



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2115 Name Walker Patches Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Walker Patches</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Old Mansourville F.B.</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>25</u> Years <u>10</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Fireman - Paper Mills</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? | 7. <u>No</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? | 8. <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? | 9. <u>Yes</u> |
| 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. <u>Yes</u> |

I, Walker Patches 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.

Walker Patches SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

C. Feb. 28th 1916 Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Walker Patches 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 28th day of February, 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer Charles W. [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 completed 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).....

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

2115

Name Walter Pitcher

Apparent age 25 years 10 months. Height 5 feet 6 inches

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 35 inches
Range of expansion 3 inches

Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Mrs. Annie Pitcher, Bonaventure, Va.

| Relationship Mother

Particulars as to Marriage

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

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

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from _____									
Joined at _____ on _____									
<i>Killed on March 20, 1864</i>									
Total Service forfeited as above _____									
Total Service towards Engagement to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days									
Pension _____									



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2115 Name Walter Vitcher Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. Walter Vitcher
2. What is your full Address? 2. St. John's, N. B.
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
4. What is your age? 4. 25 Years 10 Months
5. What is your Trade or-Calling? 5. Farmer on Cape Verde
6. Are you Married? 6. No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? 7. No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? 8. Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? 9. Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? 10. { Name
Corps
11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? 11. Yes

I, Walter Vitcher do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Walter Vitcher SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

C. Feb. 28th 1916 Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Walter Vitcher 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 21st day of February 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer Quaid W. G. G.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

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

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date.....191

Place..... } Approving Officer.

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

* If so, 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).....

REGIMENTAL NUMBER 2115



COMPANY A

THE
1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

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

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

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

Subject to the Newfoundland Volunteer Act.

8 George V.,

Chapter IV.

(Signed) his W X Pitcher

Witness mark J. J. J. J. J.

Dated at Saccoussay
June 30/16

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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	Red	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated

1st December, 1917.

To

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher,

Old Bonaventure, T. B.

Regret to inform you Record Office London today reports No. 2115

Sergt. Walter Pitcher, M.M. Killed in Action November twentieth.

R. A. SQUIRES,

Colonial Secretary.

Note for Operator.

This message is not to be sent until receiving office advises that message to Rev. C. M. Stickings Trinity has been delivered and acted upon.

FOR TYPEWRITER

MILITARY MEDAL.2115 L/C W. Pitcher.

Date of Award. /4/17

Authority Daily Orders 1st Bn. 5/5/17.

London Gazette 9/7/17.

"For Bravery in the Field."

88th Brigade Lists.

"At Monchy on 14th April 17. when an attack had failed and the enemy were advancing on the village, displayed the greatest gallantry as one of a small party hastily collected to oppose the hostile advance. This party maintained itself in the face of overwhelming odds. inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and completely checked him on this part of the line."

C.R. 2115

June 27th 1918.

Mrs Fannie Pitcher,
Old Bonaventure, T.B.

Dear Mrs Pitcher,

With reference to your enquiry to the Pay & Record Office, London, concerning the effects of your son 2115, Sergt. W. Pitcher. I have the honour to inform you that the following information has been received, stating that one parcel containing;

1 Handkerchief
Letters
Photos
Cards
Religious Medallions.

Also one Kit bag were shipped to this department and are now in our possession and will be forwarded to you by tomorrow's Express.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 2115

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

2115 Pte. W. Pitcher.

2115

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The MFLA. Regt.
Station G.H. Co., 3rd Battalion, Aug. 11th/17

2115 L/Cpl. W. Pitcher.

Awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the Field.
Authority London Gazette, dated 9/7/17.

2459/69/ R & C.

Copy

From The Newfoundland Contingent,
Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W.

From O.C.
1st Bn. Royal Nfld Regt.

To O.C. 1st Bn. Royal Nfld Regt.,
B.E.F.

Pay & Record Office.

14th February, 1918.

2115. Sergt. W. PITCHER
Killed in Action 20/11/17.

1243. Pte. L. Simms. K. in A.
9/10/17.

Relatives are enquiring
for any further information as to
the death of the above-mentioned.
Can you furnish any information
to enable me to reply, please?

(Sgd) H.A. Timewell.
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O.I/c Records.

HA/JC.

20th February, 1918.

EE.

(1) Ref. 2115. Sergt. W. Pitcher.

This N.C.O. was one of the
party killed by the shell which knocked
out about seven of our men whilst the
Battalion was proceeding through
Mansieres on the 21st of November- the
day following the attack. Please see
my reply to the enquiry re L/C Shiwak.
Sergt. Pitcher was one of the same party,
and was buried by the R.A.M.C. close to
where he fell- near the Canal which runs
South of the Village.

Sergt. Pitcher was a very brave
man and fearless in the face of the
enemy and did excellent work up to the
time of his death.

(2) Ref. 1243. Pte. L. Simms.

The above named soldier met
his death by shell fire on the night of
Oct. 9th, 1917. He was attached to the
transport at the time and left our Rear
Headquarters with the transport under
Lt. S. Goodyear to take rations up to
the Battalion in the line after the
attack which took place that morning,
while passing through the ruined village
of LANGEMARK they met with heavy shell
fire in the road, and a shell burst
amongst the party instantly killing
both Pte. Simms and Lt. Goodyear and
mortally wounding three others.

Pte. Simms was buried near
LANGEMARKT Church.

(Sgd) R.H. Tait,
Capt & Adjt.

for Lieut. Col.
Commdg. 1st Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Original Not on file

C.R. 2116



DUPLICATE
DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY
Posted 21 MAR 1918

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

January 16,

28th February 1918.

2116, Ser t. W. Fitcher, (deceased)

The mother of this soldier has written to know if his body was recovered and buried. Please inform if you have in your possession any information concerning his burial.

Sergt. Pitcher's body was recovered and buried by Rev. F. C. Hines, C. P. attached 7th Somerset Light Infantry, Burial Report No. 57B, C28, B, 9.5. Ref. No. 813W. Doubtless you have since received Cap, Ref. 3250 of 1917.

I enclose copies of my 2458 to Mrs. Pitcher and my No. 2459/8 exchanged with O. C. 1st Bn. for your information, please.

J. R. Bennett

Newfoundland Contingent.
Sgd. H. A. T.
Chief Paymaster & C. i/c Records.

Acting Minister of Militia.



Nov. 13th, 1917.

The Magistrate
Trinity,

Sir:-

I am forwarding to you under registered cover the Military Medal won by 2115 Sgt. W. Pitcher. I should be glad if you would present this medal to Mrs. Pitcher at a public meeting if one should be held.

When making the presentation, please convey to Mrs. Pitcher my hearty congratulations on the conspicuous conduct and bravery of her son who has shown himself to be of the type that have won for the Newfoundland Regiment such a large measure of distinction and fame.

Mrs. Pitcher's address is: Mrs. Fanny Pitcher, Bonaventure. Kindly notify me when the presentation has taken place.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Minister of Militia.

48 Creighton St
Halifax N.S
The Hon R. A. Squires

Dear Sir

Will you please give
me an explanation why
the Regimental allotment
of the late Sergt W. Pichee
has been stopped from his
mother Mrs. Fanny Pichee
as I am her eldest now
I thought it my duty to
find the cause;

No doubt she has other
sons to support her.

and you must consider
that two of them

go to the Cod fishery
and there mean of
support is only a chance

Last year these two boys
 at home their baggage
 amounted to something
 over \$200 two hundred each
 I will ask you people
 to put that with the
 high cost of living and
 the clothing and
 you will see what the
 will have you to help
 support the family
 Remember that if that
 boy stayed at home
 there would be no
 need of her trusting on
 the government
 And its a thing that
 will be

it was a Promise made
to the Boys before the
went that their
Dependent should be
look after So I am
Pleading to you People
Go. Straiting thing up
and send me a Reply
And the Reason
the Money has been
Stoned, it was through
the same Cause I came
Go. Canada I could
not support myself at
home and I were compelled
to leave to try to
help them thro

Please Accept this
letter as a ~~last~~ true
Statement and a
Plea for Justice

I have taken it the
Case up on behalf
of her

Your very truly

Abraham Pitcher

48 Creighton St

Halifax N.S

P.S hand this to the
Right Officials

FIELD SERVICE.

CR 2115
Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT 1st Newfoundland Regt." }
OR CORPS } Squadron, Troop, }
Battery or Company } B. Co.

Regimental No. 2115 Rank Sergeant.

Surname Pitcher. Christian Names W.

Date 20/11/17. Place France.

Died { Cause of Death* Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d/25/11/17.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received. (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not received.
(c) as a separate document. Not received.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon.

Station and Date } 27/11/17.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section } J. H. ...
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } and Lt. for Major,
Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.

THE BOARD OF
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FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

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R.A.M.C.

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C.R. 2115

In reply refer to
No.

St. John's,
Nov. 7/19.

Lt. Col. W.F. Rendell,
Chief Staff Officer,
City.

Re:- 2115 Sgt. W. Pitcher, deceased.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge your communication of October 28th., with attached Memo from The Chief Staff Officer, London, concerning the above mentioned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

W. H. Parsons
Secy.

WHP/GEC

C.R. 2115

Nov 4th, 1919

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher

Old Boneventure, T.B.

Dear Madam:-

With reference to your letter dated 8th Sept. to the Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries, War Office, relative to your deceased son, I beg to say that copy of same has been passed to this Department with a request that we inform you that the part relating to the grave of your late son is being attended to and further details will be furnished as soon as available.

With reference to your query regarding any further monies that might be due on account of Sergt. Pitcher, this has been referred to the Board of Pension Commissioners who will communicate with you direct in this connection

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 11649/70/P8a **C.R.** 2115

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

The Minister of Militia.

St John's,

NEWFOUNDLAND.

FM/OK October 7th '19

SUBJECT :

**NO 2115 SGT W. PITCHER (deceased)
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**

Reference Nos.

REPLY

Dated **Nov 4th,** 19

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

The following extract of a
letter from Mrs Fanny Pitcher,
Old Bonaventure, Trinity Bay,
8/9/19., to D.G.R.&E., War Office,
is quoted for your kind attention:

"Can you also give me any
"information if there is
"anything due to a widow
"mother with children besides
"the monthly money here.
"I would like to get full
"details about it. I dont
"just know where to write to
"but I trust you will oblige
"and hand this over to the
"Headquarters, and let me
"know at an early date. "

Kindly reply to the above and
inform Mrs Pitcher that the part
of her letter relating to her late
son's grave, is being attended to
and further details will be
furnished as soon as available,
please.

J. H. M. Major
Chief Staff Officer (London)

Noted. Mrs. Pitcher has
been communicated with accordingly

A
Minister of Militia

C.R. 2115

October 28th 1919

Secretary,

Board of Pension Commissioners.

2115 Sgr. W. Pitcher (Deceased).

Sir:

I have the honour to enclose herewith
copy of correspondence received from the Pay &
Record Office, London regarding the above mentioned
man, for your information, please.

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

CCB

Capt.

for Chief Staff Officer.

Enclosure.

C.R. 2115

Walter Pitcher was attested for General Service with
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on Feb. 23rd 1916.
Regimental No. 2115 was allotted to Pte W. Pitcher.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th 1919

C.R. 2115

August 20th, 1918

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher

Bonaventure, T.B.

Dear Mrs. Pitcher:-

With reference to your letter to the Pay & Record Office, London, re effects of your son, No. 2115, Sergt. Walter Pitcher, I beg to say that reply has been received by this office which stated that the fullest investigations had been made, and the only effects on account of your son are those which have already been forwarded to you through this Department

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

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. 11484/415/P&A

C.R. 2115

From

PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,

55, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

To

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

PM/WF

17th, July 1918

SUBJECT:

2115, SGT. WALTER PITCHER.

Reference Nos.

REPLY

Dated

1918

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Enclosed copies of
correspondence exchanged with the
Officer I/O Effects Branch, 3rd.
Echelon, B. E. F., are forwarded
to you for information of Mrs.
Fanny Pitcher, Bonaventure, T. B.
Newfoundland. The effects
referred to were shipped to you
7/3/18, Shipment No. 9, Package
No. 977, contents,-

Letters,
Photos,
Cards,
Religious Medallion.

A. J. D. Wood
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O I/O Records.

The effects referred to
have been received by this office
and forwarded to Mrs. Pitcher.
She has been notified that these
are the only effects which could
be procured on account of Sergt.
Pitcher

Minister of Militia

COPIES.

8936/10/P&A.

(1).

6th. June. 1918.

FROM:

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c. Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
W. W. (1).

TO:

Officer in Charge,
Effects Branch, (Men),
3rd. Echelon.
E. E. F.

RE: 2115. SGT. WALTER FITCHER. (DECEASED)
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT:

With reference to the following letter from Mrs.
Fannie Fitcher, Mother of the above Deceased Soldier, 30/4/18,
(5023));

"I received your letter with information re Walter's death
"Can you tell me if anything was taken off his body. He
"wore a Watch and Ring so if anything was taken off his
"body before burial I should like to have it sent to me."
"(Sgd) . Fannie Fitcher."

It is asked that you will be good enough to cause
enquiry to be made and report results to this Office, please.

(Sgd) H. A. Timewell,
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c. Records.

P.S. Certain effects were received per your inventory No 387/35,
30/11/17, but watch and Ring were not included.

(2).

FROM:

The D.A.G., Effects Branch,
G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon.

Ef/6458.

TO:

The Officer in Charge,
Newfoundland Records,
58, Victoria Street.
LONDON. S. W. (1).

10th. July. 1918

Reference Minute (1). investigations have been
made in the matter and a copy of the correspondence is
attached for your information.

The only effects received on account of Sgt,
Pitcher were those forwarded to you under this Branch In-
ventory No. 1/387/35, dated 30/11/17, and an A.B. 64. which
was passed to the No. 1. Infantry Section here for trans-
mission to the Regimental Paymaster.

(Sgd) F.E. Dowse Brennan.
Captain,
Staff Captain,
For D. A. G.

Effects Branch. (Men).
G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon,
B. E. F.

2115. SERGT. W. PITCHER:

Reference your enquiry regarding above.

- (1). No information can be obtained as to whether deceased was in possession of ring and watch in question prior to his death.
- (2). If he had them they were probably buried with him.
- (3). No other personal effects of his can be discovered in addition to those already forwarded, please.

(Sgd). T.A. Mathias,
Major,
Commanding 1/Bn. Royal Nfld.Rgt.

C.R. 2115

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher,
Old Bonaventure, T.B.

Dear Mrs. Pitcher :-

I am writing to inform you that it is my
regrettable duty, to forward to you ^{by Express} one/KIT B.G,
which belonged to your son #2115 Sergt. Walter
Pitcher (M.M.) of The Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your
bereavement, and in the renewed sorrow which the
receipt of these effects must entail

I am enclosing herewith, receipt, will you
kindly sign same and return at your earliest
convenience.

I am,

Yours sincerely,



Lieut.

for Lieut. Col. C.S.O.

Enc'l.l.

No. of Paper 1160**PERSONAL EFFECTS.**

Name

W. J. P. MatherNo. 2115

Rank

Sgt.

Regiment

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Article

Where stored

Notified by

Kit Bag

Final disposal

Shipped from Depot.

Remarks:—

K.I.A.
Next of Kin: Mather
Harry P. Mather
Bonaventure

Cables and Telegrams :
"SYNOPTICAL," London.

Telephone :
VICTORIA 147.

Communications to be addressed to the
CHIEF POSTMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE,
and the following No. quoted :

C.R. 2115
N. F. P/38A.
DUPLICATE.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM

No. 8285/351/P&A.

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,

58, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

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

FM/NM

May 27th,

1918

SUBJECT :

2115. SGT. W. PITCHER.
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Reference Nos.

REPLY

Dated June 27th 1918

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

With reference to the following enquiry from Mrs. Fanny Pitcher Old Bonaventus, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, 11/4/18, (4588):

"Dear Sir, -

"I received your letter of 29th February, regarding the death of my dear Son 2115 Walter Pitcher which was killed in action November 20th 1917. I cannot express in word my thank to you for the information you have given me and it has greatly relieved some of my trouble. You will have to excuse me for interrupting you so much but I would wish to ask you if you could get information for me if there was anything taken from 2115 Sgt. Walter Pitcher's body after his death. Anything such as a watch or Pocket Knife or Pipe anything that I could get in remembrance of him. Any information I would be very thankful with.

"I remain,
"Yours truly,"

The effects of the N.C.O. named consisting of one parcel No. 977 containing, -

1. Handkerchief.
- Letters.
Photos.
Cards.
Religion/Medallions.

received from D.A.G. 7/12/17 were shipped to Newfoundland 7/3/18 also one Kit Bag No. 1160. forwarded to Liverpool for shipment by Officer Commanding, 2/Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regiment, Winchester 8/3/18.

Shipments not VIO

It is asked that you will be

Noted, and the next of kin has been duly notified.

Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer,
for Minister of Militia,

Let necessary action be
good enough to inform Mrs. Pitcher
accordingly, please.

A. J. Mitchell
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c. Reds.

MURKIN 31

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PM/AM 23/12

PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Received from Militia Department
Package of effects of the late

2115
Serjt Walter Fitcher

Signed

Ganny Fitcher

May } *1918*
Date } *2*

May 15, 18

Dear Mrs. Pitcher:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you, one package of effects, which belonged to your son, the late #2115 Sergt. W.C. Pitcher of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am enclosing herewith, receipt. Will you kindly sign same and ~~return~~ return at your earliest convenience.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and in the added sorrow which the receipt of these effects must entail.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Captain.

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher,
Old Bonaventure, F.B.

Enc'l 1.

No. of Paper

977

PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Name

Pitcher, W.C.

No. 2115

Rank

Dgt.

Regiment

Inf.

Article

Where stored

Notified by

1 Envelope
 Containing:-
 1 Stand for chief
 letters
 Photos
 Cards
 1 Reliq Medallion

Final disposal

Remarks :-

Cas Report: - K.I.C. 20-11-17

Next of Kin: Mrs. Fanny Pitcher

Boracuita

Original in 1243.

C.R. 2115

C O P Y.

2459/69/R & C.
Pay & Record Office,
From the Newfoundland Contingent,
58 Victoria Street, S.W.

From O.C.
1st Bn, Royal Nfld. Regt.

To Officer Commanding,
1st Bn., Royal Nfld. Regt.
B. E. F.

Pay & Record Office,
14th February 1918.

February 20th, 1918.
(1). Ref. 2115. Sergt. W. Pitcher.

2115 Sergt. W. Pitcher.
Killed in Action 9/10/17.

This N.C.O. was one of the party killed by the shell which knocked out about seven of our men whilst the Battalion was proceeding through Masnières on the 21st of November, the day following the attack. Please see my reply to the enquiry re L/C. Shiwak. Sergt. Pitcher was one of the same party, and was buried by the R.A.M.C. close to where he fell near the Canal which runs South of the village.

1845 Pte. L. Simms.
Killed in Action 9/10/17.

Sergt. Pitcher was a very brave man and fearless in face of the enemy, and did excellent work up to the time of his death.

Relatives are enquiring for any further information as to the death of the above-mentioned. Can you furnish any information to enable me to reply, please?

(Sgd) H.A. TIMSWELL,
Major,
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c
Records.

(2). Ref. 1845 Pte. L. Simms.

The above named soldier met his death by shell-fire on the night of the 9th October 1917. He was attached to the transport at the time, and left our Rear Headquarters with the transport under Lieut. S. Good-year to take rations up to the Battalion in the line after the attack which took place that morning, while passing through the ruined village of LANGEMARKT they met with heavy shell-fire on the road, and a shell burst amongst the party instantly killing both Pte. Simms and Lieut. Good-year and mortally wounding three others. Pte. Simms was buried near LANGEMARKT Church.

(Sgd) R.H. TAIT.

Adjt. & Capt. for Lieut. Col.
Commanding 1st. Royal Nfld. Regt.

COPY.

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

2458/1/R.&.C.

14th February, 1918.

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher,
Old Bonaventure, T.B.,
Newfoundland.

Madam: 2115 Sgt. W. Pitcher, Killed in Action 20/11/17.

(1335)
With reference to your letter of 12/1/18: I beg to inform you that Sgt. Pitcher was buried by Rev. F.L. Hines, C.F., attached 7th Somerset Light Infantry. Burial Report No. 57.B. C.28. B.9.5. Reference No. 813.W., as reported to the Hon. Minister of Militia on 21/12/17.

With regard to parcels: those received in this Office addressed to men of the 1st Battalion are despatched to that Unit unless notification has been received prior to despatch asking them to be returned or otherwise disposed of. Such parcels addressed to Soldiers who have been killed in action or died of wounds are distributed amongst the men then serving with the Regiment in the Field.

I have written the Officer Commanding 1st Battalion to ascertain if he can furnish further information with regard to your son's death. Any such information received by me will be duly forwarded to you.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

Major,

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

HB/JC

Department of Militia

MEMORANDUM

C.R. 2115

No. 2115.

From

MINISTER OF MILITIA,

BRANCH
ST. JOHN'S, N.S.
ACTED UPON
NEWFOUNDLAND
January 16, 1918
DATE

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

SUBJECT:

2115, Sergt. W. Pitcher, (deceased)

REPLY

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Dated

26 FEB 1918

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Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

The mother of this soldier has written to know if his body was recovered and buried. Please inform if you have in your possession any information concerning his burial.

J. T. Bennett

Acting Minister of Militia.

Sergt. Pitcher's body was recovered and buried by Rev. F. L. Hines, C.F. attached 7th Somerset Light Infantry. Burial Report No. 57 B. C. 6 B. 9. 5 Reference No. 813 W. Doubtless you have since received Cas. Rep. 3250 of 1917.

I enclose copies of my 2458 to Mrs. Pitcher and my no. 2459/69 exchanged with O.C. 7th S.L.I. for your information, please.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
PAY & RECORD OFFICE
Ref. No. 174
Rec'd. 19 FEB 1918
Ack'd.
App'd.
File No.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,

W. D. Bennett
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE

C.R. 2115

January 16, 1918.

Mrs Frances Fitcher,
Old Bonaventure,
B. B.

Dear Mrs Fitcher;

Your letter addressed to R.A.Squires, Esq., of Jan., 4, concerning you son 2115, Sergt. W. Fitcher, M.M., has been passed to this department for action. I am directed to inform you that a communication has been forwarded to the Pay & Record Office London, instructing them to notify this department of any particulars they may be in possession of. When a reply has been received you will be informed.

I am,

Yours faithfully,



Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

WFR/JMF.

2115.

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

January 16, 8

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if you have in your possession any
information concerning his burial.



Acting Minister of Militia.

January 16, 1918.

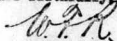
R.A.Squires, Esq.,
Bank of Nova Scotia, Bldg.,
C I T Y.

Dear Mr. Squires;

I am in receipt of your letter of 15, Jan., enclosing a letter from Mrs Frances Fitcher, of Old Benaventure, concerning her son who was killed in action. This department will communicate direct with Mrs Fitcher, on this matter.

I am,

Yours faithfully,



Acting Minister of Militia.

WPR/JLP.

SQUIRES & WINTER
BARRISTERS AT LAW
SOLICITORS AND NOTARIES

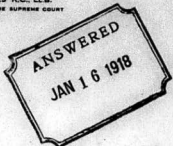
HON. R. A. SQUIRES K.C., LL.B.
A MASTER OF THE SUPREME COURT
MR. J. A. WINTER

C.R. 2115

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"SQUIRE NEWFOUNDLAND"
CODES A.S.C., 5TH EDITION
WESTERN UNION

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA BUILDING
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

January 15, 1918.



Hon. John R. Bennett,
Minister of Militia.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I am just in receipt of the enclosed letter from Mrs. Frances Pitcher, of Old Bonaventure, referring to her boy. I have written her assuring her that any courtesy which you can extend in this connection will be gladly rendered.

Very truly yours,

A/1

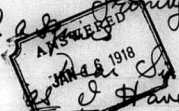
Enc.

Old Bonaventure

Jan 4th 1918

Reas. Grimsby Bay

C.R. 2115


I have had they official
notification of my dear boy killed in
action somewhere in France can there
be any more done for a borrowing
notion. Regarding how he died I
know he was killed in action and
I know he lies somewhere in France
But I would like to know if they
have got his body and if it has
been buried and were it was buried
I havent had any news from
any of his Captains yet well you
kindly oblige me to try and get all
they information you can for
me of 2115 Serjt W Pitcher. In. Man.
Death and were he has been buried.

I Remain your sincerely
Mrs Francis Pitcher

Old Bonaventure
Grimsby Bay

C.R. 2115

GRAVE SITES.

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated December 21, 1917.

#2115 Sergt. W. Pitcher. ✓

Reported by Rev. F.L. Hines, C.F., attd. 7/Com.L.I.,
182, 2577. Place of Burial; B7.b.C.26.b.9.5.

Dec. 7th, 1917.

F. Summerton, Esq.,
Magistrate,
Trinity.

Sir:-

I have the honour by direction to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 4th Dec. The Dept. is indebted to you for having presented Sgt. W. Fitcher's medal to his mother on 24th Nov., and I am instructed to thank you on behalf of the Minister of Militia

I am,

Yours faithfully,


Major, C.C.O.

C.R. 2115

DUPLICATE.

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT OR COORPS } "1st Newfoundland Regt." Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } B.Co.

Regimental No. 2115 Rank Sergeant.

Surname Pitcher. Christian Name W.

Died { Date 20/11/17. Place France.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d/23/11/17.

By whom made O.O. Unit.

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

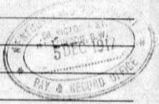
State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not received.
(c) as a separate document Not received.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

G.H.O., 3rd Echelon.
Station and Date | 27/11/17. Signature of Officer in charge of Section | [Signature] Adjutant-General's Office at the Base | End Lt. for Major, Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.





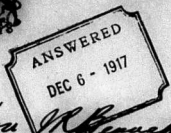
Magistrate's Office

C.R. 2113

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4 Dec.

1917



Hon. W. Beach
Minister Militia
St Johns

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that Sergeant
Walter Pitcher's Medal was presented
to his mother Mrs Fanny Pitcher at
Old Bonaventure on the 22nd November.

Since then the brave boy has
made the Supreme Sacrifice and
Rev. Whittings has gone to Bonaventure
today to break the sad news to
his mother.

Yours sincerely
J. Robertson

C.R. 2115

#2115 Sergt. Walter Pitcher, M.M.

Extraxt of Casualty list received December 1st. 1917.

Killed in Action November 20th.

WFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.**Cable Connection with all the World****All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:**

The Management may decline to forward the Message, though it has been received for transmission; but in case of so doing shall refund to the Sender the amount paid for its transmission.

In case the Message shall never reach its destination by reason of any neglect or default of the N. P. T. or its Servants whilst the Message remains under the control of the N. P. T., they will refund the amount paid by the Sender for such Message.

The N. P. T. shall not be liable to make compensation beyond the amount refunded as above for any loss, injury, or damage arising or resulting from the non-transmission or non-delivery of the Message, or delay or error in the transmission or delivery thereof, howsoever such transmission, non-delivery, delay, or error shall have occurred.

The control of the N. P. T. over the Message shall be deemed to have entirely ceased for the purposes of these Conditions at any point where, in the course of the transit of the Message to its destination, it may be entrusted by the N. P. T. (and the N. P. T. shall have full power so to entrust the Message) for further transmission by or through any system, service, or line of Telegraph belonging to or worked by any administration or authority not controlled by the N. P. T. exclusively, although worked as part of or in connection with the Telegraphic system or service of the N. P. T.

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

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender _____

Address _____

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated 1st December, 1917.

To Rev. C. M. Stickings,
Trinity.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports
No. 2115, Sergt. Walter Pitcher, M.M., son of Mrs. Fanny
Pitcher, of Old Bonaventure, T.B., Killed in action 20th
November. Kindly inform relatives.

R. A. SQUIRES,

Colonial Secretary.

Nov. 13th, 1917.

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher,
Bonaventure,
B.B.

Dear Mrs. Pitcher:-

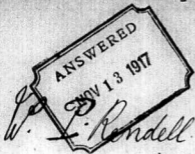
I am in receipt of your letter of
Nov. 5th containing your instructions concerning the
Military Medal won by 2115 Sgt. W. Pitcher. I am
forwarding the Medal to the Magistrate at Trinity, with
a request that he should notify you as to where a public
meeting can be held at which the Medal can be presented.

I have the honour to be

Mdgm,

Your obedient servant,

For G.S.G.



Bonaventure
Nov. 5th/17.

C.R. 2115²

Major C. S. C.
Dept. of Militia

Dear Sir:-

I received your
letter Nov. 3rd inst. Concerning the Military Medal
won by my Son. "2115 Sgt. W. Pitcher"
By your address to me I wish you to forward
the "Medal" to the Magistrate at Trinity
I will also be present at the Meeting if possible
If you would kindly Notify me, when and where
it will be held.

By so doing you will oblige
Yrs Faithfully

Fanny Pitcher

Bonaventure I.B.

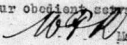
October 30th, 1917.

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher,
Bonaventure, E.B.

Dear Madam:- 2115 Sgt. W. Pitcher

I have received from London the Military Medal won by Sgt. W. Pitcher, and a letter from the Pay & Record Office stating that he wishes his medal to be delivered to you. I should be glad to hear from you as to your wishes on having this sent to you, whether you would wish to have it sent direct, or if you would agree to have it sent to the local Magistrate or J.P. to be presented to you at a public meeting. Awaiting your reply,

I have the honour to be
Madam,

Your obedient servant,

Major, C. .O.
Dept of Militia.

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C.R. '2115

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

CASUALTIES

8115 Sergt. W. PITCHER.

Previously reported Wounded 14/4/17 subsequently reported on
1st Battalion Nomial Roll 5/5/17.

C.R. 2115

A W A R D.

Extract of Regimental Order dated May 1, 1917.

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

Lieut.Col.Comdg. has presented to:

B. 2115 Pitcher,

Military Medal.

C.R. 2115

extract of Daily orders part II, by Lieut.Col. Forbes
Robertson, M.C. Commandin Newfoundland Regiment, dated
18/4/17.

#2115 L/Corpl. W. Pitcher, B.Co.,
appointed prov.Sergt.
To be Sergeant.

CR 2115

Extract of Daily Orders part 11, from Unit 1st
Newfoundland Regiment, 3rd Echelon G.H.Q., dated
March 24, 1917.

#2115 Pte. W. Pitcher, A.Co.,

Appointed Lance Corporal, 14/3/17.

✓

CR! 2115

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,
Mar. 23, 1916.

2115 Pte. W. Pitcher.

W. Pitcher

C.R.

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Px 60

295-16

38c

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Pitcher

Christian Name Walter

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>18</u> day of <u>February</u> 191 <u>4</u>		on day of 191.....	
	at <u>St. John's, Nfld</u>		at	
Declared Age.....	<u>25</u> years		years	days
Trade or Occupation			years	days
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>9½</u> inches	feet	inches
Weight	<u>162</u> lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded... <u>41</u> inches			inches
	Range of expansion... <u>4</u> inches			inches
Physical Development.....				
Vaccination Marks {	Arm		Right	Left
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V= <u>4/9</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)		(b)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection				
Approved by (Signature)				
(Rank)			Medical Officer.	Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at		at	
	on day of 191.....		on day of 191.....	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1st Nfld. Reg</u>	<u>2/1A</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on day of 191.....		on day of 191.....	
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

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Table II.—Only for admission to hospital or to the sick list in case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number Days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of further use. In case of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, etc., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
4TH SCOTTISH GENL HOSPITAL, GLASGOW	20	MAY	1916	29	5	16	Gonorrhoea	9.	Transferred to Work house Military Hospital Newcastle on Tyne.	Dr. C. R. Lamb
Workhouse military Newcastle on Tyne	29	5	16	23	6	16	Gonorrhoea	26		W. Wagon Capt. R. a. m. b. (17)

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

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
5.5.16.	1st Inoculation <i>H. H. H.</i>
28.6.16	2 nd " " " " <i>H. H. H.</i>
24.6.16.	Vaccination Successful. <i>H. H. H.</i>
7.7.16	At General Service <i>H. H. H.</i>

TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.

Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation	Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation
<i>St John, 7400.</i>	<i>23/3/16</i>	<i>9/4/16</i>			

Office Copy

OFFICE COPY

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.
 No. 2115 Rank Sgt. Name Pitcher, W.
 Died (a) Willhoys 6th France on the 20 of Nov 1914.
 Deserted at on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

(Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Form I.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month	20	11	14
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at from to			
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	191				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
					Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster		14	11	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	14	11				

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 14 11 is correctly chargeable against NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Dated at

this

day of

17 JAN 1919

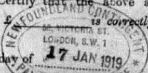
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CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFF. Paymaster.

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

CHECKED. P.S.D.

CO. 101225/16/P.O.A.
 Consolidated stop age 1019
 1D
 M. or M.
 O.C. 1st. Gd.
 2nd. Gd.



6601 Borden Avenue
Green Bay
Wis

Jan 12th
1918

Dear Sir

Can you give me any information
Regarding the death of my son
Sgt Walter Pitzer M. I. which was
killed in action on November 21st 1917
I have had the official notification
of his death and I haven't heard
and know since of how he died
and if he has been buried or
where he has been buried at all
Please will you try and get
as much information as you can
Regarding how he was killed
and his burial if would
ease some of my sorrow and then
a parcel or two I sent him
which had not reached
him before his death will you
please return if they are true
to me as I would be very grateful
if you could if any information
at hand regarding the above
Walter Pitzer death will you oblige me
By send a soon as possible
(Thank you) I remain your truly

My address

Miss Fanny Pitcher
Pitcher

Old Bonaventure

Trinity Bay

Nfld

BRANCH
ACTED
BY _____
DATE _____

DEPARTMENT ✓ 1335
Reference No. - 8
Date Rec'd. FEB 1918
" Ack'd.
" Ans'd. 2458/1
File _____

14th February, 8

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher,
Old Bonaventure, T.B.,
Newfoundland.

Madam: 2115, Sgt. W. Pitcher, Killed in Action 20/11/17

With reference to your letter of 12/1/18 (1335): I beg to inform you that Sgt. Pitcher was buried by Rev. F.L. Hines, C.F., attached 7th Somerset Light Infantry. Burial Report No. 57.B. C.26. B.9.5. Reference No. 815.W., as reported to the Hon. Minister of Militia on 21/12/17.

With regard to parcels: those received in this Office addressed to men of the 1st Battalion are despatched to that Unit unless notification has been received prior to despatch asking them to be returned or otherwise disposed of. Such parcels addressed to Soldiers who have been killed in action or died of wounds are distributed amongst the men then serving with the Regiment in the Field.

I have written the Officer Commanding 1st Battalion to ascertain if he can furnish any further information with regard to your son's death. Any such information received by me will be duly forwarded to you.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

Major,
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

3118/2/ R & C.

27th February, 8.

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher,
Old Bonaventure,
Trinity Bay,
Newfoundland.

Madam,

2115. Sergt. W. Pitcher, deceased.

✓ With further reference to your letter of
12/1/18 (1335) I enclose copy of memorandum 2459/89
exchanged between this Office and the Officer Commanding
1st Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regiment, B.E.F. France.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

HA/DM.

Major,
Chief Paymaster & Officer in Charge of
Records,

Department of Militia

MEMORANDUM

No. 2115.

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

January 16,

BY

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ACTED UPON

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

SUBJECT:

DATE

2115, Ser't. W. Pitcher, (deceased)

REPLY

Dated 26 FEB 1918 191

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

The mother of this soldier has written to know if his body was recovered and buried. Please inform if you have in your possession any information concerning his burial.

J. R. Bennett

Acting Minister of Militia.

NEWFOUNDLAND	PAY & RECORD OFFICE
Ref. No. 1747	
Rec'd. 19 FEB 1918	
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File No.	

Ser't. Pitcher's body was recovered and buried by Rev. F. L. Hines, C.F. attached. 7th Somerset Light Infantry. Burial report No. 57 B. Crb. B. 9. 5. Ref. No. 813 W. Doubtless you have since received Cap. Ref. 3250 of 1917.

I enclose copies of my 2458 to Mrs. Pitcher and my No. 2459/6 exchanged with O.C. 1st Bn. for your information, please.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Sgt H. A. T.
 CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS

2 Copies

Copy to HQ of W. 28/18
See also B. [unclear] file

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MEMORANDUM.

ACTED UPON
From OBYC
1st Lt Royal Nfld Regt
DATE

To Officer Commanding,
1st Bn. Royal Nfld R.,
B. E. F.

POSTMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1
ANSWER. ENGLAND.

Pay & Record Office,

14th February, 1918

2115, SERGT. W. PITCHER.
Killed in Action 20/11/17.

1243 Pte. L. SIMMS, K. in A. 9/10/17.

Relatives are enquiring for any further information as to the death of the above-mentioned. Can you furnish any information to enable me to reply, please?

[Signature] Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Records

1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
PAY & RECORD OFFICE
Ref. No. 1946
Rec'd. 25 FEB 1918
Ack'd.
Ans'd.
File No.

HR/JO

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II
1) Ref. 2115 Sergt. W. PITCHER -
His N.C.O. was one of the party killed by the shell which knocked out about seven of our men whilst the Battalion was proceeding through Maenieres on the 21st of November - the day following the attack. Please see my reply to the enquiry re Pte. Shiwak. Sergt. Pitcher was one of the same party, and was buried by the R.A.M.C. close to where he fell - near the Canal which runs South of the village.
Sergt. Pitcher was a very brave

man and fearless in face of the enemy, and did excellent work up to the time of his death.

(2) Ref. 1243 Pte. L. SIMMS -

The above named soldier met his death by shell-fire on the night of Oct. 9th 1917. He was attached to the transport at the time, and left our Rear Headquarters with the transport under St. S. Goodyear to take rations up to the Battalion in the line after the attack which took place that morning. While passing through the mined village of LANGEMARKT they met with heavy shell-fire on the road, and a shell burst amongst the party instantly killing both Pte. Simms and St. Goodyear and mortally wounding three others.

Pte. Simms was buried near LANGEMARKT Church.

R. H. [Signature] Capt & Ad

.....
Lieut. Col. for
COMME. 181, NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Capt Marshall

2115

Capt W. W. Miller

Recd from Secy 7-12-17

(977)

Standards of

Letters

Photos

Cards

Relig medallions

Clipped to Mf 7-3-18.

(1160)

1 Std Bag.

Clipped ^{to Mf} from

Sept. 8-3-18.

Order to Mf of M

Old Bonaventure April 11th 1918
Trinity Bay A. F. L. D.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

Nos. 11. 4588

20 MAY 1918

Ref. Nos. 001

Dear Sir
I Received your letter of 29 February
Regarding the Death of my Dear Son
2115 Walter Pitcher which was killed in
November 2nd 1917 I cannot express in
word my thank to you for the information
you have given me as it has greatly
Realise some my trouble

You will have to excuse me for intruding
you so much But I would wish to
ask you if you could get information
for me if there was any thing taken
from 2115 Serjt Walter Pitcher Body
after his death anything such as a
watch or Pocket Knife or Pipes
anything that I could get in Remembrance
of Him anything any information
I would be very Thankfull
with I Remain Yours truly

Lanny Pitcher

SUSPENDED

PAPER

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Officer in Charge,
 Effects Branch (Men),
 3rd. Echelon.
 B. E. F.

PM/NM.

Pay & Record Office.

6th, June. 8

2115. SGT. WALTER PITCHER.
 (DECEASED) R. NEWFOUNDLAND R.

With reference to the
 following letter from Mrs. Fannie
 Pitcher, Mother of the above
 Deceased Soldier, 30/4/18, (5023).-

"I received your letter with
 information re Walter's death
 Can you tell me if anything
 was taken off his body. He wore
 a Watch and Ring sb if any-
 thing was taken off his body
 before burial I should like
 to have it sent me."

"(Sgd). Fannie Pitcher.

It is asked that you will be
 good enough to cause enquiry to
 be made and report results to
 this Office, please.

Major,
 Chief Paymaster & O 1/c Rcds.

*Certain effects were found for you
 in number 287/35. They had already
 been sent to you.*

Bonaventure, Trinity Bay, Ufld.
Apr. 30th /1918.

H. A. Limerick Esqr.

Dear Sir:-
I recd. your letter with information re Walter's death.
Can you tell me if anything was taken off his body. He wore a watch & ring. So
if any thing was taken off his body before burial I should like to have it.
Sent me.

I remain

Very respect. Yours

Jannie Pitcher.

Serg. Walter Pitcher, Reg. No. 2115.

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12th June 8

Mrs. Fannie Pitcher,
Bonaventure,
- Trinity Bay, Newfoundland.

Madam,

2115, Sgt. Walter Pitcher (Deceased)
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

With reference to your letter 30/4/18 (5023), relative to the effects of the above named Soldier:- An enquiry has been addressed to the Officer in Charge, Effects Branch, British Expeditionary Force, and his reply will be communicated to you through the Minister of Militia, when available.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

Major,
Chief Paymaster & C. i/o Records,

FM/S

answer to ^{Mr. Marshall} ~~Mr. Marshall~~ 8/16/1918

2115 Sergeant Walter Pitcher

His mother writes that she would like to know the number of his grave in France.

Also, would like his watch and any other effects, and enquires about any money belonging to him.

II
It is not known whom this is from.

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Miss Knott later referred this to Capt. Marshall.

8936/10/P&A.

G.O. 1150 W.L. W12889/21008. L. 20000. 2717. M.C. & Co. Ltd.



MEMORANDUM.

From

To

Officer in Charge,
Effects Branch (Men),
3rd. Echelon.
B. F. F.

EFFECTS BRANCH
G.H.Q. 3RD ECHELON
Pay & Record Office.

6th, June, 1918

1115. SGT. WALTER PITCHER.
(DECEASED) R. NEWFOUNDLAND R.

With reference to the following letter from Mrs. Fannie Pitcher, Mother of the above Deceased Soldier, 30/4/18, (5023),

"I received your letter with information re Walter's death
"Can you tell me if anything was taken off his body. He wore a watch and Ring and if anything was taken off his body before burial I should like to have it sent me."
"(Sgd). Fannie Pitcher.

It is asked that you will be good enough to cause enquiry to be made and report results to this Office, please.

J. D. Dineen Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c. Meds.
Urban effects were received for your inventory 25/5/18 24/6/18
both control - being here and included

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT BRANCH	PAY & RECORD OFFICE
65 VICTORIA ST. LONDON S.W. 1	
File No. 6320	10.7.18
Ref. No. 4858	
	EFFECTS

From: The D.A.G., Effects Branch
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.

11424/473

To: The Officer in Charge,
Newfoundland Records,
P&R, 58 Victoria Street,
LONDON, S.W.
R & C. CANWER.
D & E 11424/473
P.S. 17/7/18
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.

10 June 1918

Reference Minute I; investigations have been made in the matter and a copy of the correspondence is attached for your information.

The only effects received here on account of Sgt. Pitcher were those forwarded to you under this Branch Inventory No. 1/387/35 dated 30-11-17, and an A.B. 64 which was passed to the No. 1 Infantry Section here for transmission to the Regimental Paymaster.

J. E. Dowe *Deneen*

Staff Captain,
for D.A.G.

N/P.

T. 4.

The Commanding Officer,
1st Royal Newfoundland Regiment,
In the Field.

A.G.'s BRANCH,
EFFECTS (LIES),
G.H.Q., 3rd ECHELON.

21 JUN 1918
Ef/ 4658

NO-2115 Sgt. Pitcher W. 1/R. Newland Regt. CASUALTY.- K. in A. 20/11/17

An enquiry has been received in this Branch from The Officer in Charge Records, London concerning the personal effects of the above mentioned. (See copy or extract at foot hereof).

In order that a satisfactory reply may be made to the enquirer, will you kindly cause the fullest investigations to be made in the matter and submit a report comprising information on the following points:

- (1) It will be observed that a WATCH and RING are particularly desired. These were not included with the effects received here on account of the deceased from the Battalion under your Command under an undated memorandum. Was Sgt. Pitcher known to be in possession of the articles in question prior to his death.
- (2) If so, and they were not recovered after his death, is it possible they were buried with him, or that owing to the conditions prevailing at the time they could not be removed from his body.
- (3) Whether or not any personal effects were recovered from his pack.
- (4) If any effects in addition to those mentioned in para. 1 as having been received here were recovered and forwarded, of what did these consist, to whom was the parcel addressed, on what date despatched and by what method. If forwarded by registered post, the registered number of the package and the P.P.O. at which handed in should be given.

*Sd/ C. E. Buckner
Lifer*

EFFECTS BRANCH (LIES),
G.H.Q. 3rd ECHELON,
21-6 1918.

CAPTAIN,
STAFF CAPTAIN,
for D. A. G.,

G/wh.

6th June 1918.

COPY OF OR EXTRACT FROM THE ENQUIRY.

2115 Sgt. Walter Pitcher (Deceased) R. Newfoundland R.

With reference to the following letter from Mrs Fannie Pitcher, mother of the above deceased soldier, 30/4/18, (5025):-

"I received your letter with information re Walter's death. Can you tell me if anything was taken off his body. He wore a watch and ring, so if any thing was taken off his body before burial, I should like to have it sent me"

"Sgd. Fannie Pitcher".

It is asked that you will be good enough to cause enquiry to be made and report results to this Office please. H.A. TIMWELL. Major.

Certain effects were received per your inventory No. 367/35, 30/11/17 but watch and ring were not included. NOTE:- PLEASE REPLY ON THE ENQUIRY.

Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

Capt.

Effects Branch (Men),
S. H. Q. 3rd Echelon.

2115 Sergt. W. Pitcher.

Ref. your enquiry regarding above.

- (1) No. information can be obtained as to whether deceased was in possession of ring and watch in question prior to his death.
- (2) If he had them they were probably buried with him.
- (3) No other personal effects of his can be discovered in addition to those already forwarded, please.

(Hand)
1st Lt. Royal Newfoundland Regt.
29-6-18.
Orderly room.

(Signed) T. A. Mathias Major.
Commanding 1st Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regt.

ORIGINAL

Telephone :
VICTORIA 147.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Communications to be addressed to the
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE,
and the following No. quoted :

MEMORANDUM

No. 8285/351/P&A.

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,

58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

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

FM/NM May 27th,

1918

SUBJECT:

2115. SGT. W. PITCHER.
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

REPLY

Dated June 27th 1918

Reference Nos.

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

With reference to the following enquiry from Mrs. Fanny Pitcher Old Bonaventure, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, 11/4/18, (4588):

Noted; and the next of kin has been duly notified.

"Dear Sir, -
I received your letter of 29th February, regarding the death of my dear Son 2115 Walter Pitcher which was killed in action November 20th 1917. I cannot express in word my thank to you for the information you have given me and it has greatly realise some my trouble. You will have to excuse me for interrupting you so much but I would wish to ask you if you could get information for me if there was anything taken from 2115 Sgt. Walter Pitcher's body after his death. Anything such as a Watch or Pocket Knife or Pipe anything that I could get in remembrance of him. Any information I would be very thankful with.



Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer,
for Minister of Militia,

"I remain,
"Yours truly,"
The effects of the N.C.O. named consisting of one parcel No. 977 containing, -

- 1. Handkerchief.
 - Letters.
 - Photos.
 - Cards.
 - Religious Medallions.
- received from D.A.G. 7/12/17 were shipped to Newfoundland 7/3/18 also one Kit Bag No. 1160. forwarded to Liverpool for Shipment by Officer Commanding, 2/Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regiment, Winchester 8/3/18.

It is asked that you will be

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

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NEW ORLEANS CONTINGENT

Take necessary action and good enough to inform Mrs. Fitcher accordingly, please.

W. S. Dineen Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Rcds.

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PM/MN May 24/41

Faint, illegible text, possibly a list or ledger entries, located in the right-hand column of the page.

ACK'd dated	/ /	No. IN
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8285/351/P&A.

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

FM/NM

May 27th,

8

June 27th 1918

2115. SGT. W. PITCHER.
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Noted, and the next of kin
has been duly notified.

With reference to the follow-
ing enquiry from Mrs. Fanny Pitcher
Old Bonaventus, Trinity Bay, New-
foundland, 11/4/18, (4588):

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

"Dear Sir,-

I received your let-
ter of 29th February, regard-
"the death of my dear Son 2115
"Walter Pitcher which was killed
"in action November 20th 1917
"I cannot express in word my
"thank to you for the informa-
"tion you have given me and
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"you so much but I would wish
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"his death. Anything such as a
"Watch or Pocket Knife or Pipe
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"remembrance of him. Any infor-
"ation I would be very thankful
"with.

6617
22/7/18

I remain,
"Yours truly,"

The effects of the N.C.O. named
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one Kit Bag No. 1160, forwarded to
Liverpool for shipment by Officer
Commanding, 2/Bn. Royal Newfoundland
Regiment, Winchester 8/3/18.

It is asked that you will be

Take necessary action and
good enough to inform Mrs. Pitcher
accordingly, please.

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c. Rcds.

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NOV 24 1917

PM/AM

DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY
Posted 6 JUN 1918

8285/351/P&A.



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

FM/NM 27th, May

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2115. SGT. W. PITCHER.
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

OK
June 27th 1918.

With reference to the following
enquiry from Mrs. Fanny Pitcher
Old Bnaventue, Trinity Bay, New-
foundland, 11/4/18, (4588):

Noted; and the next of kin has
been duly notified.

"Dear Sir, -

"I received your let-
"ter of 29th February, re-ard-
"the death of my dear son 2115
"Walter Pitcher which was killed
"in action November 20th 1917
"I cannot express in word my
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"his death. Anything such as a
"Watch or Pocket Knife or Pipe
"anything that I could get in
"remembrance of him. Any infor-
"ation I would be very thank-ful
"with.

I remain,

"Yours truly,"

The effects of the R.C.O. named
consisting of one parcel No.977.
containing,-

1. Band-merchief.

Letters.

Photos.

Cards.

Religious Medallions.

received from B.A.G. 7/12/17 were
shipped to Newfoundland 7/3/18, also
one Kit Bag No. 1160, forwarded to
Liverpool for shipment by Officer
Commanding, 2/Bn. Royal Newfoundland
Regiment, Winchester 8/3/18. *Shipment No 9*

It is asked that you will be

W. P. Rendell

Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer,
for Minister of Militia



Take necessary action and
good enough to inform Mrs. Fitcher
accordingly, please.

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c. Reds.

Cables and Telegrams :
"SYNOPTICAL," London.

N. F. P/38.

ORIGINAL

Telephone :
VICTORIA 147.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Communications to be addressed to the
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE,
and the following No. quoted :

MEMORANDUM.

No. 11484/413/P&A

C.R. 2/115

From

PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,

58, VICTORIA STREET.

LONDON, S.W.

To

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

FM/WF

17th, July

1918.

SUBJECT:

2115, SGT. WALTER PITCHER.

Reference Nos.

REPLY

Dated

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Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Enclosed copies of
correspondence exchanged with the
Officer i/c Effects Branch, 3rd.
Echelon, B. E. F., are forwarded
to you for information of Mrs.
Fanny Pitcher, Bonaventure, T. B.,
Newfoundland. The effects
referred to were shipped to you
7/3/18, Shipment No. 9, Package
No. 977, contents,-

Letters,
Photos,
Cards,
Religious Medallion.

W. P. Russell
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

The effects referred to
have been received by this office
and forwarded to Mrs. Pitcher.
She has been notified that these
are the only effects which could
be procured on account of Sergt.
Pitcher

W. P. Russell
Lieut. Col.
C.S.O.
for
Minister of Militia

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
PAY & RECORDS OFFICE
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P. S.

11484/415/P&A

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

FM/WF 17th, July 1918 S.

2115, SGT. WALTER PITCHER.

Enclosed copies of
correspondence exchanged with the
Officer i/o Effects Branch, 3rd.
Regiment, B. E. F., are forwarded
to you for information of Mrs.
Fanny Pitcher, Bonaventure, T. B.,
Newfoundland. The effects
referred to were shipped to you
7/3/18, Shipment No. 9, Package
No. 977, contents,-

Letters,
Photos,
Cards,
Religious Medallion.

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/o Records.

The effects referred to
have been received by this Office
and forwarded to Mrs. Pitcher.
She has been notified that these
are the only effects that could
be procured on account of Sgt.
Pitcher.

(Sd) W.F. RENDELL,

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

DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY
Posted. 26 JUL 1918



11484/413/PA4

OK

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

FM/WF

17th, July 1918

August 21, 1918.
St. John's

2115, SGT. WALTER PITCHER.

Enclosed copies of
correspondence exchanged with the
Officer i/c Effects Branch, 3rd.
Echelon, B. E. F., are forwarded
to you for information of Mrs.
Fanny Pitcher, Bonaventure, T. B.,
Newfoundland. The effects
referred to were shipped to you
7/5/18, Shipment No. 9, Package
No. 977, contents,-

Letters,
Photos,
Cards,
Religious Medallion.

The effects referred
to have been received by
this office and forwarded
to Mrs. Pitcher. She has
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could be provided on account
of Sergt. Pitcher.

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

W. J. Rendell

Minister of Milit

ORIGINAL.

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.



REGIMENT (OR COORPS) 1st Newfoundland Regt." Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } B. Co.

Regimental No. 2115 Rank Sergeant.

Surname Pitcher. Christian Name W.

Died { Date 20/11/17. Place France.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d/23/11/17.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

DUPLICATE.
COPY SENT TO
O.C. H.Q.
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.
N.F.P.38. No. 1050/103
DATED 21 DEC 1917

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not received.
(c) as a separate document Not received.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon.

Station and Date | 27/11/17.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section | [Signature]
Adjutant-General's Office | Officer 1/c No.1 Infantry Section.
2nd Lt. For Major,

WILL. 746

Name

S. Pitcher

Regtl. No.

2115

Rank

Pte

Regiment

3/4/17

Date

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Receipt

... ..

20/3/18.

Transfer

... ..

Final disposal and
to whom sent ...

Copy

OF LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 8th, 1919 FROM

Mrs FANNY FITCHER,

OLD BONAVENTURE,

TRINITY BAY.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

TO THE D.G.G.R.&.E. WAR OFFICE L O N D O N and RECEIVED
AT P & R. O L O N D O N 30/9/19 (5579)

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" After details I would love to get a photo
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" straw from his Grave and send me. By so
" doing you will kindly oblige. "

I am
His loving Mother
(Signed) Fanny Pitcher.

P.S.

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ACK'd dated	/ /	No. IN
Received	/ /	
REPLY dated	/ /	
Received	/ /	
LASI Ref No.		
NEXT " "		

11649/701/P82 The Minister of Militia.

St John's,

FM/GK

October 7th

9

NEWFOUNDLAND.

NO 2115 SGT W. FITCHER (deceased)
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

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Kindly reply to the above and inform Mrs Pitcher that the part of her letter relating to her late Son's grave, is being attended to and further details will be furnished as soon as available, please.

Major.
Chief Staff Officer (London)

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Communications to be addressed to the
BRIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 11649/701/Pt-a **C.R. 2115**

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,

To The Minister of Militia.

**88, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.**

St John's,

NEWFOUNDLAND.

FM/GK October 7th 1919. *ok*

SUBJECT:

NO 2115 SGT W. PITCHER (deceased)
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

REPLY

Dated Nov 4th, 1919

Reference Nos.

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W.F. Russell
Chief Staff Officer. (London)

Noted. Mrs. Pitcher has been communicated with accordingly

W.F. Russell
Lieut. Col
for Minister of Militia

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
RECEIVED IN	6239
Rec'd	27 NOV 1919
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Off. No.	001
APPROVED	
BRANCH	
Comm.	
P & A	✓
R & C	
R & E	
P.S.	

Hitcher, Walter.

2115

Hay Sept.

ORIGINAL

Army Form O. 1028

PAY LIST, _____ to _____ 191 . Voucher No. _____

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps **ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**
 No. **8115** Rank **Sgt.** Name **Pitcheb W.**
 Died⁽¹⁾ **Will Newgate France** on the **20** of **November** 1917.
 Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

*Commanding Squadron, Troop,
 Battery or Company.***STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.**

Form 1.

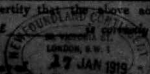
Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.		Cr.	£	s.	d.	
	Balance Dr. last month					Balance Cr. last month 20/11/17	1	14	11	
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)					Pay days at _____ from _____ to _____				
	£ s. d.					Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at _____ from _____ to _____				
	191					Messing allowance days at _____ from _____ to _____				
	"					Kit allowance				
	"									
	Consolidated stoppage									
	Balance due by the Paymaster	1	14	11		Balance due to the Paymaster				
		£	1	14	11		£	1	14	11

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 20/1/19 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED.
 8.1.19
 20 JAN 1919

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

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 191 .

_____
 CHIEF PAYMASTER

(1) Here state whether the soldier died voluntarily or whether he fell a Will. In the latter case the WD should be notified. (2) Month in which the deceased was killed should be set down in full.

ORIGINAL

PAY LIST,

to

 Army Form O. 1625.
191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

 No. **2115**

 Rank **Sgt.**

 Name **Pitcher W.**

 Died^(a) **Will No. 743 at France**

 on the **29** of **November** 1917.

Deserted at

on the _____ of _____ 191_.

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

 { *Commanding Squadron, Troop,
Battery or Company.*

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[Form 1.

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	Consolidated stoppage							
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CHECKED.
[Signature]
 10 JAN 1919

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

 Dated at _____ this _____ day of **17 JAN 1919**

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
 66, VICTORIA ST.
 LONDON, S.W. 1

191_

[Signature]
 CHIEF PAYMASTER & C. Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.

(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY.

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to 191 . Voucher No.

Posted: NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.
 No, Rank Name
 Died (s) 2115 at Sgt. on the Pitcher W. 191 .
 Deserted at Will No. 748 France on the 20 of November 191 7

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop,
Battery or Company.

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Dated at

this

day of 17 JAN 1919

191 .

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE

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CHECKED
3.9.19
20 JAN 1919

DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY

Army Form G. 1913

PAY LIST

to 191 Voucher No.

Posted:

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

No.

Rank

Name

Died (a)

2115

at

Sgt.

on the

Pitcher W.

191

Deserted at

Will No. 745

France

on the

28 of

November

191 7

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Commanding Squadron, Troop,
Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

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CHECKED.
33-A
20 JAN 1918

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Dated at this

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
LONDON, S.W. 1
17 JAN 1918

191

CHIEF PAYMASTER'S OFFICE

- (a) Here state whether the soldier died honorably, or whether he left a W.M. In the latter case the W.M. should be named here, if not already stated in the original Army Form G. 1913 or Army Form G. 1912.
- (b) Words in Italian to be struck out when there is no Italian soldier.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCE.

Claimant *Fanny Pitcher*..... *mother*.....

On account of *Walter Pitcher*..... No. *21181*..... Rank, *Sergt.*.....

Decision. *Refused*
Receiving contributions from two other
sons. Walter not sole support
.....
.....

.....
W. P. Ruddle, Lieut. Col.
M. Bowley, Major
.....

Date *Nov 5/1920*.....

Instructions.....
.....
.....
.....

Allotment of *70th* per day payable to *Fanny Pitcher*
his *mother* from *21/2/16* to *30/11/19*.

Discontinued on account of Pension Board.

R. C. Sumner.....

TRINITY
NEWFOUNDLAND

Sept 2. 1920.

I have had Mrs Fanny Peirce
under my care for the past
four years. She is suffering
from Cardiac Debility, and
is totally unfit for work.

L. R. Dunton. M.D.

ROYAL NEWFOUNDED AND REGIMENT

(Separation Allowance Branch)

NOTICE

NOTHER

THIS STATUTORY DECLARATION is to be filled in correctly in every detail, and a complete reply must be given to each question.

Each statement is considered as being made on oath, and the form is to be signed before a Barrister of the Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace and returned to:

The Paymaster
Separation Allowance Branch
St. John's, Nfld.

- (1) Name in full of soldier *Walker Pitche* Rank *Augt* Reg't or Unit *Nfld* Reg't No. *3115*
- (2) Age of soldier *38* Married or single *Single*
- (3) Name in full of mother *Fanny Pitche* Age. Occupation *35 Domestic* Permanent Address *Old Bonacculture*
- (4) Give name of your husband *Dead for 10 years* Age. Occupation Where employed
- (5) If your husband is not supporting you give the reason.
- (6) If your husband is a chronic invalid and totally incapacitated, state nature of malady. (A Medical Certificate must be enclosed with this document stating from what date husband has been totally incapacitated, and for how long incapacity is likely to continue).
- (7) If you are a widow, state date and place of death of your husband *July 14th 1910*
- (8) Have you married again since death of above mentioned husband? *No*
- (9) Names of your other children. Address in full Age. Occupation, Married or single
- | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| <i>Abraham Pitche</i> | <i>Halifax</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>Laborer</i> | <i>Single</i> |
| <i>Katharine Pitche</i> | <i>St. John's</i> | <i>20</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> |
| <i>James Pitche</i> | <i>St. John's</i> | <i>18</i> | <i>Fisherman</i> | <i>"</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth Pitche</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>17</i> | <i>Domestic</i> | <i>"</i> |
| <i>Edward Pitche</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>"</i> |
| <i>Thomas Pitche</i> | <i>"</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>Child</i> | <i>"</i> |
- (10) State amount earned by (a) Yourself *Nothing*
(b) Your husband
- (11) State amount and source of any other income
I receive about \$200.00 per year from Abraham & James

- 12. State value of real property belonging to you and your husband *\$100.00*

- 13. State value of personal property belonging to you and your husband *\$10.00*

- 14. If husband is dead state value of real and personal property left by him. *\$100.00*

- 15. Actual amount contributed by soldier during the year prior to enlistment *\$500.00*

- 16. Was this amount contributed weekly or monthly *Monthly*

- 17. Did this amount include payment of son's board, etc. *No*

- 18. State your son's trade or occupation prior to enlistment *Fireman in Grand Falls Mills*

- 19. State amount of his wages per week *\$25.00*

- 20. State name and address of his last employer *Grand Falls Co*

- 21. State amount of monthly support from son since enlistment *\$21.00*

- 22. State amount of allotment received by you from son since enlistment *\$21.00 per mo*

- 23. State from what date did you receive allotment? *From enlistment until Fall 1919*

- 24. Actual amount contributed by other children Weekly Monthly

- 25. Are any of these children in the employ of you or your husband? *_____*

- 26. If not receiving support from other children, state cause, explain fully *_____*

- 27. With whom are you residing at present? *In my own house*

(28) Have you made a previous claim for Separation Allowance. if not, why? Give particulars?

No

(29) Are you already in receipt of any payment from any Patriotic Fund? If so, how much?

No

(30) Are you already in receipt of Separation Allowance from any source? If so, how much?

No

(31) Was the soldier at the time of his enlistment an employee of the Nfld. Government?

No

(32) In what capacity and in what place?

(33) Is he in receipt of a salary as such while serving in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment? If so, how much?

I herewith make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and knowing it to be of the same force and effect as if made under Oath, and in virtue of the evidence Act.

Signature of Applicant - Samuel L. L. L.

Place of Residence - Old Redoubt

Declared and subscribed before me at St. John's this 4th day of September 1920

Signature of Barrister of the Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace. J. Houston Esq.

This application must be signed by two responsible parties one of whom must be a Clergyman, the other a representative of your local Patriotic Fund Committee, certifying that to the best of their knowledge after careful investigation the above statements are correct and the soldier first above mentioned is the sole support of the applicant.

Signature of member of the Patriotic Fund Committee _____

JMH/LM.

November 17, 1920

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher,
Old Bonaventure.

Dear Madam :

With reference to your claim for Separation Allowance, I have been directed to state that same cannot be granted you, because, according to your statement you are receiving contributions from your sons, Abraham and James, therefore your son Walter cannot be considered to be your sole support.

Yours truly,

Major

Paymaster.



This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (1)
N.F. 1915

In the spaces below should be entered the findings in the routine of examination set forth in the appendix. Care should be exercised that each finding be entered after the number below which corresponds to the number of that test.

Examination of *Walter Pilsch*

aged *25* conducted at *Grand Falls -*
Date: *Feb 18/14* Recruiting officer *[Signature]*

NO. OF TEST	FINDING	Recommended.
1	<i>no defect.</i>	✓
2	"	✓
3	"	✓
4	"	✓
5	"	✓
6	"	✓
7	"	✓
8	"	✓
9	"	✓ No.
10	"	✓
11	<i>25 yrs of age</i>	✓
12	<i>no defect</i>	✓ Foreign service
13	"	✓
14	"	✓
15	"	✓
16	"	✓
17	"	✓
18	"	✓
19	<i>Right eye 6/9 Left eye 6/6</i>	✓
20	"	✓
21	"	✓
22	"	✓
23	"	✓
24	"	✓
25	"	✓
26	"	✓
27	"	✓
28	"	✓
29	"	✓
30	"	✓
31	"	✓
32	"	✓
33	<i>yes. 2 scars left arm</i>	✓
34	<i>5" - 9/2</i>	✓
35	<i>162 lbs</i>	✓
36	<i>34" 37-41</i>	✓
37	<i>\$1.90 per day</i>	✓
38	<i>mother</i>	✓
39	<i>mother</i>	✓

2115

Signature of Medical Examiner:
[Signature]

A. J. Chamberlain

LW-

May 6, 1920

From: Paymaster

To : Board of Pension Commissioners for Hflid.

Re No. 2115, Pitcher, W.R.

The amount paid in continuance of the above man's
allotment is \$518.00

Major
Paymaster

In replying the date of this
letter should be quoted

B.

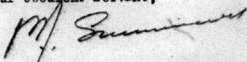



April 12, 1919.

Sir:

As the estate of Sgt. Walter Pitcher, #2115, consists only of the amount due from the Pay & Record Office, and as that amount is not large enough to justify the taking out of Letters of Administration, I have the honour to authorize you to pay the amount, viz: \$16.49, to Mrs. Fanny Pitcher, Mother of said deceased.

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

Deputy Minister of Justice.

Capt. J. M. Howley,
Paymaster,
Royal Nfld. Regt.

May 17, 1919

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher,
Old Bonaventure.

Dear Madam:

I enclose herewith cheque for
\$16.49, balance of estate of late Sgt. W. Pitcher,
due you as Administratrix.

Yours truly,

LM/

Enc. 1-

Capt.
Faymaster.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 16 ⁴⁹/₁₀₀

Apr 21 1919

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment
the sum of Sixteen ⁴⁹/₁₀₀ Dollars.

~~unadjusted~~
balance of Pay. Total

CA. No. 1006	Initials. <i>FEW</i>
Pay Ledger 19799	Initials. <i>J&A</i>
Gen. Ledger 13	Initials.

Regt. No. *3. C.R.*

Rank _____

No. 2115.

Rank Sgt

Name Pitcher W.

Old Bonaventure F.O.

In replying the date of this letter should be quoted

B.
Enc.



April 12, 1919.

Sir:

I beg to return herewith original Will of Pte. E. Pitcher, #2115, as apparently there is an error in the number. Sgt. Walter Pitcher's number is #2115. His father's name is Archibald James Pitcher, and he died in July, 1910, consequently he would not make a Will in favour of his father. This Will, therefore, must belong to some other estate.

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

Deputy Minister of Justice.

Capt. J. M. Howley,
Pay & Record Office.

746

[Army Form W3601.]

WILL

Soldier's

Regl. No. 2115

Surname Pitcher

**Christian
Names** E.

Corps ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT!

Fanny Pitcher W
Old Bonaventure
T.B.

ORIGINAL.

746 WILL.

In The Event
of my Death
I leave all
my Property
and Effects
to my Father
Cornelius Piche
Grand Falls
Newfoundland

2/15.
Signature A. C. Piche

Rank and Regt. 1st Lt. 1st Regt. G.C.

Date 3/4/15

20 MAR 1919

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

COPY OF WILL

OF

2115.Ptc. E. Pitcher.

In the event of my death I leave all my property and effects
to my Father,- Cornelius Pitcher, Grand Falls, Newfoundland.

Signature:
Rank & Regt:

E. Pitcher.
Ptc. 1st.R.Nfld.

3/4/17.(Date)

Certified True Copy.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

COPY OF WILL

OF

2115.Pte. E. Pitcher.

In the event of my death I leave all my property and effects
to my Father,- Cornelius Pitcher, Grand Falls, Newfoundland.

Signature: E. Pitcher.
Rank & Regt: Pte. 1st.R.Nfld.

3/4/17.(Date)

Certified True Copy.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,

J. H. J. Mansel
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I.C. RECORDS.

ORIGINAL

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

COPY OF WILL

OF

2115.Pte. R. Pitcher.

In the event of my death I leave all my property and effects
to my Father,- Cornelius Pitcher, Grand Falls, Newfoundland.

Signature:
Rank & Regt:

E. Pitcher.
Pte. 1st.R.Nfld.

3/4/17.(Date)

Certified True Copy.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
J. F. Marshall Capt
CHIEF CLERK OFFICE NO. 2200000

Fold Here

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld

Fold Here



OCT 11

1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**
are forwarded herewith to

Mrs. Fannie Pitcher (Mother)

respect of his service as No. 4115 Rank Sergt.

Name Walter Pitcher

Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~1st Battalion~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received

L. Medels

Oct 15 1921

Signature

Mrs Fannie Pitcher

Date

Oct 15 1921

Address

Old Bonaventure

[P.T.O.]

Receipt for Army Book 64

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No. 2115 Name W. Pitcher

To Certify what I have received the AB 64 of the above named Soldier.

Date. July 21st / 1920
Place. Old Bonaventure

Name. Mrs. Fanny Pitcher

N.B. For completion and return to the Department of Ill. in insert in corner of envelope "AB 64"



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

The Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

Aug 12th 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2115 Rank Sergeant
Name Walter Ritchie
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Sunny Ritchie (Sgd.)

Mother Relationship.

Address



St. John's

Casualty Form—Active Service.

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C.R. 7115

Regiment or Corps *1st Newfoundland Regt* Regimental Number *7115*

Rank *Sgt.* Surname *Witcher* Christian Name *W. C.*

Religion *C. of E.* Age on Enlistment *25* years *10* months

Enlisted (a) *Feb 7/16* Terms of Service (a) *duration of war* Service reckons from (a) _____

Date of promotion to present rank *16.4.17* Date of appointment to lance rank *14.3.17*

Extended () Re-engaged () Qualification (b) _____
or Corps Trade and Rate _____

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 103, 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. 103, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
		Embarked ...	<i>Southampton</i>	<i>9.7.16</i>	
		Disembarked...	<i>France</i>	<i>10.7.16</i>	
	<i>Warrant Officer James Buchanan</i>		<i>France</i>	<i>21.10.16</i>	
			With BATT. 25. I. 17		
<i>24.3.17</i>	<i>O.C.</i>	<i>Appointed Lance Corporal Unit</i>		<i>14.3.17</i>	<i>O1819, 135</i>
<i>5.5.17</i>	<i>O.C. Unit</i>	<i>Promoted Sergeant in the Field</i>		<i>16.4.17</i>	<i>O1810, 200.</i>
<i>2.6.17</i>	<i>88 E.A.</i>	<i>H. Keppel & Sons</i>	<i>B.R.S.</i>	<i>31.5.17</i>	<i>C.D. 5607</i>
<i>12.6.17</i>	<i>6. St. Coy.</i>	<i>Ad. Impeligo</i>	<i>Trent</i>	<i>3.6.17</i>	<i>M.A. 10251</i>
<i>16.6.17</i>	<i>21. S. Hoop</i>	<i>Ad. 20</i>	<i>Staples</i>	<i>5.6.17</i>	<i>M.A. 10282</i>
<i>19.6.17</i>	<i>25 S. Hoop</i>	<i>Ad. 20</i>	<i>Hardelet</i>	<i>9.6.17</i>	<i>(D.S. 34)</i>
<i>7.7.17</i>	<i>War Office</i>	<i>Awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field</i>			<i>London 9/2/17</i>
<i>16.8.17</i>	<i>29 I.B.S.</i>	<i>Joined Base Depot Rouen</i>		<i>15.8.17</i>	<i>of Army Roll.</i>
<i>6-10-17</i>	<i>O. Clerk</i>	<i>Rejoined 2nd Coy</i>	<i>Ca. 2nd Coy</i>	<i>3-9-17</i>	<i>re-joined from roll</i>

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged in or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.

(b) Signaller, Shoeing-smith, &c.

M.L.

Old Bonaventure
Trinity Bay
May 2nd 1820

Dear Sir:

Regret I am unable to
put a verse on the headstone
as I am only a poor widow and
my means can't afford it just
now. I have not received none of my
sons belongings since Oct. 119.
and I don't the reason.

But I wish to have a cross
signed to it instead. Sorry to
keep you so long for this paper owing
to me sick all winter.

Please address my letters to
Old Bonaventure

I remain

Yours Sincerely,
Fanny Fletcher

C.R. 2115

Old Bonaventure
May 23rd, 1920

Dear Mr. Squires:-

I am writing to you to see if you would be good enough to find out why they stopped my money. I have got three young sons they are away working for themselves, they are only able to support themselves. Sergt. Pitcher was the only support I had; he took a father's place in supportment of his brothers and sisters and also me, and now I am left with the youngest one to help me out with myself and three girls I had to put one of them that was only 12 years old, so you see she is not much to take the world on herself, and I am not the heartiest myself after rearing a family myself; as I am a widow too, it looks pretty blue to me to see others receiving their sons' money that are lying in France as well as mine, and they have some living to help them out and a husband, so there is something wrong about it. I never received one cent only his monthly pay; it was \$21.00 and some odd cents, and last fall they stopped it altogether. I didn't trouble anything about it the winter because I was too sick. There are some bad speakers, or jealousy about this. I suppose there are some that never went over to France for to fight for their king and country. He wasn't no slacker, and I didn't try to keep him back, and neither was I ashamed of his character. He worked into Grand Falls six years in the steam room firing. It was His will for him to come back that was all I wanted, but it wasn't. If no one else was receiving it I wouldn't expect it, neither would I trouble anything about it now, only I am in need of it. I have been sick all the spring; if you think this is false you can ask Dr. Bazlow about it, he is giving me treatment. Now dear Mr. Squires I am trusting you to get my money for me, I can't see what on earth they stopped it for. When he enlisted and went away and left me, he told me that I would get a help. And I heard that all the people that had sons out to the war there should be a piece of ribbon given to them, and them that had a medal should get a cross, and I didn't get any of it. I didn't know where to address my letter to. Now I want to know whether his sister is allowed to wear his medal or not. It was up to me to wear it but it is too cutting to wear it. Please answer this letter. This is my address.

Mrs. Fanny Fisher
Old Bonaventure



C.R. 2115

June 26th, 1920.

Sir,

I enclose herewith letter dated 23rd ultimo from Mrs. Fanny Pitcher of Old Bonaventure, whose son, the late Sergeant Pitcher died in action.

It would appear from this letter that Mrs. Pitcher is not satisfied with the amount of money which she has received in respect of her son, and I shall be glad if you will look into the case and inform me just how the matter stands in order that I may write to Mrs. Pitcher accordingly. Kindly return enclosed letter with your reply.

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

Deputy Colonial Secretary.

Lieut. Col.,
E. F. Rendell, C.B.E.,
Chief Staff Officer,
Militia Dept..

C.R. 2115
June 30th, 1920

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26th June forwarding dated 23 May from Mrs. Fanny Pitcher of Old Bonaventure, mother of the late Sergt. Pitcher.

I am making enquiries from the Board of Pension Commissioners respecting this case, and shall communicate with you again when I am in possession of the facts needed.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

Arthur Mews, Esq.,
Deputy Colonial Secretary
City

CR. 2115

July 24th, 1920

Sir:-

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

With reference to your letter of April 27th, forwarding letter from Mr. Abram Pitcher, 78 Creighton St., Halifax, N.S., and to your letter of June 26th forwarding letter from Mrs. Fanny Pitcher, relative to pension in respect of the late No. 2115 Sergt. W. Pitcher, I am attaching copy of letter from the Board of Pension Commissioners in reply to my enquiries made on receipt of your communication June 26th.

I am returning Mrs. Pitcher's letter herewith to enable you to reply thereto; and I am communicating with Mr. Abram Pitcher, as you requested, in the terms of the Board of Pensions Commissioners' letter

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant

Lieut.-Col.

Deputy Colonial Secretary
City

Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 2115

July 24th, 1920

Mr. Abram Pitcher,
No. 78 Creighton Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter addressed to the Prime Minister, in respect of pension claimed by Mrs. Fanny Pitcher on account of No. 2115 Sergt. W. Pitcher, deceased, which has been passed to this Dept., I beg to state that I have referred the matter to the Board of Pension Commissioners, whose reply has just come to hand.

I have to state for your information that when Mrs. Pitcher's case was considered, (Dec. 8th, 1919) it was shown that she had three unmarried sons living, it, therefore, could not be considered that she was dependent upon the deceased son; and under the regulations governing the payment of pensions her claim could not be granted.

I am forwarding copy of the Board of Pension Commissioners letter herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,
CHIEF STAFF OFFICER

C.R. 2115

July 3rd, 1930

Secretary

Board of Pension Commissioners

Dear Sir:-

Forwarded herewith is copy of a letter from Mrs. Fanny Pitcher dated 23rd May addressed to the Colonial Secretary, relative to her son Sergt. W. Pitcher. Will you kindly give this your attention and let me have a report on her case in order that I may reply to the colonial Secretary's letter.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

THE BOARD OF
PENSION COMMISSIONERS
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

HON. J. A. CLIFT, K.C., C.B.E.
MAJOR W. H. PARSONS, M.C.
R.A.M.C.

CR. 2115
In reply refer to
No. 2138



St. John's;

July 8, 1920.

Lt. Col. W.F. Rendell, C.B.E.,
Chief Staff Officer,
City.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of July 3rd., with attached communication from the Colonial Secretary.

In reply I wish to state that on Dec. 8/19, Mrs. Pitcher's case was considered by the Board of Pension Commissioners, and as it was shown that she had three unmarried sons living, therefore, it could not be considered that she was dependent upon her deceased, and under the War Pension's Act a pension could not be granted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

W. Rendell

Actg. Secy.

JBO'R/GEC

*2115
Pitcher*

*Ch. Clift - 24/8/20
23/5/20
11/3/20*



27th April, 1920.

Sir,

I enclose letter without date from Mr. Abram Pitcher, of 78 Creighton Street, Halifax, N.S., who writes in connection with the allotments of the late Sergt. W. Pitcher.

Perhaps you will be good enough to have this matter looked into and a reply sent direct to the writer of this letter.

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

Arthur Meier
Deputy Colonial Secretary.

Lieut. Col. Rendell, C.B.E.,
Chief Staff Officer,
Dept. of Militia.

Costs free

paid person

F.

*\$20⁰⁰ per. my
from 1/9/19*

has allotment and 16⁰⁰ per. with that date

*Cancelled 20/11/19
by order from Pension Board*

RJL

C.R. 2115

August 23rd, 1921

Mrs. Fenney Pitcher
Old Benavente

Dear Madam:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19th inst. regarding the inscription to be placed on the memorial of No. 2115 Sgt. W. Pitcher, M.M.

It is noted that you desire the [redacted] of Graves Registration and Enquiries to choose the inscription, which will be done.

I am, however, forwarding herewith a duplicate form, and I shall be very grateful if you will fill in thereon the age at the time of death of Sgt. Pitcher, his parents' Christian names, and his birthplace. These particulars are necessary for the compilation of the Cemetery Register. The Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries will have issued in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,
Chief Staff Officer

Post Office Department, Newfoundland

From Post Office at

St. John's

Aug 19/21

W. F. Russell
Mining Secy.

C.R. 2115

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of August
concerning inscription
for Headstone of no 2115 Spt
which will be
much appreciated if the Dept
of Public Works & Engineering will
choose an inscription for
me. Yours Very Truly
James Ritchie

ADDRESS LETTERS RESPECTING

- Money payment to Accountant.
- For Post Office and Telephone Stores to Postal Stores.
- On M.O. Business, Supt. M.O. Branch.
- On Enquiries to Enquiry Branch.
- On Telegraphs to Supt. Telegraphs.
- On General business to Minister of Posts.

DOMINION OF NEWFOUNDLAND



HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES.

*58, Victoria Street.
Westminster, S.W.1.*

1st July, 1929.

CABLE ADDRESS.
"RURALITY"
TELEPHONE.
VICTORIA 2302.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith copy of a letter dated 2nd June, 1929, signed by Mrs. Fanny Pitcher, of Old Bonaventure, Trinity Bay, which has been passed to this Office from the Imperial War Graves Commission. The regimental particulars of Mrs. Pitcher's son are as follows:- 2115, Sergt. W. Pitcher, M.M., Royal Newfoundland Regiment and we have been advised by the I.W.G.C. that the question raised regarding his grave has been dealt with.

This letter is now being passed to you as it is thought that perhaps you may be able to supply first hand information direct to Mrs. Pitcher regarding any monies which may be due to her in respect of her son.

Yours faithfully,

J. Murphy
Secretary.

Major J.M. Howley, O.B.E.,
Military Archivist,
General Post Office,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

Old Bonaventure, N.F.L.D.

June 2nd/29.

Secretary,
Imperial War Graves Comm.

Dear Sir,

Is my sons grave known privately, I mean from
ano ther of the Soldiers Graves?

Do you know anything about Soldier's back
money? because I wish to inform you, that I havent
received any of my son's money sense he was killed,
back money, allotment money, or money of any kind,
or name. I am a poor widow, and have been in need
sense my son was killed. I have three sons living
its true. One is married, and has a family of his
own to support, and the other two is living in different
parts of the United States of America. The youngest
son is 28 years of age; and they have to look ahead
and provide for themselves, and I have one daughter
living with me, and the others are married, and have
to care for themselves.

Please reply and give me all the information
you can.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Mrs. Fanny Pitcher,
Old Bonaventure,
Trinity Bay,
Newfoundland.

C.R. 2115

MAY 29th 1920.

Mrs. Fanny Pitcher

Old Bonaventure, T.B.

Dear Madam:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 2nd, in which you state that you are unable to pay for the engraving of an Inscription on the Headstone for your deceased son, #2115 Sgt. W. Pitcher, M.M., deceased.

In such cases as yours this Department is willing to pay the cost of engraving, therefore, I should be glad if you would kindly fill in some suitable Inscription or Text not exceeding sixty six letters, less the number of spaces between the words, and return Form to this Department as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.