



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2395 Name R. N. Balsam Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Ralph Norman Balsam</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Clareville</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>23</u> Years <u>7</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Conductor</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? | 7. <u>No</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? | 8. <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? | 9. <u>Yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.... | 10. { Name
Corps |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? | 11. <u>Yes</u> |

FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR

I, R. N. Balsam 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.

Ralph Norman Balsam SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

R. P. Halseaway Signature of Witness.

E April 3

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

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

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at St. John's on this 3rd day of April 1916

R. P. Halseaway Signature of Attesting Officer

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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.

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‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

* If so, Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz:—(Name).....re-enlisted in the (Regiment).....on the (Date).....

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Dec. 28th, 1919



C.R. 2395

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

Dear Sir

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

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

Yours faithfully,

W. G. Rendell Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.

Mr. William Balsam

Clareenville

*Recd. the above with thanks
Mrs. Wm Balsam*

C.R. 2395

JULY 29th 1919.

Mrs. Sarah Balsom,
Clareville.

Dear Madame:

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 23rd, with reference to the Memorial Certificate of your son, the late #2395 Sgt. Ralph Balsom.

I am to state that enquiries were made as to the cause of the delay in sending this certificate to you, and we are informed by the Colonial Secretary's Department, who have this matter in hand, that Messrs. Ayre & Cons, Ltd., the executors of these cards, have been unable to procure the necessary material to finish them on account of the scarcity in England. The greatest cause of this delay has been the great scarcity of glass on the other side, and it has been almost impossible to secure this for some time past. However, they assure us that your son's certificate will be finished and despatched to you by the end of next week. This information they state is positively correct.

Yours faithfully,

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Yours faithfully,

Z. H. R.

Clareville

July 23rd/19

Hon. A. E. Hickman
Minister of Militia.

Dear Sir - I am writing you to know
if you could be the means of seeing that
I should get a memorial Certificate
for my son Lieut. Ralph Balsom #2395
who was killed on the 29th of January 1918.
all the neighbours who lost relatives got
their. But so far I have not recd. any.
Kindly give this matter your earnest
consideration.

I remain, Sir,

very Respectfully Yours
Mrs. Sarah Balsom

1919

C.R. 2395

Extract from Nominal Roll of 21st. Regt. Embarked
Southampton, 3-10-16. from 2nd Bn., Depot, to 1st Bn.,
B.E.F. DRAFT No 11

2395 L/Cpl. R. Balsam

C.R. 2395

extract from Daily Orders part II, Depot
St. John's PROMOTIONS from JUNE-9th
1916.

TO BE MADE CPL.

2395 Pte R. H. Balsam.

C.R. 2395

Sept 18 18

Mrs. William Balsam
Clareville

Dear Mrs. Balsam:-

Your letter of Sept. has been received and a letter has been despatched to the Colonial Secretary's Department who has the issuing of Memorial Cards, asking if they would be good enough to forward one to you.

With reference to the estate of No. 2395, Sergt. Balsam, I have to inform you that his account has not yet been received from the Pay & Record Office. When this does eventually come to hand, the Dept. of Justice will be asked to issue letters of administration, to enable us to settle the estate. Due notification will be sent to you when this account has been received

Yours faithfully

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 2395

Sept. 18 18

The Honourable
Colonial Secretary

Sir:- No. 2395, Sergt. Ralph H. Balsam

The mother of the above soldier has written to ask if she could be issued with a Memorial Card. Sergt. Balsam was killed in action on the 29th of Jan., 1918.

I should be glad to know if you can forward this certificate to enable me to reply to Mrs. Balsam's letter.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Minister of Militia.

C.R. 2395

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Reft. Melitia

St. Johns.

Clareville

Sept. 12/1918

Gentlemen; I have been wondering if I should receive a certificate of the death of my son no. 2395 Sgt. A. N. Balsam who fell in action on the 29th of Jan. last.

My reason for asking this question is, I see some parents receive Certificates nicely framed, I would like to get one (if it is customary) for a lasting memento of my son.

My husband is dead, he

(over)

Died on the 20th of March
1917.

There is another item I wish
to refer to just now, that
is, if you know of any will
or testament was made me
by my son (Ralph) before he
was killed, I understand if
there was any outstanding
money left me or what is
termed allotment (laying
at the Pay & Record Office, London
Eng. I would obtain same
by filing administration papers
at the Dept. of Justice.

Thanking you for any
information you may give
me in answer to the above.

I remain truly yours
Mrs Wm Balsam

No. 6

A REGISTERED POSTAL PACKET

2395

Received from

Addressed

*John Babson
Clareville*

Received a Registered Postal Packet addressed as on the Receipt Form bearing the above No,



Office Stamp }

Received a Registered Postal Packet addressed as above... }

John

PERSONAL EFFECTS

C.R. 2395

RECEIVED FROM MILITIA DEPARTMENT

ONE PACKAGE OF EFFECTS OF THE LATE NO. 2395, SERGT. RALPH
BALSAM.

SIGNED. *Mrs. Wm. Balsam*

DATED. *Sept. 12th 1918*

C.R. 2395

Sept. 6th, 1918

Mr. William Balsam,
Clarendville, T.B.

Dear Mr. Balsam:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you one package containing the effects of your late son, No. 2395, Sergt. Ralph Balsam of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment

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

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

I am,

Yours faithfully

Lieut.

Casualty Officer

Encl.

PERSONAL EFFECTS

Received from Militia Department
Package of effects of the late

Serjt R. A. Balsom
2395

Signed

(Mrs) Wm^{hus} Balsom
Wife

Date

May 17/18

May 18, 18

Mr. William Balsam:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you, one package of effects, which belonged to your son, the late # 2395 Sergt. R.N. Balsam of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

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

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

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Captain

Mr. William Balsam,
Clareville.

Enc'l 1.

No. of Paper 1046

PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Name Balsom, R. M. No. 2395

Rank Dgt. Regiment 2nd Inf.

Article	Where stored	Notified by
1 Package Containing: 1 Wallet Letters & Photos Cards		
1 Metal Cig Case	Final disposal	
2 Note Books		
1 pair Spectacles (in case)		
1 Travel Book		
2 Cloth Items		

Remarks: Car Report - K. I. A. 29-1-18.

Next of Kin: Wm Balsom
Clasenville.

C.R. 2395

Original in M-23

Extract of Letter to:

Officer Commanding 1st Battalion,

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment,

Feb. 25th. 1918.

B.E.F. France.

From: Acting Minister of Militia.

I am in receipt of your letter of 12th Jan., and note that 2396 Sgt. R. Balsam is being sent to an O.T.O.

C.R. 2395

Extract from Casualty received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated February 15, 1918..

The following Casualty in the 1st. ~~Newfoundland~~ Battalion, The
Royal Newfoundland Regiment, with the British Expeditionary
Force, is reported under various dates:-

#2395 Sergt. R.N. Balsam. ✓

Killed.

C.R. 2395

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated February 13, 1918.

#2395 Sergt. R.N. Balsam. ✓

Killed in Action 29/1/18.

Auth:- A.Fs. B.2090 A.

Form No. 17

OR. 2395
Counter No. _____

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 connect on 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

J.R. Bennett

Address Dept of Militia.

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated Feb. 15th, 1918.

To Methodist Minister or School Teacher,
Clareville.

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London today reports

No. 2395, Sergt. Ralph H. Balsam killed in action Jan. 29, 1918.

J.R. Bennett,

Acting Minister of Militia.

C.N. 2395
Number No. _____

Form No. 17

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Dated Feb. 15th, 1918.
To William Balsam, Clarenville.

~~Regret to inform you that Record Office, London to-day reports
No. 2395, Sergt. Ralph, H. Balsam killed in action Jan. 29, 1918~~

J. R. Bennett,

Acting 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 has been delivered and acted upon.

C.R. 2395

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated February 16, 1918.

#2395 Sergt. R.N. Balsem. ✓

Killed in Action 29/1/18. Auth: O.C. Unit 2/2/18

CR. 2395

Extract of letter to the Minister of Militia.

From, J.S. Woodruffe Lieut. Col. 1st Nfld. Regiment.
dated January 12th. 1918.

I am submitting the name of this N.C.O. for training
at O.T.C.

2395, Sergt. R. Balsam.

Original in M-23

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Signature of Sender _____

Address _____

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated

July 19, 1917.

To

Mr. William Balsam,

Clareville.

Regret to inform you that Record Office,

London, officially reports No. 2395, Sergeant Ralph N.

Balsam was, at Twentyfourth General Hospital, Etaples,

July twelfth, suffering from mild gunshot wound right arm.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you and trust that next report will be of his convalescence.

J. R. BENNETT, R.A. SQUIRES

Acting Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 2395

Extract of Daily Orders part 11, by Lieut.Col. Forbes
Robertson, M.C. Commandin Newfoundland Regiment, dated
18/4/17.

#2395 Corpl. R.N.Balsam, B.Co.,

To be Sergeant.

C.R. 2395

Extract of Daily Orders part 11, from Unit 1st Newfoundland
Regiment, 3rd Echelon, B. F. dated February 24, 1917.

#2395 L/Cpl. R. Balsam. ✓

Promoted to Corporal 9/8/17.

C.R. 2395

Extract of Daily Orders part 11, ~~announced~~ by Lieut.
Col. J. Forbes-Robertson, M.C., Commanding 1st Field
Regiment, 9/8/17.

#2395 L/Corpl. R.W. Balsam, B. Co.,

to be ~~Squad~~ Corporal.

C.R. 2395

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,
per S.S. "Sicilian" July, 19, 1916.

2395 Bt/6pl. Balsam R.N.

C.R. 2395

Extract of Depot Daily Orders Part 11 dated
June 9th, 1916.

#2395 Pte. R. N. Balsam. ✓

To be Lance Corporal.

C.R. 2395

Ralph N. Balsam was attested for General Service with
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on April 3rd 1916.
Regimental No. 2395 was allotted to Pte R.N. Balsam.

AUTHORITY:
Record Ledger
Dept. of Militia
March 25th 1919

R. Balsam

C.R.

2395

P.R.O.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Balsam

Christian Name Raeph Heriman

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish _____ County _____

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>31st</u> day of <u>March</u> 191 <u>0</u> at <u>St Johns NB</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u> at _____	
Declared Age	<u>23</u> years — days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Ry. Conductor</u>		_____	
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>7</u> inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	<u>160</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>37½</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>2½</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks	Arm	_____	_____	_____
	Number	_____	_____	_____
When Vaccinated	<u>7 yrs ago</u>		_____	
Vision	R.E.—V=	<u>6/6</u>	R.E.—V=	_____
	L.E.—V=	<u>6/6</u>	L.E.—V=	_____
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Lamon Peterson</u>		_____	
(Rank)	<u>Capt.</u>		_____	
Enlisted	at <u>St Johns</u> on <u>30</u> day of <u>March</u> 191 <u>0</u>		at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>	
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	<u>1st Year Reg 2395</u>		_____	
Transferred to	_____		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____		_____	
(Signature)	on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>	
(Rank)	_____		_____	

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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

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

Regimental No. 2395. Rank Sergeant.

Surname Balsom. Christian Names R.N.

Died { Date 29-1-18. Place France or Belgium.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d/2-2-18.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

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

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

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

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

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

Station and Date } G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature]
Date } 8-2-18. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base }

MAJOR



No. 2395. Name Balsom R.M. Sq., Batty., or Company } "A" Corps 1st Newfoundland Date of enlistment } 3-4-16 G.C. Badges } Service or Proficiency Pay }
 Character V. Good.

Date of last entry in Company Conduct Sheet } No. and date of last drunk } Period not reckoning towards freedom from extra fine } Sheet No. One. Signature O.C. } Company, etc. }

J. H. [Signature]

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
		Lt.							

Wounded 10-7-17

2000

Army Form B. 199

No. 2123



P. 4

31st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

I, Ralph N. Balsom, Regl. No. 2395
 hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of
 Dollars and sixty 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 May 1/16.

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
2119.	father	Wm. Balsom	Clareville	60
<u>Commencing 2/1/16</u>				
Total Allotment, \$				

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.) H. D. [Signature]
 for Officer Commanding
 Company
Ap. 26/16
St. John's 191

(Sig.) Ralph N. Balsom
 (Rank) Pte.

CABLEGRAM

No. _____



No. of Message _____

23 MAR 1917

The following CABLEGRAM received, at *2/45* M. "Via Commercial Cables."
 ES...SR353 GOVT STJOHNS NF. 26
 ES...

SYNOPTICAL LONDON

Rt.
 PLEASE NOTIFY CORPORAL BALSOM 2395 FRANCE AND PRIVATE ROY BALSOM 2770 AYR THEIR FATHER DIED PNEUMONIA TUESDAY BURIED CLARENVILLE THURSDAY LETTERS FOLLOWING

POSTMASTER GENERAL.

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	1402
Rec'd.	MAR 23 1917
Ack'd.	
Ans'd.	
File No.	

3.43 p
23-3-17
[Signature]

Transmitted
23/3/17

No Inquiry respecting this Message can be attended to without the production of this paper. Repetitions of doubtful words should be obtained through the Company's Offices, and not by direct application to the Sender.

2651/163

Officer Commanding,
2/1 Newfoundland Regt.,
Racecourse,
Ayr.

HT/NW 23rd March, 7

No.2770, Pte.R.L BALSOM

March 25th, 1917.

Following telegram received

3.45 p.m. this date, please:

"Synoptical, London.
"Please notify Corporal
"Balsom 2395 France and Private
"Roy Balsom 2770 Ayr their
"father died pneumonia Tuesday
"buried Clarendville Thursday
"letters following.
Postmaster General."

Pte. Balsom has been
notified.

Will you kindly convey message
to the latter named who is under-
stood to be serving with your Unit.

(Sgd) C. Karn, Captain,
for Lt. Col.
Commanding 2/1st Nfld. Regt.
Newton-on-Ayr, N.B.

Major,
Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
RECORDS OFFICE	
Ref. No.	1435
Rec'd.	MAR 26 1917
Ack'd.	
Ans'd.	
File No.	

2652/53

Officer Commanding,
1/1 Newfoundland Regt.,
B. E. F.

23rd March, 7.

No. 2395, CPL. R.N. BALSOM.

31/3/17.

Following telegram received

3.45 p.m. this date, please:

"Synoptical, London.
"Please notify Corporal Balsom
"2395 France and Private Roy
"Balsom 2770 Ayr their father
"died pneumonia Tuesday buried
"Clarenville Thursday letters
"Following.
Postmaster General."

Will you kindly convey message
to the former named who is under-
stood to be serving with your Unit.

This was done by the
Chaplain to the Forces on
receipt of this letter on
28th inst.

(Sgd) A. Raley, Capt. & Adjt.
1st Nfld. Regt.

Major,
Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

1581

A/4/17

No. 2395 Rank Sgt Name Balsam R.

Pay	F.A.	Wkg	Total
185	15		150
Less: Allotment			60
Net Rate			90

DEBITS	Date	£ s d			CREDITS	Period		Days	Rate	£ s d						
						From	To			£	s	d				
Balance					Balance		8/17				15	9	10	✓		
Acquittance Rolls	17	12	0		Pay @ Net Rate	9/17	10/17	185	90	166	50	34	4	3	✓	
Hospital Advances					Ration allowance											
A.B. 64 (50 pres)	1	16	8		14 days @ 49								1	4	6	✓
P. & R.O. Payments																
	19-8-8						11/2	21/12	11	90	9	90	2	0	8	✓
					51-8-7											
					19-8-2											
					31-19-11											
					31-9-11											
					52-19-5											
					2-10-7											
Cheque No 7177	10/12	31	0	0												

60-8-8
60-8-8

RL
9/12/17

52-19-3

4th April 8.

5186/1/PS.

Mrs. Wm. Balsom,
Clarenville,
Trinity Bay,
Newfoundland.

Madam,

2395. Sgt. Ralph N. Balsom. ✓

With reference to your letter 1/3/18 (2971), the parcel referred to therein was received here on 22/3/18, and was forwarded to France on 25/3/18, as customary.

It is regretted that your instructions were received too late to be carried out.

I am, Madam,
Your obedient servant,

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

HA/MB

W. H. H. J.
(Piggott)

Blarenville
March 1st / 18.
Newfoundland
Trinity Bay

The Pay & Record Office
28 Victoria Street
London

Dear Sirs:-

If
you have received
either parcel address-
-ed to Sgt. Ralph
N. Balsom. No 2395-
1st Nfld. Regt. who was
killed in action Jan
29th will you please
forward it to Pte.
Roy L. Balsom. No
2770 1st Nfld. Regt.
as it is his brother
and I would like
for him to get it as

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
R.F. Nos 1	✓ 2971
Rec'd -	1 APR 1918
ACK'd	11 d
Ref. Nos	5786/1
BY	
BY	
P &	
R & C	
B & F	
P.S.	

They are both my Sons.
I wrote a letter
to you before com-
-erring this but I
thought you may not
get it as the Steamer
which takes the mail
was lost.

When last heard
from Pte Roy L.
Balsom he was
at Hazely Down
Camp ~~at~~ Inchester,
Eng.

Trusting this
will be alright.
I Remain
Yours Truly
Mrs Wm. Balsom

WILL 793

Name Balson Ralph A

Regtl. No. 295 Rank 1st Lt

Regiment ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Date of:— 14/10/16

Receipt

Transfer

Final disposal and
to whom sent

P.S.
Pte Roy L. Balsom
is from the 2/1st
Regt.

Calareville,
Trinity Bay,
Newfoundland.
Feb 20th 18.

The Pay & Record Office
58. Victoria Street
London.

Dear Sirs:

If you
have received either
parcel addressed to
Sergt. Ralph N.
Balsom No. 2393 -
(from me, his mother)
will you please
forward to Pte. Roy
L. Balsom Reg. no
2770 as Ralph was
killed in action Jan
29th 18 and Roy is
his brother and it
is my wish that he

NEWFOUNDLAND	
PAY & RECEIPT	
Ref. Nos. II	3439
Rec'd	15 APR 1918
Ack'd	Ans'd 4/4/18
Ref. Nos. OUI	5186/1
ACTED BY	
BRANCH	DATE
Comd.	
P. & A. :	
R. & C.	
B. & E.	
P. S.	✓

Should have it.
 I don't know his
 address at present
 but when last
 heard from was
 in Richmond Hospital
 wounded.

I expect he is out
 of hospital by this
 time

By doing this you
 will oblige me great
 ly

Hoping this cruel
 war will soon be
 over

I remain
 Mrs Wm. Balsom
 Clarenville South
 Trinity Bay
 Newfoundland.

A.M.F.O.

INVENTORY OF WOUNDED MEN'S EFFECTS.

M.F. 22.

HAVRE.

Sack No. _____

	£	s.	d.	Articles
	Inward Pro. No. <u>45</u>			
Package No. <u>11441</u>				Service Caps: ✓
Rank <u>Pgt</u>	Fcs.		Cs.	
Name <u>Bulson. R.H.</u>				
Regtl. No. <u>2395</u>				
Regiment <u>1st Regt. Gp. fds</u>				

1306

[Signature]

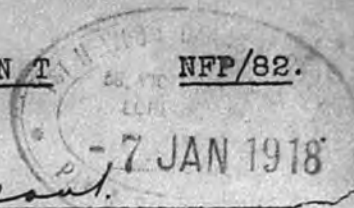
Waybiller *[Signature]*Caller-Off *[Signature]*

COF	
TO	
M. OF M.	11430/74 17/7/18
O.C. 1st. Bn.	

NEW FOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

NFP/82.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCE



1. Regimental No. and Rank

2395.

Sergeant.

Name

Ralph Norman Balsom

Unit

Nfld Regt.

2. Full Name of Dependent. (Mother)

Sarah Lilly Balsom

3. Address

Clareville
Trinity Bay
Nfld.

4. Have you made previous claim for Separation Allowance? If so, state particulars.

No

5. Is Separation Allowance being paid on your account to anyone in Nfld or elsewhere?

No

6. Date of Marriage.

7. Name and Address of your last Employer.

Reid Nfld Coy.

8. The amount of your salary or wages immediately prior to Enlistment.

\$65.00 per month.

9. Are your wages or any portion being paid by your employer during your absence?

No

10. If paid, what is the amount per month?

Nil

11. Name of Corps prior to enlistment in the Nfld Contingent.

No

I CERTIFY that the above is a true statement.

Ralph N. Balsom

Signature of Officer forwarding this application.

M Woodhuffe

Unit

Date



COMMO. 1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGI. LIEUT. COL.

OFFICE COPY.

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

No. **2395.**

Rank **Sgt.**

Name **Balson R.**

Died (a) Will ho. **493** at **France.**

on the **29th** of **January.** 191**8.**

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 29.1.18.	4	19	6
	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 _____			
					Messing allowance days at _____ from _____ to _____			
					Kit allowance			
					Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
					Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Consolidated stoppage							
					Balance due to the Paymaster			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	4	19	6				
		£	4	19		£	4	19
				6				6

COPY SENT TO
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.
No. **2628/50**
DATED **20 MAR 1918**

191
"
"
"

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

Dated at

this

day of

20 MAR 1919

191 .

Paymaster.

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

12508/10/P&A

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
53, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

O. C.

Royal Victoria Hospital
Netley, Hants.


2nd, August 1918

3295, PTE. H. HANN,
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

With reference to your memorandum
30/7/18 (6921): Receipt of £2. 0. 0, Treasury
Notes, is acknowledged. A/c B. 64 of 6034, Sgt.
Mac., S. Beeson, R. A. F. having been forwarded
to this office in error is returned herewith,
please.

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

FM/WF



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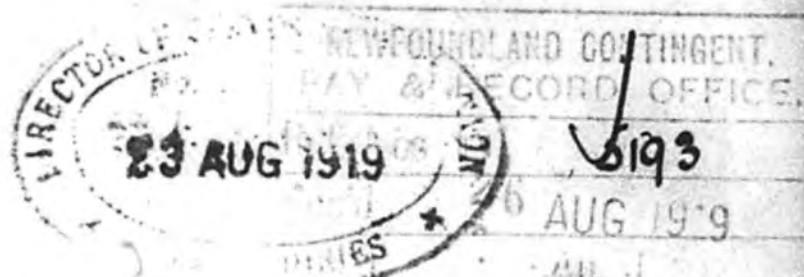
FM/WF



Killed in Action 29th
near Pakenham
map reference 58.D.6.d.8.

Reference: C.C.M/61/30734.

The Officer in Charge,
Newfoundland Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W. 1.



~~2395~~ ^{Balsom} Sergeant R. N. ~~Balsom~~,
1st Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regt.,
~~1.2.18.~~
29.1.18.

Can you confirm death of above soldier, please ?

War Office,
Winchester House,
St. James's Square,
London, S.W. 1.

M. S. Bradley
~~Major,~~
for Major-General,
D.G.G.R. & E.

Balsam R.H.

2595

Ray D.H.

ORIGINAL.

Army Form Q. 1433

PAY LIST to 191 Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps Royal Newfoundland Regiment
No. 2395 Rank Sergeant Name Balsom R.
Died Will No. 793 at France on the 29th of January 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.

Table with columns: Date, Dr., £ s. d., Cr., £ s. d. Rows include Balance Dr. last month, Cash issues, Consolidated stoppage, and Balance due by the Paymaster.

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 19 MAR 1919 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED. Paid. 19 MAR 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 4 19 6 is correctly chargeable against the account.

Dated at this day of

19 MAR 1919

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

ORIGINAL.

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST. to 191 . Voucher No.

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Dated at this day of 19 MAR 1919

Signature of Paymaster

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

Army Form O. 1025

PAY LIST.

191 . Voucher No.

Posted NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

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 Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191 .

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	£ s. d.				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	191				Messing allowance _____ days at _____			
	"				from _____ to _____			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage							
	1919 Balance due by the Paymaster	4	19	6	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	4	19		£	4	19
				6				6

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 19 MAR 1919 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED.
 P.S.A.
 19 MAR 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ _____ is correctly chargeable against the Public ⁽¹⁾ CONTINGENT.

Dated at _____

this _____

day of _____ 1919

1919

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1613.

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

DUPLICATE MAIL COPY

PAY LIST.

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		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	101				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"							
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	4	19	6	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	4	19		£	4	19
				6				6

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 19 MAR 1919 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED.
 P. L. A.
 19 MAR 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 4 19 6 is correctly chargeable against the Public (b).

Dated at this day of 1919

19 MAR 1919

1919 CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE CONTINGENT

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

Army Form B. 2090A.

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

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

Regimental No. 2395. Rank Sergeant.

Surname Balsom. Christian Names R.N.

Died { Date 29-1-18. Place France or Belgium.

Cause of Death* Killed in action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d/2-2-18.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

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

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

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

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

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

Station and Date } G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature]
8-2-18. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base }



ORIGINAL

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

COPY OF WILL

OF

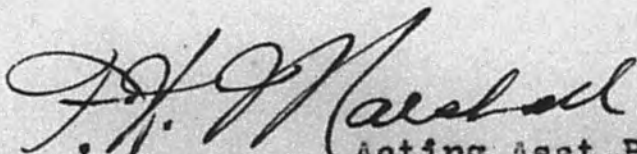
2395. SERGT. RALPH. N. BALSOM.

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my Mother - Mrs. William Balsom, Clarendville, F. Bay, Newfoundland.

(Signed) Ralph. N. Balsom.

Date:- October 14th, 1916.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

 Captain.
Acting Asst. Paymaster.
for:- Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

Carroll
Trinity Bay
June 17/19

J. M. Howley Esq^r
Paymaster,
Dept. Militia, St John's.

Dear Sir: On the 15th of May
I received your letter asking
me for Doctors Certificate
before you would pay me my
separation allowance, I
consequently herewith enclose
the said Certificate from Dr
Leslie the man who attended my
husband one day previous to his
demise.

Hoping this will suffice to
receive my separation allowance
I remain, Sir,

Respectfully Yours.

(Mrs) Sarah Balsam
P.S. The date of Commencement of my
separation allowance should be since
March 1917 and valued at \$40.00 per month.
(Mrs. S. Balsam)

June 5/1919
Newtown
B.B.

This is to Certify
that ~~Mr.~~ Ballou
Lareurville aged
53 years died
on the 19 March 1917
of Lobar Pneumonia
& that he was well
up to 10 or 12 days
of his death & able
to do his usual
work.

H. A. Leslie
M.D.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCE.

Claimant..... *Balsom, Sarah L. (mother, widow)*

On account of *Balsom, R.N.* No. *2395* Rank *Sgt.*

Decision..... *Approved payable from*
date of husband's death

A. E. Dickman
W. R. Rudell Capt. Co.
W. Bowley Capt

Date *June 21/1919*

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

Allotment of *60⁰⁰* per day payable to *William Balsom*
his *Father* from to *the current*
Discontinued on account of

L. R. Hest

Roy L Balsom 2770.
Ralph N. Balsom 2395.

13-4-19

NOTICE.

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

MOTHER.

(Separation Allowance Branch)

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

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

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

1. Name in full of soldier. Rank. Reg't, or Unit. Regt. No.
Ralph W. Balsom - Sergt. 1st Lt. 2395
2. Age of soldier. Married or Single.
23 years Single
3. Name in full of mother. Age. Occupation. Permanent Address.
Sarah L. Balsom 51 - Housewife Clareville
4. Give name of your husband. Age. Occupation Where Employed.
Wm. H. Balsom 53. Fisherman - Dead
5. If your husband is not supporting you state the reason.
Husband Dead.
6. If your husband is a chronic invalid and totally incapacitated, state nature of maledy. (A Medical Certificate must be enclosed with this document stating from what date husband has been totally incapacitated, and for how long incapacity is likely to continue.)
7. If you are a widow, state date and place of death of your husband.
Dec Clareville Nov 20/17
8. Have you married again since death of above mentioned husband?
No.
9. Names of your other children. Address in full. Age. Occupation Married or Single.
*Ephraim Balsom 15
Florence Balsom 12
Roland Balsom 11
Beatrice Balsom 8
William Balsom*
Clareville

10. State amount earned by (a) Yourself
(b) Your husband.

Nothing

11. State amount and source of any other income.

60¢ per day from 2 Soldiers

12. State value of real property belonging to you and your husband.

House half finished & enough land for personal use.

13. State value of personal property belonging to you and your husband.

14. If husband is dead state value of real and personal property left by him.

House partly finished and land.

15. Actual amount contributed by soldier during the year prior to enlistment.

Can't say positively
abt. 200 \$ year

16. Was this amount contributed weekly or monthly.

Neither

17. Did this amount include payment of son's board, etc.

No.

18. State your son's trade or occupation prior to enlistment.

Ry Employee
R. W. Co.

19. State amount of his wages per week.

\$15.00 per week

20. State name and address of his last employer.

Ried W. Co.

21. State amount of monthly support from son since enlistment.

60¢ day.

22. State amount of allotment received by you from son since enlistment.

None

23. State from what date did you receive allotment?

Aug - 1916

24. Actual amount contributed by other children. Weekly Monthly.

None

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

No

- 26. If not receiving support from other children, state cause. Explain fully. *at home working, about plan*

- 27. With whom are you residing at present? *Chicam*

- 28. Have you made a previous claim for Separation Allowance. If not, why? Give particulars. *Yes.*

- 29. Are you already in receipt of Separation Allowance from any source? If so, how much? *No.*

- 30. Are you already in receipt of any payment from any Patriotic Fund? If so, how much. *No.*

- 31. Was the soldier at the time of his enlistment an employee of the Nfld. Government. *No.*

- 32. In what capacity and in what place? *No.*

- 33. Is he in receipt of a salary as such while serving in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment? If so, how much. *No.*

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

Signature of Applicant. *Sarah J. Balsam*

Place of Residence. *St. Charlesville*

Declared and subscribed before me at. *Clarecreek*

this. *11th* day of *March* 191 *9*

Signature of Barrister of the Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Notary Public or Justice of the Peace. *Allen C. Pittman*
Cour. S. C.

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

Signature of Clergyman. *Chief Allen G. Balsam*

Signature of member of the Patriotic Fund Committee. *Colin Jack S.P.*

May 16, 1919

Mrs. Sarah Balsam,

Clareville, T.B.

Dear Madam:-

Referring to your application for Separation Allowance, I beg to state that same will be paid you, but we require further information, in order to enable us to ascertain the date from which it will commence.

I shall, therefore, be obliged if you will get me Certificate from your Doctor, showing, particularly what was your husband's condition prior to his death, whether he was totally incapacitated for any time previous, and if so, from what date total incapacity may be considered to have been ~~an~~ existence.

Yours truly

Captain,
Paymaster & Officer i/c Records

August 22, 1919

Mrs. Sarah Balsam,
Clarendville, T.B.

Dear Madam:-

Referring to your application for separation allowance, I beg to state that same has been granted to you, payable from the date of enlistment of your son Roy. I enclose cheque for Four hundred and ninety seven dollars and thirty-three cents (\$497.33).

Yours truly

Captain & Paymaster.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCE

1. Regimental No. and Rank	2395 Sergeant
Name	Ralph Norman Balsom
Unit	Newfoundland Regt.
2. Full Name of Dependent. (Mother)	Sarah Lilly Balsom
3. Address	Clareville, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland
4. Have you made previous claim for Separation Allowance? If so, state particulars.	No
5. Is Separation Allowance being paid on your account to anyone in Nfld or elsewhere?	No
6. Date of Marriage.	-----
7. Name and Address of your last Employer.	Reid Nfld, Co,
8. The amount of your salary or wages immediately prior to Enlistment.	\$65.00 per month
9. Are your wages or any portion being paid by your employer during your absence?	No
10. If paid, what is the amount per month?	Nil
11. Name of Corps prior to enlistment in the Nfld Contingent.	Nil

I CERTIFY that the above is a true statement.

Ralph N. Balsom

Signature of Officer forwarding this application.

J. S. Woodruffe, Lieut, Colonel
Commanding 1st Newfoundland Regt.

Unit 1st Newfoundland Regt.

Date 2/1/19.

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MAIL COPY

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

NFP/82.

Posted.....

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Date

2/1/18

April 20, 1920

Ev. 2395, R.M. Balsam

To: Board of Pension Commissioners for Nfld.
From: Paymaster

The amount paid in continuance of the above
mentioned man's allotment is \$457.20

LM.

Paymaster

Major

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 26 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

May 5. 1919

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment
the sum of Twenty Six _____ ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars.
on account of Pay. Estate
balance

Ch. No. 192102	Initials. JEW
Pay Ledger. 129	Initials. JEW
Gen. Ledger.....	Initials.....

Regtl. No.

Rank

[Handwritten signature]

No. 2395

Rank

Sgt

Name

Balsan R

Sarah L Balsan (mother)

Clareville

May 8, 1919


Sarah L. Balsam,
Clareville.

Dear Madam:

I enclose cheque for \$26.00, balance of
estate of late Sgt. R. Balsam, due you as Administratrix.

Yours truly,

Capt.
Paymaster.



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793

[Army Form W3801.]

WILL

Soldier's

Regl. No.

23951

Surname

Balsom

**Christian
Names**

Ralph Jr

Corps

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Wm Balsom

F

Glennville

WILL. 793

In the event of my
 death I give the
 whole of my property
 and effects to my
~~Daughter~~ Mother

Mrs William Balson
 Clarendville
 I Bay
 Newfoundland

Signature Ralph W. Balson

Rank and Regiment 2395 R.F.L.D.

Date October 14th 16

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

The Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

..... 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2395 Rank

Name

Ralph L. Norman Balsom

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Sarah L. Bodson (Sgd.)

Mother Relationship.

Address

Clarenville, I. Bay

Fold Here

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ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

Fold Here

SEP 12 1921

1921.

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

Mr. William Balsom (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2395 Rank Sergt.

Name Ralph M. Balsom Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory medal and British War Medal

Signature Mrs Wm Balsom (Mother)

Date Sept. 15th / 21

Address Clareville, I. B.

[P.T.O.]

2395
Clareville
Feb 27 1892

W. F. Rendell.

Dear Sir:- Recd with Thanks
Photo graph of frame of No 2395 sqt - R. N. Babson

I remain Yrs Truly

Mrs. Wm Babson
Clareville

G.R. 2395

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Careville

Aug. 26/20

W. J. Rendell Esq,
Chief Staff Officer,
Dept. Militia,
St. John's.

Dear Sir - I herewith
enclose you the sum
of two dollars, for my
personal inscription to
be engraved on my son's
monument.

Hoping this will cover
all. I remain, Sir,

Truly yours
(Mrs) Sarah Balson

C.R. 2395
Army Form B. 2090A.

FIELD SERVICE.

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

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

Regimental No. 2395. Rank Sergeant.

Surname Balsom. Christian Names R.N.

Died { Date 29-1-18. Place France or Belgium.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report E 213 d/2-2-18.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

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

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

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

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

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

Station and Date } G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon } Signature of Officer in charge of Section }
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base }

8-2-18.

[Handwritten Signature]
MAJOR

Copy of will

" In the event of my death I give the whole
of my property and effects to my mother.

W^o William Balsou,
Clareville,

— T Bay

Newfoundland.

(Sgd) Ralph. N. Balsou

Sgt. 2395. N. F. L. D

Dec. 14/16

Certified true copy
A. J. Lloyd Major
Off. Sec. Inf. Sec.

7/4/18

Casualty Form—Active Service.

C.R. 1535

Rank Sgt. Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland
 Surname Balsom Christian Name RN.
 Religion Meth. Age on Enlistment 23 years — months.
 Enlisted (a) 3-4-16 Terms of Service (a) Duration of War Service reckons from (a) —
 Date of promotion to present rank 16.4.17 Date of appointment to lance rank 9-6-16.
 Extended { — } Re-engaged { — } Qualification (b) —
 or Corps Trade and Rate —

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 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
		Embarked ...	<u>Southampton</u>	<u>3/10/16</u>	
		Disembarked...	<u>Raven</u>	<u>4/10/16</u>	
		<u>Joined Battalion</u>	<u>14 OCT 1916</u>		
			<u>With BATT.</u>	<u>28. I. 17</u>	
<u>17/2/17</u>	<u>DC Unit</u>	<u>Promoted Corporal</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>9/2/17</u>	<u>B 313</u>
<u>5.5.17</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>Promoted Sergeant</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>16.4.17</u>	<u>D 1810, 20c.</u>
<u>10.7.17</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>Wounded in Action</u>	<u>In the Field</u>	<u>10 JUL 1917</u>	<u>B 213</u>
<u>15.7.17</u>	<u>4 L.S.S.</u>	<u>Ad. F.W. Arm R.</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>10.7.17</u>	<u>E.D. 7502.</u>
<u>22.7.17</u>	<u>24 S. Map</u>	<u>Ad. Do</u>	<u>Estaples</u>	<u>12.7.17</u>	<u>H.A. 11640.</u>
<u>30.7.17</u>	<u>6 L. one Dep.</u>	<u>Ad. Do</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>21.7.17</u>	<u>H.A. 11981.</u>
<u>26.9.17</u>	<u>11 L. one Dep.</u>	<u>Ad. Do</u>	<u>Bugby</u>	<u>31.8.17</u>	<u>H.A. 13838</u>
<u>21-10-17</u>	<u>29 S. Dep.</u>	<u>Joined Base Dep.</u>	<u>Raven</u>	<u>20-10-17</u>	<u>Head Recd</u>
		<u>Re-joined Battalion</u>		<u>25 OCT 1917</u>	

(a) 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, Shoemaking, &c.

[P.T.O.]

2395 Sgt. R. N. DALSON

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				
22/1/17	103rd P.S. Co. 1st Bn	"Inactivity"		16/1/17	Ed. 3717
2-2-18	of unit	Killed in Action	Field	29-1-18	B 213.
					MAJOR
					Industry Section
					G.H., 3rd Division

Sacramento

of the No. 1

C.R. 2395

August 31st, 1920

Mrs. Sarah Balsom,
Clareville

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of August 26th forwarding
PO. Money Order to the amount of \$2.00 has been duly
received, for which I thank you.

I am, however, returning the Money
Order herewith, and I should be glad if you will hold
it until a date when I shall forward your bill in
connection with the personal inscription. This Dept.
has not yet been advised of the charges in this connection,
and is therefore, unable to accept, just now, the money
order referred to.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 2395

May, ¹⁰3. 19120

To the Militia Department
I wish to inform you of
Mrs Wm Balsom who had
Her oldest son killed during
the War. Some of us had two
sons killed and our money
are stop where in we need it
Worst than Mrs Balsom, we
heard that Mr Benson the
Sub Collector of Customs
Advocate to you people for
her if he did he done wrong
She have 6 sons five of
them young men all making
good money. Her daughter
reported the Putt \$30000
in the bank last fall
it's not written others had

thier Boy's killed and
thier money stop Equil
write to Every One special
Privileges to no one Mrs
Balsom Dont need it you
can ^{see} by my Letter's Sons
Errand. Why wouldnt the
Putt money in the Bank
we want you to stop it if
not give it to all that had
Sons killed it Hard Feelings
Among the Fathers that had
thier Boys killed I
you will attend to it
yours confidently



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 239 Name J. A. Meaney Corps



Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. John A. Meaney
2. What is your full Address? 2. W. P. Cottage Carter Hill
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
4. What is your age? 4. 18 Years Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. clerk
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 FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR
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 } II. Yes
to be signed by you if you are accepted?

I, John A. Meaney 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.

J. A. Meaney SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

E. April 3 R. P. Helleawby Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

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

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at St. John's on this 3 day of April 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer R. P. Helleawby

†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 1916 } Approving Officer.
Place

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

* If so, Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows: viz:—(Name) re-enlisted in the (Regiment) on the (Date)

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name John A. Meoney
 Apparent age 18 years — months. Height 5 feet 6 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 32 1/2 inches
 Range of expansion 2 1/2 inches
 Distinctive marks.....

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin J. T. Meoney
Carters Hill | 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.	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

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