
Kord, Alex.

4832

Ray Sept.

January 16th., 1919

#4832 Pte. Alexander Ford,  
Upper Amherst Cove, B.B.

Dear Sir :-

Please find enclosed "Discharge  
Certificate No. 533."

Yours faithfully,

Captain,  
Paymaster & O.i/c Records

Enc'l 1.



# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE

1. No. 4832 Rank Plt Name Alex Ford  
 Intended place of residence Wtke Amherst Cove CB

2. Occupation Fisherman  
 Classification of soldier B Medical Category 1

3. The above named man is discharged in consequence of **DEMOBILIZATION.**

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

Place DEC 18 1918  
 Date .....

Wtke Capt  
 Commanding Discharge Depot  
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

### CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE

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

Place and date St Johns Alexander Ford  
Dec 18th 1918 Signature of soldier  
 Signature of witness Wtke Capt

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

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

Place and Date St Johns Alexander Ford  
17-12-18 Signature of soldier  
 Signature of witness Wtke Capt

### STATEMENT OF SERVICE

7. Enlisted for service 1-5-18 No of days on Military  
 Discharged from service 19-12-18 plus 28 days Service 269

### APPROVAL OF DISCHARGE

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

Place ST. JOHN'S R.H. Sant Capt  
 Date DEC 19 1918 Officer Commanding Discharge Depot  
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

### CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE

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

Place St Johns, Nfld W Bowley Capt  
January 16 1919 Officer i/c Records  
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Wtke - 2079/533

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 14832 Rank Private Name Ford Alex  
 Date of Enlistment 1.2.5.18 Address Upper Oranmore District Barrington  
 Occupation Fisherman Classification for Discharge B Medical Category E  
 Recommendation S.M.B. See leaf Disability Rating Nil  
 Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N.F. P/36.....	B 268.....	B 121.....	1.	N.F. Med.....	D.F. 1.....	1.
B 178.....	W 3494.....	B 122.....		Board 1st.....	" 2.....	
B 178a.....	1. D 400A.....	1. B 1915.....	2.	do 2nd.....	" 3.....	3.
B 179.....	2. D 400B.....	Form L.....		do 3rd.....	" 4.....	
B 179a.....	D 400C.....	Form K.....		do 4th.....	" 5.....	
B 179b.....	0. B 103.....	ME 2.....	1.		" 6.....	
B 179c.....	B 120.....	M 93.....				

Date 17.12.18.....

*Alexander Ford*  
O. C. Discharge Depot.

### PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

**1. Civil Re-Establishment.**

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

*Alexander Ford*

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date.....

**2. Clothing.**

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

- (a) Clothing Allowance payable 160.00.....  
 (b) Clothing Supplied See leaf.....

Date 17.12.18.....

O i/c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. K 319 to his home at Upper Amherst Conn and Release Certificate No. 1134 issued.

Date 17-12-18 43 ASDicks Capt  
Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 16-1-19

Date 18-12-18 ASDicks Capt  
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 19-12-18

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

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

Date 19-12-18 ASDicks Capt  
Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—

Officer i/c Records.  
Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

Date DEC 19 1918 R.H. Sant Capt  
O. C. Discharge Depot

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

Date Dec 21/1918

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Ford OF Christian Name Alexander

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Upper Amherst Cove County nfld

	SPECIAL RESERVE		REGULAR ARMY	
	on	at	on	at
Examined	1st day of May 1918	St John's, nfld	day of	191
Declared Age	26 1/2 years	— days	years	days
Trade or Occupation	Fisherman			
Height	5 feet	5 inches	feet	inches
Weight	136 lbs.			lbs
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 37 inches			inches
	Range of Expansion... 4 inches			inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
When Vaccinated	1909			
Vision	R.E.—V=	6/6	R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V=	6/6	L.E.—V=	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Lamm Peterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Major</u>			
Enlisted	at St John's, nfld.			
	on 1st day of May 1918		on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps	Regtl. No.
	The Royal nfld Regt.	4832		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				



# Civil Re-establishment Committee



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

*To work as Fisherman*

*Alexander Ford*

Signature of Man.

*C. S. Dicks / Capt*

Signature of the Vocational Officer or his Representative.

Reg. No. *4832*

Place

*St Johns n. F. L. D*

Date

*17/12/18*

191

F.

400A

Bonavista

Demobilization Form 1

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Class for Demobilization:—  
B.

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

Discharge Depot: Headquarters The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Date ..... 3 Dec 1918

Regimental No. 4832.

Name ... *Ward, Alexander* (PK)

Address ... *Amherst Cove, Bonavista Bay*

Present Medical Category ... ~~A#~~ E

Recommended for:— (a) Immediate discharge .....  
(b) Standing Medical Board. *Standing Medical Board*

*Proceeding of S.M.B.  
in file*

Members of Board {  
..... *R.H. Lait* Capt.  
O.C. Discharge Depot.  
..... *J. Paterson*  
Senior Medical Officer  
..... *J.W. Borden*  
M. O. Depot



## Descriptive Return of a Soldier Discharged on Account of Disability

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

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

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

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

Name in full *Ford Alexander Geo.*

Regiment from which discharged *1st. Newfoundland*

Regimental number *4837*

Intended address *upper Amherst Cove B. B.*

Height on discharge *5<sup>4</sup> Feet 6"*

Color of hair on discharge *brown*

Complexion *Fair*

Color of eyes *brown*

Descriptive Marks *-*

Figure on discharge *Medium*

Christian name of Father *Thomas.*

Christian name of Mother *Sabona*

Wife's maiden name in full *-*

Date and place of marriage *-*

Christian names of children *-*

Place and date of soldier's birth. *upp. Amherst Cove 7 Oct. 1891*

Nature and locality of civil employment required

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

(Soldier's signature in full) *Alexander Geo Ford* (Rank) *Pte*

Station *St John's* Date *3rd Dec 1918*

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

*J. Paterson*  
Medical Officer i/c Hospital.  
Unit, or Command Depot.

Station *St John's Hfld* Date *3rd Dec 1918*





Department of Militia, Newfoundland

Medical Department

Medical Report on an Invalid

NOTES:—

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

STATEMENT OF CASE

Station *St John's Nfld*  
 Date *3rd Dec 1918*

- 1. Unit *Royal Newfoundland*
- 2. Regimental No. *4832*
- 3. Rank *Pte*
- 4. Name *FORD ALEX<sup>r</sup> GEO*
- 5. Age last birthday *27 years*
- 6. Enlisted on *1st May 1918*
- 7. Former trade or occupation *Fisherman*

8. Disability *Rheumatism*

9. History *Went on home leave May 19<sup>th</sup> 18. Was taken sick with Rheumatism at Bonaville treated by Dr Rusterford. Says he was 21 days in bed. Reported to Barracks Nov 14. 18 - says he had found his back & shoulder before returning.*

10. What is his present condition?

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

General condition good.  
Complain of pain a tenderness  
over lumbar region. (but this  
condition was present before  
enlistment)

Pulse 82. Temp. normal.  
Heart sounds accentuated.

11. Was sanatorium advised and refused?  
operation

✓

12. Do you recommend discharge as  
permanently unfit?

No

Signature

*L. B. Wilson*

Rank or Qualification

*Major*

Remarks if any by Officer i/c Hospital.

Place

Signature

Date

Rank

## Opinion of the Medical Board

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

13. For pension purposes, the disability x cannot be considered as aggravated by:—  
due to

(a) Service during this war.      (b) Climate.      (c) Ordinary Military Service  
Remarks if any:—

14. Does the Board concur in preceding report? (see Sect. 10) If not give differing opinion and additional findings.

*Yes*

15. (a) THE ENTIRE DISABILITY—To what extent is his capacity lessened at present for earning a full livelihood in the general labor market? *nil*

(b) PENSIONABLE DISABILITY—To what extent is his capacity at present for earning a full livelihood in the general labor market lessened by that portion of his disability to or incurred during service? *nil*

(State in percentage.)

Remarks if any:—

16. Is the disability permanent?

17. Has the disability been aggravated by      (a) Intemperance      (b) Misconduct

18. The refusal of operation sanatorium is:— (a) Reasonable  
(b) Unreasonable

Remarks if any:—

19. If fit subject for Hospital do you recommend admittance to } General Hospital,  
Naval and Military Con-  
valescent Hospital,  
Jensen Tuberculosis Camp.

20. We recommend discharge from retention in the Army *permanently unfit*

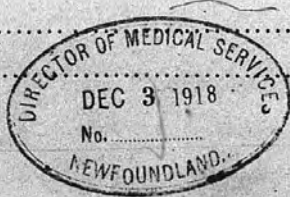
Remarks if any:—

..... *H. H. ...* President  
Signatures ..... *Wm. ...*  
..... *...*

Place ..... *St. John's*  
Date ..... *Dec 3/18*

APPROVED

Station .....  
Date .....



*C. Macpherson*  
Administrative Medical Officer *Major*



This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (1)  
N. F. 1915

In the spaces below should be entered the findings in the routine of examination set forth in the Appendix. Care should be exercised that each finding be entered after the number below which corresponds to the number of that test.

Examination of Alexander Ford Upper Limbers Cone  
aged 26 conducted at Bonavis ta

Date: April 26/18 Recruiting Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

NO OF TEST FINDING

1 No  
2 No  
3 No  
4 No  
5 No  
6 No  
7 Yes  
8 Yes  
9 No

*X 8 20 21*

10 }  
11 } Myalium.  
12 }  
13 Dull' poss.  
14 }

15 }  
16 } Myalium.  
17 }  
18 }  
19 Lit. 4/6 Both  
20 }

21 }  
22 } Myalium.  
23 }  
24 }  
25 }  
26 }  
27 }

28 }  
29 } Myalium.  
30 }  
31 }

33 Vaccinated 1909.  
34 5/15  
35 126  
36 33-34  
37 \$ 200 per annum.

38 Mrs. Thomas Ford Mother.  
39 No one.

Signature of Medical Examiner: C. A. Foster

Cornhurst  
Sept 16/18

Dear gentlemen

Just a word  
to say that I received  
my wage the sum of  
\$30.00 thirty dollars

with thanks.

to Wm J. McHowly  
Asst Adjutant

from Plt Alex. Ford

received this monev  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

I remain  
yours obedient  
servant

4832

ple also find  
affer amherst  
Lou Bonavista Bg

I received word from  
Capt O'Gredy saying  
send along Dalton  
certificate and I  
will have you looked  
after. and I need  
as regards pay to be  
looked after

Amherst Cove  
Sept 11th 1918

To J. M. Howley

Dear Sir

I beg to ask  
why I don't get any of  
my pay or am you  
gives leaf without any  
pay I received the sum  
of thirty dollars ~~in~~  
~~and~~ during the summer  
if there is any pay due  
me while on sick leaf  
I am in need badly  
of it its almost four  
months since I came back  
from it folks on full  
ough leaved the runs

for ten days furlough  
little I thought it would  
be four months but  
we cannot help affliction  
through they work of  
God I have not did a  
stroke since on sick  
leaf. Capt O'Grady  
know my trouble  
through doctors certificate  
and I am desolate of  
money is there any  
for me or more  
I deserted on the first  
day of may for the army  
not thinking I would be  
at armistice four to day  
and still unfit and  
but for I say its no fault  
of mine. Trusting this  
will not offend you

Amherst Cove B

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1818.

To J<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Howley Craft

Dear Sir

My son Alex  
come home on furlough  
since the 20<sup>th</sup> of May  
they twentieth day of May  
his furlough so I heard from  
day was for 10 days But  
have been on sick bed  
since then and under doctors  
hands and he still is well  
but thank God he is somewhat  
improved. And now Sir I  
have been boarding him for all  
the time so I think its time  
for me to receive payment for his  
boarding him whatever they  
allowance is We know that



Link to B. Nicks  
Do you know anything about this  
of board for  
152 10

ACCOUNT	139 m
GR. NO.	6554 INITIALS
IND. LEDGER	1 17 17
FIN. LEDGER	12

1<sup>st</sup> SA telegram received that he was sick 7-7-18, is still sick.

E

A.D.R.

Correct found May 20<sup>th</sup> 1918

Robert Capet Adjutant  
Depot The Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
St. John's, Nfld.

The rules of this regiment is board free so I am expecting to see the things carried out right and I want the allowance for his board please see to it that I will be paid what ever the allowance is. Trusting I will not offend you

I remain Thomas Ford

Father of the above Ford  
4832

From Thomas  
To J. M. Hawley Capet

if not send payment. Give me an answer of what will be done.

Dec. 11th. 18.

Thomas Ford, Esq.,  
Amherst Cove, B.B.

*WGE*

Dear Sir,-

Referring to your letter of Oct. 30th. I  
beg to enclose cheque for \$152.10, being the amount  
due you for board a/c of your son, Pte. Alex Ford,  
covering period from May 20th. 1918.

Yours truly,

*WGE*

Capt. & Paymaster.

Enclosure.

MW.

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Number of Sheet 1st

Forms  
B 121.  
39.

Regiment of Royal Newfound Land

Signature of O. C. Company Wm Churchill Lieut

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service pay or proficiency pay
No.	<u>11837 Ford Alex</u>	Age on	<u>26</u> years <u>      </u> months	<u>Postman</u>	
Joined		Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	Religion	
Joined		Date	<u>1.5.18</u>	<u>R.C.M.</u>	
Joined		Date	Period of	Place of Birth	
Joined	Date	} with Colours <u>26</u> years.	} with Reserve <u>36</u> years.	<u>Upper Ambient Ave B.B</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>Demobilized St John's 16/19</u>					

To be carried over