



# THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 4833 Name Barth Bartlett Corps 4th

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

1. What is your name? ..... 1. Barth Bartlett
2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. Lower Amherst Ave
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
4. What is your age? ..... 4. 22 Years 1 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. Intermar
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, Barth Bartlett 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.

Barth Bartlett SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
James Stewart Signature of Witness.

I, Barth Bartlett 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 1 day of May 1915

Signature of Attesting Officer James Stewart

### 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 May 1 1915  
Place St. John's 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 Bart Barthel  
 Apparent age 22 years 3 months. Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38 inches  
 Range of expansion 4 inches  
 Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Mrs Henry Barthel  
Upper Linden Ave | Relationship Mother  
B. Bay 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 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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No. 4833 Name Bar Bartlett Corps Adj

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2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. Lower Ambler Cove
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. yes
4. What is your age? ..... 4. 22 Years — Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. fireman
6. Are you Married? ..... 6. no
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Corps .....
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Bar Bartlett SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
1. 5. 18 James J. J. J. Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION

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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 as follows:

on this 5 day of May 1918  
Signature of Attesting Officer J. J. J.

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Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>1-5-1918</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>May 1-1918</u>									
<u>Discharged St. John's Jan. 16/1919</u>									
<u>Reported sick by Dr. Rutherford while on Home leave 22<sup>3/4</sup></u>									
<u>Reported by Dr. Rutherford unfit for service until December 30<sup>3/4</sup></u>									
<u>Demobilization St. John's 16/1919</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>16-1-1919</u> (date of discharge) <u>—</u> years <u>261</u> days									
Pensions " " " " " " " " " " " "									

C.R. 4833

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, Depot St. John's dated Jan. 17th/1919.

The under-noted discharge on Demobilisation have been ~~CONFIRMED~~ by  
Officer i/c Records from 16-1-19.

#4833 Pte. Bertram Bartlett.

C.R. 4833.

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, Depot St. John's dated Dec. 21. 1917

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The undernoted discharge on demobilization have been approved by O. C. Discharge depot from noted date, he is removed from depot strength and transferred to Discharge depot pending confirmation by Officer i/c Records.

#4833 Pte. E. Bartlett.

19-12-18

C.R. 4833

Extract from Preliminary Report at a Medical Board held on  
TUESDAY AFTERNOON December 3rd., the following were the  
findings.

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#4833 Pte. B. Bartlett.

RECOMMENDED DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY  
UNFIT FOR GENERAL SERVICE.

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BC.

*Copy*  
*Original in File No 4832*

C.R. 4833

Dec. 9th, 1918.

From:- District Officer Commanding  
Newfoundland  
To:- Director Medical Service  
City.

#4832 Pte. A. Ford.

#4833 Pte. E. Bartlett.

I enclose correspondence from the Officer Commanding Depot in connection with the marginally named men together with sundry enclosures for your further consideration.

District Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.

ENCLOSURE.



C.R. 4833

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal Field.  
Regt. St. John's, dated May 2nd, 1918.

#4833 Pte. Bertram Bartlett.

Attested for General Service with the Royal Field. Regt. S  
from 1/5/187

October 21st, 1918.

Dear Bartlett,

I have your letter of October 18th, 1918. I beg to say that your leave has been extended up to November 15th, /18. When Dr A. Rutherford will advise you if you are fit to leave. I have forwarded your list of articles to the Quartermaster and you should hear from him in a few days.

Sincerely Yours.

4833. Pte. B Bartlett,  
Lower Amherst Cove,  
Bonavista Bay.

JGO.

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December 6th/18.

From Officer Commanding,  
Discharge Depot.

To D.C.O., Newfoundland,  
Militia Dept.

4832, Pte. A. Ford  
4833, " B. Bartlett

Reference the above mentioned men. I am enclosing the full correspondence on the matter of their absence. It appears that both men enlisted on May 1st, 1918 and were warned for Home Leave with some other Bonavista men on May 19th. Private Bartlett who had been vaccinated a few days before was taken sick on the train on his way home and he states that Dr. A. Forbes visited him on the day after his arrival there - on Tuesday. The next day his brother went to Bonavista to get Dr. Forbes but he was away on another call at some distance from there. A message was left for Dr. Rutherford for him to call which he did - on Thursday, and Dr. Rutherford attended him during the remainder of his illness.

Private Ford proceeded on Home Leave on the 19th May for 10 days. At the end of his leave he walked to Bonavista a distance of 8 miles to catch the train but, on his arrival there, he found that there was no train until the next day so he walked back again to Amherst Cove that night. The next day he complained of being ill and Dr. Rutherford visited him on the 6th June and from that date onward he was under the Doctor's care.

They both state they were fit to travel to St. John's on the 1st September and applied to Dr. Rutherford for a certificate to bring along to the Depot with them but the Doctor strongly advised them not to come as they were not fit. There is no doubt that the Doctor thought it was not necessary to let them come unless they were fit for Active Service and on that ground kept them back.

The S.M.O., Depot has interviewed both these men and, on investigation of their cases, he is of the opinion that the men were fit to travel to St. John's before the 1 September if not at least two weeks before that.

Please see my communication of November 9th which gives the résumé of all the correspondence attached.

Captain,

O.C. Discharge Depot



**THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
HEADQUARTERS

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

October 21st '18 191

From Adjutant,  
Depot.

To Officer Commanding,  
Depot.

I enclose herewith a letter from Pte <sup>Bartlett</sup> Ford in which he states his condition of health and makes reference to Dr Rutherford's certificate. I attach other correspondence relating to the soldier~~s~~ for your information.

YGO.

*J. J. [Signature]*  
 Depot.  
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
 St. John's

Sick Leave extended to Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

R. H. [Signature] Capt  
 27/10/18.



November 9th/18

From:  
Officer Commanding,  
Depot.

To:  
D.O.C., Newfoundland,  
Militia Department.

4332, Pte. Alec. Ford  
4333, " B. Bartlett

With reference to attached correspondence concerning above mentioned men. In answer to the four points brought out in your letter November 7th, I beg to report as follows:

4332, Pte. Alec. Ford.

1. This man proceeded on Home Leave May 19th and was taken sick at home. According to the records of the Depot a message was received from Pte. Ford on July 16th stating that he was "unfit from the 6th June for three months. Dr. Rutherford pronounces Rheumatic and Kidney trouble. On July 17th Pte. Ford reported as follows: "Have reported three times from myself, other times from Magistrate and Doctor, not fit for a while. Have you received reply?" but I cannot find any trace of correspondence from the Magistrate or Doctor before that message. Other letters were received from him under dates of July 16th, 17th, July 24th, Aug. 20th and September 25th all in relation to his condition of health and stating that the Doctor was in attendance upon him. He stated that he was enclosing Doctor's Certificate but it was not received.

2. On July 12th a letter was received from John Roper, Magistrate, Bonavista to the effect that Pte. Ford was ill and that Dr. Rutherford promised to send a certificate to the magistrate to be forwarded to Depot. This letter was duly noted by the Medical Department. In August, no date, a ~~letter~~ certificate was received from Dr. Rutherford stating that Pte. Ford was still under treatment and that he considered Pte. Ford unfit for Duty for a month. On August 22nd another letter was received from Dr. Rutherford was suffering from physical disability, Rheumatism in shoulder and varicose heel and recommended that his Sick leave be extended for two months, which was noted by the Medical Department.

November 9th/18

D.O.C.....2

3. I cannot say what steps were taken by the District(?) Medical Officer in the matter as I was led to believe that, in matters of this kind, the Medical Authorities pursue their own course.

4. On November 4th. Dr. Rutherford was written to from the Depot asking for further report on the above mentioned man, Pte. Ford and when he would likely be able to report.

4833, Pte. E. Bartlett

1. No definite date can be found as to when this man was granted Home Leave although it is thought that he went on May 19th with Pte. Ford. At that time the Commanding Officer, Depot was sometimes inclined to give verbal leave of absence to men without any records being taken.

2. The first intimation that he was sick was a communication from D.M.S. dated May 29th, 18 in which he stated that Pte. Bartlett was quarantined at Amherst Cove suffering from Small-Pox. On July 19th a certificate was received from Dr. Rutherford stating that Pte. Bartlett would be fit for duty August 31st, as he needed that length of time to recuperate. On August 26th another certificate was received saying that Pte. Bartlett, in his opinion, would not be fit before November. This was duly noted by the Medical Department. On August 31st a letter was sent to Dr. Rutherford by Asst. Adjutant asking how long it would be necessary for Private Bartlett to stay at home before he could come in to St. John's and be placed in one of our Convalescent Hospitals. No reply has been received.

3. As in "3" above.

4. On the strength of Dr. Rutherford's report, on October 31st, Pte. Bartlett was granted Sick Leave to November 15th when the Class 1, Under the M.S. Act was being called up. On November 4th Dr. Rutherford was written to asking for report and when he would be fit to travel to St. John's.

August 22nd, 1918

From Asst. Adjutant,  
Depot

To 4833 Pte. B. Bartlett,  
Lower Amherst Cove

Enclosed you will find cheque for \$25.00  
on account of your Company Pay.

You will please acknowledge receipt and at  
the same time send me a Doctor's certificate  
stating the condition of your health and length  
of time before you are able to report to Barracks.

2979

Lower Ambient Cove

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> / 18

Capt. J. M. Howley

Asst. Paymaster

Dear Sir

please pay me  
the money due me  
on a account of my  
Regimental Pay

# 11833 P.M.C. ~~Howley~~

Boatlett

Lower Ambient Cove

Bonaville Bay

# 11833  
remitted by cheque  
22-10-18  
/



October 22nd, 1918.

From Assistant Adjutant,  
Depot:

To 4833 Pte B. Bartlett,  
Lower Amherst Cove, Bonavista Bay.

Enclosed you will find cheque for the sum of  
Twenty dollars, (\$20.00) being Payment on account of balance  
due you. On receipt of same, you will acknowledge it at first  
opportunity.

Bartlett

C.R. 4833  
Damarco

Nov. 11, 1918

Adj. Capt. D. J. Gray,  
St. John's.

Dear Sir

I beg to report on case of,  
Pte. Bertram Bartlett, N<sup>o</sup> 4833,  
of Love Aushert Cove. P. B.

Patrol has continued to improve since  
my last report forwarded to you on  
October 18th, but has not been fit for  
duty, until this time of writing,  
and I hereby report him now as fit  
for duty.

His original disability was due to  
Pneumonia. This, I think, however  
has already been reported.

It appears to-day that his services  
will not be required, but we doubt you  
need this further report in order that  
he may receive an "honourable discharge".

I remain

Yours truly  
Alfred H. Ford Jr. to



## DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA  
AND QUOTE NO.

M-5

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

May 29th., 1918.

From:- D. M. S.

To:- O. C. Depot.

Please note that 4833 Private

Bert Bartlett is quarantined at Amherst Cove suffering  
from Smallpox, and that 4828 Pte. H. Cole, 4830 Pte.

W. Noble and 4834 Pte. P. Bartlett are detained at

Amherst Cove as contacts until further notice. *from me**Please let me have dates of vaccination  
of these men.**Cluny Macpherson*

Major, D. M. S.

4833	%	Bartlett	vaccinated	2-5-18.
4828	%	Cole	"	2-5-18.
4830	%	Noble	"	2-5-18.
4834	%	Bartlett	"	2-5-18.

Medical Department

O. N. M. S.

B Coy

Bonario's

Captain O'Grady

July, 1918

M. Johnson

I beg to report condition of:-

Pte. Bertram Bartlett. N<sup>o</sup> 4833.

Private Bartlett will be fit for duty  
by August. 31<sup>st</sup>. He needs

that length of time to recuperate - -

He has had, lately, a "hospital" opened  
in the training camp at Jent, to which

he has no doubt but that those in  
charge of the Camp attended.

My recommendation is that:-

Pte Bartlett report for duty. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

Alfred H. Jones. J. O. D.

Lower Amherst Co. Va.

2146

August 5<sup>th</sup> / 18

Capt. J. M. Holloway.

Dear Sir

As I have been home since  
20<sup>th</sup> May, Sick. Could it  
be possible for to send my  
money which is due me,  
I havent received any ~~more~~  
since May 15<sup>th</sup>, Except  
my Allotment money ~~which~~  
which commences June 1<sup>st</sup>

and only have received  
one months allotment up to  
this date, please oblige  
by so doing you well  
oblige

# 4833  
for Capt #  
81.20

# 4833 Pte Bertram  
Bartlett

Lower Amherst Co. Va  
over Donavisi Bay  
A. S. de

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8/8/18

O.C.

Headquarters

For attention, please

Mr Howley, Capt  
Paymaster

Lower Amherst Court

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> / 12

Capt. G. J. Grady

Dear Sir

As I was to Dr. Luthersford yesterday, & he still says I am unfit as usual for Regimental Service.

He told me there was no need of giving me a certificate of my ~~health~~ health because the last one he gave me he was in hopes of able being to report me fit by November. He now says I wont be able to come near that at all.

Sir I beg to ask if its possible for ye to send me my Great Coat, Putters, & Cap Cap size 6 7/8. As ye understand I have none of

Articles mentioned, please  
oblige me, if possible,  
for my Great Coat is badly  
needed, as the cold weather  
is now upon us. Probably  
ye may want to see my  
requisition. Well if ye want  
it before ye send ~~any~~ the  
Articles mentioned, I can  
send it by post to you.

Also if another certificate  
of the condition of my  
health is required, ~~the~~  
can be forthcoming.

please oblige if Possible  
I am yours truly

# 4833 Pte B. Bartlett  
Inver-Ambert Co  
Bonaville Bay

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Bonaville

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1918

Asst. Adjt. Department.

H. J. H. 'c.

Measph.

Not to be Noted

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AUG 30 1918

Dear Sir

I beg to report upon the condition of

Pte. B. Barstett

Lower Ambush Cove.

Bonaville Bay.

The patient's condition is somewhat improved  
 but he is not likely to be fit for Active Service  
 as soon as I hoped. He is still improving,  
 but more slowly than I had expected. I hope  
 to be able to report him "fit" before November.



I remain

Yours truly

Alfred H. Jones, M.D.

Lower Umbert Box  
Aug 27<sup>th</sup>/18.

Asst. & Adjt. Department of Militia  
Dear Sir.

Enclosed you will find a receipt of money  
which I recd Aug 26<sup>th</sup>.

Also a Doctors Certificate of the  
condition of my health. please inform  
of Capt & Adjt. J. J. O'Grady if its  
necessary about my health. As  
I sent a certificate of my health in  
July. The Dr. then being in hopes of  
me being <sup>fit</sup> by Sept. to which I recd  
a reply from Capt O'Grady. To report  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> according to Dr's recommendation  
I now the claims me to be unfit for  
Duty by that Date. please reply with  
information about when I am to report  
to Barracks. Certainly you must understand  
that I am quite willing to report to Barracks  
at whatever Date you would suggest. I am satisfied  
to report at anytime & I'll be treated according to what is  
amable to do. kindly reply with full information  
I remain, yours truly #14833 Pte B. Bartlett

Lower Amhurst Cove  
Aug 27<sup>th</sup>/18

Art adyt Dept

Dear Sir

I rec'd this Day, the 26<sup>th</sup> August /18  
a cheque of 8 25<sup>00</sup>

on account of my Company Day  
Thanks very much

# Mr. B. Bartlett

W. J. G.

August 31st, 1918

SIR:

Many thanks for your report on 4833 Pte. B. Bartlett.

I note you state he will not be fit for active service until about November, but presume that he will be able to be about for some time before that. My object in writing now is to ask you if you will be good enough to let me know how long you consider it will be necessary for Bartlett to stay at home, before he will be fit to travel to St John's, so that he can be placed in one of our Convalescent Hospitals.

In the meantime, will you please see that he is supplied with everything necessary for his complete recovery.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Dr. Rutherford,

Bonavista .

CCD/AC



**THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
**HEADQUARTERS**

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

October 21st, 1918. 191

Dear Bartlett,

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Sincerely Yours.

4833.Pte.B Bartlett,  
Lower Amherst Cove,  
Bonavista Bay.

JGO.

*J. J. Blawie Off*

ADJ.  
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
St. John's.

November 7, 1918.

To:- Officer Commanding Depot,  
City.

#4832 Pte. Alec. Ford.  
#4833 Pte. B. Bartlett (Lower Amherst Cove.)

I return correspondence passed by you to the Paymaster under date of November 6th. I find that the amount claimed for these cases covers a period of five months, from May 20th to November 1st.

Before this can be passed it will be necessary to have a very full report made on the circumstances. I should like information on the following points:-

- (1) Nature of sickness and date of report.
- (2) What certificates you have had from attending physicians from time to time.
- (3) What steps were taken by the District Medical Officer to confirm the position of these men and to ascertain their fitness to travel, or otherwise their fitness for service.
- (4) Present position.

I presume that these men were recruits and it seems to me that men should not be allowed to remain at their homes for a period of five months at the expense of the country without a proper investigation of all the circumstances by the responsible medical authority.

Major,  
District Officer Comdg.  
Newfoundland.

C.R. 4833

November 15, 1916.

From:- District Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland.

To:- Director Medical Services,  
City.

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#4832 Private. A. Ford.  
#4833 Private. B. Ford.

I enclose correspondence in connection with these two men who enlisted about the same time, went on leave together, became ill together and after five months are apparently still at their homes sick.

A claim has been made by their people for board allowance while they have been home and before same can be considered it is desired that a full investigation be made into the circumstances consequent upon their illness and their long stay at home.

Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.

ENCLOSURE.

Bartlett, B.

4833

Ray Sept.





RECEIVED  
BOND  
COMMERCIAL

January 10th., 1919

#4835 Pte. Bertram Bartlett,

Lower Amherst Cove, B.B.

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed "Discharge  
Certificate No. 529."

Yours faithfully,

Captain,  
Paymaster & C.i/c Records

Enc' 1 1.

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE

1. No. 4833 Rank Co Name Bartlett Bertram  
 Intended place of residence Lower Ambrose Cove. P.B.

2. Occupation fisherman  
 Classification of soldier B. Medical Category F.

## DEMobilIZATION.

3. The above named man is discharged in consequence of.....

4. His accounts are correctly balanced and I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me, in accordance with Regulations.

Place .....  
 Date DEC 18 1918 .....  
Attny Capt.  
 Commanding Discharge Depot  
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE

5. I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances (including clothing allowance) and all just demands up to the present date, and hereby release the Discharge Depot, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, of all financial responsibility in my connection.

Place and date Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1918 Bertram Bartlett  
 Signature of soldier  
St Johns C. J. Deeks Capt  
 Signature of witness

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

6. I hereby certify that I am in a position to resume civilian occupation immediately on discharge.

Place and Date Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1918 Bertram Bartlett  
 Signature of soldier  
St Johns J. J. ...  
 Signature of witness

## STATEMENT OF SERVICE

7. Enlisted for service 1.5.18 No of days on Military  
 Discharged from service 19.12.18 plus 28 days! Service 268 days

## APPROVAL OF DISCHARGE

8. The discharge of the above mentioned soldier is hereby approved to be confirmed by the Officer i/c Records, The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, twenty-eight days from date.

Place ST. JOHN'S. R.H. Lat Carr  
 Officer Commanding Discharge Depot  
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.  
 Date DEC 19 1918

## CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE

9. The discharge of above mentioned soldier is hereby confirmed.

Place St Johns, Med R. Bowley Capt  
 Officer i/c Records  
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
 Date 20 January 16/1919  
20/1/1919

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 4833 Rank Pvt. Name Bartlett, Bertram  
 Date of Enlistment 15.18 Address Lower Anson St. Bonaville  
 Occupation Tradesman Classification for Discharge B Medical Category E  
 Recommendation S.M.B. Unfit for Gen. Service Disability Rating Nil

Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N.F. P36	B 268	B 121	1	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	1
B 178	W 3494	B 122		Board 1st	" 2	
B 178a	1 D 400A	1 B 1915	2	do 2nd	" 3	3
B 179	2 D 400B	Form L		do 3rd	" 4	
B 179a	D 400C	Form K	1	do 4th	" 5	
B 179b	B 103	ME 2	1		" 6	
B 179c	B 120	M 93				

Date 17.12.18

*W. H. C. C. C.*  
O.C. Discharge Depot.

### PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

#### 1. Civil Re-Establishment

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

*Bertram Bartlett*

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date.....

#### 2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

- (a) Clothing Allowance payable \$160<sup>00</sup>  
 (b) Clothing Supplied *Joseph H. A. Brown*

Date 19.12.18

O. i.c. Re-clothing.....

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

When above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. 6414 ..... to his home  
 at 17-12-18 and Release Certificate No. 131218 issued.

Date .....

Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection  
 therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 16-1-19 W. Suley Capt.

Date .....

Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for .....

Forwarded with following documents to O.C. Discharge Depot.

N.F. P36	1	B 268		B 121		N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	1	
E 178	2	W 3494		B 122	2	Board 1st	" 2	2	Form B
B 178a		D 400A	2	B 1915		do 2nd	" 3		
B 179		D 400B		Form L	1	do 3rd	" 4		
B 179a		D 400C		Form K	1	do 4th	" 5		
B 179b		B 103		ME 2			" 6		
B 179c		B 120		M 93					

19 12 18 W. Suley Capt.

Date .....

Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—

Officer in Records.  
 Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

DEC 19 1918

Date .....

W. Suley Capt.  
 O. C. Discharge Depot.

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

Date .....

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

## MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname

Warklett

OF

Christian Name

Alex. Post

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

Lower Amherst Cove County Nfld

	SPECIAL RESERVE		REGULAR ARMY	
	on	at	on	at
Examined .....	1 day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>8</u>	<u>St. Johns</u>	day of	191
Declared Age .....	<u>22</u> years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation .....	<u>Fisherman</u>			
Height .....	<u>5</u> feet	<u>7 1/4</u> inches	feet	inches
Weight .....		<u>143</u> lbs.		lbs
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded .....	<u>38</u> inches		inches
	Range of Expansion .....	<u>4</u> inches		inches
Physical Development .....				
Vaccination Marks {	Right	Left	Right	Left
	Arm .....			
Number .....				
When Vaccinated .....				
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>L. J. Patterson</u>			
(Rank)				
		Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.
Enlisted .....	at <u>St. Johns</u>		at	
	on <u>1</u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>8</u>		on	day of 191
	Corps	Regtl. No.	Corps	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment .....	<u>The Royal</u>	<u>4833</u>		
	<u>Warklett</u>			
Transferred to .....				
Became non-effective by .....				
(Signature)	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Rank)				



**Department of Militia, Newfoundland**  
**Medical Department**

**Medical Report on an Invalid**

## NOTES:—

- (a) This report is solely concerned with Pensions.  
 (b) A single copy only is required.  
 (c) "Aggravated" being now a technical term, carrying right to pension, discrimination in its use is essential.  
 (d) Be as brief as possible compatible with lucidity.  
 (e) Avoid dubiety—"perhaps" "possibly" "might" and the like.  
 (f) Only sufficient clinical data need be given to establish the degree of disability and assist the Board in arriving at a decision.

## STATEMENT OF CASE

Station *St John's Nfld.*Date *3rd Dec 1918*

1. Unit *Royal Newfoundland*      5. Age last birthday *22 years*  
 2. Regimental No. *4833*      6. Enlisted on *1st May 1918*  
 3. Rank *Pk*      at *St John's Nfld.*  
 4. Name *BARTLETT, BERTRAM*      Former trade or occupation *Fisherman*

8. Disability *Pneumonia**Pneumonia*

9. History *When on home leave was taken sick with an acute Bronchitis treated by Dr Rutherford for Pneumonia. 37 days in bed. reported to Barracks Nov 14/18. Has been doing Light Duty.*



10. What is his present condition?

(This is the important question. Be brief—the clearer the case the less need be written. Read note f above.)

General condition good.  
Complain of slight stiffness  
= side occasionally.

No accompaniments chest -

Order 76 Temp. normal

11. Was sanatorium advised and refused?  
operation

✓

12. Do you recommend discharge as permanently unfit?

No

Signature

*L. P. Peterson*

Rank or Qualification

*Major*

Remarks if any by Officer in Hospital.

Place

Signature

Date

Rank

## Opinion of the Medical Board

In para. 13, the President should write "may" or "cannot" at x  
Erase inapplicable words

13. For pension purposes, the disability x cannot be considered as aggravated by:—  
due to

(a) Service during this war. (b) Climate. (c) Ordinary Military Service  
Remarks if any:—

14. Does the Board concur in preceding report? (see Sect. 10) If not give differing opinion and additional findings.

*Yes*

15. (a) THE ENTIRE DISABILITY—To what extent is his capacity lessened at present for earning a full livelihood in the general labor market? nil

(b) PENSIONABLE DISABILITY—To what extent is his capacity at present for earning a full livelihood in the general labor market lessened by that portion of his disability to or incurred during service? nil

(State in percentage.)

Remarks if any:—

16. Is the disability permanent?

17. Has the disability been aggravated by (a) Intemperance (b) Misconduct

18. The refusal of operation sanatorium is:— (a) Reasonable (b) Unreasonable

Remarks if any:—

19. If fit subject for Hospital do you recommend admittance to 

General Hospital, Naval and Military Convalescent Hospital, Jensen Tuberculosis Camp.
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20. We recommend discharge from retention in the Army unfit for general service

Remarks if any:—

Signatures [Signature] President  
[Signature]

Place [Signature]

Date Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1918

APPROVED

Station .....

Date .....



[Signature]  
Administrative Medical Officer Major



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

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

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

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

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

Name in full *Bartlett Bertram*  
 Regiment from which discharged *1st. Newfoundland*  
 Regimental number *4833*  
 Intended address *Lower Amherst Cove, Bonavista Bay*

Height on discharge *5 Feet 7 3/4"*  
 Color of hair on discharge *Dark*  
 Complexion *Ruddy*  
 Color of eyes *Blue*

Descriptive Marks —

Figure on discharge *Thick Pst*  
 Christian name of Father *Henry*  
 Christian name of Mother *Katharine*  
 Wife's maiden name in full —  
 Date and place of marriage —  
 Christian names of children —

Place and date of soldier's birth. *Lower Amherst Cove, 21/4/96*  
 Nature and locality of civil employment required *Lickerman, Bonavista Bay*

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

(Soldier's signature in full) *Bertram Bartlett*

Station *St. John's*

Date *10/12/18*

(Rank) *Private*

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



Station

Date

*[Signature]*  
 Medical Officer i/c Hospital.  
 Unit, or Command Depot.

## Civil Re-establishment Committee



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

*To work as Fisherman*

*Burtram Bartlett*

Signature of Man.

Reg. No. *4833*

*Osborne A. Cpl.*

Signature of the Vocational Officer or his Representative.

Place

*St Johns n7 LD*

Date

*12/12/18*

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F.

Bonavista

400A

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Class for Demobilization: B.

Report of Demobilization Travelling Board, held on soldier for discharge.

Discharge Depot: Headquarters The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Date 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 1916

Regimental No. 4833

Name Barklett, Bertram (pl.)

Address Low's Amherst Cove, Bonavista Bay

Present Medical Category A E

Proceeding of Smb. in file

Recommended for:— (a) ~~Immediate discharge~~  
(b) Standing Medical Board

Members of Board: R.H. Lant Capt  
O.C. Discharge Depot.  
L. Paveron  
Senior Medical Officer  
Geo Burden  
M. O. Depot



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

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

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

Name in full *Bartlett, Bertram*

Regiment from which discharged *1st. Newfoundland*

Regimental number *4833*

Intended address *Lower Amherst Cove N.B.*

Height on discharge *5'* Feet *7 $\frac{3}{4}$ "*

Color of hair on discharge *Light*

Complexion *Fair*

Color of eyes *Blue*

Descriptive Marks

Figure on discharge *Medium*

Christian name of Father *Henry*

Christian name of Mother *Catherine*

Wife's maiden name in full

Date and place of marriage

Christian names of children

Place and date of soldier's birth. *Lower Amherst Cove 21 Apr 1896*

Nature and locality of civil employment required

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

(Soldier's signature in full) *Bertram Bartlett*

(Rank) *Private*

Station *St John's*

Date *30 Dec 1918*

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

*W. Stevens*  
Medical Officer in Hospital,  
Unit, or Command Depot.

Station *St John's Nfld.*

Date *30 Dec 1918*









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

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

Examination of Bert. Bartlett Lower Ambers Lane

aged 22 conducted at Bonavit

Date: April 25/18 Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST	FINDING
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1	No
2	No
3	No
4	No
5	No
6	No
7	Yes
8	Yes
9	No

*Handwritten initials/signature*

10	}	myalun
11		
12		
13	}	myalun
14		
15		
16	}	4/6 Both.
17		
18		
19	}	myalun
20		
21		
22	}	myalun
23		
24		
25	}	myalun
26		
27		
28	}	myalun
29		
30		
31	}	myalun
32		
33		

Not vaccinated  
5/2 7 1/4  
143  
34 - 38.  
\$500 p.c. annu.  
Mrs. Henry Bartlett Lower Ambers Lane  
Tricks to some extent

*Handwritten initials/signature*

Signature of Medical Examiner:

*Handwritten signature: P. G. Forbes*

A

157. 20

Lower Amherst Cove

Oct 28/18

ACCOUNT	187 m.
GR. NO. 6555	INITIALS E.W.
THE LEDGER	DATE PAID
BY	AMOUNT
ADP	

Correct from May 20. 1918.

Robertson <sup>Adjutant</sup>  
Depot The Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
St. John's, Nfld.

Capt. J. M. Howley  
Asst. Paymaster  
Royal Wffd Regt. St John's

Dear Sir

as my son Pte B. Bartlett # 4833  
has been home sick & boarding with me  
since May 20<sup>th</sup>/18. please pay me five  
months board allowance. As I understand  
the Regiment should pay his board.  
please oblige by pay<sup>ing</sup> bill.

Sincerely yours

Henry Bartlett

A.H.R.  
Can you verify and  
forward back bill  
for etc.  
H.H.H.

Lower Amherst Cove

Telegram received that was  
sent 22<sup>nd</sup> / 18, is still sick.

Bonaville Bay

Comarity

Sick leave extended to Nov 15/18

Dec. 11th. 18.

Henry Bartlett, Esq.,  
Lower Amherst Cove, B.D.

Dear Sir,-

Referring to your letter of Oct. 28th. I  
beg to enclose cheque for \$152.10, being the amount  
due you for board a/c of your son, Pte. B. Bartlett,  
from May 20th. 1918.

Yours truly,

Capt. & Paymaster.

Enclosure.

HW.



**THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
**HEADQUARTERS**

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

November 6th. 1918. *191*

*Paymaster*

*C*

The Officer Commanding Depot,  
Headquarters.

The accompanying letters are the two cases I spoke to the D. O. C., about last evening when you were present and, as you remember, he said to send them to you to deal with. I have worked out the amount from May 20th to November 1st. and find it is \$152.10 each.

*A. B. Dicks* Lieut

Assistant Director of Recruiting.

No. 2 :-

Paymaster. Passed to you, please.

*Paymaster*

*R. H. Lait* Capt.

*Approved as above stated.*  
*As soldier was fed & housed on Nov 1/18 no further payment can be made. Please advise both officers when receiving.*





44833

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 4533 Rank Rt. Lt. Name Gertrami Berttram  
 Date of Enlistment 1.5.18 Address Lower Ancherst Lower Bonvosta  
 Occupation Fisherman Classification for Discharge B Medical Category E  
 Recommendation S.M.B. Unfit for Gen. Service Disability Rating Nil  
 Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N.F. P/36	B 268	B 121	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1.
B 178	W 3494	B 122	Board 1st.	" 2.
B 178a	1. D 400A	1. B 1915	do 2nd.	" 3.
B 179	2. D 400B	2. Form L.	do 3rd.	" 4.
B 179a	D 400C	Form K.	do 4th.	" 5.
B 179b	B 103	ME 2.		" 6.
B 179c	B 120	M 93.		

Date 17.12.18 O.C. Discharge Depot Money Cade

### PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

1. Civil Re-Establishment.

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

Gertrami Berttram

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date.....

2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

(a) Clothing Allowance payable. \$20.00

(b) Clothing Supplied Joseph H. [Signature]

Date 17-12-18 O i/c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. R 318 to his home at Howen Ambus Co. and Release Certificate No. 414 issued.

Date 17-12-18 P. S. Dicko Capt.  
Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 16-1-19

Date 18-12-18 W. S. Clegg Capt.  
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 19. 12. 18

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P36	B 268	B 121	✓ 11	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	✓ 11
B 178	W 3494	B 122		Board 1st	" 2	✓ 11
B 178a	D 400A	B 1915	✓ 22	do 2nd	" 3	✓ 22 Form Be
B 179	D 400B	Form L		do 3rd	" 4	
B 179a	D 400C	Form K	✓ 11	do 4th	" 5	
B 179b	B 103	ME 2	✓ 11	" 6		
B 179c	B 120	M 93				

Date 19. 12. 18. P. S. Dicko Capt.  
Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED. h.

Documents as above forwarded to—

Officer in Records.  
Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

Date 19 12 18 R. H. Hart Capt.  
O. C. Discharge Depot.

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

Date .....



Reg. No. 4823 Rank Pvt Name Bartlett B  
Attested 1-5-18 Address Lower Amherst Coal  
Allotment 604 Allottee Mrs Henry Bartlett (Mother)  
Date of Allotment 1-6-18 Returned from Overseas.....  
Embarked for Overseas ..... Cause.....

15<sup>th</sup> Nov 17/5/18.

23-8-18 Reported sick by Dr Cuthbert. Lower Amherst Coal  
20-8-18 Reported by Dr Cuthbert unfit for service until  
7 November.

**PASSED TO DEMOBILIZATION OFFICER**

3-7-18 Recommended discharge from the Army  
unfit for General Service

DEC 19 1918

**DISCHARGE APPROVED ON DEMOBILISATION.**

CR 4833  
Lower Amherst Cove  
Bonavista Bay

3-7-22

W. F. Rendell, Lieut-Col.  
Chief Staff Officer  
Dear Sir

As I understand that the  
Service Medal belong to  
all men that served in the  
Royal N. F. S. R. Regt. I  
would like very much  
to get one immediately if  
possible, as I served  
in the Royal N. F. S. R.  
Regt.

Sincerely yours

Bertram Bartlett  
Lower Amherst Cove  
Bonavista Bay.

Not entitled  
no Service  
O. S. G. /

C.F. 4833

March 27th 22

Mr. Bertram Bartlett  
Lower Island, B.B.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of recent date re British War Medal, I have to inform you that the Regulations governing the issue of this Medal state that in order to be eligible to receive same, a man must have had service overseas. As you did not serve overseas you are ineligible for the Medal.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.

O/O Records.

Copies For Originals  
See File No. 4832

C.R. 4833

December 9th 1918.

From:- D.M.S.

To:- D.O.C.

4832 Pte. Ford, A.  
4833 Pte. Bartlett, B.

The enclosed correspondence from Magistrate Roper, Bonavista is forwarded for your information, please. They have both been boarded in St. John's Dec. 3rd and recommended for discharge.

(SGD) Cluny MacPherson

Major. D.M.S.

C O P Y

December 9th 1918.

From:- District Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland

To:- Director of Medical Services,  
City.

#4832 Pte.A.Ford.  
#4833 Pte.B.Bartlett.

I enclose correspondence from the  
Officer Commanding Depot in connection  
with the marginally named men together  
with sundry enclosures for your fur-  
ther consideration.

A.Montgomerie,

Major.  
District Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland.

Enclosure.

December 6th 1918.

From Officer Commanding,  
Discharge Depot.

To D.O.C. Newfoundland  
Militia Dept.

4832 Pte.A.Ford.  
4833 Pte.B.Bartlett.

Reference the above mentioned man. I am enclosing the full correspondence on the matter of their absence. It appears that both men enlisted on May 1st, 1918 and were warned for Home Leave with some other Bonavista men on May 19th. Private Bartlett who had been vaccinated a few days before was taken sick on the train on his way home and he states that Dr. Forbes visited him on the day after his arrival there on Tuesday. The next day his brother went to Bonavista to get Dr. Forbes but he was away on another call at some distance from there. A message was left for Dr. Rutherford for him to call which he did on Thursday, and Dr. Rutherford attended him during the remainder of his illness.

Private Ford proceeded on Home Leave on the 19th May for 10 days. At the end of his leave he walked to Bonavista a distance of 8 miles to catch the train, but, on his arrival there, he found that there was no train until the next day so he walked back again to Amherst Cove that night. The next day he complained of being ill and Dr. Rutherford visited him on the 6th June and from that date onward he was under the Doctor's care.

They both state they were fit to travel to St. John's on the 1st September and applied to Dr. Rutherford for a certificate to bring along to the Depot with them but the Doctor strongly advised them not to come as they were not fit. There is no doubt that the Doctor thought it was not necessary to let them come unless they were fit for Active Service and on that ground kept them back.

The S.M.O., Depot had interviewed both these men and, on investigation of their cases, he is of the opinion that the men were fit to travel to St. John's the 1st September if not at least two weeks before that

Please see my communication of November 9th which gives the Mesum of all the correspondence attached.

(SGD) R.H. Tait.  
Capt.

O.C. Discharge Depot.

De ember 5th 1918.

From: D.M.S.

To: D.O.C.

4832 Pte. Ford A.  
4833 Pte. Bartlett, B.

The enclosed copy of telegram from Magistrate  
Roper with regard to the marginally noted men is  
forwarded for your information, please.

(SGD) Cluney MacPherson

Major. D. MS.

Bonavista,

4th December 1918

Sir:

On receipt of your letter of 26th untine enclosing correspondence on re claims for Board allotment for Privates Ford and Bartlett. I phoned to Amherst Cove and found that both men were at St. John's. I then wired you <sup>to</sup> this effect saying that for or by reason of their absence I could not ascertain their present condition but that I would forward Rutherford's evidence as soon as possible. This I now enclose.

A day or two after Bartlett came home he became very ill and Dr. Alex Forbes was sent for and informed me that Pneumonia appeared to be developing. When next sent for he could not go and Dr. Rutherford visited him. He at first said Pneumonia but later pronounced Small Pox. On 16th June his home was fumigated he being pronounced over that much. Later I heard from Dr. R. that he had Rheumatic and other troubles.

Of Ford I know nothing but that once during summer he came to my office and asked me to write Headquarters that he was still unwell unfit for service. I saw Dr. Rutherford



who corroborated this and promised to give me a certificate to ~~this~~ <sup>that</sup> effect but failed to do so.

My own impression is that from 1st of August they both might have travelled to St. John's without danger, though they ~~may have~~ been unfit for service. <sup>Since</sup> ~~Meanwhile~~ as they are now at Headquarters you will be able to examine and judge for yourself.

Should say Dr. Forbes knows nothing about these men having visited Bartlett but once and not having seen Ford at all.

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

(SGD) John Rpoer. S.M.

Major McPherson,  
D.M.S.,  
St. John's.

Newfoundland.

Bonavista,  
to Wit.

The evidence of A.E. Rutherford of Bonavista, Medical Practitioner taken upon oath who saith:

I know Private~~s~~ Bertram Bartlett and Alex Ford of Apherst Cove.

I attended them during past summer. Bartlett at first suffered from Small Pox after recovering from S.P. developed Nephritis and inflammatory Rheumatism. This rendered him unfit for Military Service, was in such condition that it would be unsafe for him to travel to St. John's until first of November.

Ford suffered from Acute Rheumatism and Cardiac involvement which would unfit him for Military Service. He would be unfit to travel to St. John's until about 15th October.

(SGD) A.E. Rutherford M.D.

Sworn before me  
at Bonavista  
this 4th day of  
December A.D. 1918  
John Roper S.M.

Dated November 29th 1918.

To Major MacPherson  
Medical Service Board.

Privates Alex Ford and Bertram Bartlett both St. John's  
presumably at headquarters therefore cannot ascertain  
present condition Forbes never attended them will get  
Rutherford evidence soon as possible.

(SGD) John Rpoer.

November 16th 1918.

From:- D.M.S.

To:- D.O.C.

4832 Pte.A.Ford  
4833 Pte.B.Bartlett.

I propose, if you have no objection, to ask  
Magistrate Roper of Bonavista to conduct an enquiry  
into the circumstances surrounding the lengthy absence  
of the marginally noted men.

(SGD) Cluny MacPherson

Major.D.M.S.

November 13th 1918.

From:- District Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland.

To:- Director of Medical Services,  
City.

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#4832 Pte.A.Ford,  
#4833 Pte.B.Bartlett.

I enclose correspondence in connection with these two men who enlisted about the same time, went on leave together, became ill together and after five months are apparently still at their homes sick.

A claim has been made by their people for board allowance while they have been home, and before same can be considered it is desired that a full investigation be made into the circumstances consequent upon their illness and long stay at home.

(SGD) A.Montgomerie,

Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.

Enclosure.

C O P Y.

November 9th 1918.

From: Officer Commanding,  
Depot.  
To: D.O.C., Newfoundland  
Militia Department.

4832 Pte. Alec. Ford  
4833 " B. Bartlett.

With reference to attached correspondence concerning above mentioned men. In answer to the four points brought out in your letter November 7th, I beg to report as follows:

4832 Pte. Alec. Ford.

1. This man proceeded on Home Leave May 19th and was taken sick at home. According to the records of the Depot a message was received from Pte. Ford on July 16th stating that he was "unfit from 6th June for three months. Dr. Rutherford pronounces Rheumatic and Kidney trouble. On July 17th Pte. Ford reported as follows: "Have reported three times from myself, other times from Magistrate and Doctor, not fit for a while. Have you received a reply?" but I cannot find any trace of correspondence from the Magistrate or Doctor before that message. Other letters were received from him under dates of July 16th, 17th, July 24th, Aug. 20th and September 25th all in relation to his condition of health and stating that the Doctor was in attendance upon him. He stated that was enclosing Doctor's Certificate but it was not received.

2. On July 12th a letter was received from John Rpper, Magistrate Bonavista to the effect that Pte. Ford was ill and that Dr. Rutherford promised to send a certificate to the Magistrate to be forwarded to Depot. This letter was duly noted by the Medical Department. In August, no date, a certificate was received from Dr. Rutherford stating that Pte. Ford was still under treatment and that he considered Pte. Ford unfit for Duty for a month. On August 22nd another letter was received

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from Dr. Rutherford stating that Pte. Ford was suffering from physical disability, Rheumatism in shoulder and varicose heel and recommended that his sick leave be extended for two months, which was noted by the Medical Department.

3. I cannot say what steps were taken by the District (?) Medical Officer in the matter as I was let to believe that, in matters of this kind, the Medical Authorities pursue their own course.

4. On November 4th Dr. Rutherford was written to from the Depot asking for further report on the above mentioned man, Pte. Ford and when he would likely be able to report.

4833, Pte. B. Bartlett.

1. No definite date can be found as to when this man was granted Home Leave although it is thought that he went on May 19th with Pte. Ford. At that time the Commanding Officer Depot was sometimes inclined to give verbal leave of absence to men without any record taken.

2. The first intimation that he was sick was a communication from D.M.S. dated May 29th, 18 in which he stated that Pte. Bartlett was quarantined at Amherst Cove suffering from Small-Pox. On July 29th a certificate was received from Dr. Rutherford stating that Pte. Bartlett would be fit for duty August 31st, as he needed that length of time to recuperate. On August 26th another certificate was received saying that Pte. Bartlett, in his opinion, would not be fit before November. This was duly noted by the Medical Department. On August 31st a letter was sent to Dr. Rutherford by Asst. Adjutant asking how long it would be necessary for Private Bartlett to stay at home before he could come in to St. John's and be placed in one of our Convalescent Hospitals. No reply has been received.

3. As in "3" above.

4. On the strength of Dr. Rutherford's report, on October 21st, Pte. Bartlett was granted sick Leave to November 15th when Class 1, Under the M.S. Act was being called up. On November 4th Dr. Rutherford was written to asking for report and when he would be fit to travel to St. John's.

(Sgd) R.H. Tait, Captain.  
O.C. Depot.

G O P Y.

November 7th 1918.

To:- Officer Commanding, Depot.

City.

#4832 Private Alec. Fotd.  
#4833 Private B. Bartlett (Lower Amherst Cove).

I return correspondence passed by you to the Paymaster under date of November 6th. I find that the amount claimed for these cases covers a period of five months, from May 20th to November 1st.

Before this can be passed it will be necessary to have a very full report made on the circumstances. I should like information on the following points:-

- (1) Nature of sickness and date of report.
- (2) What certificates you have had from attending physicians from time to time.
- (3) What steps were taken by the District Medical Officer to confirm the position of these men and to ascertain their fitness to travel, or otherwise their fitness for service.
- (4) Present position.

I presume that these men were recruits and it seems to me that men should not be allowed to remain at their homes for a period of five months at the expense of the country without a proper investigation of all the circumstances by the responsible medical authority.

(SGD) A. Montgomerie.

Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.

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