



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 4031 Name Ernest Wells Corps Infantry

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. Ernest Wells
2. What is your full Address? } 2. St. John's, Nfld.
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
4. What is your age? 4. 18 Years 7 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Electrician
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, Ernest Wells 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.

Ernest Wells SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
..... Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Ernest Wells 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..... day of..... 191

Signature of Attesting Officer W. H. [Signature]

†CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

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

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).....

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name 1 1/2 Mr. Wells

Apparent age 19 years 7 months. Height 5 feet 5 inches

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 33 inches
 Range of expansion 5 inches

Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin 1 1/2 Mr. Wells

1 1/2 Mr. Wells | Relationship Wife

Particulars as to Marriage

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

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from _____									
Joined at _____ on _____									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days

 " " Pensions " " " " " "

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FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 4031 Name Fred Wells Corps Inf.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your name? 1. Fredrick Wells
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. Springdale Iron Bay.
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
- 4. What is your age? 4. 18 Years 7 Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Seaman
- 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, Fred Wells, 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.

49.10.17 Fred WellsSIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
W. H.Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Fredrick Wells, 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 Springdale on this 29 day of Oct. 1917
Signature of Attesting Officer W. H. ...

†CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the 1st Bn.
If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.
Date 29.10.17 } Approving Officer.
Place Springdale

† 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.

Name Fred. Wells
 Apparent age 18 years 7 months. Height 5 feet 8 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 Arthur Wells
Springdale Farm Bay | Relationship Father

Particulars as to Marriage

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

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

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>29-10-17</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>October 29-17</u>									
		<u>Embarked St. John's N.S. Mississauga</u>		<u>11-12-17</u>					<u>Embarked for the field</u> <u>25-5-18</u> <u>Disembarked France</u> <u>27-5-18</u> <u>Joined Battle in the field</u> <u>31-5-18</u>
		<u>Disembarked France</u>		<u>27-5-18</u>					
		<u>Hitler in Action</u>		<u>14-10-18</u>					
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 14-10-18 (Date of discharge) — years 351 days
 " " Pensions " [" "] " " " "

C.R.

Springdale

March 1st 1929

Dear Sir

C.R. 4031

Beq to acknowledge
having received from you Memorial
Scroll also Message from his
Majesty the King for which
we return grateful thanks
and consider it a splendid
memento of one we love dear

Yours Truly

Herbert Wells

C.R.

Reg. No. 4031 Rank Pls Name Wells J. B.

Attested 29-10-17 Address Springdale Green Bay.

Allotment 604 Allotee Mrs. Robert Wells Mother

Date of Allotment 1-11-17 Returned from Overseas _____

Embarked for Overseas 11 | 12 | 17 Cause _____

Leave 1st 29-10-17 2nd 3-11-17 3rd 8-11-17 Vac 10-11-17
N.L. 16-11-17 to 26-11-17 Retn 30-11-17

C.R. 4031

June 14th. 1919.

Herbert Wells,
Springdale,
Notre Dame Bay.

Dear Mr. Wells:-

I am directed to inform you that information has been received of the burial place of your son, No. 4031 the late Private F. Wells, who was killed in Action 14/10/18. This report states that Private Wells was buried near Ledeghem $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles N. of Menin.

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

Yours sincerely,

Lieut.
Casualty Officer.

BC.

C.R. ~~4013~~
4031

May 29th 19.

Mr. Herbert Wells,
Springdale. B.B.

4031

~~4013~~ Pte. Fred. Wells (Deceased).

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter to the Minister of Militia dated 26/1/19 I am directed to enclose for your information copy of a reply received by the Chief Paymaster from the Officer Commanding the 1st. Battalion Royal Newfoundland Regiment. This letter was received in reply to one which we sent in answer to your letter. I would add for your information that D.G.D.R.E. stand for Director of Graves Registration and Effects. Any further information we may at any time receive regarding your late son will be immediately communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.
Casualty Officer.

Department of Militia

MEMORANDUM

589.

No. 20/4031

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

To
Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records
Pay & Record Office
The Royal Mfld. Regt
58 Victoria St.,
London, S.W.1
 5869

Feb 8th, 1919

SUBJECT:

4031, Pte. Fred Wells,
Deceased

REPLY

Dated 14th April, 1919.

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

Attached hereto is copy of letter from the father of the above mentioned soldier. Will you kindly have enquiries set on foot to obtain what detailed information there is possible with reference to the matter therein, and communicate same to us.

The following exchange of memoranda between this office and O.C. 1st Bn. is quoted:

1. P & R.O. No.3512/140/R.&C. 4/3/19

I enclose copy of letter dated 28/1/19 from Mr. Herbert Wells, Springdale, N.F., to the Minister of Militia, and forwarded by the latter to this Office (1759) for enquiry.

Pte. Wells was reported missing on 14/10/18, and subsequently "killed in action or died of wounds" on the authority of a burial report made by Rev. G.A. Mills (att.9 Seaforths) on 16/10/18.

Can you furnish any further details, please, in reply to Mr. Wells' letter?

2. Reply thereto 11/4/19 (2848).

It is regretted that nothing definite can be ascertained with regard to Pte. F. Wells. He was with Coy. from the 28/9/18 till 10/10/18, on which date he was reported missing. The Battn. was then near Ledeghem, a small town E. of Ypres, when no doubt Pte. Wells was killed and buried.

A list of Graves in France and Belgium is being prepared by the D.G.G.R. & E.




Minister of Militia.

1759

28 FEB 1919

Comd	
P.S.	
R.&C.	
E & E	
P.S.	



Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 20/4031.

From Minister of Militia.
St. John's
Newfoundland.

To: Chief Paymaster & O.i/o Records.
Pay & Record Office,
The Royal Nfld. Regiment.
58, Victoria Street.
London. S.W.1.

Feb. 8th. 1919.

4031 Pte. Fred Wells,
Deceased.

Attached hereto is letter from father of the above mentioned soldier. Will you kindly have the enquiries set on foot to obtain what detailed information there is possible with reference to the matter therein, and communicate the same to us.

J.R. BENNETT

Minister of Militia.

C.R. 4031

Extract from Casualties from Pay & Record Office, London
Dated March 25th 1919.

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The following Casualty in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment
with the British Expeditionary Force is reported under various
dates.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING NOW REPORTED KILLED IN ACTION
OR DIED OF WOUNDS.

4031, Pte. F. Wells.

C.R. 4031

20/4031

Chief Paymaster & C.i/o Records
Pay & Record Office
The Royal Wfld. Regt
68 Victoria St.,
London, S.W.1

Feb 8th,

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Deceased

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of letter from the father of the
above mentioned soldier. Will you
kindly have enquiries set on foot
to obtain what detailed information
there is possible with reference to
the matter therein, and communicate
same to us.

Minister of Militia.

C.R. 4031

Feb 8th, 1919

Mr. Herbert Wells
Springdale

Dear Sir:-

Your letter addressed to the Colonial Secretary regarding the particulars of the death of your son, No. 4031, Private Fredk. Wells, has been passed to this Department for necessary procedure. For your information I beg to say that communication is being sent to the Military authorities in the United Kingdom with reference to this matter, instructing that all available particulars should be ascertained and forwarded to us. Upon receipt of reply thereto, I shall again communicate with you

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 4031

Feb. 8th, 1919

The Honourable
Colonial Secretary

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6th inst. forwarding letter from Mr. Herbert Wells of Springdale, N.D.B. regarding the particulars of the death of his son, No. 4031, Pte. Fredrick Wells. This Department will have enquiries set on foot to ascertain all particulars available and will forward same to Mr. Wells.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Minister of Militia.

C.R. 4031



6th February, 1919.

Sir,

I enclose herewith letter under date 26th January, from Mr. Herbert Wells, of Springdale, N.D.B., who is anxious to obtain some particulars as to the manner in which his son, No. 4031, Private Fred Wells, of the 2nd Battalion, met his death.

I have explained to Mr. Wells the difficulty which sometimes exists in getting detailed information of this kind, but that I would ask you to make enquiries and to furnish him with such particulars regarding his son's death as it may be possible to obtain.

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

W. W. Halford
Colonial Secretary.

J. R. Bennett, Esq.,
Minister of Militia.

(11)

Springdale

Jan²⁶
1919

Dear Sir

Beq. to acknowledge with
thanks accept of your letter
of sympathy re our dear Boy
Pvt Fred Wells who is supposed
to have been killed in action
in October 1918 also message of
Sympathy from their Majesties
King & Queen its a trying
Ordeal we have to under go like
many others but he bravely done
his Duty and he believed it to
be his Duty in all his letters
he never murmured dont
worry father he wrote if
you see my name in the
Casualty List all will be
well not knowing how he
went makes it doubly hard

(2)

if you would kindly take
some steps sir if you think
you could find out any
little item of information
such as what particular place
that Battalion was fighting
in at that time and the name
of their Commander last letter
had from our Boy dated Sept 1st
did not mention about going to
the firing line I suppose it was
by their orders not to do so but it
leaves us all in the dark perhaps
these questions worry you but
it's from parents hearts you
will understand.

Your humble servant
Herbert Well

our Boys address:

#4031 Pte Fred Wells

2nd Battalion B Company

Royal M F L & Etc.

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



Cable Connection with all the World

All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

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

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 Dept of Militia.

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated Dec. 23rd, 1918
To Methodist Minister or School Teacher, Springdale, N.D.B.

Regret to inform you Record Office London reports to-day
No. 4031, Private Fred Wells previously reported missing Oct. 14th
now reported killed in action or died of wounds Oct. 14th authority
Burial Report. Please inform next of kin Herbert Wells, father

J.R. Bennett
Minister of Militia

C.R. Count 4031

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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 Dagh of Militia

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent by	Check

Dated **Dec. 23rd, 1918**
To **Herbert Wells, Springdale, N.D.B.**

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London,
officially reports **No. 4031, Private Fred Wells**
previously reported missing Oct. 14th, 1918 now reported
killed in action or died of wounds Oct. 14th, Authority Burial
report
Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J.R. Bennett
Minister of Militia.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:

This Message is not to be delivered until Receiving Office notifies that Message to **Methodist Minister**
or School Teacher, Springdale, N.D.B. has been received and acted upon
FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 4031

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal
Nfld. Regt. France. 21-12-18.

4031 F. Wells

Previously reported "Missing" 14-10-18 now killed in
Action or Died of Wounds 14-10-18.

C.R. 4031

Extract of Telegram from Synoptical, London, to Military
St. John's dated Dec. 21st 1918.

Previously reported Missing Oct. 14th now reported Killed
in Action or died of wounds Oct. 14th

4031 Wells.

Authority:-

Buria) report.

C.R. 4031 ~~C.R.~~

Extract from Casualties received from W.O. List No. 1780
dated 19/12/18.

4031 Pte. F. Wells.

K. in A. or D. of W. on or shortly after 14/10/18

AUTHORITY burial report by Rev. G.A. MILLS att 9th., Seaforth
16/10-18.

Counter No. 4031

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

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender _____ Address Dept of Militia.

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated **Nov. 14th, 1918**

To **Herbert Wells, Springdale, N.D.B.**

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London,
officially reports **No. 4031, Private Fredrick**
missing October 14th.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J.R. Bennett

Chge **Dept of Militia**

Minister of Militia.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 4031

Extract from Telegram from Synoptical dated November 13th., 1918.

MISSING OCT. 14th.,

4031 Wells.

C.R. 4031

Extract of Nominal Roll Draft. (All Ranks) to 1st
Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Folkestone.

4031 Pte. F. Wells.

25-5-18.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

C.R. 4031

Extract of Nominal Roll of Draft No. 46,- 120 Other Ranks from 2nd. Batta
Depot, Winchester, to 1st. Batta., The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, B.E.F
Embarked Folkestone, 25/5~~3~~/8.

4031 Pte. F. Wells.

A.Fs. B. 103 (one for
each soldier) sent to 2
3rd. Echelon, B.E.F.

C.R. 4031

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,
per S.S. "Florizel" Dec. 11, 1917.

#4031 pte. F. Wells.

C.R. 4031

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Hfld.
Regt., St. John's, Oct. 29th, 1917.

4031 Pte. F.B. Wells.

Attested to r General Service with the Hfld. Regt. with
effect from Oct. 29th, 1917.

Wells, F.

C.R. 4031

P. V. R. O.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Wells Christian Name Fred.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Springdale Free Bay. County Wales

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>29</u> day of <u>Oct</u> 191 <u>7</u>	on	day of	191
	at <u>St. Johns</u>	at		
Declared Age	<u>18</u> years	<u>7</u> Mos	years	days
Trade or Occupation	<u>Fisherman</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>8</u> inches	feet	inches
Weight		<u>121</u> lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>35</u> inches			inches
	Range of Expansion... <u>5</u> inches			inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R. E.—V = <u>5/10</u>		R. E.—V =	
	L. E.—V = <u>6/12</u>		L. E.—V =	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Lammont Paterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Major</u>			
	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at <u>St. Johns</u>	at		
	on <u>29th</u> day of <u>Oct</u> 191 <u>7</u>	on	day of	191
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment				
Transferred to	<u>1st Wales Regt</u>	<u>4031</u>		
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of	191	on
			day of	191
[Signature]				
[Rank]				

FORM K

No 3770^{A.}



1ST. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

I, Fred Wells, Regl. No. 4031.

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of 5/6 Dollars and 50 Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person ^{and}/_{or} Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person ^{and}/_{or} Persons concerned, viz :

Allotment begins 1-11-17.

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
3090	mother	Mrs. Wells (Emma)	Wells	60
			Springdale	
			R 239	
			Total Allotment, \$	60

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.) [Signature]
 Officer Commanding

[Signature] Company
9-11-17 191

(Sig.) Fred Wells
 (Rank) [Signature]

Department of Militia

MEMORANDUM

No. 20/4031

From
MINISTER OF MILITIA,
 ST. JOHN'S,
 NEWFOUNDLAND
 Feb 8th, 1919

To
Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records
Pay & Record Office
The Royal Wld. Regt
58 Victoria St.,
5869 London, S.W.1

SUBJECT:

**4031, Pte. Fred Wells,
 Deceased**

REPLY

Dated 14th April, 1919.

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

Attached hereto is copy of letter from the father of the above mentioned soldier. Will you kindly have enquiries set on foot to obtain what detailed information there is possible with reference to the matter therein, and communicate same to us.

J. R. V. Bennett

Minister of Militia.

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J. B. Anderson
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C.P. & O. i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent.
Officer Commanding,
1st Bn. R. Newfoundland Regt.

4th April, 9

my No. 3512/140/R.&.C.

dated 4/3/19 (copy enclosed) - -

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Capt.,

For Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

3512/140/R. & C.

Forms
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Enclosure

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C. RECORDS
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
38, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
ENGLAND.

From
LIEUT. COL.
COMMANDING 1st Bn. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

To Off the Records

Officer Commanding,
1st Battn,
R. Newfoundland R.,
B. E. F.

ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office,

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Capt. for
O. Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

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A. W. Morrison
LIEUT. COL.

COMMANDING 1st Bn. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

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3512/140/R.&.C.

5329/945'

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Capt. for
C. Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

HA/JC

Springdale Jan 26th, 1919

Dear Sir:-

No. 4031, Pte. Fred Wells

Beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of sympathy re our dear boy, Pte. Fred Wells who is supposed to have been killed in action in Oct, 1918 ; also message of sympathy from Their Majesties King and Queen. It is a trying ordeal we have to undergo, like many others but he bravely did his duty. In all his letters he never murmured "Dont worry father," he wrote "if you see my name in the casualties all will be well" Not knowing how he went makes it doubly hard. If you would kindly take some steps Sir, if you think you could find out any little item of information; such as, what particular place that Battalion was fighting in at that time and the name of their Commander. The last letter had from our boy did not state about going to the firing line. The letter was dated 1st Sept. I suppose it was their orders not to do so; but it leaves us all in the dark.

Perhaps these questions worry you; but it's from parents' hearts you will understand.

Your humble Servant

(Sgd.) Herbert Wells

DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY
POSTED Feb. 21⁰⁰ 1919

C.R. 4031



20/4031

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FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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REGIMENT OR CORPS } Royal Newfoundland. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company }

Regimental No. 4031. Rank Private

Surname Wells. Christian Names P.

Died { Date 14-10-18. Place France or Belgium.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action or Died of Wounds.

Nature and Date of Report Burial report, Ref. No. 63083, d/d 16-10-18.

By whom made Rev. A. Mills.

* 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 in Small Book (if at Base) Not received (c) as a separate document not received.

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Station and Date } G.H.O., 3rd. Echelon. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature] Capt. for Lt. Col
Date } 16-12-19. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } 1/0 No. 1 Infantry Section.



No. 4031

Name *Pte Mills*Sqn., Batty.,
or Company**B**

Corps

*Royal Newfold*Date of
enlistment*29.10.17*G.C.
BadgesService or
Proficiency PayDate of last entry in
Company Conduct SheetNo. and date
of last drunkPeriod not reckoning towards
freedom from extra fine

Sheet No.

Signature O.C.
Company, etc.

Character

Place	Date of offence	Rank	Cases of Drunken- ness	Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	Remarks
<i>Kid</i>	<i>1/7/18</i>	<i>Pte</i>		<i>Absent from duty when warned</i>	<i>469 marks</i>	<i>2 days CB</i>	<i>2/1/18</i>	<i>Cobbler</i>	<i>left.</i>
									<i>Missing 14/10/18</i>



No. 6470/494

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

N. F. P. / 70.

From

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

To:

Officer Commanding,
2/Bn Royal Newfoundland Regt.
Winchester.

~~Subject~~ 26th April 1918

Subject: 4031, Pte. F. Wells,

With reference to the following telegram (3699) from the Hon. Minister of Militia, received

24/ 4/18

Pay to 4031 Wells £5:0:0

Draft £ 5:0:0 is enclosed for payment to this Soldier.

Kindly obtain his receipt hereon.

W. H. ...
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

038089

April 29 1918

Cham
Receipt hereunder,
LIEUT. COLONEL,
COMMANDING 2ND BN. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.,
Officer Comdg. South
1st Newfoundland Regiment

Received the sum of _____
Five Pounds on account of
cable remittance from Newfoundland.

F Wells
No. 4031 Rank Pte

Wells, A.

4031

Sept.

ORIGINAL.

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps **ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**
 No. 4031 Rank Pte Name Wells F.
 Died (a) Intestate at France on the 14th of October 1918.
 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 14/10/18	6	8	10	
	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	6	8	10	Balance due to the Paymaster				
		£	6	8		£	6	8	10

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

CHECKED. P. J. D. 12 JUN 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of ~~NEWFOUNDLAND~~ **NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,** is correctly chargeable against the Public.
 Dated at this day of 12 JUN 1919
 191 . CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C. ~~Records~~

- (a) Here state whether the soldier is dead, 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.
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Dated at

this

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
 LONDON, S.W.
 12 JUN 1919
 PAYMASTER'S OFFICE

191

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No 3770



1ST. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

I, Fred Wells, Regl. No. 4031

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of 7 Dollars and 50 Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person ^{and} _{or} Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person ^{and} _{or} Persons concerned, viz.:

Allotment begins 1-11-17

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
<u>3090</u>	<u>mother</u>	<u>Mrs Wells (Emma)</u>	<u>Wells</u>	<u>60</u>
			<u>Springdale</u>	
			<u>Rd 533</u>	
Total Allotment, \$				<u>60</u>

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

Sig.) Walter JH
Officer Commanding
Company

St Johns Mt
9-11-17
191

(S) Fred Wells

(Rank) _____

old Jh

FIELD SERVICE.

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Date } 16-12-19. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } No. 1 Infantry Section.

October 16, 1919

Herbert Wells,
Springdale.
N.D.B.



Dear Sir:

I enclose cheque for \$39.85
balance of estate of late Pte. F. Wells, due you
as Administrator of his estate.

I also enclose Letters of
Administration.

Yours truly,

Major
Paymaster.

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Enc. 2

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 398²⁵

Oct 3 1919

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment

the sum of thirty nine ⁸⁵ Dollars.

~~on account~~
balance of Pay. estat.

Ch. No. 14289	Initials... <i>EW</i>
Pay Ledger... 26	Initials... <i>W</i>
Gen. Ledger.....	Initials.....

Regtl. No. *101* Rank *Sgt*

No. 4031

Rank

Pf

Name

J. Well

St. John's, Dec 10/19
(Date)

1st Newfoundland Regiment BILLETING ACCOUNT

To Mrs. Gaud
7 Bazaar St.

Billeting soldiers as undermentioned

from Nov 27 to Dec 7

4031 Ft. S. Woods

1 week 2 days 7.80

M. Messer
2039

[Signature]
7.80

Certified correct for \$

Free Regiment,
W. H. Roberts,
Squad Leader,
Dec 19/19

[Signature]

Bill of Office
1st Newfoundland Regiment
St. John's, Nfld.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

OFFICER i/c RECORDS,

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA,

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.



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To ensure that as far as may be possible none of the next of kin of those who have fallen in the War shall fail to receive the Memorial Plaque, it is requested that on receipt of the enclosed Plaque this card be signed at the bottom and posted. No stamp is required.

E

Mr Herbert Wells

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(2249) Wt 21551/AP6599 10/19 900M (20) D.St.



Springdale 28th 1920
August

Dear Sirs

Enclosed please find
Receipt for A. B. # - 64.

Kindly thanking you
for same and all other
favours received.

I remain Yours truly

Herbert Wells

Wells

WD

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. 4031 Name G. Wells

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

Name Herbert Wells

Date August 3rd 1920

Place Springdale

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CR 4031
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Date } 16-12-19. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } 1/6 No. 1 Infatry Section. Capt. for Lt. Col.



Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number **C.R.** 4087...

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *2^d Royal Newfoundland*

Rank *Pte* Surname *Stells* Christian Name *Ed*

Religion *Meth* Age on Enlistment *18* years *7* months

Enlisted (a) *29. 10. 17* Terms of Service (a) *Duration* Service reckons from (a) *29. 10. 17*

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) or Corps Trade and rate

Occupation *Fisherman* *W. M. Curran* 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>25-5-18</i>		
			Disembarked <i>27-5-18</i>		
			Joined Battalion <i>31-5-18</i>		
<i>21/10/18</i>	<i>of accounts Rev. A. Stells 200, 92 Norfolk 9/1405/13</i>	<i>Missing Reported Buried</i>	<i>Fixed</i>	<i>14/10/18</i>	<i>B.213 Ref. 63083 9/1-16/10/18</i>
			<i>W. M. Curran /C.R. 4087</i>		<i>Capt. for Lt Col. Infantry Section</i>

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

(b) Signaller, Shoelag Smith, &c.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Forms
B. 121
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Number of Sheet 87

Regiment of 1st Newfoundland

Signature of O. C. Company W. B. [Signature]

Regimental No. and Name		Enlistment		Trade	
No.		Age on			
<u>4031</u>	<u>Wells J.</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u> months	<u>Shipman</u>	
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment		Religion	
		<u>Upper 29-10-17</u>		<u>Meth.</u>	
Joined	Date	Period of		Place of Birth	
		with Colours <u>351</u> years.			
Joined	Date	with Reserve <u>365</u> years.			

Good Conduct Badges, Service pay or proficiency pay

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>Killed in Action</u>		<u>14</u> ^{<u>10</u>} _{<u>18</u>}			

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121