



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 2073 Name Walter Gifford Corps \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. What is your name? ..... 1. Walter Gifford
2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. Portwoodville, Green Bay
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
4. What is your Age? ..... 4. 21 Years ..... Months.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. Fireman
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, Walter Gifford 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.

Walter Gifford SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

C. January 11<sup>th</sup> Edward W. Gage Signature of Witness.

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

I, Walter Gifford 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, Nfld.  
on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1916  
Edward W. Gage  
Signature of the Attesting Officer.

### † Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the : \_\_\_\_\_  
If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 191 \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_ } Approving Officer.

† 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, the 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) \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.**

... ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

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years \_\_\_\_\_ months. Height 5 feet 5 1/2 inches.  
 Girth when fully expanded 40 1/2 inches.  
 Range of expansion 4 1/2 inches.

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.**

Address of next of kin Elyah Gafad, Botwoodville, G. 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 Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank.	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. 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  
 " " " Pension " \_\_\_\_\_ ( " ) " \_\_\_\_\_

REGIMENTAL NUMBER 2073

COMPANY H

THE  
1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

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

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

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

Subject to the Newfoundland Volunteer Act.

5 George V.

Chapter IV.

Signee <sup>his</sup> Walter X Oxford

Witness W F Rendell  
Major

Dated at Racecourse Apr

June 30 1916



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 2073 Name Walter Copford Corps \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. What is your name? ..... 1. Walter Copford
2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. 14 St. John's Green Bay
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
4. What is your Age? ..... 4. 21 Years ..... Months.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. Tradesman
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, Walter Copford 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.

Walter Copford SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Walter Copford Signature of Witness.

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

I, Walter Copford 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.

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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

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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 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 1916

Signature of the Attesting Officer.

### † Certificate of Approving Officer.

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

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_  
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# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

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

2073

Name Walker Bradford

Apparent age 21 years \_\_\_\_\_ months. Height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 40 1/2 inches.  
 Range of expansion 4 1/2 inches.

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

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of \_\_\_\_\_ Rettsville, G. B.

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	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank.	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>11-1-16</u>									
Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>January 11/16</u>									
<u>Germany</u>									
Embarked <u>St. John's St. Lucia</u> for <u>Feb 24</u> <sup>3</sup> <u>to</u> <u>San Carlos</u> for <u>Oct 9/16</u>									
joined <u>March 14</u> <u>88th</u> <u>Admitted</u> <u>24-3-17</u> <u>Discharged to duty</u> <u>1-4-17</u> <u>Missing</u> <u>14/17</u>									
A.S.W. <u>16-6-17</u> <u>Regimental</u> <u>Colony</u> <u>Hospital</u> <u>Germany</u> <u>from</u> <u>1-4-17</u> <u>to</u> <u>6-17</u>									
Barracks <u>S.A.</u> <u>Regimental</u> <u>Colony</u> <u>Hospital</u> <u>Germany</u> <u>from</u> <u>1-4-17</u> <u>to</u> <u>6-17</u>									
4 <u>months</u> <u>official</u> <u>list</u> <u>Station</u> <u>that</u> <u>expired</u> <u>on</u> <u>27-12-17</u> <u>in</u> <u>Spain</u> <u>through</u> <u>at</u> <u>what</u> <u>from</u>									
Lack of <u>Strength</u> <u>and</u> <u>Health</u> <u>caused</u> <u>his</u> <u>death</u> <u>on</u> <u>27-12-17</u> <u>in</u> <u>Spain</u> <u>through</u> <u>at</u> <u>what</u> <u>from</u>									
N.O. <u>8</u> <u>74</u> <u>Station</u> <u>that</u> <u>death</u> <u>was</u> <u>caused</u> <u>by</u> <u>typhoid</u> <u>fever</u> <u>of</u> <u>the</u> <u>heart</u> .									
<u>Died in Germany</u> <u>27-12-17</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above ... ..									

Total Service towards Engagement to 27-12-17 (date of discharge) 1 years 351 days  
 " " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "

# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

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

2073

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Apparent age 21 years \_\_\_\_\_ months. Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 40 1/2 inches.  
Range of expansion 1 1/2 inches.

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

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Particulars as to Marriage.

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.  
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Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>11-1-16</u>									
Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>away</u>									
<p><i>Embarked St John's 1st Division for 24<sup>th</sup> Co Low for 06/10/17</i></p> <p><i>joined 14<sup>th</sup> Coy 5-6 admitted 88<sup>th</sup> Lt Recd 24.0.17</i></p> <p><i>Barack 88<sup>th</sup> Coy 1st Battalion, 2nd Division, West Africa</i></p> <p><i>4 months of all 1st class that, except 27.12.17</i></p> <p><i>N.O. 8-78. States that death was caused by paralysis of the heart.</i></p>									
Total Service forfeited as above									

Total Service towards Engagement to 27 (date of discharge) 1 years 351 days

" " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "

C.R. 2073

Extract of Casualties from Pay & Recrd Office, London.  
dated March 2nd 1918.

Letter has been returned from Germany to the Pay "Record  
Office, London, addressed to

*gestorben den*  
#2073, Pte. D.W. Oxford  
marked "gestoben den 27/12/17."

(DIED 27/12/17).

Authority:

Officer i/o Records.

C.R. 2073

Extract from Nominal Roll of Mfld. Regt. Draft No.8.  
Embarked Southampton, 9-7-16. From 2nd Bn. Depot to  
1st Bn. B.E.F.

2073 Pte. W.Oxford.



C.R. 2073

Extract from Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, Oct.8th, 1918.

Certificate of death from Germany, dated 2-7-18, received  
from War Office, (C.2.Cas.) 8-10-18, states that

2073 Pte. W. Oxford,  
Died at "Reserve Hospital, Kontrollstation, Tilsit, on  
20-12-17, from paralysis of the heart.

MM.

COPY.

WAR OFFICE,

C.R. 2073

Finsbury Court,  
Finsbury Pavement,  
London, E.C. 2,  
5th October, 1918.

C.2.Casualties. P.M. 29E.  
S/6717.

The Officer in Charge of Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria Street, S.W. 1.

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of No. 2073 Private W. Oxford, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, the enclosed Certificate of Death has <sup>now</sup> been received from the German Government in answer to the enquiry sent from this Office.

(Sgd) R. C. FOWLER.

(In. Ref. No. 8634)

COPY

Res. Laz.,  
Kontrollstation,  
Tilsit.

2/ 7/ 1918.

(Translation)

CERTIFICATE TO THE DEATH of the following  
foreign military person.

1. Name: Oxford, Walter.
2. Parents: Father, Oxford, Lenger.
3. Date of Birth: Unknown, 21 years.
4. Place of birth: St. John's.
5. Last Residence: St. John's, Newfoundland.
6. Occupation: Shipworker.
7. Military Position: British Infantryman.
8. <sup>Inf.</sup> Regiment: 1. Newfoundland. C. Co.
9. Date of Death: 27/12/17.
10. Place of Death: Res. Lazarett, Kontrollstation,  
Tilsit.
11. Cause of Death: Paralysis of the heart.

(Signature) Illegible.

List No. P.M. 525 of 28.9.18

R. 2073

NEWFOUNDLAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Forwarded through the Geneva



LIST OF DEAD. D.21.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Regiment.</u>	<u>BORN</u>	
Oxford Walter.	Pte.	1st Newfoundland Regiment.	Adelaide 15.9.96.	DIED 27.12.17. Reported from Hellsberg Camp.

186/1081

List No. Pa. 525 of 18-18

C.A.

ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT - MILITARY FORCES.

Forwarded through the Geneva Red Cross 4.9.18.

LIST OF MEN.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Assignment.</u>	<u>Service.</u>	
	Oxford Walter	Pvt.	1st. New Zealand Aisleside Assignment	18.9.96.	DISC 27.12.17. Reported from Heilsberg Camp.

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C.R. 2073

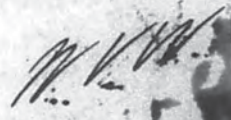
August 30th, 1918

Mr. Elijah Oxford  
Betwood

Dear Mr. Oxford:-

I beg to inform you that we are in receipt of a cable from the Record Office, London in reply to an enquiry forwarded by this office concerning the death of your son, No. 2073, Private Walter Oxford. The cable states that Private Oxford died at Reserve Hospital, Tilsit, from Catarrh stomach and bowels authority German Official List.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut.

For Lieut. Col., C.S.D.

C.R. 2073

~~Extract of~~ Cablegram received from Synoptical London,  
dated 29-8-18.

With reference to your telegram of March 1st.  
2073 Oxford, died at Reserve Hospital Tilsit from  
Catarrh Stomach and bowels Authority German Official  
List.

PERSONAL EFFECTS

Received from Militia Department

One Kit Bag #2073 Pte. Walter Oxford

Signed

*Elijah Oxford*

Date

*Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1915*



C.R. 2073

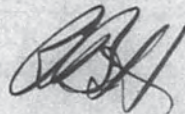
Mr. ~~Walter~~ Oxford,  
Botwood, N.S.D.E.

Dear Mr. Oxford:-

I am writing to inform you that I am forwarding <sup>by Express</sup> one Kit Bag, which belongs to your son, #2073 Pte. Walter Oxford, of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who is now a Prisoner of War in Germany.

Enclosed you will find, receipt, will you kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut.

for Lieut. Col. C.S.O.

Enc'l 1.

No. of Paper 1157

**PERSONAL EFFECTS.**

Name Oxford D. No. 2073

Rank Private Regiment THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Article	Where stored	Notified by
<u>St. Bag.</u>		
	Final disposal	

Shipped from Depot.

Remarks :- Died whilst P.O.W. (see official)  
Next of Kin Father  
Clyde Oxford

No. 4296

N.F.P./35.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

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

To: Hon. Minister of Militia

16/3 1918

**C.R. 2073**

With the compliments of:

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS.

C O P Y.

*W. J. C.*

3396/88/P.W.

4th March, 8.

The Secretary,  
War Office, C2. Cas.,  
Kingsway, W.C. 2.

Sir,

2073, Pte. D.W. Oxford.  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

A letter has been returned from Germany, through your Department, which was addressed to the above-named man and which was endorsed "Gestorben den 27/12/17".

As this is the first indication that Pte. Oxford has died, I beg to request that you will be good enough to cause an enquiry to be made with a view of ascertaining further particulars of his death.

The last known address of Pte. Oxford was:

No. 253158,  
Gefangenenlager,  
Heilsberg,  
East Prussia.

and your letter C2. Cas. P.M. of 19/11/17 (My No. 7007) states the

"It has been reported by the representative of the Netherland Legation at Berlin that, at the time of his inspection of the hospital of the Prisoners of War Camp at Heilsberg, on the 24th September, 1917, Walter Oxford, 1st Bn., Newfoundland Regiment, was suffering from Bronchial catarrh."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. I/C Records.

HA/JC.

C O P Y .

WAR OFFICE,

C.2. Casualties P.M. 19.  
S/6717.

Alexandra House,

The Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c  
Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

Kingsway, W.C.2.

12th March, 1918.

With reference to your memorandum 3396/88/P.W. of the 4th inst., on the subject of a letter addressed to No. 2073 Pte. D.W. Oxford, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, which was returned with an endorsement to the effect that he had died on 27.12.1917, it is the practice of this Department, in similar cases where no Official report of death has been received and on the other hand there is no evidence to show that the statement is incorrect, to convey the information to the next-of-kin with an intimation that it is probably correct but cannot be accepted for Official purposes without confirmation. If no Official notification is received within a reasonable time after the reported date of death, a request is sent to Germany for a definite statement.

In the case of Oxford, a report in the usual form on one of the periodical German Official Lists may be expected shortly. If this is not forthcoming, enquiry will be made in Germany.

(Sgd) S. Grindle.

C.R. 2073

Copy of telegram received from London, dated March  
1st, 1918.

Letter addressed to 2073 Oxford returned to this office  
from Germany marked dated December 27th endeavouring to  
ascertain particulars.

**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 Dept of Militia.Line  
Number

Rcd

By

Sent

by

Check

Dated March. 2nd. 1918To Church of England Minister or School Teacher,  
Betwood, N.D.B.

~~Regret to inform you that Record Office, London unofficially reports to-day 2073, Private Walter Oxford died in enemy hands Dec. 27th. Please inform next of kin.~~

J. R. Bennett,Acting Minister of Militia

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

**(NOT TRANSMITTED)**

Signature of Sender

*J.R. Bennett*

Address

Capt of Militia.

Line  
Number

Rcd

By

Sent

by

Check

Dated

March. 2/18

To

Elijah Oxford, Botwood, N.D.B.

~~Regret to inform you that Record Office, London unofficially reports to-day 2073, Private Walter Oxford died in enemy hands~~

Dec. 27th.

J.R. Bennett,

Acting Minister of Militia

**NOTE FOR OPERATOR:**

**THIS MESSAGE IS NOT TO BE DELIVERED UNTIL RECEIVING OFFICE NOTIFIES THAT MESSAGE TO CHURCH OF ENGLAND MINISTER OR SCHOOL TEACHER HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND ACTED UPON.**



C.R. 1288

Prisoner of War.

2073 Pte. W. Oxford ✓

Ext. of daily orders part 2 from G.H.Q.

3rd. Echelon, August 15th 1917.

Prisoner of War in German Hands, 14/4/17. Auth.

off. German Report forwarded by Geneva Red Cross.

Prev. "Struck off Strength" Missing Ref. No.

22 C. 19/5/17.

# 1 UNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



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

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender *J. R. Bennett* Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated July 7, 1917.

To Mr. Elijah Oxford,  
Botwood.

Have pleasure in informing you Record Office,  
London, today reports No. 2073, Private Walter  
Oxford, prisoner of war, Dulmen, Westphalia, Germany.

J.R. BENNETT

Colonial Secretary.

NEWFC

May 13, 1917.

Mr. Elijah Oxford,

Betwood.

No. 2073, Private Walter

Oxford, missing April fourteenth.

MADE IN U.S.A.  
NEW YORK GENERAL TIME

C.R. 2073

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

#2073 Pte. W. Oxford, C. Co.,

Reported Missing April 14th.

C.R. 2073

SICK AND WOUNDED N.C.O'S AND MEN OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE - FRANCE.

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



*Handwritten initials 'MJE' written vertically on the left margin.*

PRESTON RECORD OFFICE.

LIST NO. H. A. 5193.

15112 Pte. Hardy, W.H.	7/KORL.	GW.VIII(I) IX(4).R...	Dangerously ill, not doing well, in 5 Gen.H. Rouen, week ending, 17th Dec.16.
15122 Pte. Hardy, W.H.	7/KORL.	GW.VIII(I) IX(4) R...	Seriously ill, not doing well, in 5 Gen.H. Rouen, week ending, 17th Dec.16.
27955 Pte. Wakeman, W.P.	1/Border R.	Cardiac Dilatation...	Progress report by 8 Gen.H. Rouen, seriously ill improving, 17th Dec.16.

SHREWSBURY RECORD OFFICE.

LIST NO. H. A. 5193.

39192 Pte. Jones, F.	2/R.W.Fus.	GSW, Abdomen.....	Progress report, by 8 Gen.H. Rouen, Seriously ill no change, 17th Dec.16.
68419 L/C. Astley, H.	7/S. Lanc. R.	GW. I. (I).....	Dangerously ill not doing well, in 5 Gen.H. Rouen, week ending, 17th Dec.16.
53971 Pte. Morgan, G.	1/R.W.Fus.	Bomb Wds. Face, Arms.	-do-
15520 L/C. Fletcher, C.	3/S. Lanc. R.	GW.V(I) VI(I)	-do-

SOUTH AFRICAN RECORD OFFICE.

LIST NO. H. A. 5193.

7264 Pte. Cox, H.	2/S. A. I.	GSW. R. Thigh, .....	Progress report by 8 Gen.H. Rouen, Seriously ill improved, 17th Dec.16.
1636 Pte. Ritchie, C.W.	2/S. A. I.	GSW. L. Thigh.	-do-
7347 L/C. Purdon, D.	2/S. A. I.	GSW. L. Groin, & C. Frac. Femur.	-do-

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

LIST NO. H. A. 5193.

2078 Sjt. Hollett, M.	1/N.F.L.D.	GW.VIII(I) IX(I)....	Seriously ill not doing well, in 5 Gen.H. Rouen, week ending, 17th Dec.16.
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MACHINE GUN CORPS.

LIST NO. H. A. 5193.

17879 Sjt. Kennedy, J.	1/R. Ir. Rfls. att. MGC.25/Co.	GSW. L. Leg & R. ....	Progress report, by 8 Gen.H. Rouen, Seriously ill improved, 17th Dec.16.
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*Handwritten checkmark next to the Newfoundland Contingent entry.*

C.R. 2073

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,  
Mar. 25, 1916.

2073 Pte. W. Oxford.

C.R. 2073

Walter Oxford was attested for General  
Service with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT ON Jan. 11th 1916  
Regimental No. 2073 was allotted to Pte. W. Oxford.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger;

Dept. of Militia.

March 25th 1919

W. Oxford

2073.

P. & P. O.



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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Oxford

Christian Name Walter

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County Nfld

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>10</u> day of <u>Jan</u> 191 <u>6</u> at <u>St John's Nfld</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191____ at _____	
Declared Age	<u>21</u> years _____ days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	_____		_____	
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>8 1/2</u> inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	<u>156</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>40 1/2</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion.. <u>4 1/2</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks	Arm	_____	Right	Left
	Number	_____	_____	_____
When Vaccinated	_____		_____	
Vision	R.E.—V=	<u>4/6</u>	R.E.—V=	_____
	L.E.—V=	<u>6/6</u>	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>J. W. B. [Signature]</u>		_____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	
Enlisted	at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191____		at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191____	
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Nfld Regt</u>	<u>2073</u>	_____	_____
Transferred to	_____		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____ on _____ day of _____ 191____		_____ on _____ day of _____ 191____	
(Signature)	_____		_____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	

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

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
January 27/16	1 <sup>st</sup> Inoculation } HOB
February 9/16	2 <sup>nd</sup> " " } HOB
24.6.16	Successful vaccination W. F. W.
6.7.16	Fit for foreign service.

TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.

Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation	Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation
St Johns St. 4th	2/2/16	9/4/16			

N. No. **2073** Name **Oxford W.** Sqn., Batty., or Company } **A.** Corps / **Newfoundland Regt.** Date of enlistment } **11-1-16** G.C. Badges } Service or Proficiency Pay }  
 Date of last entry in Company Conduct Sheet } No. and date of last drunk } Period not reckoning towards freedom from extra fine } Sheet No. **1** Signature O.C. } **W. H. Russell** Character } **Major**  
 Company, etc. }

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
<i>In the field</i>	<i>7-5-17</i>	<i>Plt</i>		<i>Deprivation of Iron rations</i>	<i>McPhillips</i>	<i>Deprived one days pay</i>	<i>10-5-17</i>	<i>Col Robertson</i>	<i>B</i>

**RETURNED.**  
 Posted Missing 14/4/17  
 Sig. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Army Form 122



## 1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

### ALLOTMENTS

I, Walter Oxford, Regl. No. 2073

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of

Dollars and 60 Cents, per diem, from my Pay,

to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons concerned, viz.:

Allotment begins

March 22nd 1916.

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
1807	Father	Mr. Ethel Oxford	Portwood	60
			Total Allotment, \$	

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

(Sig.) R. P. Holloway  
 for Officer Commanding  
H. Company  
March 18th 1916

(Sig.) Walter Oxford  
 (Rank) Private

No. 1803



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 concerned, viz.:

Allotment begins March 22nd 1916.

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
1807	Father	Mrs Elijah Oxford	Bathwood	60
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(Sig.) R. P. Holloway  
 for      Officer Commanding  
     Company  
St. John's  
March 18th 1916

(Sig.) Walter <sup>his</sup> Oxford  
 (Rank) Private

Stammlager:  
Principal-camp:

**Dülmen**

Datum der Ausfertigung:  
Date:

oder  
or

Tag: 4 Monat: 6 Jahr: 1917.  
Day: Month: Year:

Lazarett: .....  
Hospital:

Zuname: <sup>FOR</sup>  
Surname: OXFORD

Borname: Walter  
Christian name:

Rang: Pte.  
Rank:

Reg. oder Korps: Newfoundland Reg. Nr. 1st Komp.: C.  
Reg. or Corps: 29th. Komp.

Erkennungsmarke Nr.: 2073.  
Number of identification disc.:

Gefangennahme: ..... Ort: Arras Datum: 15-5-17.  
Capture: Place: Date:

Ob verwundet, X No. X  
Whether wounded,  
Bezeichnung der Wunde: .....  
Description of wound:

Geburt: ..... Ort: St. Johns Datum: 15-9-96.  
Birth: Place: Date:

Heimatort: 15 Adley ~~er~~ Street, St. Johns, Newfoundland.  
Home place:

Adresse des nächsten Verwandten: Father. (as above)  
Address of next-of-kin:

W. Gosford No: 252158  
Gefangenenlager Heilsberg  
East Prussia  
Germany

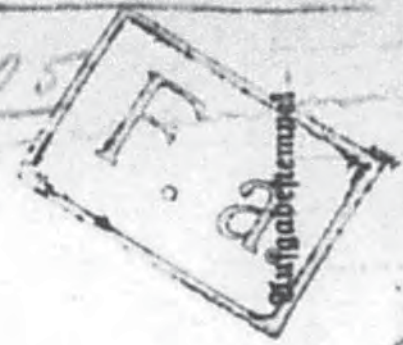
Abwender: Dienstgrad: Name: **Kriegsgefangenenlager Heilsberg**

Bataillon: Abteilung: Komp.: Batterie: Eskadr.: Kolonne:

Regt. Nr.: **705**  
**Regiment Heilsberg Nr. 5**  
Besondere Formationen (Schlepper, Bunker usw.)  
wobei dieselben ist die Armee  
ab- oder die Einheiteninspektion  
angabegeben.

# KRIEGSGEFANGENENSSENDUNG

## Feldpostkarte



An  
Depot, <sup>1st</sup> Newfoundland Regt  
Race-Course Barracks

in  
Ayr  
Scotland.

Wohnung:  
(Straße und Hausnummer)

August 18<sup>th</sup> 1917

Sir,

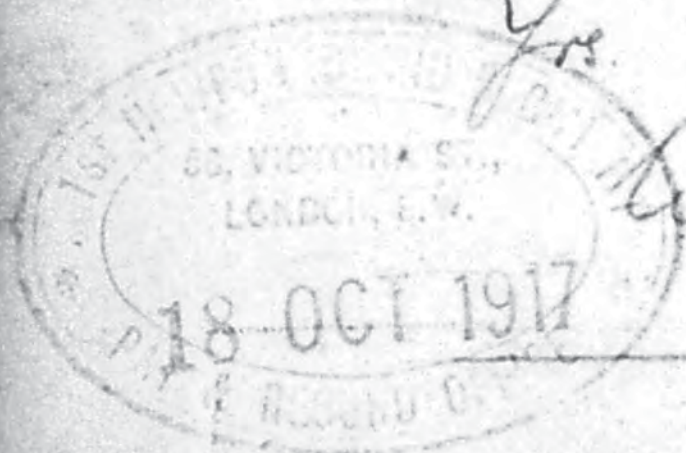
Will you kindly note my present address on the opposite side. Also that I would like you to send me cigarettes & tobacco in your parcels — a pipe in your first, if this be possible.

Thanking you in anticipation.

I am,

Yrs. truly

W. Oxford



W. Oxford



Jh Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 1917

Dear Sirs,

Your p.c. of 9/7/17 from H. Reeve Esq. & letter No. 7595 of 26/7/17 (N.F.P./73) have reached me. Thanks for your kind attention to the necessary matters. Please note my change of address. Will you kindly forward me biscuits instead of bread, & cheese, or tinned pork & beans, or sugar, or milk ~~instead of~~ or treacle or tinned sausages, instead of corned ("bully") beef & "Oxo" cubes. The sizes of

Hi clothing, etc. sent will doubtless fit.

Yours faithfully, *W. O. O'Connell*

Rec'd. **25 OCT 1917**

Act'd. **11598**

Ans'd.

*W. O. O'Connell*

*W. O. O'Connell*

*29-10-17 for Reply*

11223/1.

58, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W. 1,  
England,  
25th October 1917.

Pte. W. Oxford, 253158,  
1st Newfoundland Regiment,  
Gefangenenlager,  
Heilsberg,  
East Prussia, Germany.

Your postcard to Depot, 2/1st Newfoundland  
Regiment was passed to this Office 18/10/17.

Regarding your food parcels, the matter has  
been referred to the Newfoundland War Contingent  
Association, and they will communicate to you  
direct. Your address is noted.

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

HA/JC

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11598/2 R.&.C.

58, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W. 1,  
England,  
1st November 1917.

Private W. Oxford, 253158,  
Gefangenenlager,  
Hellsberg,  
East Prussia,  
Germany.

2073

Your postcard dated 28/8/17 (6184) received  
25/10/17 has been handed to the Secretary of the  
Newfoundland War Contingent Association, who, as  
already notified per N.F.P./73, deal with food  
parcels.

Your other references have our attention.

Please notify this Office of any change of  
your address.

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Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

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GB/JC

Forwarded with the Compliments of the

Secretary of the War Office.

War Office, C2. Cas. P. 72. 19

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 1918

*Just the same  
Dear Madam*

P/W CENSORSHIP,  
Strand House,  
W.C.2.

21.2.18.

C.2. Casualties,  
Alexandra House,  
Kingsway.

The attached letter containing information as to the death of a British Prisoner of War is submitted to you for necessary action. Will you please return this form with an indication as to the date when the letter was despatched by you to the addressee.

2073. *Plt Sergeant Walter Oxford.*  
*1st Newfoundland Regt.*

M.I.9.c.(2).

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT	
PAY & PENSION	
No.:	<i>2086</i> <i>Thurys</i>
Recd:	1 MAR 1918
Ackd:	Major, Censor P/W.
Ref. Nos.:	
By:	
Comd:	
P &:	
R. & C.:	
B & E:	
P.S.:	

Botwood  
Newfoundland  
Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1877

Postamt  
Frankfurt  
des Oestl. d. d. d. d. d.  
Gebrüder No. 10

Dear Brother:-

I know you will be surprised to hear from me; Well I hope you are well and enjoying yourself in Bermuda. We would like to hear from you; why dont you get some one to write for you and let us know how you are.

Father and Mary are well and send their love to you, Mary would like to get a letter from you.

Grandfather is living with father this winter I was over



There Sunday before last.  
Now dear brother write  
me supposing its only 2  
or 3 lines. Let us know  
how you are.

I must now close trusting  
the day will soon come  
when you will be set  
free & able to come home  
to us again.

This half sheet of paper will  
do for you to write on.  
Remember me to any of  
the Botwood boys if they  
are + with you.

I am  
Your loving sister  
Leah  
Please address  
Miss Leah Oxford  
c/o Mrs. J. Antle

Box 27  
Botwood Newfoundland

4th March 8 .

Officer Commanding,

3391/1/P.W.

Prisoner of War Censorship,

Strand House, W.C. 2.

HA/JC

2073, PTE. D.W. OXFORD, Royal Newfoundland R.

Reference your Minute M.I.9.C.(2) of 21/2/18 (my No. 2086) forwarded to this Office by the War Office, (C.2. Cas.): the letter in question was not despatched by me, please, and it is not known on what date it was despatched. It apparently left St. John's, Newfoundland, on 6/11/17.

Letter is marked "gestorben den 27/12/17" and this is the first indication of the death of this man.

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

Any further letter on this subject  
should be addressed to—  
The Secretary,  
War Office,  
Alexandra House,  
Kingsway, London, W.C. 2,  
and the number below quoted.

WAR OFFICE,

ALEXANDRA HOUSE,

KINGSWAY, W.C. 2.

O.2. Casualties P.M.

19<sup>th</sup> November, 1917.

The Officer i/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
Pay & Record Office,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

4  
It has been reported by the representative of  
the Netherland Legation at Berlin that, at the time  
of his inspection of the hospital of the Prisoners  
of War Camp at Heilsberg, on 24th September, 1917,  
2073 Walter Oxford, 1st Bn. Newfoundland Regiment, was  
suffering from bronchial catarrh.

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	7007
Rec'd.	20 NOV 1917.
Ack'd.	
Airs'd.	
File No.	

BRANCHE <i>Holloway</i>	
<i>Ads</i>	
ACTED UPON	
BY	
DATE	

3396/88/P.W.

4th March, 8

The Secretary,  
War Office, C.2. Cas.,  
Kingsway, W.C. 2.

Sir: 2073, Pte. D. W. Oxford.  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

A letter has been returned from Germany, through your Department, which was addressed to the above-named man and which was endorsed "gestorben den 27/12/17". As this is the first indication that Pte. Oxford has died, I beg to request that you will be good enough to cause an enquiry to be made with a view of ascertaining further particulars of his death.

The last known address of Pte. Oxford was:

No. 253158,  
Gefangenenlager,  
Heilsberg, East Prussia,

and your letter C.2. Cas. P.M. of 19/11/17 (my No. 7007) states that

"It has been reported by the representative of the Netherland Legation at Berlin that, at the time of his inspection of the hospital of the Prisoners of War Camp at Heilsberg, on the 24th September, 1917, Walter Oxford, 1st Bn., Newfoundland Regiment, was suffering from bronchial catarrh."

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Major,

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

HA/JC

*Copy to  
Major  
15/3/18*

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Kingsway, London, W.C.2,  
and the number below quoted.

WAR OFFICE,

ALEXANDRA HOUSE,

KINGSWAY, W.C.2.

C.2. Casualties P.M.19.

12 March, 1918.

The Chief Paymaster and Officer  
in Charge of Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

With reference to your memorandum 3396/88/P.W., of the 4th inst., on the subject of a letter addressed to No.2073 Pte. D.W. Oxford, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, which was returned with an endorsement to the effect that he had died on 27.12.1917, it is the practice of this Department, in similar cases where no official report of death has been received and on the other hand there is no evidence to shew that the statement is incorrect, to convey the information to the next-of-kin with an intimation that it is probably correct but cannot be so accepted for official purposes without confirmation. If no official notification is received

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
PAY & RECORDS OFFICE  
Ref. Nos. IN 2476  
Rec'd 13 MAR 1918  
Ack'd  
Ref. Nos. OUI

within a reasonable time after the reported date of death, a request is then sent to Germany for a definite statement.  
In the case of Oxford, a report in the usual form or one of the periodical German Official Lists may be expected shortly. If this is not forthcoming, enquiry will be made in Germany.

ACTED UPON		
BRANCH	DATE	BY
Comd.		
P & A.		
R. & C. ✓		
B. & E.		
P.S.		

*Spindler*  
*Copy to Mr. M. J. 15/3/18*

C O P Y.

3396/88/P.W.

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I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. I/C Records.

HA/JC.

C O P Y .

WAR OFFICE,

C.2. Casualties P.M. 19.  
S/6717.

Alexandra House,

The Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c  
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(Sgd) S. Grindle.

Phone to  
N.W.C.A. from 16/8/18  
from C.P.W. Committee  
to say no verification  
of this report

Records.

*Awaiting Confirmation of this report from C.P.W.*

From: N.W.C.A.  
To: P.&.R.O.



15th August 1918.

No. 93

Copy of postcard from Central Prisoners of War Committee  
dated 9/8/18

2073 Pte. Walter Oxford, 29th Newfoundlands, 1st Infantry  
DIED 27/12/17 in Reserve Laz. Kontrollstadt Tilsit  
from Catarrh of Stomach and Bowels. Aktz. 17664/W

C.L. 12/2/18 - P. 19261 -----



From: N.W.C A.  
To; P.&. R.O.



16/8/18

No.95

Ref.No.93: In telephonic conversation with the Central Prisoners of War Committee today we were informed by them that the postcard giving particulars of the cause and place of death of 2073 Pte.W.Oxford is not verified and was sent by mistake. They ask us to hold over these particulars until they have received verification of them. They are applying for this to the War Office.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.	✓
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
Ref. Nos In	7394
Rec'd	17 AUG 1918
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Ref. NOS. OUT	
By	
Corr	
P.S.	
H.O. Secy	
P.S.	

*M.G.*

NEWFOUNDLAND WAR CONTINGENT  
ASSOCIATION.  
34 58, VICTORIA STREET  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

Any further letters on this subject should be addressed to—  
The Secretary,  
War Office,  
Finsbury Court,  
Finsbury Pavement,  
London, E.C.2,  
and the number below quoted.

C.2, Casualties. P.M.29.E.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,  
WAR OFFICE RECORD OFFICE,

Ref. Nos. 14  
FINSBURY COURT, 762

Rec'd 26-AUG-1918  
FINSBURY PAVEMENT,

Ack'd

Ref. Nos. 001

LONDON, E.C.2.

22 August, 1918.

BRANCH BY  
Comd.

The Officer in Charge  
of Newfoundland Records,  
Victoria Street,  
Westminster.

The following reports have been received on a German official list of dead:-

- (1). "Private Walter Oxford, 1st Infantry Regiment, died 27th December, 1917, in Reserve Hospital at Tilsit from gastric and intestinal catarrh."
- (2) No.267 (?) Private Michael Kostin, Infantry Regiment, 3<sup>d</sup> on 4th January, 1918, in War Hospital Altdamm from pulmonary tuberculosis.

- (1). It seems probable that the first report may refer to No.2073 Private William Oxford, 1st Newfoundland Infantry Regiment for whom enquiry is made in the enclosed letter from the Central Prisoners of War Committee. If you can identify you are requested to reply to the Central Prisoners of War Committee, and also to so inform this Office so that the name may be included on the daily War Office Casualty List, together with
- (2). that of Private M.Kostin if you can trace him in the Newfoundland Regiment.

R.Crowley

W.S.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN  
OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

CENTRAL PRISONERS OF WAR COMMITTEE.

The Rt. Hon. The EARL OF SANDWICH, Chairman.  
Lieut.-Col. L. IMPEY, C.S.I., C.I.E., Secretary.

Cheques should be made payable to the Earl of Sandwich, and crossed Barclay & Co., not negotiable.

Telegram: Prisoners, South Kensington, London.

Telephone: Kensington 7040.

Nearest Stations: (BROMPTON ROAD TUBE.  
SOUTH KENSINGTON.

Please reply to:

THE SECRETARY.

Central Prisoners of War Committee.

and quote.....Records JD/FW

4, THURLOE PLACE,

[Nearly opposite the Brompton Oratory]

LONDON, S.W. 7

August 17th 1918

Sir,

On 14th March last we wrote to you to ask whether the report that Pte. Walter Oxford of the 1st. Newfoundland Infantry Regt., who died on 27/12/17, referred to 2073 who was last known to be at Heilsberg, East Prussia, Camp No. 253158.

May we know whether the death report has been accepted as referring to this man? The question has now been raised by the Care Committee, and we cannot trace official <sup>con</sup> information ever having been received in this Office.

Your obedient servant,

L. Impey, *LD*  
Lieut. Colonel,

Secretary

B. Grindle Esq.  
Casualty C. 2 Dept.  
War Office,  
Whitehall.

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13698/260/P.W.

28th August, 8.

The Secretary,  
War Office,  
Finsbury Court,  
Finsbury Pavement, E.C.2.

Sir,

Prisoners of War.

With reference to your letter C.2. Casualties P.M. 29 E dated 22/8/18 (7620): the first named has been identified as relating to 2073, Pte. D.W. Oxford, Royal Newfoundland Regt. With regard to this man, I wrote to your Office on 4/3/18, to which you replied on 12/3/18 (C.2. Casualties P.M. 19, S/6717), since when nothing has been heard of Pte. Oxford.

It is regretted that "Pte. M. Kostin" cannot be identified as belonging to the Newfoundland Contingent. Apparently the German official list in question has not yet reached this Office, and it would be appreciated if a copy could be furnished as early as possible.

On 22/7/18 a long official German list which contained the names of some fourteen Newfoundlanders, and in several instances, first intimation of death, was received here through the courtesy of the Canadian Red Cross Society, but no trace can be found of it being received from the War Office.

I am to enquire whether all official German lists containing the names of Newfoundlanders are sent by your Office to this.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

HA/NV

Any further letter on this subject should be addressed to—  
The Secretary,  
War Office,  
Finsbury Court,  
Finsbury Pavement,  
London, E.C.2,  
and the number below quoted.

WAR OFFICE,

FINSBURY COURT,

FINSBURY PAVEMENT,

LONDON, E.C.2.

17 September, 1918.

C.2. Casualties. P.M. 29 E.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
Ref. Nos. 11	Sib 1
Rec'd	18 SEP 1918
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Comd.	
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R. & C.	+
B. & E.	
P. S.	

The Officer in Charge of Records,  
Newfoundland Contingents,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of No. 2073 Private D.W. Oxford, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, the report was received on an official German List that he died on 27th December, 1917, in the Res. Laz. Abt. Konstollstadt at Tilsit from Gastric and intestinal catarrh has now been circulated on the daily War Office list P.M. Series. All reports from German Official Lists (and unofficial information) are sent to you as soon as received when the identification is clear, but, as in this case, the regiment is frequently omitted investigation has to be made before the report can be identified.

R. Fowler

W.S.

COPY

I  
WAR OFFICE,

Finsbury Court,  
Finsbury Pavement,  
London, E.C. 2,  
5th October, 1918.

C.2.Casualties. P.M. 29E.  
S/6717.

The Officer in Charge of Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria Street, S.W. 1.

With reference to previous correspondence on the  
subject of No. 2073 Private W. Oxford, Royal Newfoundland  
Regiment, the enclosed Certificate of Death has <sup>now</sup> been  
received from the German Government in answer to the  
enquiry sent from this Office.

(Sgd) R. C. FOWLER.

(In. Ref. No. 8634)

Original Copy Sent to M of N.  
with Cas Reports on 9<sup>th</sup> 18 A.H.B.

COPY

(2)

Res. Laz.,  
Kontrollstation,  
Tilsit.

2/ 7/ 1918.

(Translation)

CERTIFICATE TO THE DEATH of the following  
foreign military person.

1. Name: Oxford, Walter.
2. Parents: Father, Oxford, Lenger.
3. Date of Birth: Unknown, 21 years.
4. Place of birth: St. John's.
5. Last Residence: St. John's, Newfoundland.
6. Occupation: Shipworker.
7. Military Position: British Infantryman.
8. <sup>Inf.</sup> Regiment: 1. Newfoundland. C. Co.
9. Date of Death: 27/12/17.
10. Place of Death: Res. Lazarett, Kontrollstation,  
Tilsit.
11. Cause of Death: Paralysis of the heart.

(Signature) Illégible.

Any further letter on this subject should be addressed to—  
The Secretary,  
War Office,  
Finsbury Court,  
Finsbury Pavement,  
London, E.C.2,  
and the number below quoted.

WAR OFFICE,

FINSBURY COURT,

FINSBURY PAVEMENT,

LONDON, E.C.2.

5 October, 1918.

C.2.Casualties. P.M.29E.  
S/6717.

The Officer in Charge of Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58 Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

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With reference to previous correspondence on  
the subject of No.2073 Private W.Oxford, Royal  
Newfoundland Regiment, the enclosed Certificate of

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE,

Death has now been received from the German Government

Ref. Nos. 148634 in answer to the enquiry sent from this office.

Rec'd 8 OCT 1918

Ack'd Aus'd

Ref. Nos. 661

PLA  
C.2.C.2

P.S.

R.C.C.

P.S.

P.S.

P.S.

RCFowler

Casualty  
Extracted  
8/10/18

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Certificate  
**Bescheinigung.**

to the death of the following foreign  
military person

Aus den hier vorliegenden Urkunden geht hervor, daß die nachfolgende bezeichnete  
„fremdländische Militärperson“ verstorben ist.

1. Name und Vorname: *Oxford, Walter*

Parents *Father: Oxford, Leuger*

2. Eltern: *more O. unbekannt*

Date of birth *21 years*

3. Geburtstag: *21 years*

Place of birth *St. Johns*

4. Geburtsort: *St. Johns*

Last residence *Newfoundland*

5. Letzter Wohnort: *Newfoundland*

Occupation *Ship worker*

6. Beruf: *Ship worker*

Military position *Engl. Infantry man*

7. Heeresangehörigkeit: *Engl. Infantry man*

8. Truppenteil: *Inf. Reg. 1, New Foundland*

Date of death *27. 12. 17*

9. Todestag: *27. 12. 17*

Place of death *Res. Lazarett*

10. Todesort: *Res. Lazarett*

11. Todesursache: *Herzlähmung*

Cause of death: *Paralysis of the heart*

Unterschrift.

*Dr. ...  
Müller  
Leibst. Arzt*

Place réservée  
pour les cachets.

Place reserved  
for stamps.

# Kriegsgefangenensendung.

(M.) *The Newfoundland Red Cross Society*  
(Mr.)

(Rue)  
(Street)

(Ville)  
(Town)

*Coxsworth St*

(Arrondissement)  
(District)

*London*

(Département)  
(County)

(Pays)  
(Country)

*England*

Geprüft  
9  
Kriegsgefangenen  
Einsendungen

Adresse exacte de l'expéditeur. — Address of the sender.

(Nom et prénom)

2073 Lt Walter Oxford

(Name)

2 Newfoundland Regiment

Gefangenelager Dülmen i. Westf., Detachement No.

Compie

Baraque

Coy. 4

Barrack 103

See R 7/14

Dülmen i. Westf., le

the

24 June

1917

Dear Sirs. just a few lines to let you know that I am a prisoner of war here. There is a lot of our regiment here also. please send us some comforts if possible, we are now four weeks here and are looking forward to our first comfort. which I hope you will look after. I must close now hoping you will give our interests the best attention. Yours truly  
Walter Oxford

W/2073 Oxford

War Office,  
Alexandra House,  
Kingsway,  
W.C.2.

25<sup>th</sup> July. 1917.

C.2, Casualties P.M,

The information conveyed by the enclosed card, which has been brought to the notice of the Secretary of the War Office by the Postal Censor, has been noted.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

No. 2043

Rank Private

Name Oxford W.

Died (a) Intestate at Germany

on the 24 of Dec 1917.

Deserted at

on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

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

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

Date	Dr.				Cr.			
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month .. 24.12.17...	43	7	4
	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			
					Messing allowance days at from to			
					Kit allowance .....			
					Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2 .....			
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	43	7	4	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		£43	7	4		£43	7	4

COPY SENT TO  
O.C. H.Q.  
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.  
No. 5005/20  
DATED 20 MAR 1919

LONDON, S.W.  
20 MAR 1919

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

Dated at this day of 191 . Paymaster.

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

Oxford, W.

2073

Ray Sept

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ORIGINAL.

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps Royal Newfoundland Regiment

No. 2073

Rank Private

Name Oxford W.

Died (a) Intestate at Germany

on the 27th of December 1917.

Deserted at

on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

{ Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

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	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			
	101				Messing allowance days at			
	"				from to			
	"				Kit allowance .....			
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage .....							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	43	7	4	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		£ 43	7	4		£ 43	7	4

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 19 MAR 1919 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED.  
P.S.D.  
19 MAR 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 43 7 4 is correctly chargeable against the Public (b).

Dated at this day of 19 MAR 1919

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
CHIEF PAYMASTER  
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.  
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Deserted at

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	"				Messing allowance days at from to .....			
	"				Kit allowance .....			
	Consolidated stoppage .....							
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		£ 43	7	4		£ 43	7	4

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CHECKED P.S.D. 19 MAR 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 43 7 4 is correctly chargeable against the Public.

Dated at

this

day of

19 MAR 1919

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

J. J. ... 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.



DUPLICATE MAIL COPY

PAY LIST

191 Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps Royal Newfoundland Regiment.  
 No. 2073 Rank Private Name Oxford.  
 Died<sup>(a)</sup> Intestate at Germany on the 27th of December 1917.  
 Deserted at on the of 191

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
 Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form L]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month 27/12/18 .....	43	7	4
	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 .....			
	101				Messing allowance days at from to .....			
	"				Kit allowance .....			
	"							
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage .....							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	43	7	4	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		£43	7	4		£43	7	4

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 19 MAR 1919 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED.  
 P.L.A.  
 19 MAR 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £43 7 4 is correctly chargeable against the Public (a) and Contingent (b).

Dated at this day of 1919

- (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.
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№ 1803 ✓



1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

I, Walter Oxford, Regl. No. 2073  
 hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of  
60 Dollars and 60 Cents, per diem, from my Pay,  
 to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons, such payment to be made on proof  
 of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons  
 concerned, viz :  
 Allotment begins March 22nd 1916.

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)	
1807	Father	Mrs Elijah Oxford	Botwood		60
Total Allotment, \$					

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

(Sig.) R. P. Holloway  
*Lieut.*  
 for Officer Commanding  
H Company  
St. John's.  
March 18th 1916

(Sig.) Walter Oxford  
*his mark.*  
 (Rank) Private

October 30, 1919

Mrs. Elizabeth Oxford,  
Botwoodville.

Dear Madam:

enclosed please find five  
cheques, representing allotment of pay on ac-  
count of the late 2073, Walter Oxford, R.N. Regt

It is regretted that a  
mistake has been made in your name, as you will  
see by the cheques, but this has now been ad-  
justed, and in future all cheques will be mailed  
to you on the 7th. of each month.

Apologising for causing you  
any inconvenience

Yours truly,

Lieut.  
For Paymaster.



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 *Walter Edward Oxford*  
aged *21* conducted at *C. A. B.*  
Date: *July 10/16* Recruiting officer:

NO. OF TEST

FINDING

- 1 *yes in other.*
- 2 *no.*
- 3 *no.*
- 4 *no.*
- 5 *no.*
- 6 *no.*
- 7 *yes*
- 8 *yes*
- 9 *yes Indigestion - the doctor account to much. S. O. R.*
- 10 *n*
- 11 *n*
- 12 *n*
- 13 *n*
- 14 *n*
- 15 *n*
- 16 *n*
- 17 *n*
- 18 *n*
- 19 *6-6*
- 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*
- 33 *no*
- 34 *5-8 1/2*
- 35 *156*
- 36 *31-40 1/2*
- 37 *25.00 per milk.*
- 38 *father. E. Legak. Bolwoodville.*
- 39 *mother.*

*20734 (2073)*

*W. E. Oxford*  
Signature of Medical Examiner: *W. E. Oxford*

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 213  $\frac{04}{x \cdot x}$

June 17 1919

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of two hundred & thirteen  $\frac{04}{x}$  Dollars.  
~~on account~~  
balance of Pay. Estate

Ch. No. 24447	Initials... C.W.
Pay Ledger... 133	Initials... J.D.
Gen. Ledger.....	Initials.....

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

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Regtl. No. Rank

No. 2073.

Rank Pt

Name

W Oxford

June 30, 1919


Elijah Oxford,  
Peter's Arm, Twillingate.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith cheque  
for \$213.04, balance of estate of late Pte.  
D.W. Oxford, due you as Administrator.

I am also enclosing herewith  
Letters of Administration to his estate.

Yours truly,

  
Capt.  
PAYMASTER & O i/c RECORDS.

Encl. 2-

LM/



Office of the Archivist for Militia Records.

May 6th.1925

Mr. Elijah Oxford,

Botwood.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose for your information copy of communication which I have received from London, in connection with the grave of your late son, Pte. W. Oxford, No. 2073, Royal Wfld. Regt.

Yours truly,

Archivist.

# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

TELEPHONE:  
~~3423-24~~  
Vic: 5374.

## Memorandum.

No. 2426.

FROM

D. G. R. & E.,  
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,  
47, ~~58~~ VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

22nd January, 1925.

To -

The Archivist for Militia Records,  
General Post Office,  
St. John's, NEWFOUNDLAND.

SUBJECT:— 2073 Pte. W. OXFORD.  
D/D 27-12-17.

Reference Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

REPLY.

Dated May 6th, 1925 192\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE).

It has been notified by the Imperial War Graves Commission that the remains of the above-mentioned Soldier have been removed from Tilsit Forest Cemetery, East Prussia, about 60 miles East of Königsberg, and re-interred in Berlin South Western Cemetery, Stahnsdorf, Plot 15, Row "A", Grave 7.

The reasons for this removal, as given by the Imperial War Graves Commission, are as follows -

"In communicating this information to the Next-of-Kin, will you please explain that the question of the British graves in Germany has for some time past been receiving the earnest consideration of the Imperial War Graves Commission."

"Some months ago several members of the Commission representing the United Kingdom and the Dominions went to Germany and visited the different Cemeteries. The matter was discussed fully with the Commission's staff on the spot, and they considered the various alternatives which had been suggested by their own staff and by the public generally."

"The result of this very exhaustive enquiry has been to persuade the Commission that the

Noted, please, and has been communicated to next of kin.

Archivist.

best and probably the only way of ensuring the proper and permanent maintenance of these graves is by moving them into an exclusively British plot, (where it is possible to arrange this satisfactorily in existing Cemeteries) or to form an entirely new Cemetery. The graves will then be permanently cared for by British personnel whom the Commission will appoint."

*Lambert* for  
D.G.R. & E.  
Newfoundland Contingent.



Fold Here

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**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

To the Officer in Charge of Records,



*Royal Nfld. Regt.*

*Dept. of Militia,*

*ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.*

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Fold Here

OCT 11 1921.

*Hof*  
The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**

is/are forwarded herewith to:

Walter Oxford

in respect of his service as No. 2073 Rank Pte.

Name W. Oxford

Royal Nfld. Regt.

~~Sgt. General's~~

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The Above named medals

Signature

Elijah Oxford <sup>his</sup> X

Date

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To ensure that as far as may be possible none of the next of kin of those who have fallen in the War shall fail to receive the Memorial Plaque, it is requested that on receipt of the enclosed Plaque this card be signed at the bottom and posted. No stamp is required.

*Elijah Oxford*

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Extract from Casualties received from P.S.R.O. London,  
Aug. 28, 1918. 17.

A German official list states that 2073 Pte. W. Oxford died  
on 27/1/17 in Reserve Hospital at Tilsit, from Catarrh of  
stomach and bowels. Aktz. 17664/w.

Memo. (7620) 1918, from W.O., G.2. Cas.



# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

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Signature of O. C. Company

Number of Sheet

*W. Russell*  
*Capt. & Coy*

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay
No.	<i>5073</i>	Age on	<i>21</i> years <i>10</i> months	<i>Sickerman</i>	
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	<i>St John's Nfld. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 1916</i>	Religion	
Joined	Date	Period of	{ with Colours <i>1</i> <sup>/<sub>35</sub> years. with Reserve <i>35</i> years.</sup>	Place of Birth	
Joined	Date			<i>Bolwood, Nfld.</i>	

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
		<i>Pte.</i>		<i>Died of Paralysis Heart</i>	<i>27<sup>th</sup> 17</i>				

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Newfound Land Regt Regimental Number 2073  
 Rank Plt Surname Oxford Christian Name W.  
 Religion C. of E. Age on Enlistment 21 years  months.  
 Enlisted Jan. 11/16 Terms of Service (a) duration of war Service reckons from (a)   
 Date of promotion to present rank  Date of appointment to lance rank   
 Extended {  } Re-engaged {  } Qualification (b)  or Corps Trade and Rate   
 Signature of Officer  /o Records.



Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
		Embarked ...	<u>Southampton</u>	<u>9.7.16</u>	
		Disembarked...	<u>France</u>	<u>10.7.16</u>	
	<u>sergent James Madahan</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>14 AUG</u>	<u>1916</u>	<u>B213</u>
			<u>WITH BATT. 28. I. IV</u>		
<u>2.4.17</u>	<u>88 FA</u>	<u>Ad. Ophthalmia R</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>24.3.17</u>	<u>E.S. 1806.</u>
<u>15.4.17</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>Discharged to duty</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>1.4.17</u>	<u>E.S. 2268.</u>
<u>15 APR 1917</u>	<u>OC. Bn.</u>	<u>MISSING</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>14 APR 1917</u>	<u>B215.</u>
<u>7.7.17</u>	<u>P.O.R.O. London</u>	<u>Prisoners of war in Germany</u>	<u></u>	<u>14.4.17</u>	<u>Auth: German list to central prisoners of war board, 16.6.17</u>
		<u>Captured at Nonchy</u>			

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing-smith, &c.  
 G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon. [P.T.O.]  
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