



# First Newfoundland Regiment

## ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 849

Name in full Bernard Fredrick Parsons Age 21

Address Little Bay Islands

Married  Single  Height 5'7" Weight 148  
Color Dark Hair Brown Eyes Light Blue  
Other distinguishing marks None

Nearest relative Mrs. Susan Parsons  
Address Little Bay Islands

Dependents None

Occupation Seal Teacher Present Wage 700<sup>00</sup> per annum

Previous service \_\_\_\_\_

Decorations \_\_\_\_\_

General Remarks 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1914

Date of Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

Bernard Fredrick Parsons

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

Bernard Parsons

Declared before me this Jan 14 day 5<sup>th</sup>  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 1914

Eric Shepley

**DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.**

(To correspond with Entries on the Medical History Sheet.)  
Applicable to all ranks.

Reg. No. 849

Name Bernard Fredrick Parsons

Apparent age 21 years        months. Height 5 feet 7 inches.

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

Distinctive marks Color: Dark, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Light Blue

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.**

Name and Address of next of kin Mrs. Duncan Parsons, Little Bay Laid., Nfld.

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.  
(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	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries.
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>30/12/14</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>30th December '14</u>									
<u>Promoted to P. Cpl 24/2/15</u>									
<u>Embarked S.S. Stephens 20<sup>3</sup>/15</u>									
<b>DESERTED</b>									
<u>ALDERSHOT. 20-8-15</u>									
<u>Trust of Strength 'Desertion' Depot Coy. 18-9-15</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above ... ..									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>18-9-15</u> (date of discharge) <u>Desertion</u> years <u>2</u> days <u>65</u>									
" " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "									

B. F. Larson.

C.R. 849.

P. 100.

This space to be left blank for the Chelsea Number.



# Proceedings on Discharge.

(When forwarded for confirmation the documents named on page 4 should be enclosed.)

No.	849	Army Rank	Lance Corporal
Name	B. Z. Parsons		
(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)			
Corps	1st Newfoundland Regiment		
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c.	Newton-on-Hyfe		
(If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve or Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, &c., or to General Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)			
Date of discharge	September 18 1919		
Place of discharge	Newton-on-Hyfe		

1. Description at the time of discharge.

Age	21	years		months	Descriptive marks.
Height	5	feet	7	inches	
Chest measurement	girth when fully expanded			ins.	
	range of expansion			ins.	
Complexion	Dark				
Eyes	Light Blue				
Hair	Brown				
Trade	School Teacher				
Intended place of residence	_____				
(To be given as fully as practicable)	_____				

(The measurements and description should be carefully taken on the day the man leaves his unit, but in the case of men sent home from abroad for discharge, the age and intended place of residence should be left blank to be filled in by the Officer who confirms the discharge at home.)

2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of Desertion

(The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the discharge certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the No. and date of the letter to be quoted.)

3. Military character :—

4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations :—

To be filled in on the soldier quitting the Colours.

Certified that the above is an accurate copy of the character given by me on Army Form B. 2067\* and that Army Form D. 489 was awarded in this case.

Initials of Commanding Officer.

Army Form B. 2088 has been issued to\*



1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT  
ALLOTMENTS

I, *Bt Parsons*, Regl. No. *849*

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

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
<i>887</i>	<i>Sister</i>	<i>Mrs Minnie B Parsons</i>	<i>1/4 Royal St. St. John's City</i>	<i>75</i>
Total Allotment, \$				

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

(Sig.) *Ernest Bayne* (Sig.) *Bt Parsons*  
Officer Commanding Company (Rank) *L Corp.*

*St John's  
Mar 3rd*  
191

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PAY LIST.

to 20<sup>th</sup> August 1915. Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

No. 849

Rank Lance Corporal

Name J. J. Parsons

Died (a) at on the of 191 .

Deserted at Aldershot on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1915.

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[FORM 1.]

Date.	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month.....				Balance Cr. last month.....	23/10/15	10	1
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at from to Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay		3	10 10
	191				days at from to			
	"				Messing allowance days at			
	"				from to			
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Clothing and kit allowance .....			
	Inspected by from 20/8/15 to 23/10/15. 65 days @ 1 <sup>st</sup> 87d. 7s	15	7	7	Amount produced by the sale of Necessaries			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	£15	7	7	Personal Clothing and Effects from Form 2...			
					Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity.....			
					Balance due to the Paymaster.....	7	6	3
		£15	7	7		£15	7	7

6 5 00  
6 5 00  
3 78

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

Dated at this day of 31 191 .



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 F.B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.  
(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps

No. 849

Rank **L. Corporal.**

Name **B.F. Parsons**

Died (a)

at

on the

of

191 .

Deserted at

**Aldershot**

on the

**20th** of **August**

19**1** .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

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

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[FORM 1.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month.....				Balance Cr. last month <b>23/10/15</b> .....	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.</b>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at _____ from _____ to _____ <b>Allegation overcharged in M Co</b> <b>Book Oct. 1st, to 23rd, 23 days</b> <b>Presidency Service or good conduct 3750</b>			
	£ s. d. 191				_____ days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	"				Messing allowance _____ days at _____			
	"				from _____ to _____			
	"				Clothing and kit allowance .....			
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Amount produced by the sale of Necessaries			
	<b>Forfeited pay from</b> <b>20/8/15 to 23/10/15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	Personal Clothing and Effects from Form 2...			
	<b>65 days @ 1.15.</b>				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Balance due by the Paymaster				Deferred Pay or Gratuity.....			
					Balance due to the Paymaster.....	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
		<b>£15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of **£ 15-7-2** is correctly chargeable against the Public<sup>(a)</sup>

Dated at **London**

this **1st.** day of **February**

19**1** .

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 A.F.B. 1090 or Army Form O. 1815.  
(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

Each issue of Orders will be numbered consecutively throughout the year. A fresh series will be commenced with the first issue in each year.

Unit 1ST NEWFOUNDLAND  
DAILY ORDERS. Part II.

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

N.B.—The Sub. No. of Order and Subject are to be shown in  
Columns 1 and 2 thus:—1—Courts-Martial.

Station Newton-on-Ayr

Date 23/10/1915

Regimental No., Rank, and Name.	Sqn., Batty., or Co.	Particulars of Casualties, etc., and Date.
<p><b>3. Strength</b></p> <p><del>No. 661, Pte. H. Evans</del></p> <p>No. 849, I/C B.F. Parsons.</p>		<p>The following men having been declared Deserters by a Board of Enquiry are struck off the strength of the Depot from Sept. 18th, 1915.</p>



1754/123.

O.C. Depot,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
Newton-on-Ayr,  
Scotland.

4, November, 5.

November 9th, 1915.

**DESERTIONS.**

NO. 661, PTE. N. EVANS,  
" 849, L/C. B.F. PARSONS.

Please send discharge documents  
relating to these men for record.

I understand you have Duplicate  
Attestations, Conduct Sheets &c.

Capt.  
Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Herewith enclosed documents as  
stated hereunder in relation  
to:-

No. 661, Pte. N. Evans  
" 849, L/C B.F. Parsons,

struck off strength as deserters.

Recruiting Form A.1914 (two)

Army Form B. 121 (two)

Army Form O.1625 (two)

Also Army Form B.198 which

kindly sign and return

(Sgd) S. ROBERTSON,  
Lieut. & Acting Adjutant.

For O.C. Depot.

DEPARTMENT	.....
Reference No.	1195
Date Rec'd.	Nov. 1st 1915
" Ack'd.	.....
" Ans'd.	.....
File	.....

*Disputed*

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Parsons OF Christian Name Bernard Fredrick

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	on 29 <sup>th</sup>	day of Dec	1914	191
	at	St John's	at	
Declared Age	21	years		
Trade or Occupation	School Teacher			
Height	5	feet	7	inches
Weight	148 lbs.			
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded...		32	inches
	Range of expansion...		35½	inches
Physical Development	Right	Left	Right	Left
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R. E.—V==		R. E.—V==	
	L. E.—V==		L. E.—V==	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
	(b)		(b)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection				
Approved by (Signature)	<i>Cluny Macpherson</i>			
(Rank)	Capt.			
	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at	St John's	at	
	on 30 <sup>th</sup>	day of Dec	1914	191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	1 <sup>st</sup> Nfld. Regt.	Regtl. No.	849
Transferred to..				
Became non-effective by.				
	on	day of	191	on
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

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

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
	$\frac{TV.}{2}$ $\frac{Cl V}{2}$ <p>Vacc.</p> <p>Fit for Foreign Service</p>

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
So John's 'Nepal	Dec 30. 18	20 Mar 15			
T. S. 'Stephano'	20 Mar 15	22 Mar 15			
T. S. ORDUNA	22 Mar 15	20 Mar 15			
Edinburgh Castle					

file 849 Parsons

10354/542/R.A.G.

The Minister of Militia,

St. John's,

Newfoundland.

12th August, 1919,

ex 109012 P/SGT. B.F. PARSONS

With reference to the following letter from B.F. Parsons, Little Bay Islands, N.F. dated 9/7/19:

"In answer to an inquiry to War Veterans Association re repatriation for wives and children of Newfoundlanders serving during war with the Imperial Army I was advised to write you giving my particulars.

Since Sept. 15 I was serving with the Royal Regt. of Artillery, 21st March this year I was repatriated to this country via Halifax. Now I want to get my family sent out from Scotland.

My address in last Dept in Eng. was

109012 P/Sgt. Parsons, B.F.  
R.G.A. Depot No. 2,  
Fort Brockhurst, Gosport.

I was repatriated from  
Left Wing, Repatriation Camp,  
Winchester.

My wife's address is  
Mrs. B.F. Parsons,  
7, Laidlaw Terrace,  
Hawick, Scotland.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience,

I am, Yours etc.  
(Sgd) B.F. Parsons."

I confirm exchange of telegrams:

Despatched 1/8/19 (310).  
"849-Parsons-who-deserted-from-  
"Nfld Regt.- Aug 20-1915- makes  
"application for- repatriation-  
"wife-and-child-Parsons-subsequently  
"enlisted-Imperial-Unit-telegraph  
"whether-claim-can-be-allowed-  
"Parsons-address-Little Bay-Islands"

(Over

Received 9/8/19 (394).

\*Reference your telegram 1st August-  
"849- Parsons- cannot- admit claim- "

Parsons also wrote to the N.W.C.A. and his wife has been writing to this office for some time. I informed her on 25/7/19 that she should apply to the O.I/e Army Repatriation Records, Winchester, Hants for passage to Newfoundland, as the Dominion Government was not in any way liable for her transport.

Will you kindly inform Parsons from your end, what has transpired?

Capt.,  
Asst. Military Secretary,  
For Chief Staff Officer (London).

HA/NV



7 Lairdlaw Terrace  
Hawick, 13.7.19  
Scotland

I am writing this letter to you, applying for repatriation to Newfoundland. My husband was a soldier + was sent out there about the end of May, + as it was not convenient for me to go at that time I now would like to go. My husband told me to write to you as I should be repatriated just the same as he was. There is myself + my boy three years of age, and as I would like to go out in September before the

severe weather sets in, I would be very much obliged if you will see what can be done for me, + answer as soon as you find it convenient please. In case you wish to correspond with my husband regarding my passage. I will give you his address underneath. Please write + give me full particulars, + by doing so you will greatly oblige. Yours humbly.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE  
Ref. Nos IN 4924  
Rec'd 21 JUL 1919  
Ans'd  
Husband's address.  
Mr B. F. Parsons,  
Little Bay Islands,  
Notre Dame Bay,  
Newfoundland,

B. F. Parsons,  
Hawick  
Scotland,

9747



22nd July, 9

Mrs. B.F. Parsons,  
7, Laidlaw Terrace,  
Hawick, Scotland.

OVERSEAS TRANSPORT.

With reference to your letter of 13/7/19 (4724): please furnish this Office with the name of your husband's regiment and his regimental number, as according to records here, the only B.F. Parsons was No.849, 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland Regt., posted as a deserter since 20/8/15.

Major,  
Chief Staff Officer (London).

GB/JC

RECORD OFFICE.

NO. IN 4993

24 JUL 1909

ACK'D  
Nos. 001

Laidlaw Terrace  
Hawick, N.B.

Sir

ACTED UP  
BRANCH  
COMM  
P. & A.

In reference to your note  
which I received this morning

regarding my husband's name  
and rank, let me say I  
was aware of the fact he  
left the N. F. L. D. regiment  
but rejoined into the Royal  
Garrison Artillery therefore his  
regimental name + rank was—

109012 Garrison Sgt. B. F. Parsons  
Hvy. Bty. R. G. A.

(Last address) Repatriation Camp.

Winchester  
W. F. Parsons



9872/2/O.T.

Mrs. B.F. Parsons,  
7, Laidlow Terrace,  
Hawick, Scotland.

25th July, 9

OVERSEAS TRANSPORT.

With reference to your letter of recent date (4773): application should be made to

Officer i/c Army Repatriation Records,  
Winchester, Hants,

as, under the circumstances, the Newfoundland Government is in no way liable for your passage to Newfoundland.

Major,  
Chief Staff Officer (London).

GB/JC

The Secy. The N.F. & N.W. War Comdys. Assoc. Little Boy Islands  
Newfoundland

Dear Madam:

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1919

In answer to an inquiry to the War Veterans Assoc. of St Johns Re. Repatriation for wives & children of X soldiers I was advised that the Assoc. of which you are Secy. would be able to fix me up.

Since Sept. 15 I have been with the Royal Regt. of Artillery. the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March this year I was repatriated to this country via Halifax and would like to have my wife & Boy sent out from Scotland as soon as possible.

My address at last Bpt in England was 109012 4/Sjt B & Parsons RGA Regt no 2

~~Fort Brockhurst Gosport~~  
Was Repatriated from. Left wing Repatriation Camp (my wife's address) Winchester.  
Mrs B & Parsons

7 Laidlaw Terrace  
Hawick Scotland.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience I am yours etc  
B & Parsons

29/7/19 P.K.

ack.  
"handed to P. & R."

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
Ref. Nos. IN	4827 ✓
Rec'd	29 JUL 1919 ✓
Ack'd	Ans'd
Ref. Nos. OUT	
Paymaster of O.C. Records	
ACTED UPON	
BRANCH	DATE BY
Comd.	58 Victoria St London.
P & A.	
R & C.	
B & E.	
P.S.	Su:-

Lute Bay Island  
Newfoundland  
July 9th 1919

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109012 4/51 Parsons St.  
RGA Dept No 2

Fort Brockhurst. Gosport

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Wimborne.

My wifes address is Mrs M J Parsons  
7 Laidlaw Terrace

Hoping to hear from you or Mr Haverth  
Calver Conventum Sam Justic B Parsons  
Scotland

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TRANSLATION ~~1000000000~~/extract of TELEGRAM to MINISTER OF MILITIA,

No. 310 1 / 8 / 19 M. of M. Reply No. \_\_\_\_\_ a/d / /

Coded by \_\_\_\_\_ branch **Records** Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

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849-Parsons-who-deserted from-Newfoundland Regt.-August  
20th-1915-makes application for-repatriation-wife-and-  
child-Parsons-subsequently-emlisted-Imperial-Unit-telegraph  
whether-claim-can be-allowed-Parsons-address-Little Bay-  
Islands-fullstop-

N.F.P./88.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM ~~1/1/1919~~ /extract from MINISTER OF MILITIA,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 9/8,19 (294), received 9/8/19

Decoded by J. S. Checked by R.A.P.

Branch Records Acted upon (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated / /

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Reference your telegram 1st August-849-Parsons-cannot  
admit claim-fullstop-

Larsons, B. K.

849

Gay Sept.

COPY



PAY LIST.

to

1916 Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps  
 No. **849** Rank **L. Corporal.** Name **B.F. Parsons**  
 Died (a) at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 1916 .  
 Deserted at **Aldershot** on the **20th** of **August** 1916 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

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

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

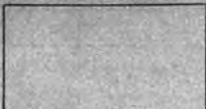
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	Balance Dr. last month.....				Balance Cr. last month.....	4	10	1	
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay _____ days at _____ from _____ to _____ <i>Allegation overcharged in H Co)</i> <i>Book Oct, 1st, to 23rd. 23 days @</i> <i>Precedency, Service or good conduct @ 75%</i>				
		£	s.	d.	_____ days at _____ from _____ to _____				
191					Messing allowance _____ days at _____				
"					_____ from _____ to _____				
"					Clothing and kit allowance .....				
"					Amount produced by the sale of Necessaries				
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Personal Clothing and Effects from Form 2...				
	<b>Forfeited pay from</b>				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including				
	<b>20/8/15 to 23/10/15</b>	15	7	2	interest ( if no balance, to be so stated)				
	<b>65 days @ 1.15.</b>				Deferred Pay or Gratuity.....				
	Balance due by the Paymaster				Balance due to the Paymaster.....	7	6	3	
		£	15	7	2		15	7	2

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 7-6-3 is correctly chargeable against the Public<sup>(a)</sup>

Dated at London \_\_\_\_\_  
 this 1st. day of February 1916 . 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 A.F.B. 3090 or Army Form O. 1815.  
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Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c.	Newton-on-Ayr		
(If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve or Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, &c., or to General Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)			
Date of discharge	September 18 <sup>th</sup> 1915		
Place of discharge	Newton-on-Ayr		

1. Description at the time of discharge.

Age	21	years		months	Descriptive marks.	
Height	5	feet	7	inches		
Chest measurement	girth when fully expanded					ins.
	range of expansion					ins.
Complexion	Dark					
Eyes	Light Blue					
Hair	Brown					
Trade	School Teacher					
Intended place of residence						

(To be given as fully as practicable)

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4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations :—

Certified that the above is an accurate copy of the character given by me on Army Form B. 2067\* and that Army Form D. 489 was awarded in this case.

Initials of Commanding Officer.

Army Form B. 2088 has been issued to\*



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Unit 1ST NEWFOUNDLAND  
**DAILY ORDERS. Part II.**

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

N.B.—The Sub. No. of Order and Subject are to be shown in  
Columns 1 and 2 thus:—1—Courts-Martial

Station Newton-on-Ayr

Date 23/10/1915

Regimental No., Rank, and Name.	Sqn., Batty., or Co.	Particulars of Casualties, etc., and Date.
<p><b>3. Strength</b></p> <p>No. 661, Pte. N. Evans</p> <p>No. 849, L/C B. F. Parsons.</p>		<p>The following men having been declared Deserters by a Board of Enquiry are struck off the strength of the Depot from Sept. 18th, 1915.</p>

(Sgd.)

**S. Robertson, Lieut.**  
Officer Commanding or Adjutant.

**DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.**

(To correspond with Entries on the Medical History Sheet.)  
Applicable to all ranks.

Reg. No. 849

Name Bernard Fredrick Parsons

Apparent age 21 years        months. Height 5 feet 7 inches.

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

Distinctive marks Color: Dark, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Light Blue

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.**

Name and Address of next of kin Mrs. Duncan Parsons, Little Bay Islds., Nfld.

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.  
(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	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries.
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>30/12/14</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>30th December '14</u>									
<u>Promoted to P. Cpl 24/2/15</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above ... ..									
Total Service towards Engagement to ... .. (date of discharge) ... years ... days									
" " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "									

Jelak Island P. M.  
May 24<sup>th</sup> 1917

Lieut. J. M. Howley

Dear Sir,  
My son etc

Bertram G. Parsons who was reported missing on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1916 is now officially believed to have been killed in action on that date.

I had only two sons the other son is married and has a family, I am a widow, and Bertram was my only support. He was working at Boyle & Sons of St. Johns before this great war started getting at the rate of \$600 a year. He threw it all up and answered to the call to go and fight for his King and country and I think it is only just

and rights that I should get a pension  
as he is gone from me for ever and  
he was my only support.

I regret to say that I didn't  
get one of your pension forms  
if my husband was living I  
wouldn't need it but as he is  
gone there's no need for me to pay  
any more you can understand here

Please write me by return mail

I am  
Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Parsons  
Flat 2 Islands  
Placentia Bay.

Rec  
1840 Ato B. C. Parsons.

This man's allotment has been paid to his Uncle Howard Parsons, and not to his Mother. This is the reason why an application has not been sent to her.

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C.C.P.

PAY LIST.

to 20th August

1915 . Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps

No. 849 Rank Lance Corporal Name B.F. Parsons  
 Died (a) at on the of 191 .  
 Deserted at Aldershot on the 20th of August 1915 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

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

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[FORM 1.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month.....				Balance Cr. last month.....	4	10	1
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at from to Allotment overcharged in E. Co Book Oct 1/23 23 days @ 75¢ Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay	3	10	10
	191				days at from to			
	"				Messing allowance days at			
	"				from to .....			
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Clothing and kit allowance .....			
	Forfeited Pay from 20/8/15 to 23/10/15. 65 days @ 1.15 = 74.75	15	7	2	Amount produced by the sale of Necessaries			
	Balance due by the Paymaster				Personal Clothing and Effects from Form 2...			
		£	15	7 2	Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity.....			
					Balance due to the Paymaster.....	7	6	3
						£	15	7 2

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

Dated at this day of 191 .



J. H. Marshall  
 PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS

(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 A.F.B. 1090 or Army Form O. 1815.  
 (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.



# 1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ALLOTMENTS

I, B. F. Parsons

, Regl. No. 849

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

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
887	Sister	Miss Minnie B. Parsons	40 Royal St. St. John's	75
<i>Cancelled.</i>				
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.) E. S. [Signature]  
 Officer Commanding  
 Company

(Sig.) B. F. Parsons

(Rank) L. Corp.

St. John's  
Mar 3rd 1915

Deserted 18-9-15

849

7685

Springdale

Nov 1919

To Minister of Militia

Sir:-

As your department kindly made me the recipient of two inches War medal ribbon addressing me as 849 L/cpl B. F. Parsons. How comes it that they have not made me a recipient of Newfoundland Gratitude for returned soldiers?

I was naturalized this present June by Winchester Repatriation Centre. Having left the Royal Garrison Artillery honourably discharged with the rank of Garrison Sergeant, with English Gratitude of £23.6 pence

But with a promise of receiving from this country, the gratuity due to me over seas for four years.

I wrote on my return to Pay & records etc. up to present have received no satisfactory reply.

By helping me out in this matter you will greatly oblige one whom this money would assist in trade, and one to whom if it is due should like to receive. If nothing is shortly done in this matter I will make a claim through the C.M.V.A.'s

Yours etc

B. F. Parsons

Blacksmith

Springdale.



Dec. 19, 1919

Mr. W. F. Parsons,  
Springdale.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to  
your letter of November 1919, I have  
been directed to inform you that on  
account of having deserted the Royal  
Naval Reserve, you have forfeited all  
claim for War Service Gratuity.

Yours truly,

Major

Paymaster.



Telephone :  
VICTORIA 4923 & 4.

# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Communications to be addressed to the  
~~Chief Clerk, Newfoundland Contingent~~

## MEMORANDUM.

No. 10354/542/R.A.C. **C.R. 849**

From  
**PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,**  
58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.  
12th August, 1919.

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

**SUBJECT :**

ex 109012 P/SGT. B.F. PARSONS

Reference Nos.

**REPLY**

Dated **Aug. 29th.** 1919

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

With reference to the following letter from B.F. Parsons, Little Bay Islands, N.F. dated 9/7/19:

"In answer to an inquiry to War Veterans Association re repatriation for wives and children of Newfoundlanders serving during war with the Imperial Army I was advised to write you giving my particulars.

Since Sept. 15 I was serving with the Royal Regt. of Artillery. 21st March this year I was repatriated to this country via Halifax. Now I want to get my family sent out from Scotland.

My address in last Dept in Eng. was

109012 P/Sgt. Parsons, B.F.  
R.G.A. Depot No. 2,  
Fort Brockhurst, Gosport.  
I was repatriated from  
Left Wing, Repatriation Camp,  
Winchester.

My wife's address is  
Mrs. B.F. Parsons,  
7, Laidlaw Terrace,  
Hawick, Scotland.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience,  
I am, Yours etc.  
(Sgd) B.F. Parsons."

I confirm exchange of telegrams:

Despatched 1/8/19 (310).  
"849-Parsons-who-deserted-from-  
"Nfld Regt.- Aug 20-1915- makes  
"application for- repatriation-  
"wife-and-child-Parsons-subsequently  
"enlisted-Imperial-Unit-telegraph  
"whether-claim-can be-allowed-  
"Parsons-address-Little Bay-Islands"

Received with thanks.

Sergt. Parsons will be informed from this Office of our not being able to consider his application for the repatriation of his wife and family.

*AGH*  
Minister of Militia.

BC.

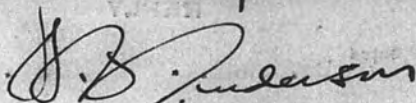
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Received 9/8/19 (894).

"Reference your telegram 1st August-  
"849- Parsons- cannot- admit claim-"

Parsons also wrote to the  
N.W.C.A. and his wife has been writing  
to this office for some time. I  
informed her on 25/7/19 that she  
should apply to the O.I/c Army  
Repatriation Records, Winchester, Hants  
for passage to Newfoundland, as the  
Dominion Government was not in any  
way liable for her transport.

Will you kindly inform Parsons,  
from your end, what has transpired?



Capt.,  
Asst. Military Secretary,  
For Chief Staff Officer (London).

HA/NV

C.R. 849

Extract from telegram sent to Synoptical, London,

Aug. 8th, 1919.

In answer to your telegram of Aug. 1st 849 Parsons  
claim cannot be allowed.

C.R. 849

Extract from telegram from syn., London to Military  
dated Aug. 1st 1919.

849, Parsons who deserted from Nfld. Regt.  
Aug. 20th 1915 is making application for  
repatriation of wife and child Parsons  
subsequently enlisted in ~~the~~ Imperial Unit.  
Telegraph whether claim can be allowed.  
Parsons address Little Bay Island.

*Original in  
# 43-18*

C.R. 849

27. October 1915.

NOMINAL ROLL 1ST BATTALION.

1525/97 & 1592/104.

1654/115.

O.C. Depot,  
Newfoundland Contingent  
Newton-on-Ayr.  
Scotland.

Referring to your reply to the  
latter No., and pending your reply  
to the former; with regard to the  
supposed 9 missing men, the pos-  
ition to date appears to be:-

October 29, 1915.

No. 315 Pte. J.D. Andrews,  
Reported wounded, but not on  
Battalion Nominal Roll.

No. 939 James Vardy,  
Reported by 2/Lieut. Harvey  
left at Hospital, Hawick.

No. 937 Pte. Jas. Pardy is  
attached to the Depot. Is  
this not the same man.

No. 849 L/Cpl. B.F. Parsons.  
do do.

No. 66 N. Evans,  
Deserter, - see Daily Orders.

N/N., Pte. M.F. Murphy (supposed  
No. 754) with 1st Battalion.

Leaving the following still un-  
accounted for:-

These men were never attached  
to the Depot, so therefore no  
action can be taken by us.

122 F. Curran,  
1169 J.T. Power,  
126 T. Carmichael,  
1339 W. Carew.

and the question still remains  
what action will be taken regarding  
them.

They may be with the Battalion,  
since the Nominal Roll furnished  
seems more or less unreliable, e.g.  
Andrews is not recorded thereon,  
but is reported wounded, and of  
course there may be similar cases.

(Sgd) S. ROBERTSON.

Lieut. & Acting Adjutant

Meanwhile the payment of Allot-  
ments relating to these four men  
is still going on at St. John's,

For O.C. Depot.

C.R.

1654/115- Cont'd,

27, October 1915.

Newfoundland Contingent,

Newton-on-Ayr.

Nominal Roll 1st. Battalion.

Scotland.

1525/97 & 1592/104.

and until I have some authoritative  
decision I do not see that I can  
able to stop the Allotments  
without risking an injustice  
to somebody.

Kindly advise.

Captain.

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.



C.R. 849

Extract of Daily Orders part 11. 23/10/1915.

849, E/Cpl. B. F. Parsons. ✓

The following man has been declared a Deserter by a Board of Enquiry and is struck off the strength of the Depot from Sept. 18th. 1915.

C.R. 849

Extract from List of Deserters from the Royal WFLA.  
Regt.

849 L/Cpl. B.F. Parsons.

Deserted from Ayr, Scotland, 18-9-15.

C.R. 849

Extract from Nominal Roll of Aircraft embarked per S.S.  
Stephano for Overseas March 20th 1915.

No. 8. Platoon.

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Lance Corporal

849 B.F. Parsons.

CR. 849

Extract from Nominal Roll of Warrant officers and N.C.O.s  
of the 1st Nfld. Regt.

849 B. Parsons.

Promoted to L/Cpl. Feb.24th. 1915.

C.R. 849

Extract from Regimental Orders by LTP COL., W. E. DAVIDSON KCMG.,  
dated 24th February 1918.

#Pte. B. Parsons.

TO BE LANCE CORPORAL.:-

C.R.

18407879

PROMOTION.

Extract of Regimental Orders.

By Lieut. Col. Sir W.E. Davidson, K.C.M.G. Officer Comdg.

Dated Feby. 24th. 1915.

PTE. B. PARSONS.

To be L/Corporal.

C.R. 849

... attested for General Service  
Bernard F. Parsons was attested for General Service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on December 30th 1914  
Regimental No. 849 was allotted to pte Bernard F. Parsons

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia; 1919.  
March 25th, 1919.

... attested for General Service  
... attested for General Service

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Forms  
B. 121.  
39.

Regiment of *Newfoundland*

Number of Sheet \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of O. C. Company

*J. W. March*  
Capt.

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay	
No.	<i>849 Parsons B.</i>	Age on	<i>21</i> years - months	<i>School Teacher</i>		
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	<i>St. Johns Dec 30 1914</i>	Religion		
Joined	Date			<i>Methodist</i>		
Joined	Date	Period of	{ with Colours years with Reserve years	Place of Birth		
Joined	Date					

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Case of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<i>Stabs</i>	<i>11/6/15</i>	<i>Co. C.</i>		<i>absent 9.15 parade</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>admonished</i>	<i>11/6/15</i>	<i>Capt J. W. March</i>	<i>J.W.M.</i>
<i>do.</i>	<i>17/6/15</i>			<i>absent 7am. parade</i>	<i>Co. Beckwith</i>	<i>Reprimanded</i>	<i>17/6/15</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>J.W.M.</i>
<i>Struck off strength "Desertion" Reg 18 9/15</i>									
To be carried over									



**PARTICULARS OF SERVICE**

**ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**

**849, Lance Corporal Bernard Frederick PARSONS**

- 1). Enlisted at St. John's, Newfoundland, December 30, 1914.
- 2). Appointed Lance Corporal, February 24, 1915.
- 3). Embarked for Britain, March 20, 1915.
- 4). Discharged at Newton on Ayr, Scotland, August 20, 1915.

  
for Head  
Canadian Forces Records Centre

OTTAWA, January 4, 1979