



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. *2771*

Name *Robert Henry Parsons* Corps

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

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <i>Robert Henry Parsons</i>     |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <i>Newtown B.B.</i>             |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <i>Yes.</i>                     |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <i>25</i> Years <i>1</i> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <i>Fisheraman</i>               |
| 6. Are you Married? .....  | 6. <i>No.</i>                      |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....                             | 7. <i>No.</i>                      |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 8. <i>Yes.</i>                     |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....   | 9. <i>Yes.</i>                     |
| 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? ..... | II. <i>Yes.</i>                    |

FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR

I, *Robert Henry Parsons* 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.

*Robert H Parsons* SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
*A. Rosworth* Signature of Witness.

*E May 6/16*

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

I, *Robert Henry Parsons* 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 .....

on this *6th* day of *May* 191*6*  
*Chas. H. Cope Capt.*  
 Signature of 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..... } Approving Officer.  
 Place..... }

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

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



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

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4. What is your age? ..... 4. 25 Years 1 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. Fisherman
6. Are you Married? ..... 6. No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,\* which? ..... 7. No
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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 *Robert Henry Parsons*  
aged *25* conducted at *C. L. B.*  
Date: *May 6/10* Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST	FINDING
1	<i>no</i>
2	<i>no</i>
3	<i>no</i>
4	<i>no</i>
5	<i>no</i>
6	<i>no</i>
7	<i>yes</i>
8	<i>yes</i>
9	<i>no - no -</i>
10	<i>n</i>
11	<i>n</i>
12	<i>n</i>
13	<i>n</i>
14	<i>n</i>
15	<i>n</i>
16	<i>n</i>
17	<i>n</i>
18	<i>n</i>
19	<i>6/18 rt. 9/12 lf.</i>
20	<i>n</i>
21	<i>n</i>
22	<i>n</i>
23	<i>n</i>
24	<i>n</i>
25	<i>n</i>
26	<i>n</i>
27	<i>slight External Hemerage not to disqualify O.K. notes</i>
28	<i>n</i>
29	<i>n</i>
30	<i>n</i>
31	<i>n</i>
32	<i>n</i>
33	<i>yes 1 year ago</i>
34	<i>5'6"</i>
35	<i>151 lbs</i>
36	<i>35 1/2 - 39 1/2</i>
37	<i>\$ 450 per yr.</i>
38	<i>parents Mr Henry Parsons New Town B. Bay</i>
39	<i>none</i>

*2771*

*7 d.*

Signature of Medical Examiner: *J. W. Borden Lewis*





This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (2)  
N. F. 1914

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Examination of Robert Henry Parsons  
aged 25 years conducted at Newtown B. B.  
Date: April 29th Recruiting Officer: Arthur H. Canell

NO. OF TEST	FINDING
1	no
2	no
3	no
4	no
5	no
6	no
7	yes
8	yes
9	no
10	Good
11	none
12	none
13	none
14	none
15	none
16	none
17	none
18	none
19	Good
20	none
21	none
22	none
23	none
24	none
25	none
26	none
27	Slight external demotoids
28	none
29	none
30	none
31	none
32	none
33	yes 1910
34	5 ft. 6 in.
35	150
36	34 - 36 1/2
37	4 per hundred dollars.
38	Parents
39	no one.

Signature of Medical Examiner: Arthur H. Canell

C.R. 2721

STATEMENT OF PRISONER OF WAR

2721, I/O, Robert Parsons - Newton, BB

Enlisted - May 1916. Proceeded Overseas - August 1916

Company in France - "A" Company

Place & Date of Capture - Masnieres, Dec. 3rd, 1917

Circumstances of Capture - We were holding a part of the line on the left of the Road. In front of us there was a hollow and the Germans could crawl almost up to our trench without being seen. They bombarded heavily that morning with field guns and trench mortars and practically levelled our bit of trench. One gun was firing point blank into <sup>our</sup> trench, and <sup>nearly</sup> all our men were either killed or wounded. They attacked our small party in large numbers and came right into our trench, and those of us who were left were taken prisoners.

Details of Life & Treatment under Capture - I was taken first to Courdroi for 36 hours and then to another village for 6 days, and then was shifted to Germany. I was sent to Minden for 5 weeks. I had nothing to do here in the way of work, and so the treatment was not too bad, except for the food which was very bad and very scarce. From there we were sent back again to France and stopped three days in Lille, and then moved to Hollaine about 25 Kilometres away, for a month working on the Railway. We had a pretty rough time of it here - very hard work, long hours, and scarcely any food. The sentries were a very brutal crowd, and made us work at the point of the bayonet or with a stick. We then moved to Montagne and stayed there from March 15th to October 25th. We were kept at Railroad work all the time. The work was very hard and a lot of our party gave out from weakness; and during our stay there about 30 men died as the result of starvation coupled with the work. We were all on the verge of collapse when the Red Cross parcels began to arrive, and I am sure they saved our lives. In October the Germans were forced to evacuate the village and the surrounding country on account of the Allies' Advance, and from that time up to the signing of the Armistice we were on the march back towards Germany. On the day of the Armistice we were at a village called Mont. St. Gilbert. We were still under sentries and armed guards but 9 others and myself of our party managed to escape that night, and we made our way back towards our own advancing troops. After 5 days' marching (in the day time as well - for even the Germans themselves took no notice of us) we arrived at Mons where we met the Canadians. We reported to a Brigade Headquarters and after taking our particulars they sent us to Valenciennes and then by train to Calais. We finally arrived in London on November 25th, 1918.

Taken down by Capt R.H. Lait

Forwarded to D.O.C. March 29<sup>th</sup> 1919

R.H. Lait

C.R. 2721

Extract from ~~2nd~~ Nominal Roll of Draft No. 14 from 2nd Battalion  
Depot, to 1st Battalion, B.E.F. Embarked Southampton,  
30/11/18.

#2721, Pte. R.H. Parsons.



C.R. 2721

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal  
Wfdl. Regt. April 2nd, 1919.

The discharge of the undernoted on demobilization  
has been APPROVED by O.C.I/C. Discharge Depot from  
noted date.

2721 L/C. Robert Parsons

31-3-19.

C.R.

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Extract from Daily Orders Part II Royal Newfoundland  
Regiment, dated October 20th 1919. Depot St. John's.

The discharge of the undernoted on demobilization has  
been CONFIRMED by Officer i/c Records from noted date  
~~14~~-4-19.

2721, ~~Sgt.~~ R. Parsons.

C.R. 2721

Extract of Casualties from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated 17/1/19.

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Ref. Casualty Report No. 2661, 18/2/18, ~~181~~

#2721 L/C. R.H. Parsons

did not proceed with repatriation draft No. 79.  
He was admitted Military Hospital Rochester Row,  
London S.W. on 7/12/18, while on furlough from  
2nd Bn. and was transferred to Military Hospital  
Waringham, Surrey, on 16/12/18. He was discharged  
from latter Hospital and reported P.& R. Office on  
15/1/19, and sent to Depot, Winchester, same date.

Auth:

O. i/c Records.



C.R. 2721

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal WFLA,  
Regt. St. John's, 21st-19.

The unmarked returned from Courtyard and reported to  
Dept 7-5-19.

Witness of War.

2721 L/C. Robert Parsons.

C.R. 2721

Extract from Telegram from synoptical to Mil. dated Feb<sup>y</sup> 14/1919

Remittance received as follows: not been paid for soldiers  
repatriated. You can adjust.

£1. Each

2721 Parsons.

C.R. 2721

Extract from Nominal Roll of the Royal Nfld. Regt  
S.S. Corsican, Jan. 30/18

2721 L/C. Parsons.



764/137/R.&.O.

C.P. & O. 1/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent.

Officer Commanding,  
2nd Bn. R. Newfoundland Regt.,  
Winchester.

Pay & Record Office.

15th January, 9.

Repatriation Draft No. 79:  
2721 L/C. R. H. PARSONS.

The above-named N.C.O. reported here this morning ex Rochester Row Military Hospital, where he appears he was admitted on 7/12/18 while on furlough from the 2nd Bn. It was thought that Parsons proceeded to Newfoundland on the Draft of 250 which left your station in December for St. John's; his name appeared on your nominal roll and was telegraphed to the Minister of Militia as going with the draft.

Apparently there is not a sufficient check kept by the O.C. Draft when troops are embarking for Nfld, as this is the second case within two or three days of men who were supposed to be in Nfld turning up in London, the other being 3500 Pte. P. Oliver.

It is suggested, please, with your concurrence, that O.C. Draft be instructed to call a roll before embarking. In the case of Draft No. 79 Capt. Nunns thought that he could get a nominal roll on board, but this was impossible owing to the fact that space was very limited and troops got lost on the ship. L/C. Parsons was ordered to report to you to-day and it is presumed you will include him in the next draft. His old pass is enclosed herewith for information.

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*W. J. M.*  
C.R. 2721

From, Officer Commanding,  
2nd Bn Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Winchester.

To, Chief Paymaster,  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.,  
London, S. W.

January 17th 1919

This matter will receive  
attention.

(sd) C. Karn, Capt. for  
Lt. Colonel,  
Comdg. 2/Bn Royal Newfoundland Regt

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18/1/19

Rochester Row did not  
not notify this office of  
Parsons' admission, but state  
they notified you and asked for  
his Med. History Sheet. Will  
you kindly give this matter  
your earnest attention to obviate  
the possibility of such instances  
occurring again?

Major,

Chief Paymaster & O.I/c Records.

HA/NV

C.R. 2721

Extract from telegram from Synoptical to Military Dated Jan. 14<sup>15</sup> 1919.

With reference my telegram Dec. 14th., delete L/Cpl.

2721 Parsons, repatriation draft #79.



C.R. 2721

Extract from Nominal Roll of repatriation draft No. 79 per  
S.S. CORICAN which embarked at Tilbury Docks 12/12/18.

#2721 L/C. R.H. Parsons.

CR 2721  
Cable No.

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



## Cable Connection with all the World

### All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

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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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Address **Dept of Militia.**

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated **Nov. 27th 1918**

To **Henry Parsons, Newtown, B.B.**

~~Regret~~ <sup>Reg</sup> to inform you that Record Office, London, officially reports **No. 2721, L/Cpl. Robert H. Parsons** repatriated prisoner of war from Germany arrived in England well Nov. 25th

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

**J.R. Bennett**

**Chge Dept of Militia.**

Minister of Militia.

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

C.R. 2721

Extract of Telegram from Synoptical, London dated Nov.26th 1918.

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Following released Prisoner of War arrived in England well Nov.25th  
L/C 2721 Parsons.



C.R. 2721

Extract from list of Repatriated Prisoners of War arrived  
November 22nd 1918 Notified by Embarkment Officer, Calais  
from Pay and Record Office, London dated Nov. 26th 1918  
List No. X. 89417

2721 L/C Parsons, R.H.

C.R. 2721

Extract from Casualties received from Pay & Record  
Office, London. Nov. 25th, 1918.

The undermentioned released Prisoners of War arrived  
at Dover and is proceeding to Depot Winchester, 25-11-18.

2721 L/Cpl. R.H. Parsons.





C.R. 2721

Extract from Casualties received from Pay and Record Office,  
London dated Nov. 7th 1918.

PRISONER OF WAR

Particulars of Address.

2721 L/Cpl. R. H. Parsons, R. Nfld. Regt.,  
Camp No. 48,  
Camp of Friedrichsfeld near Weseln Germany.

Authority:-

Postcard dated 29/9/18.

C.R. 2721

Extract from Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,  
dated Oct. 24th, 1918.

PRISONER OF WAR.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

2721 L-Cpl. R. H. Parsons..

Royal Newfoundland Regt.,

Englander Kommando 4,

Komp. 1,

Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel.

Germany.

C.R. 2721

Extract from Prisoner of War correspondence dated 29/9/18.

From:- 2721 L. Cpl. H. Parsons, R Nfld., R.  
Camp. No. 48, Friedrichsfeld near Wesel, Ger'y

Dear sir:-

Just a line to say ~~that~~ I have received all my food and clothing in good condition, as I have been unable to return the acknowledgement cards. Thanking you very much for your satisfactory results.

SGD. R. H. PARSONS.



C.R. 2721

Extract of Casualties from Pay and Record Office, London dated  
15th July 1918.

PRISONER OF WAR.

PARTICULARS OF ADDRESS.

2721 L/C. R.H. Parsons,  
No. 48 No. 1 Sect. No. 1 Coy. 7 Batt.  
Gefangenenlager,  
Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel. Germany.

Authority: Card dated 12/5/18.

C.R. 2721

June 29th 1918.

Mr. Henry Parsons,  
Newtown, B.B.

Dear Sir:

In answer to our inquiries as to the last report of your son, #2721 L/Cpl. Robert Parsons, Prisoner of War, we are informed by the Record Office, London, that he is at Friedrichsfeld, Germany, but I would advise you to address your letters as follows:

#2721 L/Cpl. Robert Parsons,  
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
Prisoner of War,  
c/o Pay & Record Office,  
58 Victoria Street,  
London, S.W. 1. England.

Yours faithfully,

C.G.B.

Captain,

for Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 2721

Extract of telegram to Military St. John's dated June 28th. 1918.

In answer your telegram June 28th. L/Cpl. 2721 Parsons,  
Friedrichsfeld.

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C.R. 2721

June 26th, 1918

Mr. Henry Parsons,  
Newtown,  
B.B.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17th June concerning your son No. 2721, L/Upl. Robert Parsons, and I beg to say that no late report has been received by this Dept. about him ; but we are forwarding a cable to the other side requesting them to telegraph the latest particulars received from Germany regarding him, and when reply has been received, we will forward same to you immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 2721

June 21, 1918.

Mr. Henry Parsons,  
Newtown, B.B.

Dear Mr. Parsons:-

Notification has been received by  
mail from our Record Office, London,  
stating that your son's present address  
is now:-

"2721 L/Cpl. R.H. Parsons  
"Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel,  
"Germany."

Yours faithfully,

*W. V. W.*

Lieut  
for Lieut. Col. C.S.O.

C.R. 2721

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Major W. L. Randall

New Town

Dep Militia  
St Johns

June 17 1918

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of May 16<sup>th</sup>  
stating that my son # 2721 Lt Colonel  
Robert Parsons is now at Gefangenlager,  
Munster II. and as I have not heard  
from him personally since the first  
of April. I would thank you  
sincerely if <sup>you would</sup> give me any particulars  
that may come to you, about  
him, as to his state of health  
etc as I am beginning to feel  
anxious about him,  
Thanking you in  
anticipation

Yours truly  
Henry Parsons





List No. P.H. 421 of 29.5.18.

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NEWFOUNDLAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Official German List forwarded through Geneva Red Cross 13.5.18.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Rank.</u> <u>Regiment.</u>	<u>Capt.at</u> <u>&amp; date.</u>	<u>Born at</u> <u>&amp; date.</u>	<u>Home &amp;</u> <u>Wound.</u>	<u>Next-of-kin.</u>	<u>Place of</u> <u>Detention.</u>
2721	Parsons Robert L. H.	L/Cpl. 1st. N.F.L.D. A. Cmp.	Cambrai 3.12.17.	Newtown 8.4.91.	Leg and Hip. Newtown Bonavist Bay, Newfoundland.	Mrs. S. Parsons.	Geflg. Friedrichsfeld Munster II.  Newfoundland.

C.R. 2721

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Extract of casualties from P.&R.O., London dated 27th. May 1918.

PRISONER OF WAR.

Change of Address.

2721 L.Cpl. R.H.Parsons,  
Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel,  
Germany.

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Authority: N.W.C.A.

C.R. 2721

May 16th, 1918.

Henry Parsons Esq.,  
Newtown.

Sir:-

Notification has been received by mail, that  
your son #2721 L/Cpl. Robert Parsons, is now at.  
Gefangenenlager, Munster II.

Yours faithfully,



Major,

Chief Staff Officer.



C.R. 2721

LIST NO. P.M. 337 of 17.4.18.

NEWFOUNDLAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Official German List forwarded through Geneva Red Cross 8.4.18.



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<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Regiment.</u>	<u>Place &amp; Date of Capture.</u>	<u>Place &amp; Date of Birth.</u>	<u>Address of next-of-kin.</u>	<u>Place of Detention.</u>
2721	Parsons Robert	L/Cpl.	1st Newfoundland.	Harcoing. 3.12.17.	Newton. 8.4.91.	Newton, Bona Vista Bay, Newfoundland.	Geflg. Munster II. from Lager Minden.

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List No. P.M. 377 of 5.4.18.NEWFOUNDLAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.Official German List 329 forwarded by Netherlands Legation, Berlin 21.2.18.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Regiment.</u>	<u>Place &amp; date of Capture.</u>	<u>Wound.</u>	<u>Place &amp; date of Birth.</u>	<u>Address of next-of-kin</u>	<u>Place of Detention</u>
2721	Parsons, Robert, Henry.	Pte.	1/Newfoundland "A"	Marcoign 3.12.17.	Rt. Leg. & Thigh.	Bonavist Bay 8.4.91.	(Lother) Newtown, Bonavist Bay, Newfoundland.	Geflg. Minden. From West Front.

C.R. 2721


April 4th 1918.

Rev. J. T. Hiscock,  
The Rectory,  
Newtown, B.B.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your letter of 4th January, and my reply of 14th January, concerning #2721, E/Cpl. R. A. Parsons, the next of kin of this soldier will have received the notification sent by this department on the 4th January, stating that he was prisoner of war at Block 5, Room 17, Minden, Germany. The information received by the Record Office, London, at that time stated that he was quite alright and enjoying good health.

Yours faithfully,

  
Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

WER-JMF



C.R. 2721

Apr 1 2nd, 18.

Mr. Henry Parsons,

Newton, B.B.

Sir:-

I have the honour to forward you from  
the Pay & Record Office, London, the  
present address of:-

"#2721 /Cpl. R.H. Parsons,  
"Munster 2, Bl.4, Room 10."  
Germany.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*W. I. Readell*

Major Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 2721

Extract of Official German List forwarded through Geneva

Red Cross 2/5/18. List No: P.M. 362 of 16/3/18.

Dated 19th Mar. 1918.

2721 Pte. Robert Henry Parsons.

1 Newfoundland Regt..... Place of Detention: Geflg Minden  
from West Front,..... Capt. at Marcoign, 3/12/17.

C.R. 2721

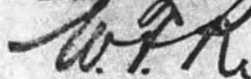
January 14, 1918.

Rev. J. T. Hiscock,  
Rectory,  
Newtown, B. B.

Dear Mr. Hiscock;-

In reply to your letter of 8, Jan., I  
am directed to inform you that the case of 2721, L/Cpl.  
R. H. Parsons, will be represented to the Authorities in the  
United Kingdom with request that investigation be set  
on foot to find if there is any trace of L/Cpl. Parsons  
On receipt of reply you will be communicated with.

Yours faithfully,



Major,

C. S. O. Dept. of Militia.

WFR/JMF.



# Department of Militia

## MEMORANDUM

No. 2721.

C.R. 2721

From  
**MINISTER OF MILITIA,**  
 ST. JOHN'S,  
 NEWFOUNDLAND

To Chief Paymaster & O.I/c Records,  
 Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
 Pay & Record Office,  
 58 Victoria Street,  
 London, S.W.(1).

January 14, 1918

SUBJECT:

2721, L/Cpl. Parsons, Missing.

REPLY

Dated 14/2/18 191

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

The attached copy of a letter is forwarded for you information and I should be glad if you will set enquiries on foot to ascertain if possible whether any further information can be obtained with reference to the above mentioned soldier.

*J. B. Bennett*

Acting Minister of Militia.

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	1430
Recd.	10 FEB 1918
Adm'd.	
A.C.I.	
File No.	

This man was (on 17/12/17) a Prisoner of War at Block 5 Room 17, Minder, Germany, as revealed in Cas Rept. X sent to you 3/1/18 and telegraphed to you 3/1/18.

The information came from the Postal Censor and the P.C. in question was addressed to Mrs. Parsons, Newtown Bonavista Bay. Prisoner stated he was "quite all right and enjoying good health". There has been no report since.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

*J. B. Bennett*  
 CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS

*M/K 4/1/18*

DUPLICATE



2721.

C.R. 2721  
DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY  
Posted 1-MAR 1918

Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
Pay & Record Office,  
58 Victoria Street,  
London, E.C. (1).

January 14, 8

14/2/18

2721, L/Cpl. Parsons, Missing

The attached copy of a letter is forwarded for your information and I should be glad if you will set enquiries on foot to ascertain if possible whether any further information can be obtained with reference to the above mentioned soldier.

This man was a Prisoner of War on 12/12/17 at Block 5, Room 17, Minden Germany, as revealed in Casualty report 26, and telegraphed to you 3/1/18. The information came through the Postal Censor, and the P. C. in question was addressed to Mrs. Parsons Newtown, Bonavista Bay. Prisoner stated he was "quite allright and enjoying good health". There has been no report since.

(Sd) H. A. A.

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

*J. R. V. Bennett*

Acting Minister of Militia.

1430  
Recd 10/2/18

C.R. 2721

Jan 4th, 1918.

Mr. H. Parsons,  
Newtown, B.B.

Dear Sir:-

We are informed by the Pay & Record Office  
London that, from information received by them, they are  
led to believe that L/Cpl. 2721, Robert H. Parsons is a  
prisoner of war in Minden, Germany.

upon receipt of further authentic information  
we will immediately communicate with you

Yours faithfully,

G.G.B.  
M.S.



C.F. 2721

Copy of Telegram received from London, dated  
January 3, 1918.

Extract from Postcards supplied by Postal Censor indicate;  
Lance Corporal 2721 Parsons.

Prisoner of War, Minden, Germany December 7th, would  
suggest sources of information not to be disclosed  
Endeavouring to verify.

C.R. 2721

PRISONER OF WAR.

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & record  
Office, London, dated January 3, 1918.

#2721 L/Cpl. R.H. Parsons. ✓

Intermed at Minden, Germany, Block 5, Room 17,  
(Prisoner remarks he is quite alright and enjoying good  
health). Authy:- P.C. dated 17/12/17 to Mrs. H. Parsons  
Newtown, Bonavista Bay, Nfld. Intercepted by Postal Censor.

C.R. 2721

Extract from Casualties from Pay & Record Office, London  
dated January 3rd., 1918.

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2721, L/C. R. H. Parsons

Interned at Minden, Germany

Block 5, Room 17,

(prisoner remarks he is ~~unwell~~ in good health

Auth:  $\frac{1}{4}$ .C. dated 17/12/17 to

Mrs. H. Parsons

Newtown.

BC.

Bonavista Bay. Nfld., (Intercepted by Postal Censor)



C.R. 2721

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

# 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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated Jan. 1st, 1918

To Mr. Henry Parsons, Newtown, B.B.

Regret to inform you that Record Office London, officially reports No. 2721 L/Cpl. Robert H. Parsons as missing Dec 3rd.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

~~Colonial Secretary.~~

Minister of Militia.

C.R.

2721

Extract of Casualty received from Pay & Record  
Office, London, dated January 1, 1918.

#2721 L/Cpl. R.H. Parsons. ✓

Missing 3/12/17;

C.R. 2721

Extract from Daily Orders, Part 11, UNIT: The Royal Newfoundland  
Regiment, dated Dec. 31st. 1917.

STRENGTH.

2721 L/Cpl. Parsens

Missing December 3rd. 1917.



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C.R.2721

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

CASUALTIES

PRISONER OF WAR.

2721, L/C. R. PARSONS,

Captured at Marcoing, 3/12/17.

Place of Detention: Gefangenenlager,  
Munster II,  
from  
Lager Minden.

Place and Date of Birth:

Newton, 8/4/1891.

Address, Next-of-Kin:

Newton,  
Benavista Bay,  
Newfoundland.

Authority:-

List No. P.M. 387 of 17/4/18, from W.O.

(Official Ger. List for'd through Geneva Red Cross)  
8/4/18.

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**(NOT TRANSMITTED)**

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

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

*Dated* **September 1, 1917.***To* **Mr. Henry Parsons,****Newtown, B.B.**

Referring to your enquiry, Record Office,  
London, today reports No. 2721, L.Corp. Robert  
H. Parsons, is progressing favourably.

**R.A. SQUIRES****Colonial Secretary****FOR TYPEWRITER**

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FINE BOND

TRANSLATION OF CODE MESSAGE SENT TO SYNOPTICAL

AUGUST 29, 1917.

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What is address of 116 Erley. Relatives anxious  
for news of 3362 Snow. Report by telegraph present  
condition of 2339 Melloy, 2721 Parsons, 3013 Sexton,  
2495 Stone.

COL. SEC.



# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 535 Sent by JG Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_ Check 11/- No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place from Newtown 29

To Bob Secty

AUG 27 1917

Thanks for prompt  
report my son  
Robert please report  
developments anxious  
Henry parsons



# WFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



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

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated August 25, 1917.

To Mr. Henry Parsons,

Newtown, B.B.

Regret to inform you that Record Office

London, officially reports No. 2721, L.Corp.

Robert H. Parsons, was at Fiftyfifth General

Hospital, Boulogne, August eighteenth, suffering

from slight gunshot wound right thigh.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immedi-

ately wire you and trust that next report will be

of his convalescence.

~~JOHN H. JOHNSON~~

R.A. SQUIRES

Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER



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2721 L/Cpl. Robert Parsons.

Extract of telegram dated August 25th. 1917

G.S.W. Right thigh. slight.

55th. General Hospital Boulonge August 18th.

C.R. 2721

Extract of Daily Orders part 11, by Lieut.Col.  
A.L.Hadow, C.M.G., Commanding Newfoundland Regiment,  
dated July 28, 1917.

#2721 Pte. R.H. Parsons, A. Co.,  
Lance  
to be Corporal.

The above promotion to date from July 18, 1917.

CR. 2721

Extract of Daily Orders part 11, by Lieut.Col.A.L.Hadow,  
C.M.G., Commanding Mfld.Regt, dated 18/7/17.

#2721 Pte. R.H.Parsons,A.Co.,

To beL/Corporal.



The Reelway C.R. 2721  
Newtown B.B.  
Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1917

ANSWERED  
JAN 4 1918  
The Minister of Militia  
St. Johns

Dear Sir

In the matter of L-Capt. R.H. Parsons  
no 2721 of Newtown, Missing

His father had a telegram from Robert's  
Sister, Joan Parsons, now at Halifax stating  
she received a letter from Private George  
Harding now with the Regiment that he  
heard the Corporal say he saw a  
German dressing R.H. Parsons wounds  
and took him with him. Can you  
from this trace the correctness or  
otherwise of the story? Naturally his  
parents are very anxious. Please do your  
best in the matter and immediately

I am  
Sincerely yours  
J.T. Hestcock

C.R. 2721

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,  
28/8-16.

2721 Pte. R.H. Parsons.

C.R.

2721

**Robert Henry Parsons** was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on **..May. 6th. 1916...**  
Regimental No **2721** was allotted to Pte. **R.H. Parsons.**

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Depts of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.



R. A. Parsons.

C.R.

2721

~~P.R.O.~~







The Rectory,

Newtown B.B.

Jan. 4th. 1917.

The Minister of Militia,

St. John's.

Sir:-

In the matter of L.Cpl. R. H. Parsons ~~no~~, 2721 of Newtown missing.

His father had a telegram from Roberts sister Joan Parsons now at Halifax, stating she received a letter from Pte Geo. Harding now with the Regiment that he heard the Corporal say he saw a German dressing R. H. Parsons wounds and took him with him.

Can you from this trace the correctness or otherwise of this story? Naturally his parents are very anxious. Please do your best in the matter and immediately.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) J.T. Hiscock.

*Dup Mail Copy Sent*  
**Department of Militia**

ORIGINAL

**MEMORANDUM**

**C.R.**

No. 2721.

From  
**MINISTER OF MILITIA,**  
ST. JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND  
January 14, 1918

To Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
Pay & Record Office,  
58 Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.(1).

SUBJECT:

2721, L/Cpl. Parsons, Missing.

REPLY

Dated 14/2/18

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The attached copy of a letter is forwarded for your information, and I should be glad if you will set enquiries on foot to ascertain if possible whether any further information can be obtained, with reference to the above mentioned soldier.

*J. J. Bennett*  
Acting Minister of Militia.

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	1430
Rec'd.	10 FEB 1918
Ack'd.	
Ans'd.	
Fils No.	

BRANCH	
<i>Rds</i>	
ACTED UPON	
BY	<i>[Signature]</i>
DATE	

This man was <sup>(on 17/2/17)</sup> a Prisoner of War at Block 5. Room 17 Minden, Germany, as revealed in Cas. Rep. 26 and <sup>telegraphed</sup> cable to you 3/1/18.

The information came through the Postal Censor and the p.c. in question was addressed to Mrs Parsons, Newtown, Barabista Bay. Prisoner stated he was "quite all right and enjoying good health." There has been no report since.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

*Sgt. H.S.*  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I.C. RECORDS

(3)  
*[Handwritten signature]*  
25-3  
18

*New address*  
*[Handwritten initials]*

2721 L/Cpl. R. H. Parsons,  
Munster 2,  
Bl. 4, Room 10.

Copr. Slip dated 1/2/18, inf. from postcard 8/1/18.





Stamm-lager: *Misiden*  
Principal-camp: .....

Datum der Ausfertigung: —  
Date:

oder  
or  
Lazarett:  
Hospital: .....

Tag: *10* Monat: *12* Jahr: *17*  
Day: Month: Year:

Zuname: *Parsons*  
Surname: .....



Vorname: *Robert Henry* (2721)  
Christian name: .....

Rang: *Gefreiter*  
Rank: .....

Reg. oder Korps: *1<sup>o</sup> Neufundland* Reg. Nr.: *2721* Komp.: *A*  
Reg. or Corps: Reg. Nr.: Komp.:

Erkennungsmarke Nr.: *68557*  
Number of identification disc: .....

Gefangennahme: *Dr. Marving* Datum: *3. 12. 17*  
Capture: Place: Date:

Ob verwundet, Whether wounded, *+ Narbe in Nahe 2*  
Bezeichnung der Wunde: *wed neck*  
Description of wound: ..?

Geburt: *Newton, Bonavist* Datum: *8. 4. 1891*  
Birth: Place: *Newfoundland* Date:

Heimatort: *Newton, Bonavist, Newfoundland*  
Home place: .....

Adresse des nächsten Verwandten: *Mutter - M<sup>rs</sup> Caroline Parsons*  
Address of next-of-kin: *Newton,*  
*Bonavist,*  
*Newfoundland*

Pay and Record Office.

24/5/18.

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~~Additional information~~

Change of Address:

2721 L/Cpl. R.H. Parsons,  
Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel,  
Germany.

Notified by Can. Red. Cross - 23/5/18.

*New address*

*[Large handwritten scribble]*

*[Handwritten signature]*

NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT,  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.  
 REGISTRY ✓ 4767  
 1000 25 MAY 10 10  
 Col. Has. T. *nan*

SEARCHED	
INDEXED	
FILED	
P&R	✓
H&G	
B&F	
P.S.	



To the Paymaster,  
Royal Newfld Regt.,  
58 Victoria Street.

No. 2721 Rank. L/Corp

Name. Parsons R.

Dr. "H" Coy. Pay Book ..... £. 2. s. 0. d. 0

This man is on draft leave and can you pay him the balance due to the end of the period, please.

Date. 27/11/18

Signed. [Signature]

I have received parcel No. 1 dated 4/2/18 containing:—

ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.	ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.
<del>SOCKS, Pairs.</del>	<del>1</del>	BRACES, Pairs.	1
CAP.	—	CARDIGAN.	—
DRAWERS, Pairs.	—	GLOVES, Pairs.	—
GREATCOAT.	—	HANDKERCH'FS.	1
JACKET.	—	KIT-BAG.	1
SHIRTS.	1	SHOES, CANVAS. Pairs.	—
SOCKS, Pairs.	1	TOWELS.	1
TROUSERS, Pairs	—	VESTS.	—

My present address is:

~~153~~  
No. 273 / Cpl. R. H. Parsons  
1 Row: Newfoundland Regt.  
4048, No 1 Sect: No 1 Coy 7 Batt.  
Ulfungenlager Andoverfield

Date

02/3/19

R H Parsons

Signature.

I have received parcel No. 13 dated 4 / 2 / 18 containing:—

ARTICLE.	QUANTITY.
<sup>4</sup> / <sub>9</sub> BOOTS, Pairs.	—
BRACES, Pairs.	—
CAP.	—
<del>—————</del>	1
DRAWERS, Pairs	1
GLOVES, Pairs.	—
GREATCOAT.	—
HANDKERCH'FS.	1
JACKET.	1
KIT-BAG.	—
SHIRTS.	—
SHOES, CANVAS. Pairs.	—
SOCKS, Pairs.	1
TOWELS.	—
TROUSERS, Pairs	—
VESTS.	1

My present address is:


<sup>153</sup>No. 2721 1/2 St. R. H. Parsons  
1st W. W. W. and W. St.  
No 1 House Friedrichfeld in W. W. W.

Date 8-6-18

R H Parsons Signature.



I have received parcel No. 21 dated 23 / 2 / 18 containing:—

ARTICLE	BOOTS, Pairs.	BRACES, Pairs.	CAP.	CARDIGAN.	DRAWERS, Pairs	GLOVES, Pairs.	GREATCOAT.	HANDKERCH'FS.	JACKET.	KIT-BAG.	SHIRTS.	SHOES, CANYAS. Pairs.	SOCKS, Pairs.	TOWELS.	TROUSERS, Pairs	VESTS.
																

My present address is:

<sup>153</sup>  
No. 2721 1/2 Cpl. R.H. Parsons

No 48. No 1 Sec VII, Robite Batt

Date 2015-18

Frederick Field Weigel.  
R.H. Parsons

Signature.

**Senders address:**

Name *Pearsons* Christian name *R.H.*  
Rank *Sergeant* Camp No. *48*  
Regiment *Regiment of Foot Guards* No. *2421*  
Camp of **Friedrichsfeld near Wesel.**

Verpflichtung des Gefangenen

bei Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel

Geprüft und  
freigegeben  
**79**

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FOUND AND CONTINGENT  
PAY & OFF  
NET. NOS III 9548

Postkarte



NOV 1918  
Kriegsgefangenensendung

Tempelndland  
Contingent  
58 Victoria Street  
London S.W.1  
England

Friedrichsfeld,

29-9-18

The Hauptmannstand War Contingent Area  
58 Piccadilly Street London, Eng.

Dear Sir,

Just a line to say I have received  
all my parcel of food and clothing  
in good condition. as I have been unable  
to return the acknowledged cement cards  
Thanking you very much for your satisfactory  
results. Yours Obedient R H Parsons

WRITE CLEARLY.



Pay and Record Office.

30th July 1918.

Prisoners of War.

No. 68

Correction of address.

2721 L/Cpl. R. Parsons,  
Kommando 48, No. 1. Section,  
No. 1 Coy, 7 Batt.  
Gefangenenlager,  
Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel.  
Germany

Card dated 9/5/18 to Canadian Red Cross.



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

23rd October 1918.

No. 121.

Change of details of address.

2721 Parsons, L/Cpl. R.H.  
Englander Kommando 4,  
Komp. 1,  
Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel,  
Germany.

Card dated 5/8/18.

*Add.  
Information  
Jh*

*[Large handwritten scribble]*

RECORDS AND CONTINGENT	
RECORDS OFFICE	
NO. IN	9202
24 OCT 1918	
A.M.H.	
S. 101	





Parsons. R.

2721

Pay Dept

No. 4819.

# ORIGINAL.

## NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

No. 205

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

" " Company.

### MEMORANDUM OF STOPPAGES/CREDITS on Account of Hospital Stoppages.

NOTE:- Charge under \_\_\_\_\_ Column.  
Credit Pay & Record Office, London.

Regtl No.	Rank & Name	Particulars & Authority	AMOUNT				
			s	d	£	s	d
<u>2721</u>	Pte	Parsons R.H. Breakages whilst at R.Row. Hosp. Pillow slip Dinner, Plate as per Voucher 7628				2	7 5½
<i>d</i>						3	0½

**CHECKED.**  
24/3/19  
W M

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

March 18th

1919.

*J. H. Marshall*  
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

CERTIFIED that the above Stoppages/Credits have been made  
in the Pay Book " " Co'y for Period / / to / /

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 191

O.C. "H.A." Company,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Battalion.

April 14, 1919

#2721 L/Cpl. Robert H. Parsons,  
Newtown, B.B.

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed "Discharge Certificate  
No. 1837."

Yours truly

Captain  
Paymaster & O.I/c Records



# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Class for Demobilization: *9.*

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

Discharge Depot: Headquarters The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Date *28.3.19*

Regimental No. *2721*

Name *Lt Parsons R. H.*

Address *Newtown*

Present Medical Category *A1*

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

Members of Board

*R.H. Lait Capt*  
O.C. Discharge Depot.

*H. Pateron*  
Senior Medical Officer

*J.W. Curdew*  
M. O. Depot

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE

1. No. 2721 Rank L/CP Name Parson Robert  
Intended place of residence Newtown Bonaville

2. Occupation Fisherman  
Classification of soldier E Medical Category A.I.

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

### Eligible for War Service Gratuity

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

Place ST. JOHN'S.  
Date MAR. 29. 1919  
for Mrs H.  
Comanding Discharge Depot  
The-Royal Newfoundland Regiment

### CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE

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

Place and date ST. JOHN'S. 29. 3. 19  
✓ R. H. Parsons  
Signature of soldier  
[Signature]  
Signature of witness

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

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

Place and Date ST. JOHN'S. 29-3-19  
R. H. Parsons  
Signature of soldier  
[Signature]  
Signature of witness

### STATEMENT OF SERVICE

7. Enlisted for service 6-5-16 No of days on Military  
Discharged from service 31-3-19 plus 14 days Service 1074

### APPROVAL OF DISCHARGE

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

Place ST. JOHN'S.  
Date MAR 31 1919  
R. H. Sait  
Officer Commanding Discharge Depot  
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

### CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE

9. The discharge of above mentioned soldier is hereby confirmed  
Place St. John's Med.  
Date April 14/1919  
[Signature]  
Officer i/c Records  
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

of B 2079/1827

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# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 2721 Rank LC Name Parsons Robt.  
 Date of Enlistment 6.5.16 Address Newtown District Bona Vista  
 Occupation Instrument maker Classification for Discharge 6 Medical Category AI  
 Recommendation S.M.B. .... Disability Rating .....

Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

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

Date 28.3.19 .....

*H. M. W. H.*  
 O. C. Discharge Depot.

### PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

#### 1. Civil Re-Establishment.

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

*R. H. Parsons*

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date .....

#### 2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

(a) Clothing Allowance payable \$60.00

(b) Clothing Supplied *J. A. Brown*

Date 29-3-19 .....

O i/c. Re-clothing.



3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. R10799409 to his home at Newtown and Release Certificate No. 1872 issued.

Date 29-3-19

*J.A. Crawford*  
Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 14-4-19

Date 29-3-19

*H. M. ...*  
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 31-3-19

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P 36	B 268	B 121	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	1
B 178	W 3494	B 122	Board 1st	" 2	1
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B 179b	B 103	ME 2		" 6	
B 179c	B 120	M 93			

Date 29-3-19

*J.A. Crawford*  
Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—

Officer i/c Records.  
Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

**Eligible for War Service Gratuity**

MAR 31 1919

Date .....

*R.H. Sait Capt.*  
O. C. Discharge Depot.

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

Date .....

## Civil Re-establishment Committee



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

To resume former occupation  
(Fishing)

*R. L. Parsons*  
Signature of Man.

Reg. No. 2721

*J. H. Crawford*  
Signature of the Vocational Officer or his Representative.

Place

*St Johns*

Date

*29/3/19*

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Patterson

Christian Name Robert Henry

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on 6 day of May 1916 at 8 <sup>th</sup> John St.		on _____ day of _____ 1916	
Declared Age	28 years 1 month		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	Fisherman			
Height	5 feet 6 inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	151 lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 39 1/2 inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... 4 inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V	6/18	R.E.—V	
	L.E.—V	6/12	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>Samuel Patterson</u>			
(Rank)	major		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at 8 <sup>th</sup> John St. on 6 day of May 1916		at _____ day of _____ 1916	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	1 <sup>st</sup> Newfound Regt.	Corps.	
	Regtl. No.	2721	Regtl. No.	
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on _____ day of _____ 1916		on _____ day of _____ 1916	
(Signature)				
(Rank)				













May 2nd., 1919

#2721 L/Cpl. Robert H. Parsons,  
Newtown, B.B.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your application I enclose cheque  
for Seventy dollars (\$70.00), being amount of first payment  
due you on account of the "War Service Gratuity."

Yours truly

Captain,  
Paymaster & O. i/c Records

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DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
WAR SERVICE GRATUITY.

St. John's, Newfoundland.

Declaration required of Officers and men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who claims War Service Gratuity under Order-in-Council dated January 20th, 1919.

A complete reply must be given to every question in this Declaration. There must be no blanks and no dashes, if any questions are not applicable, the words "NOT APPLICABLE" must be written out.

On completion this Declaration is to be returned to THE OFFICER I/C RECORDS, PAY & RECORD OFFICE, ST. JOHN'S.

Christian name... *Robert W.* ..... 2. Surname... *Parsons* .....

3. Rank... *Lt. Col.* ..... 4. Regt. No... *2721* .....

5. Address in full to which future payments of gratuity are to be forwarded, ..... *Newtown Bonaville, P. Coy.* .....

6. Date of enlistment in the Regiment... *6-5-16* .....

7. Name of dependent, if any, to whom Separation Allowance is being issued, or was being issued, immediately prior to your discharge..... *Not applicable* .....

8. Relationship of such dependents..... *Not applicable* .....

9. Address in full of such dependents..... *Not applicable* .....

10. Is said dependent, now, or was said dependent at any time in receipt of Separation Allowance on account of another soldier?... *No* .....

11. Were you on active service only in Nfld. If so, give dates and particulars of such service..... *Not applicable* .....

12. Give total length of time which you served on active service, whether in Nfld. or Overseas..... *6-5-16 to 29-3-19* .....

..... *Thirty four months - 23 days 1/2* .....

13. Have you had more than one enlistment? If so, give particulars of discharge and re-enlistments, and under what regimental numbers.....

*Not Applicable*

14. Have you already received any payment of Post Discharge pay or War Service Gratuity? If so, state amount you and your dependents have already received and by whom paid.....

*£. 129.00 clothes, boots & pay allowances.*

15. Have you been issued with a War Service Badge? *No*.....

16. Have you, during the present war, served in the Imperial Forces *No*.....

17. Are you entitled to receive, or have you received any Gratuity in the nature of Post Discharge Pay from the Imperial Forces? If so, state amount received, or to which you are entitled.....

*No*

18. Did you revert Overseas to a rank lower than the substantive rank held by you on your arrival in England?..... *No*.....

(b). If so, was such reversion in consequence of misconduct or inefficiency?..... *Not Applicable*.....

19. Are you now serving in the Regt.? *No*..... If not give:- (a) Date of discharge..... *April 27/19*..... (b) Reason for discharge *Demobilisation*.....

20. Did you at any time serve at the front in an actual theatre of War? If so give particulars of places, and dates of such service,....

*Manchey. Le Paveux... 14.4.17... Longmark... 16.8/17.  
Cambrai... 20.11/17*

21. (a) Are you receiving treatment from the Civil Re-Establishment Com.

(b). If (b), are you in receipt of full pay and allowances from that Committee..... *Not Receiving Treatment*.....

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.



*R H Parsons*

Signature of Applicant:

Place of Residence: *Newtown, Bonaventure Bay.*

Declared before me at: *St Johns, Newfoundland.*

This *29<sup>th</sup>* day of *March* 19*19*

*John W. Carthy*

Signature of Barrister of the  
Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magis-  
trate, Notary Public, Justice of the  
Peace, or Commissioner of affidavits.

POST DISCHARGE PAY.

Date paid	Paid Soldier	Paid Dependent	War Service Gratuity	Net amount due
			<i>5 mes</i>	<i>550 00</i>
Certified Correct.			Paymaster.	<i>[Signature]</i>







Alexander Bay

To The Royal Wld. Regt.  
The Johns  
March 25<sup>th</sup> 19

This is to certify that

I have recd from the  
Parsons the sum of \$15.00  
for meals

(Mrs)

J. P. Conroy

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Reg. No. 2721 Rank Le. Name Parsons Robert.

Attested ..... Address New Lower B. B.

Allotment ..... Allottee .....

Date of Allotment ..... Returned from Overseas 7.2.19.

Returned on S.S. .... Cause Discharge

24.3.19.  
31.3.19.

PASSED TO DEMOBILIZATION OFFICER

DISCHARGE APPROVED ON DEMOBILISATION.

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number 2721


**Casualty Form—Active Service**

Regiment or Corps 2/1 Newfoundland Regt.

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Rank Platoon Surname Parsons Christian Name Robt Henry  
 Religion 678 Age on Enlistment 25 years 16 months.  
 Enlisted (a) St John's Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 6/5/16  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank 18.7.17  
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer.

Report Date	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>S'hampton</u>		<u>30 NOV 1916</u>	
	Disembarked <u>Rouen</u>		<u>1-DEC 1916</u>	
	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Joined Battalion</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>12/12/16 B 213</u>
			<u>With</u>	<u>28.1.17</u>
<u>21.7.17</u>	<u>OC Unit</u>	<u>Apptd to Corporal in the field</u>	<u>8 JUL 1917</u>	<u>B 213</u>
<u>18.8.17</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>Wounded in Action</u>	<u>16 AUG 1917</u>	<u>B 213</u>
<u>19.8.17</u>	<u>46 L.S.</u>	<u>Ad. G.S.W. R. High</u>	<u>17.8.17</u>	<u>C.D. 9382</u>
<u>20.8.17</u>	<u>75 S. Hoop</u>	<u>Ad. 1x.1m"</u>	<u>Hardelet</u>	<u>20.8.17 W 3054</u>
	<u>Do</u>	<u>Det to Details</u>	<u>Malbino</u>	<u>28.9.17 H.A. 13218</u>
<u>3.10.17</u>	<u>29 G B.D</u>	<u>Joined Base Depot</u>	<u>Rouen</u>	<u>2.10.17 H.A. 44258</u>
		<u>Joined Battalion</u>		<u>2 OCT 1917</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.

[P.T.O.]









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

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

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

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

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

Name in full *Robert Parsons*

Regiment from which discharged *Royal Newfoundland*

Regimental number *2721*

Intended address *Newtown*

Height on discharge *5 Feet 6"*

Color of hair on discharge *Light*

Complexion *Fair*

Color of eyes *Blue*

Descriptive Marks *—*

Figure on discharge *medium*

Christian name of Father *Henry*

Christian name of Mother *Caroline*

Wife's maiden name in full *—*

Date and place of marriage *—*

Christian names of children *—*

Place and date of soldier's birth *Newtown 1891 April 8<sup>th</sup>*

Nature and locality of civil employment required

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

(Soldier's signature in full) *Robert H Parsons* (Rank) *LC*

Station *St Johns* Date *27.3.09*

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

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

Station

Date



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# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 2721 Rank LC Name Parsons Robt.  
 Date of Enlistment 6.5.16 Address Newtown District Bonaiville  
 Occupation Fisherman Classification for Discharge 6 Medical Category A.I.  
 Recommendation S.M.B. .... Disability Rating .....

Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N.F. P 36	B 268	B 121	N.F. Med	D.F. 1
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B 179c	B 120	M 93		

Date 28.3.19

*H. Mans*  
for O. C. Discharge Depot.

### PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

1. Civil Re-Establishment.

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

*R. Parsons*

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date.....

2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

(a) Clothing Allowance payable \$60.00

(b) Clothing Supplied g.A. [unclear]

Date 29-3-19

O i/c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. *R10799409* to his home at *Amintown* and Release Certificate No. *1872* issued.

Date *29-3-19*

*J.A. Crawford*  
Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to *14-4-19*

Date *14-3-19*

*H. Mansfield*  
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for *31-3-19*

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P 36	B 268	B 121	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1
F 178	W 3494	B 122	Board 1st	" 2
B 178a	D 400A	B 1915	do 2nd	" 3
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Date *29-3-19*

*J.A. Crawford*  
Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—

- Officer i/c Records.
- Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

Eligible for War Service Gratuity

Date *MAR 31 1919*

*R.H. Lait*  
O. C. Discharge Depot.

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

Date *Apr 3/1919*

*J.A. Crawford*  
Demobilization Officer.