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Extract of Honours & Awards, Newfoundland Contingent,
Serial number 44. Supplement A.

Particulars of the deed for which

LT. COL. J.S. WOODRUFFE, Royal Sussex Regiment
(Att. Royal Newfoundland Regiment).

was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal:

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his Battalion in a very difficult situation, and under heavy fire during ten days' operations. On one occasion he personally rallied and reformed troops under heavy shell fire, and led them to the attack, re-establishing the line at a very critical moment. He showed great gallantry in handling his command."

Authority:

W.O. Letter 0137/3/285 (M.S.3) of 24/2/19 (1693) in reply to Pay & Record Office enquiry.

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Extract from Telegram received from London, dated
June 10, 1918 .

Awarded D.S.O. Lieut.Col. Woodruffe.

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Extract from Daily Orders part 11, Iron Unit The Royal
B214, Regt. In the field dated 15-6-18.

Major A.E. Bernard... Takes over command of Battalion
vice Lieut. Col. Woodruffe, 3-6-18 B213 d/9-6-18.

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Extrat from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal
Nfld. Regt. In the field, dated 15-6-18

Lieut. Col. J.S. Woodruffe struck off the strength of
Battalion and proceeded to take command of 2nd Battalion
Royal Sussex Regiment. 1-6-18

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

ANSWERED

RECEIVED BY THE MILITIA DEPARTMENT
MAY 1 1888

Reference attached received from
you Major Bernard has passed
it to me

I would be obliged if you would
kindly inform me why I as
Commanding Officer of the 1st Bn
Royal Newfoundland Regt. have
been ignored in the matter

24/4/18

J. Woodhuffe

LIEUT. COL.

COMMANDING 1st Bn. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

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Extract of Militia Orders by J.R.Bennett, a/Minister of
Militia, dated March 5th, 1918.

Major (Temporary Lieut.Col.) H.S.Woodruffe, The Sussex
Regiment, assumed command of the 1st Battalion of The
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, on January 1st, 1918.
Authority:- D.O. Pt.2, 11/1/18, 1st Battalion.

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Extract of Daily Orders part 11, from Unit 1st. Nfld.
Regiment, 3rd Echelon, B.E.F., dated 26/1/18.

Major H.S. Woodruffe (Royal Sussex Regt.)

Joined and takes over command of Battalion from 1/1/18.

N.F.P./35

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

No 1224

Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. (1).
24th January, 1917.

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

C.R. 0-164

With the compliments of:
PAYMASTER & OFFICER i/c RECORDS.

121/A/1621(M.S.K.)

23rd January, 1918.

Sir,

In continuation of War Office letter of the 8th December, 1917, number as above, I am directed to inform you that Major J.S. Woodruffe, Royal Sussex Regiment, assumed command of the 1st Battalion Royal Newfoundland Regiment, on the 1st January 1918.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) A. H. Dawkes.

for Military Secretary.

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24 JAN 1918
The Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W.1.

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Copy of Telegram received from London, dated January
22, 1918.

With reference to your telegram 19th January,
Daily Orders first Battalion January 1st, states
Major Woodruffe took Command from this date
particulars mailed.

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Copy of Telegram despatched to Synoptical London,
dated January 19, 1918.

Is Major Woodruffe officially posted to
Command 1st Battalion.

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Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal
Nfld. Regt. in the field, dated May 18, 1918.

Major (A/Lt.Col) J.S. Woodruffe. (Royal Sussex
Regt.)

To command Battalion and to be temporary Lieutenant
January 23, 1918. with seniority January 6, 1918.

Lt. Col. Woodruffe

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P. & R.O.

8/11/18

My dear Tincewell,

Many thanks for your letter; but doubtless you have heard that I have left the Regt. & got command of my own Regt. 2nd Royal Surrey Regt. I am very sorry to quit for one or two reasons, but in a give it is to please your politicians.

I have had several wires congratulating me but what about I do not know unless

it is an immediate award
for 13th April.

I don't think I have done
the old Regt badly & am
sure they themselves were
sorry I left. but of course
the Govt had to be pleased but
I should have no grievance
if they got me a Brevet Lieut
Colonelcy as I lose Temporary
Rank for acting on the
exchange wh means if wounded
or sick I go down to Major.

I hope to see you on a
friendly visit if I ever
get leave. I have not had
it for over 5 months.
Well best of luck to you

Yrs very sincerely

M Woodhouse

10/6/18

Dear Lincell

As I have left the Regt. I don't suppose you will want my picture.

However I am asking my people to send you one w^h please return to them.

Thanks for all your letters. I hope to look in on you some time.

You do not seem quite to understand that questions of leave for Medal Men etc does not rest with Batt^y Commanders. Leave being limited to about 2 a day per Division.

Yrs very sincerely

W. Woodruff

58, Victoria St.,

London S.W.1.

21st. June 1918.

Dear Col. Woodruffe,

This is just a hurried note to say that the Minister and myself are leaving London to-morrow (Saturday) for France, and will be with the Battalion on Sunday and Monday.

Needless to say we should very much like to see you and if it can be so arranged, I should be glad if you would let me know when and where we could meet.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. We hope to return here by the 28th. inst.



MEMORANDUM

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

Ref. No. 2119
Reg'd. 2 MAR 1918
Ack'd.
To File No.

From
To Major J. S. Woodruffe,
Officer Commanding,
1/Bn. Royal Nfld. Regt.
B. E. F.

From
Ack'd. J. S. Woodruffe
To File No. Chief Paymaster
ANSWER. 1/2 Records

FM/WF

Pay & Record Office,
19th, February 1918

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BY
DATE the Newfoundland
Govt.

MESS ALLOWANCE,
IMPERIAL OFFICERS SERVING WITH
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Officers of the Imperial Forces who are serving with the Newfoundland Contingent are granted Mess Allowance of 4/- per day by the Newfoundland Government, as in the case of Newfoundland Officers.

Kindly advise the name and address of your Bankers, or other Agents, to whom you wish this Allowance paid, please?

J. S. Woodruffe
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

My agents are -
Messrs Cox & Co.
16 Chancery X
London S.W.
J. S. Woodruffe

NOTED
Off. & Ad. Subts
Date *R.L. 4/7/18*

ROYAL
COMMO. 1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.
J. S. Woodruffe

See 2391

Camp
Note in Ledger

2989/79/R.&.O.

20th February, 9.

The Secretary,
War Office,
S.W. 1.

Sir,

Lt.Col. J.S. Woodruffe, D.S.O.
Royal Sussex Regiment.

Will you be good enough to state the particulars of the deed for which the above-named Officer was awarded the Distinguished Service Order?

He was formerly attached to and commanding the 1st Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regiment, B.E.F., and it is understood the decoration was awarded when he was with that Unit.


Kindly also furnish the date of the reference in the London Gazette.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Capt.,

For Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

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War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W. 1.

24th February, 1919.

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 20.2.19.,
I am directed to enclose a copy of the official
account of the distinguished services rendered in
the Field by Lieut.-Colonel J.S.Woodruffe, for which
he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. F. Little

Lieut.-Colonel.
for Deputy Military Secretary.

The Chief Paymaster,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W.1.

Awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Maj. (T/Lt.-Col.) John Sheldon Woodruffe,
Royal Sussex Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in commanding his Battalion in a very difficult situation, and under heavy fire during ten days' operations. On one occasion he personally rallied and reformed troops under heavy shell fire, and led them to the attack, re-establishing the line at a very critical moment. He showed great gallantry in handling his command.

T.F.
