



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 3917 Name William Parsons Corps R. A.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. William Parsons
2. What is your full Address? 2. Bonne Bay
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
4. What is your age? 4. 21 Years 5 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Blacksmith
6. Are you Married? 6. No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? 7. No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? 8. Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? 9. Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.... 10. { Name
Corps
11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? 11. Yes

I, William 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.

William Parsons SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Brandon Smith Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, William 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 St. John's on this 20 day of July 1917
 Signature of Attesting Officer St. J. Smith

†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).....

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FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 3917

Name William Parsons Corps R. C.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. William Parsons
2. What is your full Address? 2. Barne Bay
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
4. What is your age? 4. 21 Years 8 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Blacksmith
6. Are you Married? 6. No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? } 7. No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? } 8. Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? } 9. Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.... } 10. { Name
Corps
11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? } 11. Yes

I, William 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.

William Parsons SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Barne Bay SIGNATURE OF WITNESS.

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I, William 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.

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Signature of Attesting Officer [Signature]

†CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the 1st Battalion. If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 191 } Approving Officer.
Place

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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name William Parsons
 Apparent age 21 years 8 months. Height 5 feet 11 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38 inches
 Range of expansion 3 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Joseph Parsons
Bonne Bay | Relationship Father

Particulars as to Marriage

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

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

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in 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>20-4-17</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>April 20-17</u>									
<u>Drachet, St. John's, Apr. 19/1918</u>									
<u>To Overseas Service</u>									
<u>Admitted General Hospital, September 27-17.</u>									
<u>Discharged from Hospital 28-3-18.</u>									
<u>Discharged medically unfit. 13-4-18.</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 13-4-18 [date of discharge] 359 years 359 days
 " " Pensions " " " " " " " " " " " "

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Parsons Christian Name William

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish St John's County _____

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>25th</u> day of <u>July</u> , 191 <u>7</u> at <u>Headquarters</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191____ at _____	
Declared Age	<u>18</u> years _____ days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Blacksmith</u>		_____	
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>11</u> inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	<u>145</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Grith when fully expanded ... <u>38.</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of Expansion .. <u>3.</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks	Arm	_____	_____	_____
	Number	_____	_____	_____
When Vaccinated	_____		_____	
Vision	R. E.—V=	<u>4/6</u>	R. E.—V=	_____
	L. E.—V=	<u>4/6</u>	L. E.—V=	_____
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a) _____		(a) _____	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause rejection	(b) _____		(b) _____	
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Lammie Parsons</u>		_____	
(Rank)	<u>major</u>		_____	
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St John's</u> on <u>3</u> day of <u>July</u> , 191 <u>7</u>		at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191____	
	Corps	Regtl. No.	Corps,	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	<u>1st Nfd. Regt.</u> <u>3917.</u>		_____	
Transferred to	<u>Reg</u>		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____		_____	
(Signature)	on _____ day of _____ 191____		on _____ day of _____ 191____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	

SECOND BOARD

Form Z179 N.M.D.

Report of Medical Board.

Station **St. John's, Nfld.** Date **March 27th., 1918.**
 No. and Rank **3917 - Private** Age **21** Height **5'11"**
 Name **Parsons, William** Complexion **Fair**
 Unit **1st. Nfld.** Eyes **Grey** Hair **Light Brown**
 Address **Bonne Bay**
 Former Trade **Blacksmith**
 Enlisted at **St. John's** On **2/7/17**
 Disease or Disability: Original **TUBERCULOSIS**

(The Board will please note how the soldier's appearance corresponds with above description.)

Subsequent

Tuberculosis

Present Condition (Compare with previous Board)

Active disease in left lung. Temp. 100° pulse 100
Weight 157 lbs in pants & boots.
Refuses here to continue treatment at Fusens Camp.
Refusal unreasonable.
Disability - as due to Military Service not
" not due to Military Service total.

Has he been employed, and by whom? *no*

Average Weekly Earnings

To what extent is his capacity for earning a full livelihood at his employment, or in the general labour market, lessened at present?

Recommendation of Medical Board *Discharge permanently unfit for general service*

Members of Board
J. J. [Signature]
J. J. [Signature]
L. P. [Signature]

Letter to D.O.C.
 Approving Medical Officer
Chas. Macpherson
Major





Medical Report on an Invalid.

NOTES:—

- (a) This report is solely concerned with Pensions.
- (b) A single copy only is required.
- (c) "Aggravated" being now a technical term, carrying right to pension, discrimination in its use is essential.
- (d) Be as brief as possible compatible with lucidity.
- (e) Avoid dubiety—"perhaps" "possibly" "might" and the like.
- (f) Only sufficient clinical data need be given to establish the degree of disability and assist the Board in arriving at a decision.

Statement of Case

Station

Date

Saint John's N.Y.
Sept 18/17

1. Unit *1st. Newfoundland*
2. Regimental No. *3917*
3. Rank. *Pte*
4. Name. *Parsons William*
5. Age last birthday. *21*
6. Enlisted on *2 Aug 1917*
- at *S. John's N.Y.*
7. Former trade or occupation *Blacksmith*
8. Disability

Tuberculosis.

9. History *This man has been under treatment in St John's Tubercular Sanatorium, shortly after discharged from there entirely, but says nothing about this at that time. He has been in fairly good health since joining up.*

10. What is his present condition?

(This is the important question. Be brief—the clearer the case the less need be written. Read note f above.)

How long his man needs observation for the past week or two. He has been complaining of cough & pain in right chest. There are slight signs of active lesion at right apex posteriorly. His temp. at present is 102°. Lesions are possibly there on exitiment but were overlooked & come way. He having stated that he knew of nothing wrong with him. Also he states now that he spat blood about year and half ago.

11. Was sanatorium operation advised and refused?

12. Do you recommend discharge as permanently unfit?

Yes.

Signature

J. W. Burdett

Rank or Qualification

M.D.

Remarks if any by Officer i/c Hospital.

Place

Signature

Date

Rank

Opinion of the Medical Board.

In para. 13, the President should write "may" or "cannot" at x. Erase inapplicable words.

13. For pension purposes, the disability x *cannot* be considered as aggravated by:—
due to

- (a) Service during this war.
- (b) Climate.
- (c) Ordinary Military Service

Remarks if any:— *See Sect 10.*

14. At present his capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general labor market is lessened by:—
(Here the president should write in Total, 4-5, 3-5, 2-5, 1-5).

Remarks if any:—

total at present.

15. Is the disability permanent?

no

16. Has the disability been aggravated by

- (a) Intemperance.
- (b) Misconduct.

17. The refusal of operation sanatorium is:—

- (a) Reasonable.
- (b) Unreasonable.

Remarks if any:—

18. We recommend discharge from retention in the Army *to enter Benven Camp*

Remarks if any:—

Signatures.

W. H. Van
President
Chas. Macpherson Major

Place

Date

S. H. H. 24/17

APPROVED

Station

Date



Chas. Macpherson Major
Administrative Medical Officer.

April 1st. 1918.

From Officer Commanding,
Depot.

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

3917 Pte. Wm. Parsons.

Above noted man has for some time past been a patient in Jensen Camp, where he has been continually giving trouble owing to breaches of discipline. His case was the subject of correspondence between the Director of Medical Services and Officer in charge of Jensen Camp, and it was decided to have the man Boarded. His Board was held on March 27th. 1918 and in a letter to the D. O. C. the D. M. S. states that he is permanently unfit for Active Service and recommends that he be discharged from the Strength at once. Will you please attend to his case as soon as possible. His account has been squared up to and including April 1st. 1918. He has no allotment current.

Kindly notify Officer Commanding Depot without delay when this man has been disposed of, as we have to

notify the Director of Medical Services when he is discharge d
so that he can report his case in full to the Board of Pension
Commissioners.



DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA
AND QUOTE NO.

3917

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,

March 28th., 1918

From:- D. M. S.

To:- D. O. C.

3917, Pte. Parsons, Wm.

As suggested in your Minute No. 4 I have had the marginally noted man before the Standing Medical Board.

On examination they find him still a subject of active Pulmonary Tuberculosis. They state that his refusal to continue treatment at Jensen Camp is unreasonable. They further state that he is Permanently Unfit for General Service.

I should recommend that this man be discharged from the Strength at once.

Kindly notify me if this is done and I shall report his case in full to the Board of Pension Commissioners.

Cluny Macpherson

Major, D. M. S.

Of Dept -

*Recommendation for discharge approved,
Please notify D.M.S. when come out*

Macpherson



March 26th. 1918.

(5).

From Officer Commanding,
Depot.

To Major Paterson,
Medical Officer i/c Jensen Camp.

Sir,

3917 Pte. W. Parsons.

At your request above noted man was apprehended by our Regimental Police on March 23rd. 1918 and brought before the Officer Commanding Depot for investigation. He persisted in his refusal to re-enter Jensen Camp and was placed under open arrest pending the disposal of his case.

Letter to you from Director of Medical Services was handed to ~~Statist~~ Officer Commanding for his information, upon receipt of which the case was placed before the District Officer Commanding as per minute (lll) enclosed herewith. His reply to same is attached (llll), which is now forwarded for your information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient Servant,

Copy
March 26th. 1918.

To Officer Commanding, Depot.

#3917 Pte. W. Parsons.

I note your communication of the 25th. inst. attaching correspondence from the D.M.S.

This man was recommended for treatment in Jensen Camp by the Standing Medical Board as a Medical Case, and as such, is in the hands of the Military Medical Authorities. He is on the Hospital strength, and as such is under O.C. Hospital for discipline. If he is not amendable to hospital discipline and cannot be disciplined as an ordinary soldier on full duty, the matter is one for report on by the Medical Authorities.

I do not think it would be proper for the O.C. Depot in such circumstances to send the man before the Standing Medical Board with a recommendation as suggested by the D.M.S. The matter should go before the Standing Medical Board through the Medical Department, with a report to the board, that, owing to the refusal of the man to submit himself to treatment as suggested, their recommendation cannot be carried out.

I take it that it would then be in order for the Standing Medical Board, if they considered the man permanently unfit for general service, to say so, and recommend discharge with the further report that he had refused treatment. The discharge would then be carried out and a full report sent to the Pensions Board who would deal with the case in accordance with the facts.

Signed. A. Montgomerie.

Major.
District Officer Commanding,
Newfoundland.

March 25th. 1918.

From Officer Commanding,
Depot.

To District Officer Commanding,
Department of Militia.

Sir,-

I enclose herewith ^{Copy of} correspondence which has taken place between Medical Officer l/c Jensen Camp and Director of Medical Services concerning 3917 Pte. W. Parsons. This man has been absent without leave from Jensen Camp since March 13th 1918 and on the matter being reported to Officer Commanding Depot by Major Paterson he was taken into custody by the Regimental Police on March 23rd. 1918 and brought before the O. C. for investigation. He refused to go back to the Camp for further treatment giving as his reason that he was "Fed up" with it. He is at present under open arrest.

Will you please advise if the procedure as outlined by the Director of Medical Services will meet the requirements of this case together with the usual forfeitures of pay for his period of absence.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient Servant,

Copy.

3917.

March 25 th. 1918.

From D.M.S.

To O.C. Jensen Camp.

3917 Pte. Parsons, W.

The case of the marginally noted man, as set forth in your memo of March 23rd. is, since the man is still on the strength, one of breach of discipline. As such it should be primarily dealt with at the Depot. If the Depot has no means of enforcing its order, which is, that the man proceed to Jensen Camp for treatment, then I presume the next step which they will take would be to send the man before the Standing Medical Board, with recommendation that he be discharged from the Service.

I should advise that you deal with this case along these lines.

Signed. Cluny MacPherson
Major, D.M.S.



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From A/O.C. JENSEN CAMP.

TO D.M.S.

No.3917. Pte.Parsons:

The marginally noted man left Jensen Camp on March 17th, and has not reported back there todate. I had him brought to the Depot where he now is. He states that he has no desire to re-enter the Camp.

For your information and immediate action, please.

(Sgd)

L. PATERSON

Major &
A/O.C. Jensen Camp.



DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA
AND QUOTE NO.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

March 26th., 1918.

From:- D. M. S.

To: O. C. Depot.

3917. Pte. Parsons, W.

Kindly have the marginally noted man, now under open arrest, brought before the Standing Medical Board meeting this evening at 8 o'clock.

Cluny Macpherson
Major, D. M. S.



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 *Parsons William*

Regiment from which discharged *1st. Newfoundland*

Regimental number *3917.*

Intended address *Bonne Bay*

Height on discharge *5 Feet 11*

Color of hair on discharge *L. Brown*

Complexion *fair*

Color of eye *Grey.*

Descriptive Marks *Scars of cut. on the knee.*

Figure on discharge *medium*

Christian name of Father *Joseph.*

Christian name of Mother *dead.*

Wife's maiden name in full

Date and place of marriage

Christian names of children

Place and date of soldier's birth. *Bonne Bay. Dec. 28. 1896.*

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) *William ^{his} Parsons*

Witness *Mark L. Doyle* (Rank)

Station *St. Johns* Date *Sept 18/17*

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.

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

Station *Sept. 18. 17* Date *St. Johns Nf.*

Depot
3917

July 25th, 1918

From Officer Commanding,
Depot

To Paymaster and Officer i/c Records,
Militia Department

3917 ex-Pte. W. Parsons

I enclose letter received from Mrs. Ann Baird regarding some money owed her by above noted man. Same cannot be dealt with by me, as he is a pensioner, consequently not on Regimental strength.

When he was on Depot Strength, same trouble as now was had with him: he used to come from Jensen Camp and stay at Mrs. Baird's until he returned and would pay her no board, except it was referred to the Orderly Room, when we insisted on his doing so. He is evidently trying the same game again. Will you please see that provision is made from his pension to cover the amount he owes Mrs. Baird.

July 25th, 1918

Dear Madam/-

Your letter to Major Carty has been passed me for attention.

In reply I would say that 3917 Pte. Wm. Parsons is a pensioner and as such does not draw any Regimental pay from the Depot. On account of his being an inmate of Jensen Camp, however, it is possible he is receiving a substantial pension and should be in a position to reimburse you for any expenditure you have made on his account.

I would advise you to write or see Capt. Howley, Paymaster, Dept. of Militia, and furnish him with your bill for attention to this man and explain the circumstances under which it was contracted to him. I have no doubt but that he will see that a stoppage is placed against Parsons's pension so that you may be repaid.

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

Mrs. Ann Baird,
11 Tessier Place,
City

C.R. 3919

Pfc. Parsons

Died at. Trench Camp
buried. W. Carmel Cemetery.
5th Division

Martin, Undertaker.

for file

C.R.

3918

Extract from list of men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment discharged on various dates.

3918 Pte. W. Parsons.

Discharged 13 - 4 - 19, Medically unfit

Cables and Telegrams :
"SYNOPTICAL," London.

Telephone :
VICTORIA 147.

Communications to be addressed to the
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS,
and the following No. quoted :

N. F. P/38A.

DUPLICATE.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 10162/392/R.&C. 3917

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.
26th June, 1918.

To
The Hon. the Minister of
Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland,
August 1, 1918.

SUBJECT:
3918, PARSONS, W.

REPLY

Dated 191

Reference Nos.

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

Your Daily Orders 20/4/18
states:

"3918 Parsons, W. (ex) dis-
"charged as unfit from
"13/4/18."

Will you please verify?

Correct number of
Private W. Parsons is 3917.
Regret error.

J. S. Anderson
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. I/O Records.

Lieut. Col.,
Chief Staff Officer
For Minister of Militia.

CR. 3917

May 2nd, 1919

Mrs. L. Paterson
Secretary
Board of Management
Jensen Camp

Dear Mrs. Paterson:

No. 3017, Pte. Wm. Parsons, Deceased

With reference to the above noted deceased soldier who died of tuberculosis at Jensen Camp on Sept. 2nd, 1918, I should be glad if you can inform me whether his body was interred in the R.C. Cemetery, St. John's, or sent to his home, which, according to our records, is Bonne Bay.

We are endeavouring to ascertain certain particulars of the graves of all soldiers who died in Newfoundland, and in this reference we addressed a letter to the next of kin of this soldier, Bonne Bay. Receiving no reply thereto, we wrote to the Secretary of the R.C. Cemetery, Bonne Bay, requesting that the desired particulars be forwarded to us. We have now received reply which states that this soldier was not buried in that place.

I should be thankful for any information that you can supply, in view of the fact that he died at Jensen Camp.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

CHIEF STAFF OFFICER

C.R.

3917?

~~3918~~

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal
Newfoundland Regiment,,St.John'E, dated April 20,1918.

#391⁷ Pte. W. Parsons.

Having been found Medically Unfit is discharged from
13/4/18.

Bonne Bay, Nfld. April 3, 1919.

W.F.Rendell, Esqr.

Dept. of Militia, St. John's.

C.R. 3917

Dear Sir :

Referring to your file No.3917, of March 24th.desiring information concerning the grave of deceased soldier,Private William Parsons, may say that I regret being unable to supply any.

I have made inquiry here about this man, and no person seems to know anything of such soldier from these parts.

Respectfully yours,

Walter Brennan, P.P.

C.R. 3917

See M-9-3

Extract from Preliminary Report from The Director of
Medical Services. To Officer Commanding, Depot dated
March 28th, 1918.

#3917, Pte. William Parsons,

2nd Board Case reported to D.O.C.

March 26, 1918.

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Major.
District Officer Commanding.
Newfoundland.

CR. 3917

Mar. 24th, 19

Roman Catholic Priest,
Bonne Bay

Reg. & Dear Sir:-

The Army Council have requested that they may be furnished with particulars of the Graves of all Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of His Majesty's Forces, raised in any part of the British Empire, who died in the Overseas Dominions during the present War. I should be glad, therefore, if you will inform me of the following particulars of No. 3917, Private William Parsons :-

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

I should be glad if you will favour me with a reply at the earliest opportunity, as some time ago we wrote the next of kin of this deceased soldier requesting the particulars noted above, but up to date have received no reply, and we are now requested to expedite our report by the authorities concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Office

C.R. 3917

Feb. 6th, 1919

Mr. Joseph Parsons
Bonne Bay

Dear Sir:-

The Army Council have requested that they may be furnished with particulars of the Graves of all Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of His Majesty's Forces, raised in any part of the British Empire, who died in the Overseas Dominions during the present War. I should be glad, therefore, if you will inform me of the following particulars concerning No. 3917, Private Wm. Parsons:

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

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

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

CHIEF STAFF OFFICER

Red Rod Cove
Norris Arm
Feb. 7. 1919

W. F. Rindell
Chief Staff Officer -

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find
a copy of a letter, that was
sent to me. It must have
been through a mistake, as
it does not concern any of
my affairs.

I Remain

Yours Truly

Elias Seabright.

P.S. I did not receive any copy
concerning my own affairs
E. S.



3917

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

Jan 3rd, 1918

Mr. Joseph Parsons,

Bonne Bay

Dear Sir:-

The Army Council have requested that they may be furnished with particulars of the Graves of all Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men, of His Majesty's Forces, raised in any part of the British Empire, who died in the Overseas Dominions during the present War. I should be glad, therefore, if you will inform me of the following particulars concerning No. 3917, Private William Parsons:-

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

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

Yours faithfully,

W. F. Reader

Chief Staff Officer

Lieut. Col

Retd.

C.R.

3917

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal
Nfld. Regt. St. John's, Sept. 29th, 1918.

3917 Pte. W. Parsons.

Admitted Jensen Camp for Treatment Sept. 27th
suffering from Tuberculosis.

Died at Jensen Camp Sept 2nd 1918
Tuberculosis W.V.U.

C.R. 3917

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Nfld. Regt.,
St. John's, July 21st, 1917.

3917 Pte. T.W. Parsons.

Attested July 20th, 1917 posted to P. Coy, and assigned number
as shown.

W. Parsons.

3917

P. t. p. U

DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY
Posted 11 JUL 1918



10168/392/R.&O.

The Hon. the Minister of
Militia,

St. John's,

Newfoundland.

26th June, 8.

3917, PARSONS, W.

O.R.

August 1, 1918.

Your Daily Orders 20/4/18

states:

"3917 Parsons, W. (ex) dis-
"charged as unfit from
"13/4/18."

Will you please verify?

Correct number of Private

W. Parsons is 3917 Regret
error.

W. G. Readell

Lieut. Col.

Chief Staff Officer

for Minister of Militia.

Major,

Chief Paymaster & O. i/o Records.

Cables and Telegrams :
"SYNOPTICAL" London.

Telephone :
VICTORIA 147.

Communications to be addressed to the
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS,
and the following No. quoted :

N. F. P/38.
ORIGINAL

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 10168/392/R.&O. 3918

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.
26th June, 1918.

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

SUBJECT : 3917, PARSONS, W.

REPLY

Dated 20/7/18 191

Reference Nos.

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

Your Daily Orders 20/4/18
states:

"¹⁷3918 Parsons, W. (ex) dis-
charged as unfit from
"13/4/18."

Will you please verify?

J. B. Anderson *Chief*
for Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. I/O Records.

Correct number of
Private W. Parsons is 3917. *please*
Regret error.

W. F. Rendell
Lieut. Col.,
Chief Staff Officer
For Minister of Militia.

Noted
L. J. G.

X

7190 ✓

Recd AUG 1918

ACKD Ans'd

Ref. Nos. 001

[Signature]

ACK ^T dated	/	/	No. IN
Received	/	/	
REPLY dated	/	/	
Received	/	/	
LAST Ref No.			
NEXT " "			

10168/392/R.&C.

The Hon. the Minister of
Militia,

St. John's,

Newfoundland.

26th June, B.

3918, PARSONS, W.

20/7/18

Correct number of Pte. W.
Parsons is 3917, please.
Regret error.

Your Daily Orders 20/4/18

states:

"3918 Parsons, W. (ex) dis-
charged as unfit from
"13/4/18."

(sd) W. F. Rendell, Lt.Col.
for Minister of Militia.

Will you please verify?

#20

7B 0
9/8/18

Major,

Chief Paymaster & C. i/c Records.

URGENT.

N.B.—If you do not understand this form, ask your CLERGYMAN,
DOCTOR or MAGISTRATE to fill it in for you.

fold here

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

STAMP NOT REQUIRED.

MINISTRY OF MILITIA

(G.R. & E. DEPT.),

ST. JOHN'S,

NEWFOUNDLAND.

fold here

Parsons, W^d

3917

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Proceedings on Discharge.

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

No. <u>3917</u>	Army Rank <u>Private</u>
Name <u>William Parsons</u> <small>(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)</small>	
Corps <u>The Royal Newfoundland Regt.</u>	
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c. <small>(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.)</small>	
Date of discharge <u>April 15th 1918</u>	
Place of discharge <u>St. John's, Nfld.</u>	
1. Description at the time of discharge.	
Age <u>21</u> years <u>4</u> months Height <u>5</u> feet <u>11</u> inches Chest measurement { girth when fully expanded _____ ins. range of expansion _____ ins. Complexion <u>fair</u> Eyes <u>grey</u> Hair <u>light brown</u> Trade <u>Blacksmith</u>	Descriptive marks. <u>Scar on knee</u>
Intended place of residence (To be given as fully as practicable) <u>Bonne Bay, Nfld.</u>	
<small>(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.)</small>	
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of <u>being no longer physically fit for war service</u>	
<small>(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.)</small>	
3. Military character :—	
4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations :—	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-size: small; margin-right: 5px;">To be filled in on the soldier quitting the Colours.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; flex-grow: 1;"></div> </div>	
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*	



THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
HEADQUARTERS

St. John's, Newfoundland,

April 1st. 1918. 191

From Officer Commanding,
Depot.

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

3917 Pte. Wm. Parsons.

Above noted man has for some time past been a patient in Jensen Camp, where he has been continually giving trouble owing to breaches of discipline. His case was the subject of correspondence between the Director of Medical Services and Officer in charge of Jensen Camp, and it was decided to have the man Boarded. His Board was held on March 27th. 1918 and in a letter to the D. O. C. the D. M. S. states that he is permanently unfit for Active Service and recommends that he be discharged from the Strength at once. Will you please attend to his case as soon as possible. His account has been squared up to and including April 1st. 1918. He has no allotment current.

Discharged - 13/4/18

Kindly notify Officer Commanding Depot without delay when this man has been disposed of, as we have to

notify the Director of Medical Services when he is discharged
so that he can report this case in full to the Board of Pension
Commissioners.

Ad. H. H. H. H. H. Adjutant
Depot, First New Brunswick and Regiment,
St. John's, Nfld.

CIRCUIT COURT

INSTITUTIONAL

Despatching
Office
Stamp.

ST. JOHNS
18 JUL 13
NEWFID.

Arrival
Office
Stamp.

Mio

No. 708

From

Militia Dept.

Registered Letter Addressed—

*Pete Wm. Parsons
Jensen Camp*

Received by

Wm. City



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 William Parsons
aged 21 yrs conducted at C. F. B. Armory
Date: July 20, 17 Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST FINDING

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

3917

34 57 1/2 in
35 145 lbs
36 35. 38.
37 \$40 per month
38 Father Joseph Parsons of Jervis
39 nobody

52

Signature of Medical Examiner:

W. Borden



1070

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND
May 29th, 1918.

Dear Sir:-

The P.M. at Bonne Bay has been instructed to return the registered letter posted on April 13th addressed to William Parsons, Bonne Bay.

Yours truly,

J. A. Robinson
Postmaster General.

Capt. J.M. Howley,
Dept. of Militia,
City.



THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
HEADQUARTERS

St. John's, Newfoundland,

1984

July 25th, 1918 191


From Officer Commanding,
Depot

To Paymaster and Officer i/c Records,
Militia Department

3917 ex-Pte. W. Parsons

I enclose letter received from Mrs. Ann Baird regarding some money owed her by above noted man. Same cannot be dealt with by me, as he is a pensioner, consequently not on Regimental strength.

When he was on Depot Strength, same trouble as now was had with him; he used to come from Jensen Camp and stay at Mrs. Baird's until he returned and would pay her no board, except it was referred to the Orderly Room, when we insisted on his doing so. He is evidently trying the same game again. Will you please see that provision is made from his pension to cover the amount he owes Mrs. Baird.


Ass't Adjutant
Depot The Royal Newfoundland Regiment
St. John's, Nfld.

3917

Major Catty;

Dear Sir,

Would you be so kind as to let me know if Pte. William Parsons' pay is going on yet as he is in the Jensen Camp.

If it is I want to get paid for my trouble of tending on him the eight weeks that he was sick. I am very sick myself this 6 weeks and I have to pay for everything. Sir P. the Smith told me that if Parsons' pay was not stopped at the Armoury, then I would

get paid for my trouble.
Please answer this note
and let me know if I
can get the money, and
if Parson's pay is stopped
I had to get women in to
fumigate the house after
Parson's left for the Camp
and I never got a cent for
it, but all I want to know
now is about Parson's pay.
Excuse me for troubling you

Yours sincerely,

~~James Baird~~

(Mrs.) Ann Baird

No. 11 Tessier Place.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 51⁹⁰/₁₀₀

Apr 18th 1918

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment
the sum of Fifty One ————— 70 Dollars.
 on account of Pay when discharged
 balance

Ch. No. <u>5728</u>	Initials <u>EW</u>
Pay Ledger <u>121</u>	Initials <u>QYD</u>
Gen. Ledger <u>RP</u>	Initials <u>JRL</u>

Regtl. No. Rank

JRL

No. 3917 Rank Pte

Name A. Parsons

Apr. 22nd 18;

Pte. William Parsons,
Bonne, Bay.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$51.90,
being the balance of pay due you at date of discharge, also
Certificate of pay. I also enclose certificate of dis-
charge dated April 18th, 1918, together with special Form,
which kindly sign and return.

Yours truly,

Enclosures 3.

Capt.
Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Forms
B 121
39.

Regiment of Newfoundland

Number of Sheet First

Signature of O. C. Company Chft Capt

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service pay or proficiency pay
No.	3917 Parsons D ^{co}	Age on	21 years & 8 months	Blacksmith	
Joined Date		Place and Date of Enlistment	Religion	R.C.	
Joined Date		Period of	with Colours	2 1/2 years.	
Joined Date			with Reserve	3 1/2 years.	

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
St Johns	21.8.17	Pte.		Absent from 21.8.17 11 P.M. until arrested by lpl Christian 11.15 P.M. 28.8.17.	lpl Christian	Demanded to Doctor.	28.8.17	Major Montgomerie	Forfeits 8 days Pay by R.W. H.B.
do	13-9-17	"		Absent from 8 AM 13-9-17 until 8 AM 15-9-17 when brought in by Police	lpl Christian		14-9-17		Forfeits 2 days Pay R.W.
Jansons Camp St Johns	Dec 30/17			Absent from camp without permission from Dec 30/17 to Jan 1/18 that is disobeying orders Absent without leave from camp from 6.30 PM to 9 PM.			16-1-18	George T. Coarty Major	Forfeits 1-1/2 days Pay
	Jan 14/18								
<p style="font-size: 1.5em;">Discharged Medically unfit</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">St. John's, 15 4/18</p>									

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121



HE whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom.

Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

No 3917

Pte. William Parsons—

3 Bn., Royal Newfoundland Regt.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

I join with my grateful people
in sending you this memorial
of a brave life given for others
in the Great War.

George R.I.



DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND ^{Dec. 7th, 1920}

Mr. Joseph Parsons
Bonne Bay

Dear Sir:-

I am forwarding to you herewith under registered cover a Memorial Scroll, which is intended as a solace for bereavement suffered, and as a memento of one who laid down his life for right and freedom. And we are commanded by His Majesty the King to forward to you also the accompanying Message

I should be glad if you will kindly acknowledge receipt of both at your earliest convenience

Yours faithfully,

W. F. Readell

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

CR 3917

For file

Mr. Jos. Parsons,
Bonne Bay

August 2nd, 1921

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the Final Verification form in respect of No 3917 William Parsons I have received a telegram from the Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries which states that if all such forms have not been completed and returned to this Department by August 16th, the matter of choosing the inscriptions for the permanent headstones will have to be done by the Department of Graves Registration and Enquiries. I shall be glad, therefore, if you will kindly fill in the form which has been sent to you, and return it to this Department before August 16th.

Yours faithfully,

W. G. Readell
CHIEF CLERK, G. O. N. D. O. R.