



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

C. 28

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2949 Name Private William Harding Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Private William Harding</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Little Bay West</u>
<u>Fortune Bay</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>20</u> Years <u>4</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>fisherman</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? | 7. <u>No</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? | 8. <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? | 9. <u>Yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? | 10. { Name <u>FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR</u>
Corps |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? | 11. <u>Yes</u> |

I, Private William Harding 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.

8. July 10th/16. Private W. Harding SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Chas. A. Cope Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Private William Harding 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 10th day of July 1916.
Signature of Attesting Officer Chas. A. Cope Capt.

†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 rank of Private.
If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.
Date 1916 } Approving Officer.
Place

† 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 Ernest William Harding
 Apparent age 20 years 4 months. Height 5 feet 9 1/4 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 34 inches
 Range of expansion 2 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin David Harding, Little Bay, Fortune Bay | Relationship Father
 Particulars as to Marriage

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

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

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Re-serve 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 _____									<div style="font-size: 2em; margin-bottom: 10px;">C</div>
Joined at _____ on _____									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Total Service towards Engagement to _____ [date of discharge] _____ years _____ days									
" " " Pension " " " " [" "] _____ " _____ "									



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

C. 78

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2949 Name Ernest William Harding Corps

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- 1. What is your name? 1. Ernest William Harding
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. Little Bay West
Fortuna Bay.
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
- 4. What is your age? 4. 20 years 4 Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Industrious
- 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, Ernest William Harding, 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.

Ernest W. Harding SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Chas. Aye Signature of Witness.

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Signature of Attesting Officer Chas. Aye Cpt.

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Date 191
Place } Approving Officer.

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C.R. 2949

Extract from Nominal Roll of Mfld. Regt. Draft No.14
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.M.F. Embarked South-
ampton, 30-11-16.

2949 Pte. E.W. Harding.

Extract of Communication received from Pay & Record
Office, London dated October 15, 1917.

#2929 Pte. W. E. Harding.

Posted as "Missing" 14/4/17 and presumed Dead for
official purposes, 17/11/17.

G.

17th August, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, asking for some information with respect to your son, No. 2949, Private E. W. Harding, who was reported Missing April 14th. I very much regret that no further information has come to hand concerning him.

If at any time news of him is received, I shall be glad to immediately forward it to you.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. David Harding,
Little Bay.

Little Bay

Via Harbours

Aug 13th 1917

Dear Sir I am writing to you
to know if you could give me
any information about my bear boy

what was missing April 14 we havent
heard a word from him we dont know
what to think of him where he is in
Germany prisoner or not I would like
to no where my bear boy is

Private E W Harding No 2949

Please answer and let me no what
you think of him I would like to no

and Oblige Yours

Mrs David Harding

May 13, 1917.

Mr. David Harding,

Little Bay, F.B.

No. 2949, Private

Ernest W. Harding, missing April fourteenth.

C.R. 2949

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

#2949 Pte. E.W. ¹¹Harding, D.Co.,

Reported Missing April 14th.

WINDSOR COUNTY
IDEAL BOND

C.R.

2949

Extract ed Nominal Roll Draft.(All Ranks) to 1st
Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Southampton 30-11-16.

2949 Pte. E.W.Harding.

C.R. 2949

Extract from Nominal Roll embarked at. John's for overseas.
88, 8, 10.

2949 Pte. E. Harding.

C.R. 2949
Ernest W. Harding was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on July. 10th. 1916
Regimental No. 2949 was allotted to Pte E.W. Harding

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

E. W. Harding

C.R. 2949

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Narding

OF Christian Name William Ernest

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish..... County.....

	SPECIAL RESERVE		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on 10 day of July 1916	at St John's N.F.L.D.	on day of 191	at
Declared Age	20 years 4 mo	Fisherman	years	days
Trade or Occupation	5 feet 9 1/4 inches		feet	inches
Weight	118 lbs.		feet	inches
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 34 inches			
	Range of expansion... 2 inches			
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
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)		(b)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection				
Approved by (Signature)	Lammert Peterson			
(Rank)	Major			
Enlisted	at St John's Newfld.		at	
	on 10 day of July 1916		on day of 191	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps. 1st Newfld. Regiment	Regtl. No. 2949	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
(Signature)	on day of 191		on day of 191	
(Rank)				

Office Copy.

PAY LIST.

to

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Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

No. *294⁹*

Rank

Private
France

Name

Harding E. W.
14th of April

Died (or) *intestate* at

on the *14th of April* 191*7*.

Deserted at

on the of 191*7*.

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>144/14</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at from to			
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	191				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	"				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Consolidated stoppage				Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>6</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		<i>£</i>				<i>£</i>		
		<i>6</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>		<i>6</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>

CHECKED,
[Signature]
18/5/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, ~~and that the debtor balance of £~~ *to correctly be brought against the Fund (c).* **NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.**



Dated at

this

day of

191

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS *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.

Harding, E.W.

2949

Sept.

DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or ~~ROYAL~~ **NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**

No. **2948** Rank **Private** Name **E. W. Harding,**

Died (a) **Intestate at France** on the **14** of **April** 191**8.**
MISSING 17-17.

Deserted at **PRESUMED DEAD 17-11-17** 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 14/4/17	6	14	3
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at from to			
	£ s. d.				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	191				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	6	14	3	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	6	14		£	6	14
				3				3

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to **16/5/18** and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.

CHECKED.
[Signature]
16/5/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, *and that the debtor balance of £ 2* **NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,**



[Signature]
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS.
By Master.

Dated at this day of 1918

(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 Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.

(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

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MAIL COPY
to

PAY LIST.

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NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

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No. **2948** Rank **Private** Name **E. W. Harding,**

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Deserted at **MISSING 17-17.** on the of 191 **.**

PRESUMED DEAD 17-11-17

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

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

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form I.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.		Cr.	£	s.	d.	
	Balance Dr. last month					Balance Cr. last month 14/4/17	6	14	3	
	<i>Cash issues</i> (Date of each issue to be stated)					Pay days at from to				
	£ s. d.					Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to				
	191					Messing allowance days at from to				
	"					Kit allowance				
	"					Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2				
	Consolidated stoppage									
	Balance due by the Paymaster	6	14	3		Balance due to the Paymaster				
		£	6	14	3		£	6	14	3

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to **161 5718** and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.

CHECKED.
[Signature]
16/5/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ **6 14 3** is payable against the **NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,**



[Signature]
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS.
Paymaster.

Dated at this day of 1918

(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 Form B, 2000 or Army Form O. 1815.
(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

ORIGINAL

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or Corps **NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**

No. **2948** Rank **Private** Name **E. W. Harding,**

Died (a) **Intestate at France** on the **14** of **April** 191 **8**

Deserted at **MISSING 14/4-17.** on the of 191 .

PRESUMED DEAD 17-11-17
I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

(*Commanding Squadron, Troop,
Battery or Company.*)

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Form 1.

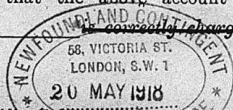
Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month 14/4/17	6	14	3
	<i>Cash issues</i> (Date of each issue to be stated) £ s. d.				Pay days at from to			
	191				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	"				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	6	14	3	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	6	14		£	6	14
				3				3

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to **16.5.18** and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.

CHECKED.
[Signature]
16/5/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ is *correctly chargeable against the Budget.*

Dated at this day of **MAY** 191 **8**



NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
[Signature]
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS.
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.

ORIGINAL

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST. to 191 Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or Corp NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.
No. 2948 Rank Private Name E. W. Harding,
Died (c) Intestate at France on the 14 of April 1918
Deserted at MISSING 14/4-17 on the of 1918
PRESUMED DEAD 17-11-17
I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

Table with columns: Date, Dr., £ s. d., Cr., £ s. d.
Rows include: Balance Dr. last month, Cash issues, Consolidated stoppage, Balance due by the Paymaster.
Cr. side includes: Balance Cr. last month, Pay days at, Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay, Messing allowance, Kit allowance, Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2.

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to 16/5/18 and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.

CHECKED, 16/5/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular and that the debtor balance of £ 6 14 3 is correct and payable against the PAYROLL CONTINGENT.



Handwritten signature and title: CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS, Paymaster.

Dated at this day of 1918
(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 the Commanding Officer with Form B. 2090 or Army Form Q. 1815.
(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.



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 Earnest William Harding
aged 20 years conducted at LTB
Date: July 10th 1916 Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST FINDING

- 1 no
- 2 no
- 3 no
- 4 no
- 5 no
- 6 no
- 7 yes
- 8 yes
- 9 no
- 10 n
- 11 n
- 12 n
- 13 n
- 14 n
- 15
- 16
- 17 n
- 18
- 19 1/2 both
- 20 n
- 21 n
- 22 n
- 23 n
- 24 n
- 25 n
- 26 n
- 27 n
- 28 n
- 29 n
- 30 n
- 31 n
- 32 n

2949

33 no
34 5 ft 9 1/4 in
35 118 lbs
36 32 in 34 in

37 \$4.00
38 father David Harding Little Bay Fortune Bay
39 nobody

Ji

Signature of Medical Examiner: D. W. Borden
Lieut

9916

Little Bay N Bay

Feb 11th 1920

Hon Minister Melita

St John's Nfld

Dear Sir

My son No 2949

Pte E Starding was reported
Missing in France April
14th 1917. and I have
not received any of
his personal effects, I
understand from
returned soldiers that
there should be some
money due to him
which I suppose should
be paid to me his
mother. He left an
allowment of 60¢ per
day. Hoping to hear

you

Yours truly .

Mr Phoebe Harding

40 ⁶⁶/_{va} Cal
please apply to Mr. of J. office

March 6, 1920

Mrs. Phoebe Harding,
Little Bay.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of Feb. 11th. I beg to advise you that the balance of your late son's estate, is at present in the hands of the Minister of Justice and in order to hurry matters along, I would suggest that you apply to him, and Letters of Administration will be taken out.

Yours truly,

Capt.
For Paymaster

LM-

Payable to: David Harding, admr

Estate

ACCOUNT		DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA
CHK NO.	595	Regimental Pay Branch
INL LEDGER	87	
PAY LEDGER		
GEN	110	

PAY VOUCHER

Sept 22, 1921

RECEIVED from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment
 the sum of Forty Dollars
 on account of Est. E. W. Harding #2948

F. C. R.

In replying the date of this
letter should be quoted

S/B.



September 20, 1921.

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith original
Letters of Administration to the estate
of Ernest W. Harding, #2948, a deceased
member of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.
Kindly have same forwarded to the Administrator,
together with a cheque for the amount due.

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

Deputy Minister of Justice.

Major J. M. Howley, M.B.E.,
Pay & Record Office.

Sept. 24th, 1921.

David Harding, Esq.,
Little Bay, F.B.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$40.66, being
the balance of the Estate of the late Ernest W. Harding,
due you as Administrator. I also enclose Letters of
Administration.

Yours truly,

Major
Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Encl's. 2.

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.

..... July 15^{een} 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2949 Rank
Name *Wm. E. Harding*
Royal Newfoundland Regt.



..... *David Harding* (Sgd.)

..... *Phoebe Harding* Relationship.

Address *D. M. Little Bay West*

1901



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

Sept. 3 1921.

The accompanying Victory Medal and/or British War Medal

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. David Harding (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2949 Rank Pte.

Name E.W. Harding (D) Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received October 10th 1921

Signature Mrs David Harding

Date October 12th 1921

Address Little Bay West.

[P.T.O.]

Little Boy ^{that}
C.R. 2949 ^{Under Bate}

Dear Sir

as I saw in
the Evening Herald of the
Graves of The Bear Boys
how well I would like
to hear of my bear boy
who went April 14 1917
He was in the missing
list we dont know how
he went I look over the
papers to see if I can see

his name. but I cant
see his name on no paper
how well I would like
to hear he has a grave
Pte E W Harding Co 2949
he is always on my mind
not knowing how he went

Well Sir I am writing this
note if you know any
thing about him please
write and let me know
I remain yours
this his
mother Phoebe Harding
Little Boy ^{Under Bate}

C.R. 2949

August 6th, 1920

Mrs. Phebe Harding,
Little Bay,
vic Hr. Breton.

Dear Madam:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter relative to No. 2949 Pte. E.W. Harding, deceased, and would state in reply that Major T. Hangle, Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries, is still searching for the bodies and graves of missing men, and it is still possible that Private Harding's grave may ^{yet} be located, in which event I shall be very glad to advise you of the fact.

When Major Hangle has finally given up the search, those whose graves at such time will not have been located, will be ~~deceased~~ ~~deceased~~ as missing, and the memorial erected in their memory will be a mural tablet suitably chosen, whereon will be encribed their names, rank, Regiment, and the inscription chosen by the next of kin concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.