



# 4 THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT /

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 4994 Name Wm Mc Grath Corps Cof B.

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

1. What is your name? ..... 1. Wm Mc Grath
2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. Sellys Cove / B.
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. No
4. What is your age? ..... 4. 19 Years ..... Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. fisherman
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, Wm Mc Grath 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.  
 11-5 TO  
 H  
 Signature of Recruit. Wm Mc Grath  
 Signature of Witness. [Signature]

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

I, Wm Mc Grath 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 [Signature] on this 11-5 day of May 1915.  
 Signature of Attesting Officer [Signature]

### CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the .....  
 If enlisted by special authority such will be attached to the original attestation.  
 Date 11-5-1915 .....  
 Place [Signature] ..... } Approving Officer.

† 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: vis:—(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 W. J. Mc Gough  
 Apparent age 28 years ..... months. Height ..... feet ..... inches  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 33 1/2 inches  
 Range of expansion 5 1/2 inches  
 Distinctive marks .....

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT**

Name and Address of next of kin John ~~Mc Gough~~ Mc Gough  
Delby Court T.B. 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 L'epot	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 " " " " " "									



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| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>Selwyn Cove T B</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>             |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>19</u> Years .....  |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Farmer</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>             |
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11-5-10 William Mc Grath SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

H J. Haynes Signature of Witness.

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J. Haynes Signature of Attesting Officer Asst. Comm. Haynes

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Date 11 May 1915

Place Selwyn Cove } Approving Officer.

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FEBRUARY 28th 1919.

Lieut. C.C. Oke,

Pro-Secretary,

Board of Pensions Commissioners.

Dear Sir:

I have the honour by direction to forward you a letter from Mr. W. White, Sub-Collector of Trinity, having reference to the late #4994 Pte. W. McGrath. Would you be good enough to place this matter before the Board of Pensions Commissioners at an early date, and to reply to Mr. White direct?

Yours faithfully,

Captain,  
Military Secretary.



C.R. 4994

FEBRUARY 28th 1919.

W.W. White, Esq.,  
Sub-Collector,  
Trinity.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th inst., with reference to the case of Mr. John McGrath of Trinity, father of #4994 Pte. W. McGrath, who enlisted in the Regiment last May, and died shortly afterwards.

As this is a matter entirely for the Board of Pension Commissioners, I am forwarding your letter to them, requesting that it be given early attention, and to reply to you direct.

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Militia.

THE BOARD OF  
PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Hon. Sir P. T. McGrath, K.B.E.,  
(President Legislative Council),  
Chairman.  
Hon. J. A. Clift, K.C., C.B.E.,  
(Minister Agriculture and Mines)  
Capt. W. H. Parsons, R.A.M.C.

In reply refer to

No. ....



C.R. 4994

*St. John's*

March 7/19

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

4994 Pte. William McGrath

Dear Sir:-

I have the acknowledge receipt of your communication of to-day's date with reference to the case of Mr. John McGrath of Smith Sound, T. B. father of the above mentioned man.

Pending further information in this case, the Board of Pension Commissioners have not given a final decision, but have agreed to grant Mr. McGrath the sum of \$100.00 without prejudice, until such time as the case is disposed of.

Yours faithfully,

*W. H. Parsons*  
Secretary,  
Board of Pension Commissioners  
for Newfoundland.

WHP/LBD.

C.R. 4994

MARCH 7th 1919.

Major W.F. Parsons, M.C.

Secy., Bd. of Pension Commissioners.

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding you herewith letter I received this morning from Mr. John McGrath, of Smith's Sound, Trinity Bay, father of the late #4994 Pte. Wm. McGrath.

As you are aware, this man called on me a day or two ago, and I sent him, with Captain Byrne, to interview you in relation to his case, and I understood you took a statement from him and led him to believe that his case would receive favourable consideration.

His letter of this morning intimates that he is not quite settled in his mind, and, as he intends to leave town tomorrow for some other destination than his home, I would strongly press that his case be considered immediately, and that something definite be done for him before he leaves, so that he might be sent home satisfied, if possible.

Would you be good enough to take this matter up to-day with the Chairman of your Board, so that consideration of this case may be facilitated, and let me know of what decision you may reach.

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Militia.

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St. John's,

March 7th 1919.

Justice Bennett,

Dear Sir:-

This is my last time writing to you in regards as to 4994 Pte. William McGrath. Now sir, if the doctors can pass a boy like mine that was consumptive as so cruelly illtreated him. I know it was every boy's duty to come forward at the time of call. Now, sir, it was in the prime time of fishing when my boy came home on leave and died and I had to tend to him myself, and give people my traps on shares, but one share out of three was to be mine. I have also sold my saw mill and motor engine. I sold the motor engine to put my boy in under ground. I have a very bad complaint myself I am not able to work hard. If the doctor had treated my boy ne may have been living now, and if there is nothing for me I will be leaving tomorrow, Saturday, if possible, but I assure you its not nor home, although I have great regard for my wife and children, as much as any man. I am not coming to beg any more, for I have always got my bread hard and honest. I was never used to begging; I am not going to beg any longer. I am staying with MRS. John Leonard 74 Cabot Street. I will be leaving Saturday evening if possible. I think that some chastisement should be upon the Doctor for doing such thing.

Good-bye for ever,

(Sgd) JOHN McGRATH

Delbys Cove, Smith Sound, T.B.

C.R.

4994

Dec. 22nd, 1919

Mr. John McGrath ,  
Trinity.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of Dec. 3rd has  
been duly received. I am afraid that no action,  
as suggested by you, can be taken in this con-  
nection which has already been pointed out.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.Col.  
Chief Staff Officer.



C.R. 4994

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

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

June 12th 1918 *1918*

From Officer Commanding,  
Depot

To D.O.C.,  
Militia Dept.

Sir :-

4994, Pte. Wm. MacGrath.

Telegram as follows as been received from John Mc Grath, Father of above noted man, from Delby's Cove, via British Harbor, and -dated II-6-'18 :-

' Regret to say Private William MacGrath died '  
' this morning. '

(signed) John MacGrath

Previous report to D.D.M.S. from Magistrate Somerton, Trinity, stated this man was suffering from influenza, and bronchitis, and would not be fit for duty for some weeks.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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

C.R. 4994

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from UnitnThe Royal  
Nfld. Regt. St. John's, dated June 13, 1918.

#4994 Pte. W. McGrath.

Died at Delby's Cove 11.6.18 struck off the strength  
from that date.

Jan. 2nd 18

Mr. John McGrath  
Delby's Cove, T.B.

Dear Sir:-

The Army Council have requested that they may be furnished with particulars of the Graves of all Officers Non-Commissioned and Men of His Majesty's Forces, released in any part of the British Empire, who died in the Overseas Dominions during the present War. I should be glad, therefore if you will inform me of the following particulars concerning No. 4994, Private William McGrath:-

- 1 ..... Location of Grave (for example: Methodist Cemetery, Carbonear)
- 2 ..... Whether the Grave has been temporarily or permanently marked; that what kind of Headstone, if any, has been erected.

A reply to this letter at your earliest convenience would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

June 20th., 1918.

From Officer Commanding,  
Depot.

To Paymaster and Officer i/o Records,  
Dept. of Militia.

Strength Decreases by Deaths.

Undernoted you will find list of men on Regimental strength who have died within the past few days. Under separate cover I am sending complete documents on file at Depot in connection with them and have noted herewith Credit Balances due on their respective Company Pay Accounts to dates of their being struck off Regimental strength, which we now transfer to your Department for transmission to their next of kin. Kindly sign receipts attached to documents and return to this office.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of death</u>	<u>Cr Bal.</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
4494	Pte. McGrath, Wm. ✓	11-6-18	\$25.20	None
5201	" Ralph, Cecil	10-6-18	24.20	None
5580	" Simms, Ernest	12-6-18	15.40	None
5140	" Avery, Heskiah	15-6-18	21.90	None
5375	" Sceviour, Martin	15-6-18	17.60	None
5502	" Wicks, Fredk.	18-6-18	19.80	None
5426	" Hicks, Philip	18-6-18	19.80	None
5609	" Hamlin, Stewart	19-6-18	15.40	None

Pte William McGrath

From O. C. "C" Co.,  
To Adjutant.

The accompanying letter from the father of the late Private William McGrath passed to you, please.  
I have written to Mr. McGrath, saying that the matter has been passed over to the Adjutant.  
The outstanding question would appear to be settlement of the funeral expenses.

*L. Murphy*  
Capt.  
O. C. "C" Co.

June 22nd, 1918.

*answered  
R.H.J.  
6/6/18*

Recd June 22/18  
Passed to Dept  
June 27/18.

Delby's box

June 18<sup>th</sup>  
1918

To Captain Murphy.

Dear Sir

I am taking upon me to write you those few lines concerning the death of my son Pte William McEach. he was a very sickly boy that we was taking great care of. more over doctors told me he was consumpted. as you know I have all ready told you. Dear Sir he told me on his death bed he applied to the doctor saying he felt at his side.

and the doctor did not  
examine him. he told  
the officer to put him  
on duty. Dear Sir  
I am laying the  
death of my boy upon  
the doctor or doctors  
that examined him.  
his mother is dying on her bed.  
very ill on the thoughts of  
her boy. dont know if she  
will recover or not. at the  
lads death I sent a  
message to Captain O'Grady  
saying he was dead  
and got no answer. I  
bore the expense of his burial  
and had to sell

my little engine out  
of my fishing boat  
to do so I think  
this is hard for a  
father to have to do for a  
sick boy that was taking  
away from him. please  
will you send to me  
what I shall do with  
clothes also what  
articles I should send  
back if I is to send  
back any. as you  
know I am helpless  
myself.

Yours Truly  
John McIsaac Delly Cove  
Smith Sound Trinity Bay



June 24th, 1918

To John McGrath,

Delby's Cove,

Smith Sound, T.B.

Dear Sir/-

Your letter to Capt. Murphy has been passed to me.

I am very sorry to hear of the death of your son and if you will send me the bill for funeral expenses signed by the parties concerned, I shall see that you are repaid.

Yours truly,

Captain

Acting O.C. Depot.

Date :- July 12th. 1918

Passed bill for \$20.00 on account of  
Pte. Wm Mc Grath, for funeral expenses  
Name of <sup>Father</sup> ~~soldier~~, John Mc Grath.

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal  
Nfld.Regt.St.Johns, dated May 13, 1918.

#4994 Pte. W. McGrath.

Attested for General Service with the Royal Nfld.Regt.  
from 11.5.18

Sol  
M. Rath, W

4994

Raymond

Oct 18th 1919

Secretary.

Board of Pensions Commissioners.

City.

Re # 4994 PtW.W. McGrath. Deceased.

Dear Sir.

Referring to your letter of recent date.

I beg to state that there has been no allotment paid on this man's account, as he did not have an allotment current at the time of his death.

For your information please.

Yours truly.

Major  
Paymaster.



Oct. 17, 1918.

Lieut. C.B. Dicks,  
C.L.B. Armoury.

Dear Sir:

I enclose Examination Form in connection with the late Pte. William McGrath, No. 4994.

Yours truly,

Lieut.  
For Paymaster

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

## MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname

*McGrath*

OF

Christian Name

*William*

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

*Dellys Cove St.*

County

*Nfld*

	SPECIAL RESERVE		REGULAR ARMY	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	at	<i>11 May</i>	at	
Declared Age		<i>18</i> years		
Trade or Occupation		<i>Fisher</i>		
Height		<i>5</i> feet <i>6 1/2</i> inches		
Weight		<i>126</i> lbs.		
Chest Measure- ment	Girth when fully expanded	<i>38 1/2</i> inches		
	Range of Expansion	<i>3 1/2</i> inches		
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V=	<i>6/10</i>	R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V=	<i>6/10</i>	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)	<i>Lamm Peterson</i>			
(Rank)	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at	<i>St. John's</i>	at	
	on	<i>11</i> day of <i>May</i>	on	
		191 <i>8</i>		191
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	<i>The Royal 1994</i>			
Transferred to	<i>Nfld Regt</i>			
Became non-effective by	on	day of	on	day of
(Signature)		191		191
(Rank)				





# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No.          Sent by Delbys Cove Rec'd by          Check          No.         

Place from Capt O'Grady  
To         



Impossible be at Stephens  
Kintth very sick

Can you send doctor  
from trinity

Wm Magrath <sup>10</sup>

Magrath at Trinity instructed to  
send \$4, by s.s. on 6-6-18.



# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 11

Sent by Bonaventure

Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_

Class 12

Place from Capt Ogrady

To \_\_\_\_\_



Are you going to send  
 Doctor to the woman  
 McGrath dellys Coule

John McGrath

Ans.  
 6-6-11

4992



# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No.

Sent by

Rec'd by

Check

Place from

To

Recd by 282  
 Place from Delbys Cove via British H.H.  
 To Capt off ready  
Head qrs

4994  
 Regret to say private  
 Wm McGrath dies  
 this evening.

John McGrath.

For orderly officer  
 to note and advise  
 a.c. J.P. Please

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 27 Sent by Trinity Rec'd by St John's Charge 22 Call Call

Place from Trinity

To Mrs. Peterson

JUN 6 1894

Dr. Reports the w  
 McGrath. Dellys have  
 suffering from influenza  
 and bronchitis and  
 will not be fit for  
 duty for some weeks  
 V. H. Samerton

4994

ANSWERED  
*G.B.*  
JUL 20 1918

*Paymaster*  
*For attention please*



July 19, 1918.

Sir,

I enclose herewith letter under date 16th inst from Mr. John McGrath of Delby's Cove, Smith Sound, T.S. who desires to obtain information regarding any moneys which may be due him in respect of his late son, Pte. William McGrath.

Will you kindly write Mr. McGrath giving him such particulars regarding the matter as may be obtainable.

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

*W. Walford*  
Colonial Secretary.

*No allotment  
current at time  
of account*

Lieut.-Col. W. F. Rendell,  
Chief Staff Officer,  
Dept. of Militia.

*6.1. Cke  
Sms. pension form  
JMM*

*Bal of testat # 46 10 in the hands of  
Minister of Justice*

Mr. W. W. Halfyard

1926

Dellys Cove  
July 16<sup>th</sup> 1918

Dear Sir

As I know no other person  
to call upon I call upon you if you please  
be kind enough to see into this matter  
for me. Pte. William McGrath my son  
enlisted in the Army the 11<sup>th</sup> of May  
if I have not received one dollar of  
his pay ~~at~~ yet. when he signed  
in the Army, I suppose he signed till the  
end of the war which I am thinking ~~not~~ he  
~~was~~ should be titled to. and I suppose  
it should be mine now as you know  
he died himself. I know he was not  
fit to be in the Army. although the  
doctor passed him. I hope it is not  
for seeing so short a time that I  
do not receive his pay. if he had stayed  
with me he may have lived for some years.  
Now Sir I am a man that cannot work myself.  
<sup>Captain</sup> if ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~could~~ <sup>would</sup> give you the understanding  
about my complaint. I would not have lost  
my boy for three times his pay. I rather have him  
home with me. I have a wife & sick daughter & two  
small boys

(2)

to support. I am resolved  
to step out of there way. if I am in  
there way. and let some person have  
pity upon them now. Sir I hope  
and trust that I shall hear from  
you before it is to late  
for me to repent.

Hoping & trusting  
I will hear from you very  
shortly.

Yours Truly.

John M<sup>r</sup> & c<sup>o</sup>  
Dell's Row  
Smith. London 4. 93



July, 24th. B

Mr. John McGrath,  
Dellys Cove,  
Smith Sound, T.B.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to the Colonial Secretary regarding the estate of your late son has been referred to me for attention, and in reply I beg to inform you, that the balance of his estate is at present in the hands of the Minister of Justice, and we are awaiting Letters of Administration from him so that we may pay it out to the administrator. I also wish to state, that within a few days an application form for pension will be forwarded to you.

Yours faithfully,

Capt. & Paymaster.

July 20th, 1918.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., covering letter from Mr. John McGrath of Delby's Cove, Smith Sound, F.B., regarding any moneys which may be due him in respect of his late son Pte. William McGrath.

This matter is receiving immediate attention and we are communicating with Mr. McGrath direct.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant.

*W. F. Rendell*  
Lieut. Colonel  
Quintessence Officer.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

Trinity  
Dec. 15/19  
The chief Justice militaria  
4994  
Dear Sir 357

I am again writing  
to you, concerning my son,  
Pte. William Mc. Graith.  
Dear Sir if there's any just law  
Dr. Burden should pay penalty  
for his wrong doing's when  
my son applied to him for  
medital attendance and he refused  
to treat him.

A few days after he was sent  
home on leave. He just reached  
home went to bed and died within  
a few days after. I don't believe  
if he was in Germany and was  
a German that he would have  
received such treatment I know  
the Germans done some very bad

crimes, but they done it suppose  
to people they took to be their enemy  
I've placed this affair in your hands  
to take an accident against the Doctor  
for if the law can't hear upon  
that Doctor, if I should meet up  
with the Doctor, I should have  
to take the law in my own  
hands. for the such treatment is  
more than I am able to stand, as I  
know you to be the chief Justice  
hoping to hear from you  
at an early date, as I believe that  
it was quite as well to let my son  
to death as it was to give such  
treatment.

Justice Bennett

yours Truly

Mr. John M. Heath

Prinny West instead of Delly Cove

Y. B.

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M of J. Office  
no. 20. 10/10/10

Reg. No. 4994 Rank *Pte* Name *McGrath, Wm*

Attested *11-5-18* Address *Dellup Cove, T.B.*

Allotment \_\_\_\_\_ Allottee \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Allotment \_\_\_\_\_ Returned from Overseas \_\_\_\_\_

Embarked for Overseas \_\_\_\_\_ Cause \_\_\_\_\_

*12-5-18 vac*  
*11-3-18 10 1/2*  
*6-6-18 Reports by Telegrapher Wm Tuck & also for Doctor Magistrate at Trinity approached to send over by post.*  
*8-6-18 Reported by Magistrate - Influenza & Bronchitis*  
*11-6-18 Telegram from John Mc-Grath Reports due evening of 11-6-18.*

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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

*The Royal Nfld. Regt.*

*Dept. of Militia,*

*ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.*



NO STAMP REQUIRED



Dist. of Militia,  
St. John's.

September 19<sup>th</sup> 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Special Plaque issued in respect of services of  
the late No. 4994 Rank ~~Alto~~  
Name William M. Grath  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

John M. Grath (Sgd.)  
father Relationship.

Address Trinity N. F. L. D.

Dr Burden put him to death

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Forms  
B. 121.  
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Regiment of Royal Newfoundland

Number of Sheet one

Signature of O. C. Company Chas. Dickson Lieut

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges; Service pay or proficiency pay
No.	<u>McGroath, Wm</u>	Age on	19 years	months	<u>Fisherman</u>
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	<u>St. John's</u>		Religion
Joined	Date	Period of	with Colour <u>37</u> years.		Place of Birth
Joined	Date		with Reserve <u>36</u> years.		<u>Delbys Cove, T.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>Drunk Delbys Cove Newfoundland</u>	<u>11/6/18</u>				

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.

4994 The Wm Crath  
Delbyo base via Bukah St.

Died at Delbyo base  
evening of 11-6-18.  
Cause of <sup>decease</sup> death from his  
father John W. Crath  
"Regret to say the Wm Crath  
died this evening".  
Influenza & Bronchitis

Trinity

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Dec 20<sup>th</sup>  
1919

C.R. 4994

The Chief Justice of Military  
Authorities  
Dear Sir

I have written a good many  
times to the Chief Justice  
and did not get any reply  
I've met up with with  
lots of fathers who are  
saking for <sup>something</sup> the loss of  
their sons in the war  
now Sir what about  
my son, whom Dr. Burton  
sent to death in the army  
and I don't get any  
thing for the loss of my  
son.

Which other fathers do that  
lost theirs. Now Sir I  
want you to call up Dr  
Burton, who has sent my  
boy in the army who  
was consumptive and not  
fitting to have also  
he kept him on duty  
when he applied to him  
for medical attendance  
he ordered him of duty,  
a boy that should of been  
in bed now Sir I want  
you to let me know whether  
you will call up Dr  
Burton of not if the law  
don't take effect of Dr Burton  
Dr Burton or me will have  
to pay it with our skin

if ever I meet up with  
him if I did the crime  
th~~at~~ Dr Burtland did I  
should of been in the Pen  
stairy know in I hope and  
trust that I'll hear from  
you at a very early date  
for I cannot stand this  
way longer. Remain yours  
John McGrath

Trinity

Dec. 27. 1919

Mr Wm Rendell  
Dear Sir

C. 4994

I Received your  
letter of Dec the 3rd  
concerning Pte William  
Mcgrath 4994 I never  
could think such crime  
could be done in any  
part of British ~~India~~  
colonial. and ones looked  
as the crime Dr Berton  
don to my boy by putting  
him to death if I  
had don such crime  
to Dr Bertens boy I  
should be in side the  
Walls of Penitry  
now I suppose its shoud  
to be settled beteen Dr  
Berton and me



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As I have a pyled to  
the millres atteries and  
the do not seem to take  
any notice of it as my  
boy was put to ~~Death~~  
Death for no crime I  
am willing to lay down  
my life for his

as my home and way  
a living is broke up I  
have no regard for it.  
if my boy had not been  
put death and went  
over on the ~~with~~ other side  
and died on the battle  
field I should have received  
something for the loss of  
him But now I am  
shut out

I remain yours  
truly John McGrath  
Trinity west

C.R. 4994

The Rectory  
Trinity, W.B.  
Jan. 8th 1919

Col. Rendell  
my dear Sir

Mr John McGrath formerly  
of Delloy's Cove, but now of Trinity,  
has asked me to reply to your letter  
of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst re no 4994, pt. 15<sup>m</sup>.  
McGrath his son, in the 2 paragraphs  
there

I. Body of Soldier interred C. of E. Con-  
tary, Delloy's Cove W.B.

II. Nothing marks the spot of ground  
in which the Soldier's Body rests,  
but the mound of Mother Earth.

Hoping that I have replied to your  
query satisfactorily & intelligently  
I remain

my dear Sir,  
Yours very sincerely  
Chas. Mervin Stokings

August 14<sup>th</sup> 1919

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C.R.4994

Mr Hickman Dear Sir  
 as I am informed that you  
 hear chief justice of the  
 military Aorites I take  
 the oportunity to write to  
 you concerning my son  
 Private William Mc grath  
 4994 this boy could not pass  
 for ~~life~~ life insurance  
 Doctors told me that he  
 was concusmitive. was  
 it because he volentered  
 to be examined to pass  
 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Fe LD regement  
 that doctor Burton act  
 so cruel to him

with<sup>h</sup> caused him his death  
why did doctor Burton  
Refuse to give him treatment  
why did he order him  
on duty what you may  
call a dying boy when  
given 9 days feaf just  
reached home went to  
bed and died a few  
days after doctor Burton  
is resonsipel for the death  
of my boy he have also  
broken up my home  
and my way of living  
for I am a man is  
not abel to do hard  
work if there was  
justice and justice show<sup>h</sup>

to me Doctor Burton should  
pay a penalty for his  
Rong doings & do not  
believe such cruelty  
was done in Germany  
to these poor people  
is there no just law in  
this country I think if  
I was to meet Doctor Burton  
there would be a rough  
time between he and  
me the <sup>longer</sup> the time since I  
lost my the more doctor  
Burton's cruelty goes  
within me

wishing to hear from at a  
beary date I Remain  
yours truly

John McGrath  
Trinity West



March 5<sup>th</sup> 1920

R. R' 4994 Trinity west

Chief Staff officer  
Dear Sir

Will you please  
answer me this question  
was it lawfull for Doctor  
Berten to put my Boy  
to Reath. or not. if this  
is lawfull to be done  
in this country I shall  
always expect for two edge  
Sorde to be use in this  
country of ours for I do  
not belive God will not  
allow such things to be  
done without a Schagment  
will you please answer  
this private William  
Mc Grath No 4994  
John Mc Grath  
Madison

C.R. 4994

APRIL 8th 1920.

Rev. Chas. M. Stickings,  
The Rectory,  
Trinity, T.B.

Rev. and dear Sir:

I beg to forward you herewith Cemetery Register Form for the late #4994 Pte. Wm. McGrath. I should be very glad if you would endeavour to have Mr. John McGrath fill in this Form correctly, and return same to this Department as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Colonel,  
Chief Staff Officer.

Trinity

26 April 1920



Lieut.-Col. Ruedelb  
St. John's

Dear Sir,

The enclosed Quaker Register Form has been handed to me by Rev. C. M. Stickings who did <sup>not</sup> care to approach John McGrath on this subject. The poor man McGrath is bordering on insanity and as he manifests such a feeling towards D. Burden perhaps it would be just as well, if possible, to leave him severely alone.

What about the 7 Rifles in my possession? Shall I send them along when navigation opens and to whom?

Yours truly  
J. Lounston

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C.R. 4994

June 21st, 1920

F. Somerton, Esq.,  
Stipendiary Magistrate  
Trinity

Dear Mr. Somerton:-

I apologise for not replying earlier to your letter of April 26th. I have had rather more to do than I could conveniently handle, and hence the delay.

Mr. McGrath appeared in my office a few days ago armed with a neat little rifle and full of wonderful threats. He left my office to find Dr. Burden; as I anticipated a heated discussion if he should meet him, I thought it wise to inform a plain clothes policeman in order that he might be watched. It was later reported to me that he was stated by proper medical authority to be insane, and he was placed in the asylum.

If you have any rifles to send forward, I should be glad if you will address them to this Department and forward to me the bill of any expenses, in order that I might make settlement to you at once.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

1 copy

C.R. 4994  
Mrs Johne.

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Mr Grath  
June 25

Dear Sir

Triliny West

I am just writing you  
to ask you if you will let  
me know all Particulars  
about my Poor Thausan  
John Mr Grath as I heard  
he is in the Scornitch  
& I want to know what  
he is in the fore as  
he was in his Right  
Mind when he left  
home of course you  
know you had warning  
of what he was going to  
do or rather he wanted  
to see the Dr. & see since  
my Poor Boy's death he

asent Liket ~~as~~ the Dr + Let me know Was  
 "I have only one Son is to Be do & Mat  
 hon & my self & he is I am to do as if you  
 all the time Sick & do not Let me know  
 cannot do by Writs I wcel I will soon  
 & you my Paou husband Bc With John  
 is gone from me ho as I do nothing But  
 my Mat an I to do thing of him & I cannot  
 Chan mon on you selch at night ho  
 to Sweepout me atole Dear Dear Mat can I  
 I thocht in stit wthen do such terriblle  
 iny he Was in the bo Please Answer the  
 Punticks I should have By Returne  
 heard he Was in the I can  
 hospitif ad he Was only Mrs John  
 fit you it not fit to ne Geralt  
 to Writs he as never Pleas unsul this as  
 got over he Paou Dear I thing it tury to Let  
 some Death Please me know the Rights  
 went By Returne of this terriblle.



C.R. 4994

July 6th, 1920

Mrs. John McGrath  
Willingate, West

Trinity

Dear Madam:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 25th June, contents of which are noted.

I regret that I can do nothing to assist you in the case of your husband, as he was taken to the asylum for the insane by the civil authorities, and this Department has no authority to interfere in the matter. Mr. McGrath only called on me once when he came to town, a few days after which I was informed that he was pronounced insane by medical authorities.

Yours faithfully,

Ident.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

Minister of Militia

Trinity West  
August 16.  
19/20

Dear Sir

C.R. 4994

I am again writing to you concerning my boy private William Abgrath 4994 whom Dr Burden put to death by passing him in the army when he was not fit for the army and kept him on duty when he should have been in bed and he also applied to Dr Burden and told him he could not serve still he kept him at it now six when I told you the truth about my boy shortly after I were cast into the Asylum among what I call crazy people but I am not an insane man yet all though some good friend of somebody cast me there the same may become an insane man himself yet if such crimes as Dr Burden did to my boy and was done to me and militia men that should see into such matter would look over it if this is militia law God help all laws

There was a great cry of Peace but my believe is that the King of all Kings is saying today there is no peace there cannot be peace ~~war~~ while such crimes is looked over that was done to my boy And myself I would not have suffered any more in any country than I have in my own without doing some dreadful crime I know its the duty of every person that is gotten to do so to fight for their King and Country such crimes is the cost of no peace today

So I remain your Truly  
John Magrath  
Trinity west

I charged De Burden with one 1,000 dollar for my loses and I should have charged him \$10,000 if there was any just law

C.R. 4994

Nov. 15th, 1920

Mr. John McGrath  
Trinity

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of Nov. 9th with reference to the matter of your son, No. 4994 Pte. W. McGrath, deceased, and in reply I have to state that it is regretted that there is nothing this Department can do to assist you.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,  
Chief Staff Officer

Minister of Military C.R. 4994

Trinity  
Nov. 9

Dear Sir

I am again writing to you to ask you if you extends to look into this matter concerning my son Private William McGrath 4994 whom Dr Burden put to death.

I am asking you to see into this by Military law. for I do not think that Military law let such cruelty slip without seeing into it.

I am charging Dr Burden one thousand dollars or \$1000. for the cruelty he did and for the lost of my way of living now I want you to see into this by ~~law~~ military law. for I am writing to see what is going to be done and if there is nothing done if I ever gets in touch with Dr Burden either he or me will fall I am his father and I think it my duty to do so.

Dr. Burden or some of his good friends  
 send me in the assylum for telling  
 the truth about what he did to  
 my son I am not scared for being  
 in the assylum now sir I trust  
 that the Lord god will help me to  
 carry out my mind if he dosent pay  
 this penalty for his wrong doings  
 wishing to hear from you at early  
 date I Remain

yours Truly  
 John Mc Grath  
 Trinity West



C.R. 4994

Chief Justice of Millty County  
Dear Sir:

Will you please answer  
me this question was it lawful  
for Doctor Burton to put my boy  
to death if its was lawful or not  
he must do so to me for he really  
put my boy to death and if he  
dont do so to me he will never will  
be safe if ever i meets up with him  
if the law do not take affect of him

I have sold my codtraps  
and saw mill and all my  
way of living is gone and what  
i get for it will soon be gone too  
I got one boy just starting for  
Bristol when the says his lungs is effected  
and is not able to work and is taking cod liver oil

I have another Boy they Doctor  
says the same and I am not able  
to work not hard work myself  
and I no good heal now and  
Doctor Burten must do this for  
me I cannot stand to think about  
the way Doctor Burten treated my  
son and Broke up my home  
and way of living will you  
please show this too Doctor Burten  
I have wrote to him But he refuse  
to Answr my Letter wishing  
to hear from you a early Date  
Yours for the grath  
Trinity west

MS 4994

Private William the grath

C.R. 4994

Minister of Military

Feb 14

Dear Sir

Trinity

A little while ago I received a symisterm from the King concerning my son saying that he) Private William McGrath laid down his life for his "King & 994 and Country" my dear boy did not laid down his life for his King and Country Dr Burden took his life from him by his wrong doings its no doubt that my boy were quite willing to lay down his life for his King and Country if he were put to a right and just point of doing so now sir some person have given our King a wrong statement about the death of my boy will you please write to the King and tell him how Dr Burden

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treated him I dont think our King  
would allow such treatment to be  
given to my boy who offered his  
service to fight for King and  
country now sir if you dont do  
so I must call upon a friend of  
mine in united states to give our  
King a right statement about our  
boy There is no just law in this  
country and I never shall be at  
rest while I am here I wonder  
why Dr Burden dont answer letter  
it Dissends to him

I Remain Yours Truly  
John McGrath  
Trinity West

Wishing to hear from you  
at a early date

C.R. 4994

Chief Justice of  
Military

January  
11th

Dear Sir:-

19/22

Just a few words concerning my son Private William McGrath 4994 has far as I can understand some of our Military authorities have been trying to make our Governor believe that Dr Burden did not do anything wrong by they are false speakers and the truth is not in them I need not tell you what he did for you already know he put my boy to death and you really know it

therefore if you are not bought up by Dr Burden you will be justice but if you are bought up by him you are not likely to do so with a great many people money comes in before justice and justice is left out. it was ~~for~~<sup>the</sup> duty of soldiers and sailors to fight for King and Country therefore it is my duty to fight for the rights of my son I hope some day I will feel like being square with Dr Burden and when I am lying in my grave I believe that I shall be lying in a hero's grave like the boys on the

other side that died during the war & if I does not get it my earnest prayer will always be that the wrath of God may abide upon Dr Burden and all his upholders for ever that the scripture may be fulfilled that all unlawful doers may be cut off from the face of the earth and just ones spring up in their place wishing to hear from you at a early date I remain

Yours Truly  
John McGrath

Trinity West



4994 M = Grath

Ent. 11-5-18

Home leave 31-5-18 to  
10-6-18

Rep. sick by typh 6-6-18  
Magistrate <sup>conversion of units</sup> asked to send doctor  
On 8-6-18 Mag. rep. Influenza + Bronch.

Died 11-6-18

Pen. B. allowed \$100. without prejudice  
the case adj. Med. P. G.

16 Apr for Lomeston says bordering on  
insanity

In town with rifle in June/20 to find  
Borden. In Asylum. Out by  
August

CP 4994

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.  
ST JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

16 September 1921.

Dear Colonel,

With reference to the attached  
will you please let me know for His  
Excellency's information if you have  
any knowledge of this case.

Yours sincerely,

*Hamilton*  
Capt.

Private Secretary.

Lt. Col. W.F. Rendell C.B.E.

C. S. O.

C.R. 4994

Sept. 21st, 1921

Capt. J. Hamilton,  
Private Secretary,  
Government House.

Dear Hamilton:-

Your letter of September 16th is duly received, forwarding letter from Mr. John McGrath, father of No. Pts. M. McGrath deceased.

Private McGrath enlisted on May 11th, 1918, and was given home leave from 31st May, 1918 to 10th of June, 1918. On the 6th of June he reported sick by telegraph, and a telegram was despatched to Magistrate Somerton of Trinity asking that he arrange to have a doctor visit McGrath. On the 8th of June the Magistrate reported that McGrath had influenza and bronchitis. On the 12th of June his father reported that he had died on the 11th.

Pending the investigation of Mr. McGrath's claim for pension, the Board of Pension Commissioners allowed him \$100.00 without prejudice until the case could be adjusted; that was in March, 1919.

Since his death Mr. McGrath has written many letters to this Department, and has also written to the Dept. of, and in all of these letters he charges that Dr. Burden, who was Medical Officer at the Depot at the time that his son joined, was responsible for his son's death. All his letters showed an unbalanced mind. A letter from Magistrate Somerton dated 20th April, 1920 stated that Mr. McGrath was then bordering on insanity. About two months later Mr. McGrath came to my office to enquire for Dr. Burden; he had a small rifle with him wrapped in paper, and told me that he was in town on a man hunt. When he left my office, I followed him up water street until I met a plain clothes policeman and briefly related the case to him. Ever I heard that he was declared insane and was admitted to the Asylum. Apparently his case was not considered serious as he released in August. Since his release from that instit he has continued to write at intervals, and all his letter in the same strain as previously.

Sept. 21st, 1921

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The Pensions Board inform me that there is no pension payable in his case.

The poor man's main concern seems to be the reckoning with Dr. Burden, as this would appear to have become an obsession. You will notice that his son had less than three weeks' service.

I am returning Mr. McGwath's letter herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

4997

Nov.17th, 1921

Dr. F.W.Burden  
City

Dear Dr. Burden:-

I am forwarding herewith, please copy  
of a letter received from Mr. John McGrath of Trinity, as  
he requested that it be shown to you.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,  
Chief Staff Officer

Private William Trinity  
Mcgrath Nov 22

Dear Sir No 4994

C.R. 4994

I received your letter of  
Nov 15 you suppose's me in  
the answer you gives me is it ever  
possible that there was a Military  
law orranized in this Country  
to allow Dr Burden to do such  
Cruelty and put my boy to death  
If you have nothing to do with  
Such matters will you please  
let me know who is suppose to  
see Justice done now Sir if it was  
the duty of my boy to go to be  
examined to see if he was fit  
for to fight for his King and country  
and get such cruelty done to him  
it is my duty to lay down my  
life to see Justice done for him but  
I believe I have wrote to the Right  
person now Sir I have sworn  
by my living god that if ever  
I meets with Dr Burden either he

or me will fall I did not want  
to take any law in my hands but  
as I cannot get justice done by  
any person I thought that military  
law was law for soldiers as well  
as officers or any medical man in  
the army I will not offer my life  
to Dr Burden anymore for the  
wrong doings he did But we shall  
take chance for chance and if I die  
for the crimes was done to my boy  
I will think it the most glorious  
death that a father could die for  
his son & you can show this  
Dear Sir to Dr Burden

I was cast into the  
assylum Perhaps by some of Dr  
Burden's pleaders for telling the  
truth of so they ought to be  
asshame of their self today

I Remain Yours Truly  
John McGrath  
Trinity West

Please this at a early date

Not answered

does you think it was lawful  
for them to send me in the  
Asylum with my right senses  
for telling the truth what  
Dr Burden did to my boy

I Remain

Yours Truly

John McGrath  
Trinity West

Will you please answer  
this.

C.R. 4994

R  
Judge arwood  
The Chief Justice of Military

October 27

Dear Sir :-

Trinity

Sometime ago I wrote  
to you concerning my son  
Private William McGrath 4994  
but I do not know whether you  
received my letter or not if so  
why not answer my request? why  
did Dr Burden put my boy in  
the army when he was consumptive  
and not fitten to pass? why did  
he compell him to serve when  
my boy applied to him and  
told him that he could not  
serve? he put my boy to death  
when my boy done no crime by  
going forth to be examined, all  
boys were called to do so if  
you are the chief justice



of Military I have already called upon you to see into this matter and if you have not done so why do you neglect to do your duty. is we living in a country without any just law or is just law only for special persons I know it was the duty of my boy to be examined to see if he where fit for service but it was not Dr Burdens duty to put him to death therefore it is my duty to fight for the my rights of my boy is it ever possible that you really intends to let me take vengeance for myself if ever it lies in my power which it is my duty to do so. if the law does not take an effect of Dr Burden

4994

Aug. 13th., 1923.

Caleb Tulk Esq. J.P.,

Sheal Hr.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Aug. 9th. addressed to Lt.Col. Rendell has been passed to me for attention.

We have to thank you for the trouble you have been put to re securing a good mason to do this work for us and do hereby give you authority to employ the man referred to in your letter at price quoted. Should the expense exceed the amount specified, namely \$60.00 we will sanction payment but be it understood that the cost must be kept as low as possible consistent with good work.

Your remarks regarding the next-of-kin, Mr. McGrath, does not surprise us as we are personally acquainted with him.

I beg to inform you that headstone was shipped on July 12th. and the Cement on July 24th. and trust that same is now in your possession.

Trusting that the work will now be rushed to completion and again thanking you your attention to this matter, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.  
Officer i/c Records.

Shoal Harbor

Aug 9 1923

St. Col. Rendell

Chief Staff Officer

Dear Sir Dilby's Cove is more than 30 miles  
from here. I wrote John McGrath but a few days  
after I met him near the Railway Station here  
he was then going to visit a son near New York  
he told me he had left Dilby's Cove and was living  
at Trinity I told him I had written him about  
getting a monument erected to his son's grave  
I found he was an Inmate and well not  
Susan he did not appear to take any interest in  
this matter I also wrote the Church of England  
Clergy at Trinity but found he had left with his  
family for England and not likely to return  
I met a man at Clarendon a few days ago his  
home is at Shoreport a few miles from Dilby's Cove  
he is building a house for some man at Clarendon  
he is also an expert in doing concrete work  
and have done work of the description you need  
I am quite sure if we get him to do this job  
it will meet your approval - in the first place  
it is a place exposed to the wind and only a few  
people live there the nearest of kind to Point  
McGrath is a first class the cemetery is near  
1/2 a mile from the cove on a path leading  
from Dilby's Cove to British Harbor

It a Rutt Path as there is only one Horse in the  
 Place a both Stade would have to be made to Pull  
 all this Material to the Cemetery, witeh would be  
 Considerable first is the Stone Second 3<sup>rd</sup> the Cement

Third	6	Sand
Fourth	8	Rock
	<u>14</u>	

beside the lumber

We have decided it could not be done under  
 Sixty Dollars

and it possibly may be a littel more

I can guarantee the work

this man <sup>will</sup> do it if you wish

the fine sand will have to be  
 taken from here in motor boat

with Head Stone & Cement

if lumber or

if any lumber or cement belt

I will sell it

yours Truly

Calhoun Tuck

Shovel Harbor

July 2 1923

Lt. Col. Rensselaer Cheek Station Officer  
Dear Sir yours of June 14 received  
I will do my best to carry out  
your wish as soon as H. Eastman  
arrives I will commensate with  
the father of deceased and  
others to come and take the  
stone to their home and give  
this your instruction to have  
the work done

yours Truly

Calhoun Tuck

July 7 23

Caleb Tuck Esq. J.P.

Sheal Hr.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of July End.  
in relation to the grave of #4994 Pte. W. McGrath, Delbys Cove.

We are shipping the headstone immediately and trust it  
arrives intact.

The attached might be of service to the contractor, and  
will give the measurements of the curb.

Your kind attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Your very truly,

Lieut. Col.

Chief Staff Officer.



July 14 25

Caleb Tusk Esq. J.P.

Shoal Hr. T.B.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our letter of July 7th. We find that we were wrongly advised concerning the quantity of lumber and cement needed, and are enclosing a corrected copy for your information.

Faithfully yours,

Lieut.Col.

Chief Staff Officer.



Stone shipped Showel Harbor  
12.7.23

July 20 1923

U.S. Readell Chief Staff Officer

Dear Sir I have several letters about a Headstone  
for the McGrath of Dilley Cove but no Stone  
or other material has come up to date

Yours Truly

Calvin Tuck

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Red	By	Sent	By	Check

Dated July 23 1923To Caleb Tuck  
Shoal Hr. T.B.\*

~~Wire collect whether you require cement or lumber or~~  
~~both. Headstone shipped July twelfth.~~

Dept. of Militia.

(Charge acct. Dept. of Militia.)

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 5650 Sent by Shoalhar Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_ Check 14 Coll No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place from \_\_\_\_\_

To Dept militia



Sent cement can get  
lumber here can sell  
cement if more than  
required.

Caleb Luck.

Received 7:40 PM  
Cement from W. G. Rindell  
July 24/23

Sept. 10th, 23

Galeb Tulk Esq. J.P.,  
Sheal Hr. T.B.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter forwarding B.P's.  
for work done in connection with the grave of the late Private  
John McGrath of Delbys Cove.

I am enclosing cheque to you for payment to the  
workman Wm. Mills.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for  
your interest in this work and to assure you of the appreciation  
of your services to this Department.

I have the honour to be,  
Yours very truly,

Lieut.  
Officer i/c Records.

H. W. / Clareville 5140

Oct. 31/23

Lieut. Col. W. F. Ruedel  
Dept. Militia

Dear Sir,

Herewith enclosing list.

from Acery.

Your kind references  
to my humble Services are  
not lost sight of by me, and  
you can always feel safe in  
counting on me to assist you  
at any time.

Yours Sincerely

A. C. Pittman

