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Thomas Ricketts VC  
Service # 3102

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# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 3102 Name Thomas Pickett Corps 6. of 6

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

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>1. What is your name? .....</p> <p>2. What is your full Address? .....</p> <p>3. Are you a British Subject? .....</p> <p>4. What is your age? .....</p> <p>5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....</p> <p>6. Are you Married? .....</p> <p>7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....</p> <p>8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....</p> <p>9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....</p> <p>10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.....</p> <p>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? .....</p> | <p>1. <u>Thomas Pickett</u></p> <p>2. <u>White Bay</u></p> <p>3. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>4. <u>18</u> Years <u>3</u> Months</p> <p>5. <u>Seaman</u></p> <p>6. <u>No</u></p> <p>7. <u>No</u></p> <p>8. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>9. <u>Yes</u></p> <p>10. { Name .....</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Corps .....</p> <p>11. <u>Yes</u></p> |
|--|---|

I, Thomas Pickett 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.

E Sept 9/16 Thomas Pickett SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

John Signature of Witness.

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

I, Thomas Pickett do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at .....

on this 9th day of Sept 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer John

### † 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 compiled 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).....







## THE KING "CARRIES ON" IN HOUR OF GRIEF.

### Youngest V.C. Tells How He Was Decorated.

#### A HERO AT 17.

The Court went into full mourning for Prince John.

The period of full mourning will be four weeks, and at the expiration of this period half mourning will be worn for two weeks.

Many telegrams and cables of sympathy have been received by the King and Queen, including those from President Poincaré and President Wilson.

In the midst of his grief at the death of Prince John, his youngest son, the King did not forge his obligations to his people and his Army.

At York Cottage on Sunday there was a little scene of unique interest, when Private Thomas Ricketts, of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment was privately decorated with the Victoria Cross.

Yesterday the young hero—Private Ricketts—is only seventeen, having enlisted at fifteen—chatted with *The Daily Mirror* about his wonderful experience.

#### V.C. WHO WAS NERVOUS.

**"The King's Kind Manner Soon Put Me at My Ease."**

"I am returning home immediately," explained the fresh-faced, fair-haired young soldier modestly, "so it was arranged that the King should give me the Cross privately, so that I should not have to wait for a full Investiture."

"Everything was done so nicely and considerately for me that, though I felt naturally very nervous, it was one of the most pleasant experiences of my life."

"There was a car waiting for me at Wolverton Station, with an equerry to explain the etiquette and everything to me."

"At York Cottage I was given a splendid lunch, which I enjoyed as well as my nervous state would let me. I had this in a room by myself, which was better than meeting a lot of strangers. After lunch I was taken into a kind of ante-room, where the Investiture was to take place. Princess Mary and Prince George were there, as well as the King."

"I was interested to see that the King was not in khaki. He wore 'civvies.' His kind manner soon put me at my ease, and he talked



Sir L. Worthington Evans, Pensions Minister, new member of the Privy Council.



Sir R. S. Horne, Labour Minister, who has been made a Privy Councillor.

to me for about ten minutes, and I hope I made sensible replies to his questions.

"When he had given me the Cross he turned to Princess Mary and the rest and said: 'This is the youngest V.C. in the Army.'"

There was a dramatic incident when Private Ricketts was being escorted from the royal presence.

The youngest V.C. came face to face with the oldest (save one)—the fine old veteran, Sir Dighton Probyn, who is eighty-five. Sir Dighton gained his Cross sixty years ago in the de-



COPY

18th January, 1919.

1112/1/R.&.C.      3102 Pte. Thomas Ricketts, V.C., D.C.M.,  
1st Bn., Royal Newfoundland Regt.,  
58, Victoria St., S.W. 1.

HA/JO

INVESTITURE.

You are commanded by His Majesty the King to proceed to Sandringham on Sunday, 19/1/19, for the purpose of being invested with the Victoria Cross. You will leave Ligerpool Street Station at 9.40 a.m. 19/1/19 for Wolferton, Norfolk. You will change trains at Ely, where you will meet a King's Messenger, and you will proceed from Ely to Wolferton by a Special Coach with the King's Messenger, who will conduct you to His Majesty.

You will be accompanied by Sergt. Dunphy, of this Office, to Ely.

Major,

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.



# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



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

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

*Frederick M. Squires*

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

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated November 30, 1917.

To Mrs. Rachel Gavin,  
Middle Arm,  
White Bay.

*Ricketts*

Record Office, London, today reports No. 3102.  
Private Thomas Ricketts, has now been admitted  
to First London General Hospital suffering from gunshot  
wound in the leg.

R. A. SQUIRES  
Colonial Secretary



A CHEER FOR TOMMIE RICKETTS V.C.

3107 Ricketts

There's a son from Terra Nova- Sergeant Ricketts is his name-  
From a settlement in White Bay to the Regiment he came  
And now he stands forever on the Empire's roll of fame  
And he goes marching on.  
Glory, glory, etc.

He has won the highest honour that heroic deeds can bring-  
The V.C. pinned upon his breast by our most gracious King-  
The D.C.M., and Croix de Guerra- so make the welkin ring  
As he goes marching on.  
Glory, glory, etc.,

The Allies fought for Justice and the Victory is won;  
We are proud of all who helped to smash the Armies of the Hun:  
But we take a special pride in Terra Nova's gallant son,  
As he goes marching on.  
Glory, glory, etc.

Having nobly done his duty he is home with us once more,  
a quiet, modest soldier- but a hero to the core.  
For him may future years have ev'ry happiness in store  
As he goes marching on.  
Glory, glory, etc.

The wheels of time roll swiftly  
and the days of peace are near;  
Our duty is not ended with a handshake and a cheer;  
We must give our boys a living,  
not in other lands but here,  
As they go marching on.  
Glory, glory, etc.,

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C.R.M-31

Extract from Telegram from Synoptical, to Military January 9th., 1919

Ricketts awarded V. C. for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the 14th., October 1918, during the advance from Ledeghem when the attack was temporarily held up by heavy hostile fire and the platoon to which he belonged suffered severe casualties from the fire of a battery at pointblank range. Pte. Ricketts at once volunteered to go forward with his section commander and a Lewis gun to attempt to outflank the battery. Advancing by short rushes under heavy fire from enemy machine guns with the hostile battery. Their ammunition was exhausted when still 300 yards from the Battery. The enemy seeing an opportunity to get their field guns away began to bring up their gun teams. Private Ricketts at once realizing the situation doubled back 100 yards under the heaviest machine gun fire procured further ammunition and dashed back again to the Lewis Gun and by very accurate fire drove the enemy and their gun teams into a farm. His platoon then advanced without casualties and captured the four field guns four machine guns and 8 prisoners, fifth field gun was subsequently intercepted by fire and captured. By his presence of mind in anticipating the enemy intention and his utter disregard for personal safety Private Ricketts secured the further supplies of ammunition which directly resulted in these important captures and undoubtedly saved many lives.



14TH OCTOBER 1918

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**THOMAS RICKETTS**

*1st Battalion, The Royal Newfoundland Regiment*

Thomas Ricketts was born in Middle Arm, White Bay, Newfoundland, in April 1901. He enlisted on the 2nd of September 1916, when he was fifteen and a half years of age, and went overseas in January 1917, proceeding to France in June of the same year. He was wounded at Cambrai in November 1917, but returned to action in April 1918. In October he won the Victoria Cross at Ledeghem, Belgium. He was the youngest of Canada's V.C.'s and probably the second youngest in the British Empire. Since demobilisation in 1919 he has resided in St John's, Newfoundland, where he is in business as a druggist.



## CITATION

'For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the 14th October, 1918, during the advance from Ledeghem, when the attack was temporarily held up by heavy hostile fire and the platoon to which he belonged suffered severe casualties from the fire of a battery at point-blank range.

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yards under the heaviest machine-gun fire, procured further ammunition, and dashed back again to the Lewis gun, and by very accurate fire drove the enemy and the gun teams into a farm.

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*The London Gazette*, 6th January 1919



DUPLICATE  
COPY

Army Form C. 548.

No. 16429/519/P&A

MEMORANDUM

From Pay & Record Office,  
58, Victoria Street, S.W.1.  
To Officer Commanding,  
1st. Bn. R. Nfld Regt.  
B.E.F.

From  
To

ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office.

B. E. F.

16th October, 1918.

October 26th, 1918.

3102. Pte. T. Ricketts.  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

With reference to the following  
memo and enclosure from Minister of  
Militia, 9/9/18. (8686):

Herewith cancellation of  
allotment and new allotment of  
3102. Pte. T. Ricketts, please.

(1)

"With reference to the attached  
"copy of letter it is requested  
"that the contents of same be  
"brought to the attention of  
"3102. Pte. Thos. Ricketts,  
"and that he be asked to make  
"his Allotment payable to his  
"father instead of to the  
"present payee, his sister."

(Sgd) M. ELLERS, 2/Lieut.  
A/Adjutant.  
for:-Lieut-Col., Commanding.

(2) Enclosure.

9412  
50/10/18

Hon. J. R. Bennett,  
Minister of Militia,  
St. Johns.

Hon. Sir;

I beg to inform you that  
John Ricketts of Middle Arm was sent  
home from the Penitentiary a fort-  
night ago in a helpless and destitute  
state. He spent I think something  
like 4yrs. there. An old man 77 or  
78 yrs. of age, and he has two sons  
out to the war, one George who died,  
and Thomas still living in France so  
far as he knows. Well Sir, he wants  
to know if he cannot get the  
Allotment that is sent to his daught-  
er Rachel, monthly. Thomas, he says  
is not 21yrs. of age yet. Rachel is  
married to a young man with no  
family and he cannot understand why  
she should be getting his son's  
money, when he has not the means of  
buying a mouthful of food, and unable  
to earn anything.

I beg Sir, that you would look  
into this matter and see what can be  
done for the old man.

Yours very truly,  
(Sgd) A. W. WATSON.





His valour, determination, and utter disregard of danger were an inspiring example to all.

No. 43839 Pte. Alfred Wilkinson, 1/5th Bn., Manch. R. (T.F.) (Leigh).

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on 20th October, 1918, during the attack on Marou, when four runners in succession having been killed in an endeavour to deliver a message to the supporting company, Pte. Wilkinson volunteered for the duty. He succeeded in delivering the message, though the journey involved exposure to extremely heavy machine-gun and shell fire for 600 yards. He showed magnificent courage and complete indifference to danger, thinking only of the needs of his company and entirely disregarding any consideration for personal safety.

Throughout the remainder of the day Pte. Wilkinson continued to do splendid work.

\* No. 3102 Pte. Thomas Ricketts, 1st Bn., R. Newfoundland R.

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# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

## MEMORANDUM.

No. 1205/26/R.A.G.

C.R. 5102

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

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

28th January, 1919.

### SUBJECT:

3102 PTE. THOMAS RICKETTS,  
V.C., D.C.M., Croix de Guerre.

Reference Nos. 465/16/C - 10-1-19.

### REPLY

Dated March 3rd 1919

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Following telegrams confirmed:

- No. 32 of 18/1/19.  
"By His Majesty's Command-  
"Ricketts- V.C.- will be in-  
"vested- at Sandringham- Sunday-  
"Jan. 19- full stop- this-  
"special-arrangement- graciously  
"consented to- in order that-  
"Ricketts- may proceed to- New-  
"foundland- "Corsi can- Jan. 24"
- No. 34 of 20/1/19.  
"3102- Ricketts- was-invested-  
"by-H.M. the King- at Sandring-  
"ham- Jan. 19- full stop- His  
"Majesty- complimented- Ricketts-  
"on being- the- youngest- V.C.-  
"in-the- Army- Ricketts- was  
"entertained- to- lunoh- at-  
"Sandringham- full stop- His  
"Majesty- talked- for a long  
"time- with him- mainly- about  
"Newfoundland- and the- Dominions  
"part- in the war- full stop-  
"His Majesty read over- Ricketts-  
"exploit- to him- full stop- the  
"fact of- being- invested- at-  
"Sandringham- is a- distinct-  
"honour- Ricketts- was- accom-  
"panied- by- 3364- Sgt.- Dunphy-  
"of-this- Office-"

Your No. 1111/1/ BAC  
to Pte. Ricketts and extracts  
from London daily papers  
received with thanks. On  
receipt each press was  
notified of the contents  
of the enclosures.

Sergt. Ricketts has been  
much feted since his return  
home.

Minister of Militia

I enclose copy of my No.  
1121/R.A.G. to Pte. Ricketts for  
information, and extracts from to-  
day's "Daily Mail" and "Daily Mirror".  
Ricketts is a much sought-after man  
to-day in London, and yesterday,  
when he attended Drury Lane Theatre,  
as one of Sir Edgar Bowring's party  
for Prisoners of War and men in  
Hospital, his name was brought into  
the pantomime as a "gag" - one of

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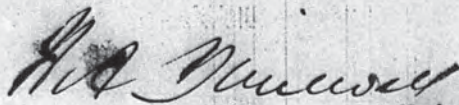


the penalties of fame.

I also enclose copy of the Court  
Circular from the Times of 20/1/19.

At Sandringham Pte. Ricketts  
was introduced to

H.M. the King  
H.R.H. Princess Mary  
H.R.H. Prince George  
Crown Prince of Norway  
H.M. the Queen  
Gen. Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C.  
H.M. Queen Alexandra  
H.M. The Queen of Norway  
H.R.H. princess Victoria.



Major,

Chief Paymaster & O. i/o Records.

HA/NV



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Telephone :  
VICTORIA 147.

Communications to be addressed to the  
CHIEF QUARTERS & OFFICE 1/0 RECORDS,  
and the following No. quoted :

C.R. 5702

N. F. P/38A

DUPLICATE.

## NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

### MEMORANDUM.

No. 465/16/C.

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

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

10th January 1919.

**SUBJECT :**  
HONOURS & AWARDS.  
3102.Pte.Thomas Ricketts. V.C.,  
D.C.M., C.de.G.  
Reference Nos. 64/2/6. 3/1/19.

**REPLY**  
Dated February 1st 1919

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Further exchange of telegrams  
confirmed, please,

10.  
Despatched to Military 6/1/19.  
(11).  
"3102-Ricketts-awarded-Victoria  
"Cross-vide-London Gazette-  
"January 6-should I-telegraph-  
"lengthy-particulars of-Deed-  
"fullstop.  
"SYNOPTICAL".

11.  
Received from Military 8/1/19  
(251)  
"With reference your telegram  
6 January-3102-Ricketts-  
"telegraph-full-particulars of-  
"deed-fullstop.

"MILITARY"

12.  
Received from Military 9/1/19.  
(286)  
"Very much regret-that-you-did-  
"not telegraph-immediately-  
"particulars of-award-Victoria-  
"Cross-public-press-has received-  
"and-published-full particulars-  
"thus-putting-this department-  
"in-bad-light-fullstop.

"MILITARY"

13.  
Despatched to Military 9/1/19.  
(15).  
"Reference your telegram 7th  
"January-3102-Ricketts-awarded-  
"Victoria Cross-for-most-  
"conspicuous-bravery-and devotion-  
"to duty-on the-14th Oct-1918-

Exchange of telegrams  
noted, please. Your attitude  
in wiring your message of  
6th January is fully under-  
stood, fortunately no  
unpleasant comments appeared  
in the Public Press.


Minister of Militia.



during the advance from-  
"Leggahan when the attack was  
"temporarily held up by heavy-  
"hostile fire and the platoon-  
"to which he belonged suffered-  
"severe casualties from the  
"fire of a battery at point-  
"blank range full stop Pte-  
"Ricketts at once volunteered  
"to go forward with his section-  
"commander and a Lewis gun to  
"attempt to outflank the battery-  
"silver god advancing by short-  
"rushes under heavy fire from  
"enemy machine guns with the  
"hostile battery their ammunition-  
"was exhausted when still 300  
"from the battery full stop the-  
"enemy seeing an opportunity to-  
"get their field guns away began  
"to bring up their gun teams full stop-  
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"dashed back again to the Lewis-  
"Gun and by very accurate fire-  
"drove the enemy and the gun-  
"teams into a farm full stop his-  
"platoon then advanced without-  
"casualties and captured the-  
"four field guns four machine guns-  
"and eight prisoners full stop a  
"fifth field gun was subsequently-  
"intercepted by fire and ~~and~~  
" ~~annihilated~~ captured full stop-  
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"the enemy's intention and his utter-  
"disregard of personal safety Pte-  
"Ricketts secured the further supply-  
"of ammunition which directly resulted-  
"in these important captures and-  
"undoubtedly saved many lives.

"SYNOPTICAL"

It is regretted that the position referred to should have arisen, but in view of the lengthy telegram involved, the question was first referred to you as indicated, please.

  
Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

HT/MJ.



Telephone :  
VICTORIA 4923 & 4.

# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Communications to be addressed to the  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O. RESERVE.

## MEMORANDUM.

No. 7881/303/R.&.OW

**C.R. 3102**

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

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

19th May, 1919.

**SUBJECT:**

3102 SERGT. T. RICKETTS, V.O.

Reference Nos.

**REPLY**

Dated June 11th 1919

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

With reference to my  
Numbers 64/2/0 of 3/1/19  
485/18/0 of 10/1/19  
1205/28/R.&.O. of 21/1/19  
following exchange of memoranda  
between this office and the O.C.  
1st Bn. is quoted for your  
information, please:

1. P & R.O. Memo 6925/339/R.&.O.;  
6/5/19 to O.C. 1st Bn.

"Reference attached copy of  
your telegram NR 21 of 31/12/18;  
will you please say on what  
authority the above-named N.C.O.  
was awarded the D.G.M.?"

War Office can find no trace  
of this distinction having been  
awarded.

This fact was discovered  
when an enquiry was put through  
to the W.O. asking for particulars  
of the deed for which he won the  
D.G.M."

2. Reply thereto 14/5/19 (3654).

"No authority can be found  
in this office for award of  
D.G.M. to this N.C.O.  
Error is regretted."

Telegram referred to in (1)  
is as follows:

"NR 21 31 561 aaa he has also  
"D.G.M. and Croix de Guerre aaa  
"cable sent Governor on 26th inst"

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
For Chief Staff Officer (London)

It was thought advis-  
able to inform Sergt. Ricketts of  
this error which had occurred,  
and he fully appreciated the position  
It is regretted that this error  
occurred.

Minister of Militia



*Dec 11 11:15 AM*

POST OFFICE  TELEGRAPHS.

This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

Office Stamp.



Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

*3BH obqs 11th. 14 17*

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Received here at *15 8/12* .M

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
PAY & RECEIPT  
Date *17 30 19*

TO *Synoptical*

*NR 40 11 aka can you arrange*

*investiture 3102 Kitchin 18th Inst*

*boardg Royal Newfoundland*

*Not until Feb.*

Ref. Nos. in	<i>369</i>
Date	<i>13 JAN 1919</i>
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Ref. Nos. of	
AC	
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and	
P & A.	
R. & G.	
R & E.	
S.	



Translation of Cable No. 49, 29/1/19 to Military.

"Lewisham-Military Hospital-Dermatitis-3423-Corbin-

"Reference your telegram 27th January-3102-Ricketts-

"Promoted-Sergeant-

"Synoptical"

3102 Ricketts.

CANADIAN PACIFIC - ALLAN LINES.  
The Canadian Pacific Ocean  
Services LTD.,  
Managers and Agents

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To be surrendered when embarking on

Steamship Corsican

Date 30-1-19 No 3102

Rank Sgt Name Ricketts T. VC

Res. Unit Royal Newfoundland

Sign Here .....

This card must be given up when going  
on board ship.



Lambert.

a) 3102 Pte P. Ricketts VC.  
WCM etc. was invested with the  
Victoria Cross by H.M. The King  
on 19/1/19 at Sandringham.

b) Pte. Ricketts was  
decorated with the French  
Croix de guerre on or about  
28/1/18 by the Corps Commander,  
Genl. Jacobs.

Auth:

a) Court Circular from "The  
Times" of 20/1/19  
by Pte. Ricketts

Edw. James Brown  
RSM



# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 5102 Rank Serjeant Name Richard J. Thomas  
 Date of Enlistment 2-9-16 Address St. Mary's Hill, St. John's  
 Occupation Fisherman Classification for Discharge E1 Medical Category A1  
 Recommendation S. M. B. \_\_\_\_\_ Disability Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N. F. 1736	B 268	B 121	N. F. Med	D. F. 1
B 178	W 3494	B 122	Board 1st.	" 2
B 178a	D 400A	B 1915	do 2nd.	" 3
B 179	D 400B	Form L.	do 3rd.	" 4
B 179a	D 400C	Form K.	do 4th.	" 5
B 179b	B 103	ME 2.		" 6
B 179c	B 120	M 93.		

Date 19-6-19

h. H. H. H.  
O. C. Discharge Depot.

### PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

#### 1. Civil Re-Establishment.

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

J. Nicholls  
Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

(a) Clothing Allowance payable \$60.00

(b) ~~Clothing~~ Supplied \_\_\_\_\_

Date 17-6-19

Amelius  
O i/c. Re-clothing



3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrants No. \_\_\_\_\_ to his home at Robinson Hill and Release Certificate No. 2894 issued.

Date 15-6-19

Chas. Clouston  
Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 17-6-19

Date 17-6-19

H. J. Newell  
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 17-6-19  
Forwarded with following documents to O.C. Discharge Depot.

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B 179a	D 400C	Form K	do 4th	" 5
B 179b	B 103	ME 2		" 6
B179c	B 120	M 93		

Date 17-6-19

J. A. Snowball  
O. C. Discharge Depot.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—

Officer i/c Records.  
Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

**Eligible for War Service Gratuity**

Date

**JUN 17 1919**

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

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

Date



## Civil Re-establishment Committee



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

*Resume going school.*

*J. Picketts*

Signature of Man.

*A. M. Custer*

Reg. No. 3102-

Signature of the Vocational Officer or his Representative.

Place

*ST. JOHNS*

Date

*17-6-19*

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DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

WAR SERVICE GRATUITY.

St. John's, Newfoundland.

Declaration required of Officers and men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who claims War Service Gratuity under Order-in-Council dated January 28th. 1919.

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

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

1. Christian name *Thomas* 2. Surname *Pickett's V.C.*

3. Rank *Sergeant* 4. Regtl. No. *3102*

5. Address in full to which future payments of gratuity are to be forwarded. *Middle Arm, Middle Arm, White Bay*

6. Date of enlistment in the Regiment. *Nov 2/16*

7. Name of dependent, if any, to whom Separation Allowance is being issued, or was being issued, immediately prior to your discharge.

8. Relationship of such dependents.

9. Address in full of such dependents.

10. Is said dependent, now, or was said dependent at any time in receipt of Separation Allowance on account of another soldier.

11. Were you on active service only in field, if so, give dates and particulars of such service. *Overseas*

12. Give total length of time which you served on active service, whether in field, or Overseas. *From Nov 2/16 to June 17/19.*

..... 1.  $\frac{2}{3}$  .....



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

*No*

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

*No*

15. Have you been issued with a War Service Badge?

*No*

16. Have you, during the present war, served in the Imperial Forces?

*No*

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

*No*

18. Did you revert Overseas to a rank lower than the substantive rank held by you on your arrival in England?

*No*

(b) If so, was such reversion in consequence of misconduct or inefficiency?

19. Are you now serving in the Regt.? If not give - (a) date of discharge, (b) Reason for discharge.

*No*  
*June 27/19*  
*Temporary New Zealand*

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

*France, Belgium & Germany - From June 10/17 to Feb. 1919 - Regularly  
at Cambrai & Ypres*

21. (a) Are you receiving treatment from the Civil Re-Establishment Com. (b) If so are you in receipt of full pay and allowances from that Committee.

*No*

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



Signature of Applicant: *J. Tricketts*  
 Place of Residence: *Middle Arm, White Bay*  
 Declared before me at: *S. John's, Nfld.*  
 This *17th* day of *June* 19*19*...

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

*John M. McCarthy*  
*J.M.*

POST DISCHARGE PAY.				
Date paid	Paid Soldier.	Paid Dependent.	War Service Gratuity.	Net amount due
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Certified correct.				Paymaster



Nº 3841



APR 13 1917  
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# 1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT 14.

## ALLOTMENTS

I, Thomas Ricketts, Regl. No. 3152

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of 2 Dollars and 00 Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons concerned, viz :

Allotment begins 22.4.17

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
	Wife	Mrs. Edward (Rachel) Adams	Madecum White Bay	600
			Total Allotment, £	600

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

(Sig.) Charles Aye Capt.  
 Officer Commanding  
Company  
1917

(Sig.) Thomas Ricketts  
 (Rank) Private



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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Ricketts OF Christian Name Henry B 160

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

13 JUN 1917

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

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	at	on	at
Examined	2 <sup>nd</sup> day of Sept 1916	St John's	day of	191
Declared Age	18 years 3 mos		years	days
Trade or Occupation	Fisherman			
Height	5 feet 5 1/2 inches		feet	inches
Weight	126 1/2 lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement	Grith when fully expanded	37 inches		inches
	Range of Expansion	4 inches		inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right		Right	
	Left		Left	
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V=	4/6	R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V=	4/6	L.E.—V=	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Laminis Paton</u>			
(Rank)	Major			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at	St John's	at	
	on	2 day of Sept 1916	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	3rd Stn Coy. Regt.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
		WFC		3102
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
(Signature)	on	day of	on	day of
(Rank)		191		191

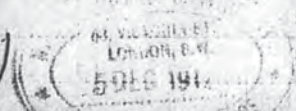




Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.: Examinations for Field or Foreign Service; Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
	<p>TAS { 6-11-16 40 25-11-16 40 9-1-17 40</p> <p>3.</p>
Dec 12/16	vaccination 40
26.3.18	<p>27<sup>th</sup> Cit. Com. 175 2</p>
<p>It is hereby certified that this soldier has been before the Standing Medical Board and has been classified as <u>4</u> for discharge on Demobilisation. Medical category <u>175</u></p> <p>19.6.19 Date of S.M.B.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Discharge Assistant Adjutant St. John's-Newfoundland</p>	

TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.

Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation	Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation
<i>Sgt. Houzel</i>	<i>Jan 31</i>	<i>Feb 3/17</i>			
<i>Wandson</i>	<i>Feb 3/17</i>	<i>10.4.17</i>			
<i>R. S. Arsonie</i>	<i>10.4.17</i>				



1602

# Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## SICK REPORT OF MEN IN BILLETS

To Officer Commanding :

No. ....

Name   *Sgt. Ricketts, V.C.*  

Address   *53 Colonial St.*  

Complaint   *Tonsillitis*  

Remarks   *h*  

  *T. W. Borden*  

Medical Officer

Date   *Feb. 25*   191  *9*



C.R. 3102

Extract from Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, Dec. 14th, 1918.

3102 Pte. T. Ricketts.

Discharged from 1st London General Hospital 10-12-17  
is granted furlough to 19-12-17, and assigned to 11 Commnd  
Depot.

Reg. No. *3102* Rank *A9K* Name *Ricketts, Thomas V.C. Comm.*  
Attested ..... Address *Middlesex St. B. 1st Lt.*  
Allotment ..... Allottee .....  
Date of Allotment ..... Returned from Overseas *7-7-18*  
Returned on S.S. .... Cause *Widow*

*26-2-19 Adm. Co. M. I. D. Depot.*

*4-3-19 Discharged from M. I. D. Depot.*

*19-6-19 PASSED TO DEMOBILIZATION OFFICE*

*17-6-19*



C.R. 2

Extract of DAILY ORDERS PART II ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND  
REGIMENT DEPOT ST. JOHN'S DATED MARCH 10th/19.

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DISCHARGED FROM M.I.D. HOSPITAL 8/3/19.

#3102 Sgt. T. Ricketts. V.C.



NO. 3102 PRIVATE THOMAS RICKETTS.

EXTRACT OF CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED FROM THE PAY AND RECORD  
OFFICE LONDON DATED NOVEMBER 28th, 1917.

"AT 1st CANADIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL ETAPLES nov 21st GUNSHOT  
WOUNDS RIGHT LEG SEVERE." ✓



C.R. 3102

June 6th, 1919

TO: Sergt. T. Ricketts  
V.C., C.A.G.

C/o Mr. Geo. House  
Robinson's Hill

I should be glad if you will call  
at my office to see me at your earliest con-  
venience

Lieut. Col.,  
Chief Staff Officer.



3102

July 10th., 23.

The Secretary,  
War Office,  
Whitehall,  
London.

Sir,

I am requested by No. 3102 Sergt. Thomas Ricketts V.C., Royal Newfoundland Regiment, to write you in relation to his pension, allowed under Para. 1235 of the Royal Pay Warrant.

He has shown me your No.B.M.F.3(02) of 13th. February, 1925, to which he is only now replying.

The award of the Victoria Cross to Sergt. Ricketts was published in the London Gazette of Jan'y. 6th., 1919.

Presumably it will be necessary for him to complete a Claim Form, and as this Department is unable to supply same, it is requested that one may be forwarded to him, please.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Chief Staff Officer.                      Lieut.Col.,





C.R. 3102

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
VOCATIONAL OFFICER  
MILITIA BUILDING, ST. JOHN'S.

# Civil Re-Establishment Committee

MILITIA BUILDING,  
St. John's, Newfoundland.

HON MR. JUSTICE KENT, CHAIRMAN	R. B. JOB, ESQ., N. E. COWAN, ESQ. } VICE-CHAIRMAN	
HON. H. J. BROWNRIGG, MINISTER FINANCE & CUSTOMS.	HON. W. F. COAKER, MINISTER MARINE & FISHERIES.	HON. DR. CAMPBELL, MINISTER AGRICULTURE & MINES
HON. G. SHEA, REV. DR. L. CURTIS.	LIEUT. COL. RENDELL, C. B. E. CHIEF STAFF OFFICER	MAJOR BUTLER, D.S.O., M.C., MAJOR MARCH, R. C.
MAJOR PARSONS, M. C., MEDICAL OFFICER.	DR. V. P. BURKE.	DR. W. W. BLACKALL, VOCATIONAL OFFICER.

WWB/ME  
*[Handwritten signature]*

July 27. 1920

Colonel Rendell, C.B.E.,  
Chief Staff Officer.

T. Ricketts V.C.

Dear Colonel,

You heard me read part of a letter from Rev. C. Wood of West Port, White Bay, which contained a suggestion that Ricketts should be allowed to maintain his rank as Sergeant. The suggestion commends itself to me and if it likewise commends itself to you I shall be glad if you <sup>can find some way</sup> will have it put into effect.

Yours faithfully,

*[Handwritten signature: W. W. Blackall]*  
Vocational Officer.



19th May, 1920.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that it will give him much pleasure to present to you at Government House on Thursday, 3rd June, the monetary award so kindly given by Mr. G.W.B. Ayre.

As you are doubtless aware this gift was offered by Mr. Ayre to the first Newfoundlander in the Army to win the Victoria Cross and who was alive when Peace was declared.

Will you please attend at Government House at 10.30 on the day in question and report to the A.D.C. on duty at the entrance to the Lobby.

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

(Sd) J. HAMILTON

Captain  
Private Secretary.

~~S~~ergt. T. Ricketts, V.C., ~~X~~  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.  
c/o G. House, Esq.,  
Winter Avenue.



3102

C O P Y.

25 May 1920.

Dear Colonel:-

AS I wrote and told you His Excellency intends to present Sergt. Ricketts with the monetary award presented by G.W.B. Ayre immediately after the Levee on the King's Birthday and has asked me to write and enquire whether you think it possible for the Royal Newfoundland Regiment to furnish a "Guard of Honour" on this occasion.

If you think so we can arrange any details later on.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd). J. HAMILTON.

Lt. Col. Rendell, C.B.E.,

CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

*For original see File M-37-7*



C O P Y.

May 29th 1920.

Captain J. Hamilton,  
Private Secretary,  
Government House.

Dear Hamilton:

With reference to your letter of May 25th concerning the possibility of furnishing a Guard of Honour on June 3rd, I would say that I have discussed the matter with Colonel Bernard, President of the G.W.V.A., and he thinks that it will be impossible to turn out a guard.

I can appreciate the difficulty due to experience we had in furnishing a guard for Prince of Wales, and at this date I am afraid it would be even more difficult. I expect most of the men will be out of town on that day which is a holiday, and others simply refuse to do military duty, and of course it is impossible to order them.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.Col.

Chief Staff Officer.



● Ricketts V.C. Educational Fund

M. Bowley \$10.00

H. H. H. H. H. 5.00 Paid

W. A. H. H. H. 5.00 paid

F. R. H. H. H. 5.00 Paid

J. M. H. H. H. 5.00 paid

J. H. H. H. H. 5.00 Paid

A. H. H. H. H. 5.00 Paid

H. E. H. H. H. 2.50 Paid

H. H. H. H. H. 5.00 Paid

W. H. H. H. H. 5.00 Paid

A. H. H. H. H. 5.00 Paid

L. H. H. H. H. 5.00 Paid

L. H. H. H. H. 1.00 Paid

C. B. H. H. H. 2.50 Paid

66.00

Eileen Walsh 1.00 Paid

Agnes W. Buckley 1.00 Paid

Holland 1.00 Paid

Louis Mandy 1.00 Paid

Grace Simpson 1.00 Paid

Constance Simpson 1.00 Paid



Department of Militia

MEMORANDUM

No. 3102

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

To Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records c/o Pay & Record Office, 58 Victoria Street, London, S.W. England

Sept. 9th 1918.

SUBJECT:

#3102 Pte. Thos. Ricketts.

18268.

REPLY

Dated 12th, November, 1918

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

With reference to the attached copy of letter it is requested that the contents of same be brought to the attention of #3102 Pte. Thos. Ricketts, and that he be asked to make his Allotment payable to his father instead of to the present payee, his sister.

Copy of memorandum exchanged with Officer Commanding, 1st. Battn, Royal Newfoundland Regiment is enclosed for your information.

Allotment Forms were forwarded to you with N.F.P/55 No.17802/181, 2/11/18, please.

[Signature] Major, Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

FM/MN.

[Handwritten signature]

Minister of Militia.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT PAY & RECORD OFFICE. Ref. Nos IN 8686 Rec'd 10 OCT 1918 Ark'd Tel. Nos 16429/519



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. 64/2/0

C.R. 3102

From  
**PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,**  
58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.  
3rd January, 1919.

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

**SUBJECT: HONOURS & AWARDS:**  
3102 PTE. THOMAS RICKETTS, V.C.,  
D.C.M., O. & G.

Reference Nos.

**REPLY**  
Dated Feb 4th, 1919 191

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

Copy of my No. 65/1/0  
to H.E. the Governor of New-  
foundland enclosed should serve  
to explain aspects revealed to  
date.

At present it is not  
understood why the O.C. 1st Bn.  
sent the telegram direct to the  
Governor and not to this Office  
for transmission as customary.

On receipt of authorit-  
ative details of the deeds  
concerning the awards, it has  
been arranged that a press  
notice will be written for  
publication.

Also the O.C. 1st Bn. has  
been requested by telegram to  
obtain and mail to this Office  
a photograph of Ricketts for  
press insertion.

*A. J. Munnell* Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O.i/o Records.

HT/NV

The attached copy  
of letter has been received with  
thanks, and duly noted. A  
photograph of this soldier can  
be obtained from the Holloway  
Studios.

Minister of Militia



65/1/0

3rd January,

8.

His Excellency the Governor,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

Sir,

Honours and Awards:  
3102 Pte. T. Ricketts, V.C., D.C.M., C. de G.

I have the honour to record exchange of  
telegrams:

1. Received 29/12/18.  
"Please request O.C. - Nfld Regt. - convey to  
"3102 Pte. R.T. Ricketts - hearty congratulations -  
"in British Army - in which - all Newfoundlanders -  
"join.  
Governor."
2. Despatched 30/12/18 (1447).  
"Your telegram Dec. 28 - implies - omission - between -  
"words - hearty congratulations - and - in - meanwhile -  
"no - authentic information - on subject - known - to -  
"this Office - nor - received from - War Office -  
Synoptical."
3. Telegram 461 30/12/18 from P & R.O. to C.C. 1st Bn.  
"Rumoured that 3102 Pte. R.T. Ricketts awarded  
"V.C. telegraph facts."
4. Reply to (3) 1/1/18.  
"NR 21 31 461 aas he has aas also D.C.M. and  
"Croix de Guerre aas cable sent Governor on 26th  
"inst."
5. Received 1/1/19 (6).  
"with ref. to your telegram Dec. 28 - words -  
"highest - distinction - should be inserted -  
"full stop - appears desirable to - obtain -  
"authoritative confirmation of - Victoria Cross -"
6. Telegram 1/1/19 to O.C. 1st Bn.  
"Following from Governor Newfoundland begins please  
"request O.C. Newfoundland Regt. convey to 3102



"Pte. R.T. Ricketts hearty congratulations highest  
"distinction in British Army in which all Newfound-  
"landers join ends all full particulars earliest.  
Synoptical."

7. Despatched 1/1/19 (1).  
"Ref. your telegram 31st Dec.- telegram from- 1st  
"Battalion- received today- in reply to- my enquiry-  
"states that- Ricketts- awarded- V.C.- but no  
"particulars given- full stop- please inform- Militia-  
Synoptical."
8. Received 1/1/19 (24).  
"Telegram received- by Governor- from- Officer  
"Commanding- 1st Bn.- to the effect that- 3102- Ricketts  
"has been- awarded- Victoria Cross- verify report-  
"by telegram- Military."
9. Despatched 1/1/19 (3) to Military.  
"With ref. to your tel. 31st Dec.- first- official-  
"advice- regarding- 3102- Ricketts- received to-day-  
"in this office- from- 1st Bn.- states- bare- fact  
"that- Victoria Cross- awarded- refer to- my telegram-  
"this date- to- Governor- Synoptical."

Although rumours of the award had been received from men on furlough from the 1st Bn., authentic information had not reached this Office, and as will be observed, on receipt of your telegram (No.1) enquiries were made (Nos. 3 and 4).

I may add that further information as received will be transmitted to the Minister of Militia as customary.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Minister of Militia.

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

Major,

Chief Paymaster & C.i/c Records.



C.R. 3102

September 9<sup>th</sup> 1918.

A. W. Watton, Esq.,  
Seal Cove,  
White Bay.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. with reference to the case of John Ricketts of Middle Inn, who seeks the Allotment now being paid to his daughter, Sarah, on account of his son, Pte. Thos. Ricketts.

I would point out that it rests entirely with the soldier himself as to whether he makes an Allotment, and to whom he makes it payable. In this case we can only represent his father's case to him, and ask him to transfer the Allotment from his sister to his father. We are forwarding a copy of your letter to the Chief Paymaster, London, asking that the contents be brought to Pte. Ricketts' attention at an early date.

Upon receipt of a reply, you will be again communicated with.

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Militia.





C.R. 3102

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
ST JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Minister of Militia.

For your information.

*Alexander Harris*

Jan: 2nd, 1919.

Governor.

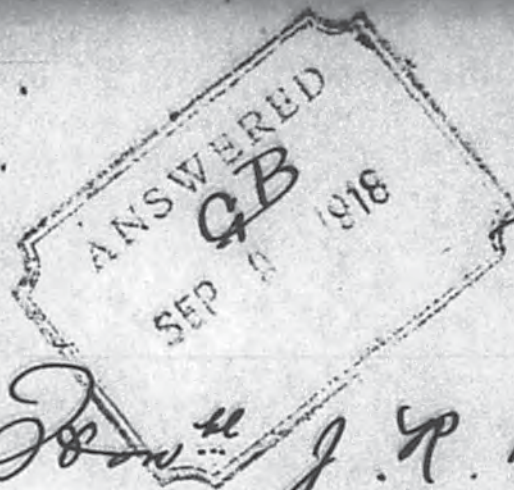
CODE TELEGRAM  
from  
SYNOPTICAL, LONDON.

(Received January 1st, 1919)

With reference to your telegram of December 31st.  
Telegram from 1/Battalion received to-day in reply  
to my enquiry states that Ricketts awarded Victoria  
Cross but no particulars given.  
Please inform Military.

SYNOPTICAL





Seal Cove  
White Bay,  
Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1918

Dear Sir  
J. R. Bennett  
Minister Militia  
St. John's.

How Sir.

I beg to inform you that John Ricketts of Middle Arm, were sent home from the Penitentiary a fortnight ago in a helpless and dicitate state. He spent I think something like 4 yrs there. An old man 77 or 78 yrs of age, he has had two sons out to the war, one George that died, and Thomas still living in France so far as he know. Will Sir, he wants to know



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would look into this matter  
and see what can be done  
for the old man.

Yours Very Truly  
A. W. Watton



C.R. 3102

Major H. A. Timewell,  
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria Street,  
London, S. W. 1.

Dear Sir,-

I saw you some time ago in reference to painting Officers and Men who have distinguished themselves in any way during the War, and I suggested to you that a record of these be kept as a memorial. The same idea might be carried out in regard to some special event on the battlefield in which the Royal Newfoundland Regiment might have won distinction.

As you are aware the British Army and all the Dominions have had paintings done of Officers and Men having distinguished themselves to keep as permanent records.

I called to-day to suggest to you that I should paint Pte. Ricketts your recent V. C. before he sails for Newfoundland. If you can see your way to hold him back for one hour I will be willing to paint him on my own responsibility, without any obligation to the Newfoundland Government to purchase. I make a similar offer regarding any Officers or Men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment having distinguished themselves in any way, in the hope that I may persuade the Newfoundland Government at a later date to acquire them.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) M. Evergood

London, S. W.  
29/1/19.



C.R. 3102

**Extract from Militia Orders - No. 30, By J. R. Bennett Esq.,  
Minister of Militia.**

**HONOURS AND AWARDS:**

**His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to  
approve the following award:**

**FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH GOLDEN STAR.**

**3102 Pte. Thos. Ricketts, D.C.M.**



Mar 1st, 1919

Mr. M. Evergood

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Jan 29th suggesting that you be permitted to do a painting of Sergt. Thomas Ricketts, V.C. I regret in view of the fact that Sergt. Ricketts is now in this country having left England on 30th of Jan. by S.S. Corsican, that your suggestion cannot be carried out for the present.

However your interest in the matter is appreciated as well as your desire to paint Officers and men of The Royal Newfoundland Regt. who have won distinction in the War

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.

Chief Staff Officer.



A <sup>S</sup>/<sub>M</sub>

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TO

COMMANDING ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

B. E. F.

~~11/1/19 FOLLOWING FROM GOVERNOR NEWFOUNDLAND BEGINS PLEASE REQUEST~~

~~NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT CONVEY TO 3102 PTE R. T. RICKETTS HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS~~

~~HIGHEST DISTINCTION IN BRITISH ARMY IN WHICH ALL NEWFOUNDLAND JOINS ENDS~~

~~MAIL FULL PARTICULARS EARLIEST.~~

SYNOPTICAL.

I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded [via\*.....] subject to the Conditions which are printed on the back hereof, and by which I agree to be bound.

Signature and Address of Sender (not to be telegraphed) .....

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:—  
The Secretary,  
The War Office,  
London, S.W. 1,  
and the following number quoted.



THE WAR OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

16<sup>th</sup> August, 1923.

**C.R.** 3102

012/2886. (F. 3.)

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 10th July, regarding Mr. Thomas Ricketts, V.C., I am directed to acquaint you that this Department have now awarded him a Victoria Cross Annuity of £10, with effect from 14th October, 1918, payable by the Secretary, Board of Pension Commissioners, St. John's, Newfoundland.

Mr. Ricketts has been informed accordingly.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. H. Moore".

for the Secretary (Finance)

Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. Rendell,  
Chief Staff Officer,  
Department of Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.





Serial No. 39.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

HONOURS & AWARDS.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the Award of the VICTORIA CROSS to

5102, PTE. THOMAS RICKETTS, 1st Bn.,  
The Royal Newfoundland Regt.

"For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to Duty on  
"the 14th October 1918, during the advance from Ledeghem  
"when the attack was temporarily held up by heavy  
"hostile fire and the platoon to which he belonged suffered  
"severe casualties from the fire of a battery at  
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"to go forward with his section commander and a Lewis  
"gun to attempt to outflank the battery. Advancing by  
"short rushes under heavy fire from enemy machine guns  
"with the hostile battery, their ammunition was exhausted  
"when still 300 yards from the battery. The enemy seeing  
"an opportunity to get their field guns away, began to bring  
"up their gun teams. Pte. Ricketts at once realizing the  
"situation, doubled back 100 yards under the heaviest  
"machine gun fire, procured further ammunition, and dashed  
"back again to the Lewis gun, and by very accurate fire  
"drove the enemy and the gun teams into a farm.

"His Platoon then advanced without casualties, and  
"captured the four field guns, four machine guns, and  
"eight prisoners.

"A fifth field gun was subsequently intercepted by  
"fire and captured.

"By his presence of mind in anticipating the enemy  
"intention and his utter disregard of personal safety,  
"Pte. Ricketts secured the further supply of ammunition  
"which directly resulted in these important captures  
"and undoubtedly saved many lives.

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Authority:- Supplement to London Gazette,  
dated 6th January 1919.



COPY

Seal Cove,  
White Bay,  
September 3rd 1918.

Hon. J. R. Bennett,  
Minister of Militia,  
St. John's.

Hon. Sir:

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Yours very truly,

(Shd) A.W. WATTON



K. 5014

ORIGINAL

H. W. B. 111

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

ALLOTMENT

I, (No.) 13102 (Rank) Pfc. (Name) J. Rickitto

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in required form, to make an Allotment of — dollars and 60 cents per diem, from my pay, to and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person and/or Persons. Such payments to be made on proof of identity of the Person and/or Persons concerned, viz.,

Whether Wife, Child, other Relatives or Friend.	NAME (In Full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (Each Person) \$
<u>Wife</u>	<u>John Rickitto</u>	<u>Middle Arm White Bay</u>	<u>60</u>

COPIES SENT		
TO	DATE	DATE
M. OF M.	<u>17802/181</u>	<u>2/11/18</u>
O.C. 1ST. BN.		
" 2ND. BN.		

This Allotment to take effect from and including 1 1918

NOTE:- This Form must be completed and signed by the Soldier, countersigned by the Officer Commanding his Company, and forwarded to the Chief Paymaster in accordance with P. & R.O. O.L. 10, 9/12/16.

(Sig.) [Signature]  
Officer Commanding,  
"B" Company.

Dated at Field  
23/10 1918

(Sig.) J. Rickitto  
Allotter.



ORIGINAL

ENTERED	<i>OK</i>
PAY LEDGERS	<i>OK</i>
NUM. R.O.P.	<i>OK</i>
ALLOT. INDEX	<i>OK</i>
REGISTER	<i>OK</i>
EXAMINED	<i>OK</i>

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

CANCELLATION OF ALLOTMENT

1. I, (No) 3102 (Rank) Pte (Name) Thos. Rankin

hereby apply for cancellation of Allotment made by me on N.F.P./11 No. 3841 dated 1/2/17 in favour of Mrs. Rachel Javen for \$      cts 60 per diem.

Such cancellation to take effect on the 31st day of October 1918.

2. I agree to accept all risks and consequences of this application failing to reach Headquarters, St. John's, in time to become operative at above-nominated cancelling date, and that in the event of such non-delivery, and thereby the Allotment continuing to be paid to the Allottee, I also agree to such further stoppage in the Pay Books as may be necessary, or otherwise to refund such overpaid amount or amounts.

Dated at Fild 23/10/1918

T. Picketts

Approved and Witnessed:

A. Frost  
O.C. "B" Company.

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N.B. - To be made out TRIPLICATE and delivered to the Pay & Record Office not later than the date of cancellation, in accordance with P. & R.O. C.L./10, 9/12/16.



NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S LATEST V. O.

3102, Pte. Thomas Ricketts, V.O., D.O.M., and French Croix de Guerre (with Golden Star), who was recently awarded the "Victoria Cross", is a native of Middle Arm, White Bay, Newfoundland, and a son of Mr. John Ricketts, of that place.

Pte. Ricketts enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at St. John's, in September 1916, and he was then 18 years old. Before the War he was a fisherman. Of medium height and weight, Pte. Ricketts is typical of the younger class of Newfoundland Fishermen, who proved themselves such good fighters in the war, both on Sea and Land.

He was wounded in November 1917, when the "Newfoundlanders" made the attack with the "89th Division" on Cambrai, and when they pierced the "Hindenburg Line".

Pte. Ricketts proceeded to France a second time in April 1918, when he rejoined his Unit, the 1st Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

The Official particulars of the deed for which the V. O. was awarded is contained in a supplement to the London Gazette of 6/1/19, as follows:-

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**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland  
 Rank Pte Surname Ricketts Christian Name Thomas  
 Religion C of E Age on Enlistment 18 years 3 months  
 Enlisted (a) 2.9.16 Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 2.9.16  
 Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....  
 Extended { ..... } Re-engaged { ..... } Qualification (b) .....  
 Occupation Fisherman or Corps Trade and Rate .....



Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
			Embarked <u>Hampton</u>	<u>11.6.17</u>	
			Disembarked <u>Rover</u>	<u>12.6.17</u>	
			Joined Battalion	<u>2 JUL 1917</u>	<u>B 213</u>
<u>26 NOV 1917</u>	<u>OC</u>	<u>WOUNDS IN ACTION</u>	<u>20 NOV 1917</u>		<u>A.F.B. 213</u>
<u>29/11/17</u>	<u>89 FA</u>	<u>Ad Gwelytrau</u>	<u>48 CCS</u>	<u>2/11/17</u>	<u>60404</u>
	<u>Canfanth</u>	<u>to do</u>	<u>etanus</u>	<u>2/11/17</u>	<u>NA 16615</u>
	<u>Hospital Ship</u>	<u>Transferred to England</u>		<u>28-1-17</u>	<u>W 3083</u>
			<u>J. Henry</u> MAJOR		
			S. 1/c No. 1 Infantry Section		
			G. H. Q., 3rd Echelon		

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, the date of each re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
 (b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

*[Handwritten signature]*



**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

**C.R.**

1602

Regiment or Corps *Royal Newfoundland*  
 Rank *Private*, Surname *Ricketts*, Christian Name *J*  
 Religion *Church of England*, Age on Enlistment *18* years *3* months  
 Enlisted (a) *St Johns*, Terms of Service (a) *Quation*, Service reckons from (a) *2-9-16*  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b)   
 or Corps Trade and Rate   
 Occupation *Fisherman* *Desk G. A. Keene* Signature of Officer.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...	<i>Fench</i>	<i>3 APR 1918</i>	
		Disembarked...		<i>6 APR 1918</i>	
		<i>James Keene</i>	<i>12-4-18</i>		
		Transferred to U. K.			
		<i>for Re-patriation.</i>			<i>Part 3 3/E</i>
	<i>J.M.T.</i>				<i>Capt for Lt Col</i>
					<i>Officer i/c No 1 Infantry Section</i>
					<i>G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.</i>

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# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Forms  
B 121.  
39.

Regiment of 1st Newfoundland

Number of Sheets 1/1  
Signature of O. C. Company Frank Lyle Capt.

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service pay or proficiency pay  <i>Awarded V.C. October 1918.</i>
No.	<u>3102 Ricketts J.</u>	Age on	<u>18</u> years <u>3</u> months	<u>Fisherman</u>	
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	<u>St. John's, Nfld.</u> <u>2-9-18</u>	Religion	
Joined	Date	Period of	<u>with Colours</u> <u>2 2/5</u> years. <u>with Reserve</u> years.	Place of Birth	
Joined	Date				

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>St. John's</u>	<u>2.12.16</u>	<u>Plt</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Drunk on Piquit</u>	<u>A. M. Power</u>	<u>12 months</u>	<u>4.12.16</u>	<u>J. Moxley James Major</u>	<u>CS</u>
<u>Demobilized St. John's 17</u>									
To be carried over									





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

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

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

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

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

Name in full *Ricketts, Thomas*

Regiment from which discharged *Royal Newfoundland*

Regimental number *3102*

Intended address *10 1/2 St. Lawrence Johnson's Hill*

Height on discharge *5 Feet 6*

Color of hair on discharge *Light Brown*

Complexion *Fair*

Color of eyes *Brown*

Descriptive Marks *Wound Right Thigh*

Figure on discharge *Medium*

Christian name of Father *John*

Christian name of Mother *—*

Wife's maiden name in full *—*

Date and place of marriage *—*

Christian names of children *—*

Place and date of soldier's birth *Little Arm White Bay 15-4-1901*

Nature and locality of civil employment required *—*

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

(Soldier's signature in full) *T Ricketts*

*Sergt.*  
(Rank)

Station

Date

*17-6-19*

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



Station

Date



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

To Copy for H.O. File

484 544

Ottawa, Ontario  
Date March 30, 1967

Attention of

BMP MG-810

NAME RICKETTS, Thomas  
(VC)

SERVICE 3102 ROYAL C.P.C. No.  
NUMBER NFLD. REGT. WW1 W.V.A. No.

NAVY  
ARMY X  
R.C.A.F.

The DEPARTMENT has received information from  
S.P.M.E. St. John's Nfld. March 21, 1967

(State authority and source of information of death)

regarding the death of the above mentioned veteran.

Particulars are as follows:

Date of Death February 10, 1967  
Cause of Death  
Place of Death not stated

Name and Address of next of kin (if known)

Copies to: W.S.R.  
V. I.  
~~NAVY~~  
~~DOX~~  
H.O.

Destroy form if advice of death already received.

E. A. Richards  
for  
Chief, Central Registry



# CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

(INCORPORATED)

Cadets affiliated to the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

PATRON: HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

## PRESIDENT

FIELD-MARSHALL HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS  
THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, K.G., K.T.

## VICE-PRESIDENTS

HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY  
HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK  
HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
ETC., ETC.



## GOVERNOR AND COMMANDANT

FIELD-MARSHALL LORD GRENFELL, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G.

HEADQUARTERS NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

AVALON BATTALION NO. 41.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

Regt. No. 3102 Sergt. Thomas Ricketts V.C.  
(late Royal Newfoundland Regt)

Enlisted	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 1916	(Actual age 15 yrs 4 mos)
Age on enlistment stated to be 18 yrs 3 mos.		
Proceeded to England	31 <sup>st</sup> January 1917	
Embarked for B.E.F.	11 <sup>th</sup> June 1917	
Wounded - G.S.W. Leg	20 <sup>th</sup> November 1917	
Invalided to England	28 <sup>th</sup> November 1917	
Posted to Depot	19 <sup>th</sup> December 1917	
Embarked for B.E.F.	4 <sup>th</sup> April 1918	
Awarded V.C. for action of	14 <sup>th</sup> October 1918	(Age 17 yrs 6 mos)
Awarded French Croix de Guerre with Golden Star		
Promoted Sergeant	29 <sup>th</sup> January 1919	
Repatriated to Newfoundland	30 <sup>th</sup> January 1919	
Demobilized	1 <sup>st</sup> July 1919	



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Demobilisation Form 2

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE

1. No. 3102 Rank Sergeant Name Ricketts Thos. VC  
Intended place of residence Robinsons Hill

2. Occupation Student  
Classification of soldier E Medical Category A1

3. The above named man is discharged in consequence of  
**DEMobilIZATION**  
**Eligible for War Service Gratuity**

4. His accounts are correctly balanced and I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me, in accordance with Regulations.  
Place, ST. JOHN'S  
Date JUN 17 1919  
Commanding Discharge Depot  
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

### CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE

5. I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances (including clothing allowance) and all just demands up to the present date, and hereby release the Discharge Depot, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, of all financial responsibility in my connection.  
Place, ST. JOHN'S  
Date JUN 17 1919  
Signature of soldier T Ricketts  
Signature of witness W J Dalton

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

6. I hereby certify that I am in a position to resume civilian occupation immediately on discharge.  
Place, ST. JOHN'S  
Date JUN 17 1919  
Signature of soldier T Ricketts  
Signature of witness W J Dalton

### STATEMENT OF SERVICE

7. Enlisted for service 2-9-16 No. of days on Military  
Discharged from service 17-6-19 Plus 14 days Service 4033

### APPROVAL OF DISCHARGE

8. The discharge of the above mentioned soldier is hereby approved to be confirmed by the Officer in Charge Records, The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, twenty-eight days from date.  
Place, ST. JOHN'S  
Date JUN 17 1919  
Officer Commanding Discharge Depot  
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

### CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE

9. The discharge of above mentioned soldier is hereby confirmed.  
Place, ST. JOHN'S  
Date July 11/1919  
Officer in Charge Records  
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

A.F. B2079/2570