



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

C. 178

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 2895

Name Victor Sydney Bennett, Corps

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

1. What is your name? Victor Sydney Bennett
2. What is your full Address? Montgomery Rd., St. Johns
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your age? 19 Years 7 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Accountant
6. Are you Married? No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? 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? Yes

I, Victor Sydney Bennett, 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.

8 June 21st 1916 Chas. H. Ayle SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT  
Victor Sydney Bennett SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

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

I, Victor Sydney Bennett, 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. Johns on this 21st day of June 1916.

Signature of Attesting Officer Chas. H. Ayle Cpt

### CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the requirements appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the Corps of Corps by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Signature of Approving Officer 1916 } Approving Officer.

Signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit, and the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

It is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows: 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 Victor Sydney Bennett  
 Apparent age 19 years - 6 months. Height 5 feet 10 inches  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36 1/2 inches  
 Range of expansion 3 inches  
 Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Mr J R Bennett Worktown Rd  
St Johns | Relationship Father

### Particulars as to Marriage

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

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

### Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

## STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed 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 Reregimentation to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days									
Pension _____									

Foreign Decorations Section.

Please direct reply to—  
The Military Secretary,  
14, Albemarle Street,  
London, W.1.

WAR OFFICE,

14, ALBEMARLE STREET,

LONDON, W.1.

M.S. 3 (B).

14th January, 1919.

Sir,

With reference to your letter 17844/356/R & C of November 3rd, I beg to inform you that from enquiry made of G.H.Q. France it has been ascertained that Capt. V.S. Bennett, Royal Newfoundland Regt. & R.A.F. has been awarded the Croix de Guerre avec Palme, and that the decoration has been forwarded to Capt. Bennett by the French Authorities.

Copy of the Order awarding the Croix de Guerre is enclosed.

Any further communication on this <sup>subject</sup> ~~case~~ should be addressed to the Secretary, Air Ministry, Strand, W.C.2.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*Hibbardell. H.*  
Captain,  
for Military Secretary.

RECEIVED AND COMMENTED  
BY THE MILITARY SECRETARY  
16 JAN 1919  
At  
*[Signature]*  
P.S.

The Officer in Charge,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.1.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Capitaine Victor Sydney BENNETT,  
9th Brigade Royal Air Force (80 Sqdn. 51 Wing)

a été cité à l'ordre de l'armée par Ordre No. 8753/D du 1er Aout 1918, pour le motif ci-après :

"A rendu d'excellente services dans la zone française au cours des dernières opérations. Exercant par intérim le commandement de son peleton, a constamment fait preuve de courage et d'activité. Le 18 Juillet, protégeant une expédition de bombardement, a conduit sa patrouille fort avant dans les lignes Allemandes, où il mit en fuite une formation de 15 avions ennemis, permettant ainsi aux bombardiers de remplir leur mission. A personnellement contraint deux appareils ennemis à atterrir désarmés. Ses munitions étant épuisées, a piqué sur les avions ennemis qui attaquaient sa patrouille et a réussi à ramener celle-ci, ne perdant qu'un seul appareil".

---

Les services  
A. B. B.

GRADUATION CERTIFICATE.

The undermentioned Officers were awarded Graduation Certificate  
on the dates stated E-

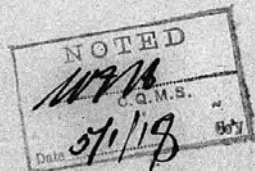
17112. 2/Lieut G.C. Murray )  
Gen List. )  
6672. 2/Lieut Bennett V.S. )  
1st Newfoundland Regiment.) 20th December 1917.

Extract from 8th Wing Orders No 337 Pt 1 No 9 dated 21/12/1917.)

CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT.

Beverley.  
29/12/1917.

*Montbader* M.C. Capt. & A/Adjt.  
80 Squadron, R.F.C.



N.F.P./39.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM full text  
~~extract~~ from MINISTER OF MILITIA No. G14/10/79.

Dated 10/3/19 ( 74 ), Received 11/3/19

Decoded by N.M. Checked by RaeP

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Acted upon (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated / /

Following for- Captain- Bennett- R.A.F.- begins- have- no- official  
record- your- decoration- attend to- this- in London- fullstop-  
If- you have- time- before leaving- bring- back- dark- suit-  
clothes- from- Hackers- for me- otherwise- ask- Captain- Anderson-  
to send- it- fullstop- Advise by telegraph- when- leaving- for home-  
Bennett- ends-

Military.

3949/6

C.R.

0-52

**V.S.Bennett** was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on **June 21st 1916**  
Regimental No 2895 was allotted to Pte. **V.S.Bennett**

**AUTHORITY:**

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

C.R.

0 - 52

V.S.Bennett was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on June 21st 1916  
Regimental No 2895 was allotted to Pte. V.S.Bennett

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.



C.R. 0-52<sub>1</sub>

Extract of Militia Orders No. 48, dated July 15th, 1919,  
by the Hon A.E. Hickman, Minister of Militia.

The following is retired from date set opposite their  
respective name and is placed on the Reserve List of  
Officers.

Capt. V.S. Bennett.....July 3rd 1919

C.R. 0-52

Extract of Militia Orders No. 48, dated July 15th, 1919,  
by the Hon A.E. Hickman, Minister of Militia.

The following is retired from date set opposite their  
respective name and is placed on the Reserve List of  
Officers.

Capt. V.S. Bennett.....July 3rd 1919

C.R. 0-52

Extract of Militia Orders No.48, dated July 15th 1919,  
by the Hon.A.E.HICKMAN, Minister of Militia

**ATTACHMENT:**

CAPT. V.S.BENNETT (Attached R A.F. is attached  
to Depot. H.Q. on ceasing to be employed with the Royal  
Air Force with effect from July 3rd 1919.

54. Squadron  
Leitchburg  
Vt.

My Dear Hughie.

You have seen the wire sent to me from the paper on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and what in the name of heavens does it all mean? Who are "Hackers"? He wants a sack and 5¢ clothes brought home to him apparently, but do you know if "Hackers" has measurements etc. & where they are? I wish you would put me wise on this mystery.

I was unexpectedly whisked off by tender from the Air Ministry the afternoon I spoke to you and on arriving at Hounslow learnt that I had to sit on an inquiry on some unfortunate Johnny who had lost 5000 francs imprest etc. Was there for three days, making such reports up to town occasionally.

Why is the skipper so worried over

the coveted Croix de Guerre. One would  
think it was my first-born he is trying to  
make official. You might let me know  
if the thing has officially come through and  
I will wire to that effect.

No news of my leave yet, but hope  
still lives. Prince Albert is at the Air  
Ministry now so that's all right.

What's news? Expect to be in London  
again within the next six months. I wanted  
to get back to England but Yaliesbury—  
a desert surrounded by oases.

Kindest regards to Sybil. Hope  
she is quite fit

Sincerely

V. S. Bennett

58, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W. 1.

14th March, 1919.

Dear Syd,

With reference to your letter received to-day: Hacker's are the well known masculine modistes in Sackville Street, and I believe they have got your father's measurements there. It will be simply a matter of writing to them and giving an order for a dark suit. Their full address is

Messrs. J. Hacker & Sons,  
14, Sackville Street,  
London, W. 1.

The particulars of your Croix de Guerre have already been sent to the Dept. of Militia; these were made known to us by the Air Ministry. some time ago.

Hope to see you along one of these days.

Yours sincerely,

C.R.O-52

Form 2

No.

740

# WESTERN UNION

## ANGLO-AMERICAN DIRECT UNITED STATES CABLEGRAM



<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>SENT</b>	<b>FOR STAMPS</b>
<b>WORDS</b>	<b>CHARGE</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>By</b>
		<b>VIA WESTERN UNION</b>	
<b>THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.</b>			

**16/8/17 TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.**  
**On Newfoundland Government Service.**

**To GOVERNOR**  
**STJOHNS (Newfoundland)**  
 PHD

574

**UNHONOUR LARDOME BENNETT ORDERED PORTMAIL SCHOOL MILITARY**  
**ADDOCEBIT READING AQUATOS**

**SYNOPTICAL**

**Translation:-**

With reference your telegram 2 August - 2/Lieut - Bennett -  
 ordered - to proceed to - School - Military - Aeronautic - Reading -  
 August 15 -

17/8/17

**NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED.**

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address **58 Victoria St. S.W. I.**

CABLE ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.

C.R. M-254

C.R. 0-52

Extract of Telegram received from London, dated December  
12, 1917.

With reference to your telegram December 12th,  
Promotion of Pte. Bennett.

to be Lieutenant Flying Corps, approved.



CANADIAN PACIFIC R.Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH  
TELEGRAM C.R. 0-52

FORM T. D. 1

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, Manager Telegraphs, Montreal.

117 RICHIEU ST.

PHONE 75

I RA CH I7

London Sept 4-18

Military

St-Johns Que.

Lardcooler V.S. Bennett Vexeroad attached rat cancoroma  
Janysus whilst oclevrage captain authority Gemberpot  
Jetbreak

Synoptical

8.20am Rptr OK

• Ent

off br.  
sent

**CABLEGRAM**Line No. *14329*No. of M. *1185*

Prefix.	Code	(Office of Origin and Service Instructions)	For Postage Stamps.
Words.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-style: italic;">Via Commercial</div>		This form will be accepted at any Post Office.
	£	s.	d.
Sent At		To	By

To *4/9/18*  
*Military.*

*On Newfoundland Government Service.*

*Ent*

Translation of Cable No. 1185, 4/9/18 to M.ofM. St. John's:

Lieut.- V.S.- ~~W~~ennett- Newfoundland Regt.- attached- R.A.F.- to be Capt. with effect from- July 16- whilst- employed as- Captain- authority- London Gazette- July 30

**CONFIRMATION**

**MAILED: 5/9/18**

NOT TO BE  
TELEGRAPHED.

Having read the Conditions printed upon the back of this form, I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded according to the said Conditions, by which I agree to abide.

**58 Victoria St. S.W.-**

Signature.....

Address.....

ADDRESSES, REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD (OR WITH ANY COMPANY), ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE COMMERCIAL CABLES.

[For List of Stations r.r.o.]

C.R. 10-52

Extract of Casualties from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated Feb. 19th/19.

---

Capt. V.S. Bennett.

Was struck off the strength of the R.A.F. in the  
field 20/2/19 and is transferred to Home Establishment.

Address:

54 Squadron,

Yatesbury, Wilshire.

Auth:

Capt. Bennett.

C.R. 0-52

Extract from Daily Orders part II, Winchester dated  
14-3-19. By Lieut. Col. B. J. Barton, D.S.O. Officer  
Commanding 2nd. Battalion of the Royal Newfoundland  
Regiment.

Captain Bennett ceases to be attached to this  
Unit for rations and accomodation as from 8-5-19.

C.R. 0-52

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

MOVEMENT

LIEUT. V.S. BENNETT TO B.E.F. 24-1-18

ATTACHED TO 80 Squadron, R.F.C.

Telephone No.: REGENT 8000.

Telegraphic Address: "AIRMINISTRY, LONDON."

(All telegrams on the subject of this letter, should quote the undermentioned Air Ministry Refco.)

CR. 0-52  
AIR MINISTRY,

STRAND,

LONDON, W.C. 2

15th. April, 1919.

All letters on the undermentioned subject should be addressed to THE SECRETARY at the above address and should quote:

Air Ministry Refco. C14526

P.2.d.

Your Refco.

~~SUBJECT~~

Capt. V.S. Bennett,  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.  
attd. Royal Air Force.  
.....

You are hereby granted leave of absence for ten (10) weeks from the 23rd. April, 1919. and permission has been given you to proceed to Newfoundland at your own expense.

It is understood that should your demobilisation take place during your leave, your pay will automatically cease with effect from the date of demobilisation.

You must provide yourself with a passport, obtainable at 1, Lake Buildings, St. James Park, London, S.W., on producing this authority.

You must be prepared to produce your passport at all times during your stay in Newfoundland.

You must wear uniform, and on arrival in Newfoundland must report yourself in writing to the General Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force, Toronto.

Seven days before the expiration of your leave you are to report in writing to the General Officer Commanding, R.A.F. Toronto.

The date of your embarkation should be notified by letter addressed to "The Secretary", Air Ministry, (P.2.) Strand, W.C.

*P. G. Hamilton*

Major.

for Director of Air Personal Services.

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Class for Demobilization:—

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

Discharge Depot: Headquarters The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Regimental No \_\_\_\_\_

Name V. S. Bennett

Rank Capt.

Address Monkstown Road.

Present Medical Category A1

Recommended for:— { (a) Immediate discharge \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Standard Medical Board \_\_\_\_\_

Members of Board {

R. H. East Major  
O.C. Discharge Depot.

H. H. H. H.  
Senior Medical Officer

J. W. Borden  
M. O. Depot

PROMOTION.

-----

Extract of Regimental Order dated May 18, 1917.

By Lieut. Col. Sir. W. E. Davidson, K. C. M. G., Officer Commanding.

Lieut. Col. Comdg. has been pleased to make the following Promotion:

CORPL. V. S. BENNETT.

to be Second Lieutenant.



C.R.

0-52  
~~2575~~

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Nfld.  
Regt., St. John's, Nov.16th, 1916.

2895 B/Pl. V.S. Bennett.

To be Corporal from Nov.16th, 1916.

13014/5/P&A

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE,  
NEWFOUNDLAND CO. IN CONT.  
52, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1, ENGLAND.

Capt. V. S. Bennett,  
54th. Squadron,  
R. A. F.,  
B. E. F.

13th, August 8

\*\*\*  
...  
...  
FLYING PAY,  
PROMOTION.

With reference to your letter 8/8/18  
(7097): Change of address has been noted.  
Telegram has been despatched to Mrs. J. R.  
Bennett as requested. Congratulations on your  
promotion to the rank of Captain, advice will be  
telegraphed to Headquarters, Newfoundland on  
receipt of the London Gazette, for insertion in  
the Newfoundland Gazette which gives you  
corresponding rank in the Royal Newfoundland  
Regiment. Your pay will be in accordance with  
your appointment in the R. A. F. The pay of a  
Flight Commander is \$7.50 per day.

FM/WF

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

*Spaul*

Serial No. 38.  
Supplement A.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

HONOURS & AWARDS

Particulars of the Deed for which Captain V. S. Bennett was awarded the Croix de Guerre.

" He has rendered excellent service in the French zone in the course of recent operations. In commanding his platoon he has given proof of great courage and activity. On the 18th of July whilst carrying out a raiding expedition he conducted his patrol safely within the German lines where he encountered a squadron of 15 Aeroplanes which he succeeded in forcing to retreat, thus permitting his gunners to accomplish their mission. In a personal encounter he forced two of the enemies' machines to descend. The ammunition ran short on the planes which attacked his patrol thereby enabling him to make a brilliant return after having accomplished his mission and without having lost a single Aeroplane.

*X*

Authority:- Copy of Order by General Petain, forwarded to P.&R.O. by Minister of Militia (11072)



No. 1411.

Code Telegram from Major Timewell.

(recd. 16 August, 1917)

Your Telegram 24d August (No. 638)

and Lieut. Bennett ordered to proceed to School

Military Aeronautics, Reading, August 18th.

and Telegrams :  
"SYNOPTICAL," London.

Telephone :  
VICTORIA 147.

Communications to be addressed to the  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS,  
and the following No. quoted :

N. F. P/38.

ORIGINAL

# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

## MEMORANDUM.

No. 17814/583/0 **C.R.** 0-52

From  
**PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,**  
58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.  
2nd November, 1918.

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

**SUBJECT: HONOURS & AWARDS:**  
Capt. V. S. Bennett.

**REPLY**  
Dated Nov. 29th. 1918. 191

Reference Nos.

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Up to date no direct official communication has been received at this office with regard to the award of the Croix de Guerre to Capt. Bennett; meanwhile I understand that certain documents were sent to you conveying particulars. Will you kindly furnish copies for purposes of record in this Office?

It may be stated that information concerning Newfoundland Officers attached to the R.A.F. is not at present readily ascertainable.

Meanwhile merely the bare fact of the award is known here.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. i/o Records.

With reference to the award of "Croix de Guerre" to Capt. Bennett the only official notification that has come to my notice is the Order of the Commander in Chief, a copy of which is attached for your information.

I have noticed that in the London Gazettes received to date there has been no mention of this award.

*[Signature]*

Minister of Militia.

RECORD OFFICE
Files IN 11072
Rec'd 19 DEC 1918
ck'd Ans'd
Of. Nos. 001
AC
MA
HT
NV

HT/NV

C.R. 2895

PROMOTION.

By Col. Sir W.E. Davidson, K.C.M.G. Officer Comdg., Oct., 10, 1916.

-----

No. 2895 Pte. V.S. Bennett. ✓

To be Acting L/Corporal from Oct. 10, 1916.

C.R. ~~AA-26-1~~

0-52

**The Chairman**

**Standing Committee P.A.**

Application for a provisional commission in the Newfoundland Regiment, preparatory to transferring to either the Royal Flying Corps or Royal Naval Air Service, received from Corporal V. Sydney Bennett under date 3rd instant.

For consideration by Sub-Committee on Selection of Officers.

**Governor.**

6 January 1916.

C.R. M-25-1  
0-52

29 January, 1917.

My dear Major Montgomerie,

Young Sidney Bennett (son of the Colonial Secretary) is a Volunteer on this Draft. His father wishes to have him transferred to the Flying Corps.

Would you consult with Colonel Whitaker in order to expedite the transfer?

Following our previous practice, I am prepared to issue a Commission to him as a 2nd Lieutenant in order that he may start in the Flying Corps in order that he may start in the Flying Corps with the requisite standing.

Please ask Colonel Whitaker to act for me in the matter. On receipt of a Telegram I shall confirm the appointment to a temporary Commission.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) W.M. Davidson.



Please accept  
my best thanks  
for your kindly  
interest in the  
matter -

Yours faithfully  
J. R. Bennett

His Excellency  
Sir Walter Edmondson  
K.C.M.G.  
—

Mr. Caley  
Urgent.  
Letter re  
Corp: Bennett  
No. 16  
16<sup>th</sup> Mar. 1917



C.R.O.-52  
"Per Horizel"

Dear Sir Walter  
Your letter re.  
my son T. B. Bennett  
to Commanding Officer  
-Camp. is quite satis-  
-fying, the only  
point arising is  
that he is a corporal  
instead of a private  
but I suppose  
this is immaterial  
in the granting of  
a Commission

C O P Y

C.R. 0-52  
Govt.

Military Aeronautics Directorate,  
Air Board Office,  
Strand, W.C. 2.

121/Overseas/2085 (O.2.b.)

12th August, 1917.

C.R.3427

The Adjutant General,  
Headquarters,  
Canadian Overseas Military Forces,  
Argyll House,  
246, Regent Street, W.

With reference to your memorandum no. A.G.3.  
Canadians 21.6.2., dated 20th May 1917, I am directed to  
inform you that the undermentioned Officer has been  
interviewed and selected for appointment to the Royal  
Flying Corps.

I am, therefore to request that in view of his  
having been already recommended, you will be good enough  
to issue instructions for him to report forthwith to the  
Commandant, School of Military Aeronautics, Reading, for  
instruction in aviation, taking camp kit with him.

2/Lieut. V. S. Bennett, 2/1st Bn., Newfoundland Regt.

(Sgd) ? Capn.,  
for Major.  
General Staff.  
for Director of Air Organisation.

Copy to O.C. 2nd Bn.  
" " H.E. the Governor.



Officer Commanding

2nd (Reserve) Battalion,

First Newfoundland Regiment,

Newton-on-Ayr,

Scotland.

I have the honour to state that No. 2898 Pte. V.S. Bennett of the First Newfoundland Regiment who will arrive with the next draft of Reinforcements from Newfoundland for the Newfoundland Regiment is anxious to join the Royal Flying Corps.

I should be much obliged if you would do me good as to move in the matter of his transfer to the Royal Flying Corps; and in order that he may join with the rank and status of a Commissioned Officer I enclose a form of temporary Commission, signed but not dated, giving to Pte. Bennett the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the First Newfoundland Regiment.

Pte. Bennett is the second son to join the Regiment of the Hon. J.A. Bennett, Colonial Secretary and (at present) Acting Prime Minister of the Colony of Newfoundland. It was his intention to adopt the profession of an Electrical Engineer, for which he has natural aptitude.

Governor.

Government House,  
St. John's, Newfoundland.  
14 March 1917.

August 11th, 1919

**To: Officer Commanding  
Headquarters  
Royal Air Force  
Toronto, Can.**

**Capt. V.S. Bennett**

Your communication of 23rd July has been received, forwarding copy of letter addressed to this Dept. on 12th June, original of which has not been received by us.

With reference to your enquiries re the marginally noted, I might that this Officer reported to this Department on 2nd July, 1919 on expiration of his leave, and applied for demobilization. Due notification was sent to the Secretary, Air Ministry (P.2) Strand. Capt. Bennett was then medically boarded and found A.1, and was retired from July 3rd, 1919

**Lieut. Col.,  
Chief Staff Officers.**

Cables and Telegrams :  
"SYNOPTICAL," London.

Telephone :  
VICTORIA 4923 & 4.

Communications to be addressed to the  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS.

ENCLOSURE

N. F. P/100  
DUPLICATE

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 10491/552/PAA.

C.R. 0-52

From

PAY AND RECORD OFFICE.

58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

To

The Minister of Militia,  
St. John's,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

FM/FK.

15th August 1919

SUBJECT:

CAPT. V. S. BENNETT.  
ATTACHED ROYAL AIR FORCE.  
Reference Nos.

REPLY

Dated November 18th. 1919 191

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Exchange of telegrams is confirmed:-

(1).  
Received 8/8/19 (292).  
"Synoptical, London."  
"Please inform me as to-  
"Capt-Bennet-is he entitled  
"to-thirty days-flying-pay-  
"from date of granting-pf-  
"leave.

MILITARY".

(2).  
Despatched 12/8/19 (317).  
"Military, St. John's."  
"With reference to your  
"telegram 7th August-Captain-  
"Bennett-entitled to \$7.50  
"per day up to date of-  
"expiration of leave-1st July  
SYNOPTICAL".

Copy of Memorandum from the  
Paymaster General, O.M.F.C. is  
enclosed. This gives authority  
for issue of Consolidated Pay  
for period of leave not exceeding  
91 days. Capt. Bennett is there-  
fore entitled to Pay as Flight  
Commander up to the date of expiration  
of leave, please.

Noted, please.

R  
Minister of Militia.

*[Signature]*

1931

The accompanying Victory Medal and/or British War Medal

Fold Here

**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

*Royal Nfld. Regt.*

*Dept. of Militia,*

*ST. JOHN'S. Nfld*

Fold Here

Signature

0-52

SEP 9 1921

1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**

is/are forwarded herewith to

Victor S. Bennett

in respect of his service as No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Capt.

Name V.S. Bennett

Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received

Vict. Medal & B.W. Medal

Signature

V.S. Bennett

Sept 10/21.

Monkstown Rd.

[P.T.O.]

RECEIPT  
FOR ISSUE OF BRITISH WAR MEDAL 1914-1919.

C.R. 6-52

I certify that I have received an issue of 2 inches  
of Riband of British War Medal-1914-1919.

NAME..... *V. G. Bennett Capt.* .....

DATE..... *Nov 17* .....

PLACE..... *St. John's* .....



COPY

From Paymaster General,  
O.M.F.C.

To Chief Paymaster & O.i/c.Recds.  
58 Victoria Street,  
LONDON. S.W.1.

As requested by telephone, I beg to inform you that Officers attached to the Royal Air Force, in receipt of consolidated rates of pay and Allowances, are only entitled to draw such rates while performing the duties of their appointment, except when in Hospital, or granted leave not exceeding 3 months. At the expiration of such periods, an Officer in receipt of consolidated rates of pay will revert to the Pay and Allowances prescribed for his rank as a Regimental Officer.

An Officer attached to the Royal Air Force drawing regimental rates of pay and Allowances will be dealt with under the same regulations as applied to other Officers of the O.M.F.C. If, however, he is in receipt of additional Flying Pay of 50 cents per diem, while on probation or under instruction, he will cease to draw such additional pay while in hospital, or on leave save when such leave has been granted as a result of an accident while undergoing instructions; under such circumstances, Flying Pay can be continued for time spent in Hospital, and for a further period of sick leave not exceeding 91 days.

In either case, if leave has been granted by the War Office without pay and Allowances; this will not effect the above regulations, but in such cases, if the leave granted is in excess of 3 months, the case is to be represented and pay will not be continued without special authority being granted.

I trust that this is the information you require.

11/10/18 (8846).

C.R. 0-52

Extract from casualties from Pay & Record Office, London  
dated April 28th 1919.

The undermentioned proceeded to Newfoundland per S.S.  
METAGAMA from Liverpool to Quebec, April 23rd 1919.

Capt. V.S. Bennett, att. R.A.F. (on 10 weeks leave  
of absence from 23-4-19 granted by Air Ministry)

AUTHORITY:

Air Ministry No. C.14526. P2d. of 16-4-19 (2927).

THE ADDRESS  
OF THE  
RECRUITING  
OFFICE  
R. A. F.  
NOT INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS  
AND QUOTE  
REF. A.O. 2638-7-(A.O.2)

RECORDS &amp; RECRUITING OFFICE

ECB-EVH (2)

# ROYAL AIR FORCE

GEORGE AND DUKE ST.  
TORONTO, CANADA

## TELEGRAMS:

"RECORDS, AERONAUTICS  
TORONTO"

## TELEPHONES:

MAIN 7616  
" 7617  
" 7618  
" 7619

C.R. 0-52

August 23rd, 1919.

Department of Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

Capt. V.S. Bennett.

-----

I beg to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter, No.0-52, dated August 11th, with refer-  
ence to Captain V.S. Bennett.

It is noted that you notified  
the Secretary, Air Ministry, that this Officer had  
returned to his original Unit.



Captain for,  
Officer Commanding Royal Air Force,  
Canada.

C.R. 0-52

Aug. 16th. 1919.

Capt. J. M. Howley,

Paymaster.

sir:-

With reference to the following telegram  
despatched to the Chief Staff Officer, London Aug. 7th.

"Please inform whether Capt.  
"Bennett is entitled to 30  
"day's flying pay from date  
"of granting of leave."

An answer has been received as follows, which is forwarded  
for your information and necessary action.

"With reference to your tele-  
"gram of Aug. 7th. Capt.  
"Bennett entitled to \$7.50  
"per day up to date of  
"expiration of leave  
"July 1st. 1919"

I Have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your Obedient servant.

Lieut. Col.  
Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 0-52

Extract from telegram received from Synoptical, London,  
Aug. 13th, 1919.

With reference to your telegram Aug. 7th  
Capt. Bennett entitled to \$7.50 per day up to date of ex-  
piration of leave July 1st, 1919.

C.R. 0-52

IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE  
REF. A.O./2638/5

(A.O.2)

S.O. 136



HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F., TORONTO.  
IMPERIAL ROYAL FLYING CORPS.  
CANADA.

*R*

ECB/ECS.

REGISTERED.

July 23rd, 1919.

Hdgrs., D.A.P.S.,  
Department of Militia & Defence,  
St. Johns, N.F.

A communication was  
addressed to you from this Headquarters, dated  
June 12th, 1919 - copy of which is attached.

May I please be favored  
with a reply.

*Arthur Seymour*

Major for.  
Officer Commanding Royal Air Force.  
Canada.

*Orig. lett. 12/6/19 not  
rec'd.*

*B. reported this Dept. 2/7/19 on expir.  
of leave & applied for demob. Due notification  
sent by cable to the Secretary, Air Ministry (P.2) Strand.  
He boarded & found A.I. & retired from 3/7/19*

C O P Y -

A.O./2638/4 (A.O.2)

ECB/ECS.

June 12th, 1919.

Hdqrs., D.A.P.S.,  
Department of Militia & Defence,  
St. Johns, N.F.

Capt. V.S. Bennett.

The marginally named  
Officer attached to the Royal Air Force from  
the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, has reported to  
this Headquarters his arrival in St. Johns, N.F.,  
on leave granted by the Air Ministry.

Will you please advise  
me this Officer's present status.

(signed) Murton A. Seymour,

Major for.  
Officer Commanding Royal Air Force.  
Canada.

C.R. 0-52

Extract from telegram from Military to Syn., London  
dated 23rd 1919.

in answer to your telegram of July 21st Capt. Bennett  
demobilized July 3rd.



C.R. 0-52

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit the Royal Nfld. Regt.  
St. John's, J<sup>y</sup><sub>u</sub>ly 18th, 1919.

The following is retired and placed on Reserve List of Officer  
with effect from 3-7-19

Capt. V.S. Bennett.

CR.0-52

Fals.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS DAY RECEIVED  
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA MY IMPERIAL AND NEWFOUNDLAND  
COMMISSIONS.

SIGNED..... *W. Stewart Capt* .....

DATE. *9th 7.19* .....

C.R. 6-52.

Extract from Daily Orders part 11 Unit of the Royal Bfld. Regt.  
St. John's, July 4th. 1919.

Capt V.S. Bennett,

Attached to Strength from 2-6-19.

C.R. 0-52

Extract from Telegram received from Synoptical, London,  
July 21/19

With reference to your telegram July 4th telegraph date of  
demobilization Capt. Bennett for notification to Air Ministry.



C.R. 0-52

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT  
DISCHARGE DEPOT

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

July 3rd, 1919

From Adjutant  
To Chief Staff Officer

Enclosed herewith please find original and  
copy of Travelling Medical Board held on Capt.  
V.S. Bennett.

Copy has also been sent to Board of Pension  
Commissioners.

J. R. Cooper  
Capt. Adjt.

COPY

Demobilization Form 1

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Class for Demobilization:—

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

Discharge Depot: Headquarters The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Date .....

Regimental No .....

Name V. S. Bennett Rank Capt

Address Monkstown Rd.

Present Medical Category A1

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

Members of Board { R. H. Jait Capt.  
O.C. Discharge Depot.  
(sgnd) L. Paterson  
Senior Medical Officer  
" F. W. Burden  
M. O. Depot

CR! 0-52

July 15th, 1919

To: Capt. V.S. Bennett  
Munkstwon Road

Please note that in the next issue of Militia Orders which will be published in the Royal Gazette, you will be retired and placed on the Reserve List of Officers with effect from July 3rd, 1919.

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

C.R. 0-52

July 12th 1919.

Capt. V. S. Bennett,  
Monkstown Road,  
City.

Dear Sir:

The attached letter addressed  
to you has been received from our London  
Office. I shall be glad if you will ac-  
knowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.  
Chief Staff Officer.



C.R. 0-52

Extract from telegram from Military to Syn., London  
dated July 2nd 1919.

Following ~~for~~ Air Ministry (P.2) (begins) Capt. V.S.  
Bennett reported to this Department today on expir-  
ation of leave has applied for release from service  
with R.A.F. will<sup>be</sup>/immediately demobilized.

C.R. 0-52

Extract from Daily Orders part II, Depot  
St. John's dated May 12th., 1912.

The undernoted returned from Overseas <sup>11-5-19</sup> 12-5-19.

Capt. V.S. Bennett

C.R. 0-52

Extract from telegram from Syn. to Mil. dated April 16th. 1919.

Following for Bennett (begins) Leave granted proceeding by  
Metagama April 23rd., Caprian Bennett. ends .

C.R. 0-52

Extract from telegram sent to Synoptical, London  
April 22, 1919.

Please inform date of Captain Bennett's sailing  
name of Ship & port of destination.

C.R. 0-52

Extract of Telegram from Syn., London, to Military.

Dated April 19th/19.

-----

Following for Bennett(begins). No leave granted awaiting  
details of permanent commission before returning  
Capt Bennett.

-----

C.R. 0-52

Extract from telegram from Syn. to MIL. dated Mar 18/1919.

Following for (Bennett, (begins) Leave not granted yet.  
will inform when leaving, Decoration O. K., Love  
Bennett, Ends.

C.R. 0-52

Extract from telegram from Syn. to Mil. dated Feb. 24th., 1919.

---

Following for Bennett(Begin) have applied for leave of absence for home will telegraph in a few days. Not for demobilization Bennett, ends.

3095/4/R&O :

*M.C.R. 0-52*

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

Capt. V.S. Bennett,  
R.NF.Regt. att.R.A.F.

Capt. V.S. Bennett,  
Royal Nfld. Regt.  
att. 54th Sq. R.A.F.  
Yatesbury, Wilts.

C. Paymaster & O.i/c Records  
58, Victoria St.,  
London.

Pay & Record Office,  
21st February 9

54. Squadron, Yatesbury,  
22, Feby. 1919.

The following extract  
of telegram dated 20/2/19,  
NO-59, has been received  
from the Minister of Militia,  
Newfoundland:- *begin*

Attached received and noted.  
Thank you.

\*Following for-Capt. Bennett-  
R.A.F.-begin-should-be-glad-  
to know if-for-demobilization-  
conditions of-demobilization-  
obtainable at-Pay & Record  
Office-are you-obtaining-  
home-leave-and when-ends\*

(Sd.) V.S. BENNETT  
Capt.

Kindly acknowledge  
receipt.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Paymaster & O.i/c Rcds.



C.R. 0-52

Extract from telegram received from Synoptical London.  
Feb. 19th, 1919.

The following for Bennett begins) Now in London  
have been posted 54 Squadron England Bennett ends.

C.R. 0-52

Extract from Telegram to Synoptical, London, Feby. 19th., 1919.

Following for Capt. Bennett R.A.F. (begins) Should be glad to know your intentions. Are you continuing with R.A.F. or rejoining Regiment for demobilisation. Conditions of demobilisation obtainable at Record, Office, London, Are you obtaining home leave and when.

C.R. 0-52

Extract from Telegram to Synoptical London, Dec. 23rd, 1918.

Following for Capt. VS Bennett Begins reciprocate  
your Xmas greetings Best love from all Father ends.

C.R. 0-52

Extract from Telegram from Synoptical London, Oct. 12/18.

Captain Bennett arrived yesterday in London for 14 days will  
return B.E.F. on expiration of leave.

C.R. 0-52

Extract from Telegram to Synoptical London, dated Oct. 9th 1918.

Ascertain and report by telegraph whereabouts of Capt. Bennett  
R.A.F..

C.R. 0-52

To:

Assistant Adjutant General  
Military District No. 4  
Montreal, P.Q.

Lieut. V.S. Bennett  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Receipt is acknowledged of your M D-4-11-B-494 of  
16th September.

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

26/9/18

R 7/21/18

C.R. PHB.

C.R. 0-52

MD4 - 11-B-494.

HEADQUARTERS MILITIA DISTRICT

MONTREAL, QUE.

MONTREAL, QUE., September 16, 1918.

Militia Headquarters,  
St. Johns, Nfld.

Lieut. V. S. Bennett,  
Nfld. Regt., St. Johns, Nfld.

I attach hereto, telegram  
which was received by the O.C. Engineer  
Training Depot, St. Johns, P.Q., which  
is evidently intended for St. Johns, Nfld.



for Lieut-Colonel,  
A. A. G., M.D.#4.



Lieut. V. S. Bennett R. Newfoundland  
Regt. attached R. A. F. to be Captain with  
effect from July 16<sup>th</sup> whilst employed  
as Captain.

~~at~~ Authority: - London

Gazette, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

~~Out~~



C.R. 0-52

Extract from Telegram from Synoptical, London Sept. 14th 1918.

---

Lieut . V. S. Bennett, Newfoundland Regiment attached R. A. F., to be  
Captain with effect July 16th. Whilst employed as Captain authority  
London Gazette July 30th.

C.R.

~~M 251~~

0-52

Copy of telegram despatched to Synoptical, London,  
dated April 9th, 1918.

Following for Lieut. V.S. Bennett, 80th Squadron  
R.F.C. France, your message received glad to hear  
your welfare all family well father.

No. 1840

N.F.P./35

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Pay & Record Office,  
58, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W. 1,

0-57

29 JAN 1918 191

To: John Minister of Militia

**C.R.** M-25-1

With the compliments of:

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS.

Attached to 80 Squadron, R.F.C.



Authority:-

Memo from  
Recording Officer,  
80 Squadron.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

MOVEMENT

LIEUT. V. S. BENNETT to B. E. F. 24/1/18.

Attached to 80 Squadron, R.F.C.

Authority:-

Memo from  
Recording Officer,  
80 Squadron.



C.R. 0-52

Copy of Cablegram to Synoptical London from Military St. John's  
December 22nd 1917.

Remit to Lt. Sydney Bennett immediately £12 as follows:-  
£10 from Mother, £1 each from Frank and Ray with best Xmas wishes.

O. C. Hdqrs.

To post in Gazette.

W. R. & Co. Ltd.

Govt

Aug. 17.

C.R. 0-52

No. 1411.

Code Telegram from Major Timewell.

(recd. 16 August, 1917)

Your Telegram 2nd August (No. 638)

And Lieut. Bennett ordered to proceed to School  
Military Aeronautics, Reading, August 18th.

C.R. 0-52

Telegram N<sup>o</sup> ~~662~~ 1411

Rec<sup>d</sup> 7. pm Aug<sup>t</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1817.

From P. R. O.

C.R. 550

Yours  $\frac{638}{2.8}$

2/ Lt Bennett ordered  
to proceed to School of  
Military Aviation, Reading  
August 15<sup>th</sup>

W. E. D.

C.R. 0-52

h  
Ced

Hon. J.R. Bennett.

For information.

4 August, 1917.

Governor.

No. 1384.

Code Telegram from Major Timewell.

(recd. 3 August, 1917)

Your Telegram 2nd August (No. 638)

2nd Lieut. Sydney Bennett states passed Medical Board  
Royal Flying Corps August 2nd awaiting orders.



Hon. J.R. Bennett.

542

For information.

*W. L. D. and J. M.*

4 August, 1917.

Governor.

No. 1384.

Code Telegram from Major Timewell.

(recd. 3 August, 1917)

Your Telegram 2nd August (No. 638)

2nd Lieut. Sydney Bennett states passed Medical Board  
Royal Flying Corps August 2nd awaiting orders.

*Bennett*

No. 638.

CODE TELEGRAM TO MAJOR TIMEWELL SENT 2nd  
AUGUST, 1917.

My telegram 4th May (512) transfer Second  
Lieutenant V. Bennett to Royal Flying Corps.  
What has been done.

GOVERNOR.

C.R. 0-52 7983 Form 2a.

No. 706

# ANGLO-AMERICAN WESTERN UNION DIRECT UNITED STATES CABLEGRAM



Prefix		Code	At		SENT		FOR STAMPS	
WORDS		CHARGE	To	By				
<b>VIA ANGLO.</b>					THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.			

3/8/17 TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.  
On Newfoundland Government Service.

To GOVERNOR  
STJOHNS (NEWFOUNDLAND)

UNHONOUR LARDOME SYDNEY BENNETT STATES PASSED MELAROSA VAANWING  
APPLY Awaiting ORDERS

### SYNOPTICAL

#### Translation:-

With reference your telegram 2nd August - 2nd Lieut - Sydney -  
Bennett - states - passed - Medical Board - Royal Flying Corps -  
August 2 - awaiting - orders -

CONFIRMATION  
MAILED: 7/8/17

NOT TO BE  
TELEGRAPHED.

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address 58 Victoria St. S.W. I.

CABLE ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.

C.R. 0-52

Hon. J.R. Bennett.

For information.

W. R. Davidson  
Governor.

No. 638.

CODE TELEGRAM TO MAJOR TIMEWELL SENT 2nd  
AUGUST, 1917.

759

My telegram 4th May (512) transfer Second  
Lieutenant V. Bennett to Royal Flying Corps.  
What has been done.

GOVERNOR.

C.R. 0-52

Extract from Code Telegram No.1163 received from Major  
Timewell, May 16th,1917.

Following telegram is sent at request of Whittaker  
Amended list of application: in the following order:-

Cooper, Moore, Hopson, Strang, Holme, Bennett, Powers,  
News, Greaves, Duley, Adams, and if medically fit Smith  
Mitchell, Small.

Others also are being nominated to Cadet courses (ends)

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

C.R. 0-52

~~N.F.P. 35~~

No 7109

Pay & Record Office,  
58, Victoria Street,  
London, S. W.,  
10<sup>th</sup> July, 1917.

To: H. E. the Governor,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland

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

4101/254

7109

Paymaster & O.1/c Rds.  
Newfoundland Contg.  
58, Victoria St.  
London, S.W.1  
Officer Commanding,  
2/1 Newfoundland R.  
Racecourse,  
Ayr.

O.O.,  
2/1st Newfoundland Regt.,

The Paymaster,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
London, S.W.

HT/NW

5th May, 7.

Barry Camp,

2/LT. V. S. BENNETT

July 13th/17.

Following received this  
date, please:

The original was forwarded  
to Headquarters, Hamilton,  
with the application, please.

"Synoptical, London.  
"Following for- Whitaker-  
"2/Lieut.- V.S. Bennett-  
"desires transfer to-  
"Flying Corps- can you  
"arrange-  
Governor."

(Sgd) C. Karn, Capt.,  
for Lt. Col.,  
Commanding 2/1st Nfld Regt.

Major,

Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

1st N. W. CO. Q. D.	
PAY & RECORDS OFFICE	
Ref. No.	3757
Rec'd.	JUL 14 1917
Acc'd.	
Ans'd.	
File No.	

No. 512.

Code Telegram to Major Timewell.

(sent 4 May 1917)

Following for Whitaker-

2nd Lieut. V.S. Bennett desires transfer to  
Royal Flying Corps. Can you arrange it?

Governor.



**CABLEGRAM** 0-52

No. ....



No. of Message

Date,

14 JUL 1917

The following **CABLEGRAM** received, at 9 25 M. "Via Commercial Cables."

**ARN SR577 PJ GOVT STJOHNSNF 21**  
**SYNOPTICAL... LONDON,**  
**ARRANGE WITH BENSON BANK OF MONTREAL**  
**PAY SECOND LIEUTENANT SIDNEY BENNETT TEN**  
**POUNDS DRAW ON ME AMOUNT**  
**COLONIAL SECTY.**

Ref. No.	3796
Rec'd.	JUL 13 1917
Ans'd.	
Ans'd.	
File No.	

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.

*Await reply*

17th, July

7

7140/2

2/Lt. S. Bennett,

2/1st. Newfoundland Regiment,

Barry, N. B.

FM/WF

DRAFT FROM NEWFOUNDLAND £10.0.0.

With reference to the following cable received  
15/7/17,-  
"Synoptical. London.  
"Arrange with Benson Bank of Montreal pay Second Lieut.  
"Sidney Bennett ten pounds draw on me amount.  
Col. Secretary".

Draft on John R. Bennett is enclosed for your signature as indicated. It is understood that you will have no difficulty in cashing this draft at the British Linen Bank, Dundee. Kindly acknowledge receipt, please.

Barry  
19<sup>th</sup> July  
#7140/2

Sir,

I have the honor to  
acknowledge receipt of  
your memorandum of  
July 17<sup>th</sup> with enclosed  
draft on Jno. N. Bennett,  
Newfoundland for £10-0-0.  
The same I have forward-  
ed to the Bank of Mon-

deal to be credited to my  
acc.

I wish to thank you for  
your kind attention in this  
matter.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant

V. S. Bennett

2/15.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
LAND OFFICE
Ref. No. 3892
DATE JUL 20 1917
Ac'd. _____
App'd. _____
File No. _____

23rd July,

7.

7294/21.

The Colonial Secretary,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

Sir,

With reference to your cable received 15/7/17:

"Synoptical, London.

"Arrange with Benson Bank of Montreal pay Second

"Lieutenant Sidney Bennett ten pounds draw on

"me amount.

Colonial Secty."

Mr. Benson was communicated with by telephone and he forwarded a draft to this office to be signed by 2/Lieut. V.S. Bennett.

The draft was received and sent on to this Officer and following acknowledgement has been received:

Barry.  
19th July.

"Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of July 17th with enclosed draft on Jno. N. Bennett, Newfoundland for £10:0:0. The same I have forwarded to the Bank of Montreal to be credited to my a/c.

I wish to thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

I have etc.,

(Sgd) V.S. Bennett, 2/Lt."

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Major,  
Paymaster & C. i/c Records.

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

10th, September 7

2/Lt. V. S. Bennett, 1st. Newfoundland Regiment,  
Attached R. F. C., St. Patrick House,  
Reading.

TELEGRAPHIC REMITTANCE.

Herewith cheque £10. 0. 0. in respect of  
remittance from Newfoundland forwarded to you at  
request of Hon. Minister of Militia.

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

108 Sent  
14/11/18  
J.B.B. 108

St. John's  
1 BEE  
France

Paymaster & Cof. Records  
Newfoundland Conting.

Please transmit the following  
by cable to Newfoundland and  
charge to my a/c.

J. N. Bennett

St. John's N.F.

Victory at last Still carrying on  
love. Bennett

X

J. N. Bennett

Capt.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
Ref. Nos. 108	9782
Rec'd	14 NOV 1918
Order N.F.	Ans'd
Ref. Nos. U.S.	
A. I. U.	
CH. DATE	
Comd.	
P & A.	
R & C.	
O & E.	

No. 989

# ANGLO-AMERICAN WESTERN UNION DIRECT UNITED STATES CABLEGRAM



SENT

FOR STAMPS

At \_\_\_\_\_  
To \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL  
POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.

**VIA ANGLO.**

8/8/18 TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

To **EFM MRS J R BENNETT**  
**STJOHNS (Newfoundland)**

**CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO BOTH**

**CAPTAIN BENNETT  
VIA SYNOPTICAL**

3/6/18

*Charge Capt J S Bennett*

CHARGE  
PAY LEDGER  
Date 14/11 by *[Signature]*

Authorized.

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address **58 Victoria St. S.W. 1.**

ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.



18359/1/R.&C.

Forms  
O 348  
1900

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER RECORDS.  
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
88, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1,  
ENGLAND.

MEMORANDUM.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

Army Form O. 348.

RECEIVED BY *3969*  
18 OCT 1918  
FILED

Ref. From *PL 521 Sg. Qtr PAF*  
To *CP + O. 70 Records*  
Command *Newfoundland Contingent*  
R. & C. **ANSWER.**  
D. & E.  
P. S. *In the Field*

Pay & Record Office,

10th October, 1918

CAPT. V. S. BENNETT,  
R. Newfoundland R., att. RAF.

Following is an extract of  
telegram 9/10/18 (8713) received  
this date from the Hon. Minister  
of Militia of Newfoundland.

"Ascertain and report by  
"telegraph- whereabouts of-  
"Capt.- Bennett- R.A.F.-"

Will you kindly say whether  
he is still serving with No. 54  
Squadron? Or if he has been  
transferred to another Unit  
perhaps you could state hereon  
his present whereabouts?

*W. J. C.*  
Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

15 Oct 1918

*Capt V.S. Bennett is  
still serving with 54  
Squadron R.A.F. B.E.F.  
His present  
whereabouts are in  
London c/o gun office  
during his leave.  
Richard & Maxwell  
Maj. O.C. 54 Sqn  
RAF.*

*WJB*

BEF.  
France.

To.

Paymaster & O/C Records  
Newfoundland Regt.  
London.

Will you transmit the following  
by cable to Newfoundland to be  
delivered if possible on Aug 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. J. R. Bennett.

St John's N.F.

Congratulations and many happy  
returns to both.

Capt. Bennett.

Address noted.  
Let you know roll  
Postal list.  
Bennett Cpt.  
RAF.

54 Squad<sup>n</sup>.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
File Nos. in	7097
Rec'd	8 AUG 1918
Serial	
File Nos. on	13014/5 9 A
BRANCH	
Comd.	
P & A.	13/8/18
R & O.	
B & E.	
P.S.	

Please note change in my address  
to 54 Squadron RAF. BEF.

Sending confirmation by the  
Air Ministry and promulgation in the  
Gazette I have been granted the rank  
of Temp Captain in the Royal Air Force.  
Upon the appearance of the appointment  
in the Gazette I should be pleased to  
know if this rank will be ratified in  
the N. Newfoundland Regt and if the  
increase in pay of a Flight-Commander  
over a Flying Officer in the RAF. will  
get corresponding consideration in  
my particular case.

Original in the name of the Government of Canada, Department of the Secretary of State, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and the Department of the Secretary of State, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Chief Postmaster & Officer in Charge  
Post Office  
Ottawa

8th January

8

343/1/Demob.

Capt. V. S. Bennett,

Royal Newfoundland Regiment,

att. 54, Squadron, R. A. F. B.E.F.

Demobilization.

With reference to your letter of 30/12/18, received 4/1/19 (109) enquiring whether you will "remain in R.A.F. until posted back to the Newfoundland Regiment or recalled to accept Demobilization under arrangements of the Newfoundland Government", I have to inform you that the answer to your enquiry depends in the first instance upon whether you desire to remain in the Royal Air Force.

In your intention is not to continue permanently in the service of the R.A.F. but to be demobilized with the personnel of the Newfoundland Contingent you could no doubt be posted back as soon as circumstances will permit, to the 2nd Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regt. Winchester, from which you were originally seconded, on application to your present O. C.

As far as can be ascertained at present, all personnel of the Newfoundland Contingent who are attached to other Units will be demobilized in accordance with Newfoundland Regulations when they have returned to respective Units in the Contingent.

With regard to your second query, - "To what extent should I forfeit any claim on the Newfoundland Government for War Services, gratuities, etc., if upon resigning from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment I accepted a Regular Commission in the R. A. F." the following extract from Preliminary Demobilization Regulations, published in the Newfoundland Royal Gazette of 26/11/18, is quoted for information:-  
(1) "That every person who has served, or is now serving as an Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Man in the Newfoundland Expeditionary Force, and who, after six months continuous Service in the said Force, portion of which has been performed Overseas, has been honourably retired or discharged in Newfoundland from such service shall receive for a further period of three months, the Pay and Allowance of the Rank held at the date of his retirement or discharge."

In view of the recent revision of Canadian War Service Gratuities, upon which the Newfoundland scales have been presumably based, it is possible that the War service Gratuity for members of the Newfoundland

Contingent, may be augmented on a graduated scale in accordance with length of Service, but decision on this point has not yet been received.

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/o Records,

28th January

Capt. V. S. Bennett

RAF / Devon

Royal Newfoundland Regiment

1st Lt. R. H. H. ...

Demobilization.

JF/s

With reference to your letter of 28/1/45, received 2/2/45 (101) enquiring whether you will remain in R.A.F. until posted back to the Newfoundland Regiment or recalled to accept Demobilization under arrangements of the Newfoundland Government, I have to inform you that the answer to your enquiry depends in the first instance upon whether you desire to remain in the Royal Air Force.

In your intention in not to continue permanently in the service of the R.A.F. but to be demobilized with the Government of the Newfoundland Government you could no doubt be posted back as soon as circumstances permit to the R.A.F. Royal Newfoundland Regiment, wherever you were originally assigned.

As far as can be ascertained at present, all personnel of the Newfoundland Regiment who are attached to other Units will be demobilized in accordance with Newfoundland Regulations when they have returned to respective Units in the Contingent.

With regard to your second enquiry - "To what extent should I forfeit my claim on the Newfoundland Government for War Service, gratuity, etc." Upon returning from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment I accepted a Regular Commission in the R.A.F. The following extract from the "Newfoundland Demobilization Regulations" published in the Newfoundland Royal Gazette of 28/1/45, is quoted for information:

(1) That every person who has served, or is now serving as an Officer, Sergeant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or man in the Newfoundland Expeditionary Force, and who, after six months continuous service in the said force, portion of which has been performed Overseas, has been honourably retired or discharged in Newfoundland from such service shall receive for a further period of three months, the pay and allowances of the rank held at the date of his retirement or discharge.

In view of the recent revision of Canadian War Service Gratuity upon which the Newfoundland and Royal Newfoundland Regiments have been presumably based, it is possible that the War Service Gratuity for members of the Newfoundland

Paymaster & Coy. Records.  
Newfoundland Contingent  
London.

May I be informed, please. I

the situation in which I am placed  
from the point of view of demobilization  
whether I shall remain in the R.A.F.  
until posted back to the Newfoundland  
Regiment or recalled to accept demobiliza-  
tion under arrangements of the  
Newfoundland Government? Also,  
to what extent should I forfeit any  
claim on the Newfoundland Government  
for war services, gratuities etc. if, upon

resigning from the N. Newfoundland  
Regiment & accepted a Regular Commission  
in the R.A.F.

V. Bennett Capt.  
R.A.F. kept att. R.A.F.  
54 Squadron.

30-12-18.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
100g	
NO. 4	JAN 1919
NO.	343/1
PARCEL NO.	
DATE	
BY	



*D. Mail*

DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY  
Posted 29 NOV 1918

17814/583/0

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

*OK*

2nd November, 1918.

HONOURS & AWARDS:  
Capt. V. S. Bennett.

Dec. 23rd. 1918.

Up to date no direct official communication has been received at this office with regard to the award of the Croix de Guerre to Capt. Bennett; meanwhile I understand that certain documents were sent to you conveying particulars. Will you kindly furnish copies for purposes of record in this Office?

With reference to the award of "Croix de Guerre" to Capt. Bennett the only official notification that has come to my notice is the Order of the Commander in Chief, a copy of which is attached for your information.

I have noticed that in the London Gazettes received to date there has been no mention of this award.

*J. R. V. Bennett*

Minister of Militia.

It may be stated that information concerning Newfoundland Officers attached to the R.A.F. is not at present readily ascertainable.

Meanwhile merely the bare fact of the award is known here.

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & C. 1/3 Records.

*0-52*



17844/356/R.&.G.

3rd November, 8.

The Military Secretary,  
War Office, (M.S.3.b.),  
14, Albermarle Street, W. 1.

Sir,

Capt. V. S. Bennett  
~~The R. Newfoundland Regt. att. R.A.F.~~

Within the last few months this Officer was awarded the French Croix de Guerre, but beyond the bare fact thereof, no information has reached this Office. It will be much appreciated if you will be good enough to furnish all available particulars, or if this is not practicable to direct as to the proper quarter to apply.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Major,

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

HT/NV

7

No reply to

27-12-18

and telegrams:  
"SYNOPTICAL" London.

Telephone:  
VICTORIA 147.

Communications to be addressed to the  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS,  
and the following No. quoted:

N. F. P/38A

DUPLICATE.

## NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

### MEMORANDUM.

No. 17814/583/0 **C.R.** 0-52

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

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

2nd November, 1918;

**SUBJECT: HONOURS & AWARDS:**  
Capt. V. S. Bennett.

**REPLY**  
Dated Nov. 29th. 1918. 191

Reference Nos.

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Up to date no direct official communication has been received at this office with regard to the award of the Croix de Guerre to Capt. Bennett; meanwhile I understand that certain documents were sent to you conveying particulars. Will you kindly furnish copies for purposes of record in this Office?

It may be stated that information concerning Newfoundland Officers attached to the R.A.F. is not at present readily ascertainable.

Meanwhile merely the bare fact of the award is known here.

*A. C. Bennett*  
Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. I/O Records.

With reference to the award of "Croix de Guerre" to Capt. Bennett the only official notification that has come to my notice is the Order of the Commander in Chief, a copy of which is attached for your information.

I have noticed that in the London Gazettes received to date there has been no mention of this award.

Minister of Militia.

NV

Capt S. Bennett

C.R. 0-52

~~SRD~~

No.

985

# ANGLO-AMERICAN

WESTERN UNION DIRECT UNITED STATES  
CABLEGRAM

SENT

FOR STAMPS

Prefix

Code

At

To

By

WORDS

CHARGE

14

VIA ANGLO.

THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL  
POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.

15/10/17

TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

To \*E. F. M., J.R.BENNETT  
ST. JOHN'S  
(NEWFOUNDLAND)

TRANSFERRING ADVANCED SQUADRON DRAWING YOU TEN POUNDS.

S/D BENNETT

Charge to 2/Lt. V. S. Bennett

CHECKED.

C. R.  
18/10/17.

C. 15  
PAY  
Date

12/10/17  
WBA

14  
22  
29  
35  
2-11

NOT TO BE  
TELEGRAPHED.

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

Signature

Address 58, Victoria St. S.W. 1

CABLE ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE  
LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.

# WESTERN UNION

## ANGLO-AMERICAN DIRECT UNITED STATES CABLEGRAM



<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>At</b>	<b>SENT</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>FOR STAMPS</b>
WORDS	CHARGE					
170	2 1/2					

VIA WESTERN UNION

THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.

18/12/17 TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

**To** EFM CORPORAL BENNETT NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT  
 HEADQUARTERS STJOHNS (Newfoundland)

MESSAGE JUST RECEIVED RATHER LATE RETURNING MONEY  
 UNLESS CONTRADICTED

**BENNETT**

CHARGED  
 PAY BOOK  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKED.  
 [Signature]

1

17n  
 2n  
 34n  
 36n  
 36n

Charge to  
 Lt. H.S. Bennett  
 A.S. R.F.C.

**Authorised.**

**NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED.**

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address **68 Victoria St. S.W. 1.**

CABLE ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.

WHD Reg<sup>t</sup> - Speaker's  
St Johns N.F.

Message just received rather  
late returning money unless  
contradicted.

Bennett.

NEWFOUNDLAND  
PAY OFFICE  
18 DEC 1946  
I have the honor, to be  
do Sir  
Cable ~~copy~~ your obedient servant  
W.S. Bennett 2/H.



Dec. 16/17  
ROYAL FLYING CORPS  
BEVELEY  
E. YORKS.

Haymaster 2 1/2 Messrs  
W.H.D. Regt.  
London

Sir,

I beg to forward for the  
accompanying telegram which  
I should be pleased if you  
would transmit at regulation  
military rates.

To

Corp. Bennett

WHD Reg<sup>b</sup> - S. Barker's  
St Johns N.Z.

Message just received rather  
late returning money unless  
contradicted.

Bennett.

I have the honor, to be  
do Sir  
Cable 1354  
Your obedient servant

W.S. Bennett 2/11.

HOWLAND CO. LTD.  
PAY OFFICE  
1946  
18 DEC 1946  
Cable 1354



write to  
Air Board  
and get  
official file  
J.D.B.

14430



ROYAL FLYING CORPS  
BEVELEY

E. YORKS.

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 17

Paymaster  
and of records.

R.F.C. Reg: London.

Sr.

I beg to forward the following  
telegram for transmission to  
Newfoundland at Regulation  
Military rates, charged to my  
acc.

Hon. J. Bennett  
St John's N.F. 14401

"Graduates last week — best  
love and Xmas wishes to all.

Bennett.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Bennett 2/11

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE,		18088		23/12/17	
		22 DEC 1917		Cable 1401.	
FR.	Li.				
GR.	Li.				
P.L.					
R.&C.					
E.&E.					
P.S.					

# WESTERN UNION

ANGLO-AMERICAN DIRECT UNITED STATES

## CABLEGRAM



Prefix	Code	At	By	FOR STAMPS Direct Wires from Great Britain, United States, West Indies, Africa, etc.
WORDS 276	CHARGE P/2	VIA WESTERN UNION		

22/12/17 TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

To EPM HON J BENNETT  
STJOHNS (Newfoundland)

GRADUATED LAST WEEK BEST LOVE AND CHRISTMAS WISHES

TO ALL

BENNETT

*Charge of  
2nd Lt Bennett  
attached R.F.C.*

*16 1/2  
32 1/2  
40 1/2 ✓  
3*

CHECKED  
*W.R.B.*

CHARGED  
PAY BOOK *12/17*  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ by *W.R.B.*

Authorised.

NOT TO BE  
TELEGRAPHED.

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address 53 Victoria St. S.W. 1.

CABLE ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.



NEWFOUNDLAND ROYAL FLYING CORPS  
BEVELEY E. YORKS.

838

24 JAN 1918

23/1/18

A. 105 101

Sir,

I beg to submit  
the accompanying tal-  
egram for trans-  
mission to Newfound-  
land.

J. H. Bennett

St John's N.F.

leaving - Best love  
Bennett "

Please arrange for  
future correspondence  
to be forwarded to  
80 Squadron R.F.C.  
B.E.F. France

I have the honor to be, Sir  
Your obedient servant

V. Stammers 27/11.

Paymaster & Co Records  
W.F.H. Regt  
London  
Solo

(L. Fuller)  
Notes Ledger ... HKS  
Bank Roll ... HKS  
Postal →

# WESTERN UNION

ANGLO-AMERICAN DIRECT UNITED STATES

## CABLEGRAM

SENT

FOR STAMPS

 Prefix \_\_\_\_\_  
 Words \_\_\_\_\_  
 Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Charge \_\_\_\_\_

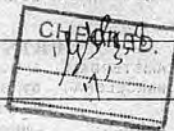
 At \_\_\_\_\_  
 To \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

VIA WESTERN UNION

THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.

24/1/18

TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

To **HFM J R BENNETT****STJOHNS (Newfoundland)****LEAVING BEST LOVE****BENNETT**

9<sup>9</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

---

18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

---

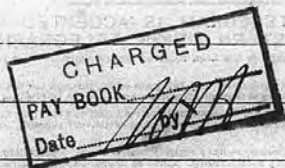
4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

---

22<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

---

1-10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>



Authorized.

NOT TO BE  
TELEGRAPHED.

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

58 Victoria St. S.W. 1.

CABLE ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.

France

2/4/18

436

Newfoundland Contingent  
Pay & Records Office  
London.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE,			
Ref. Nos. IN		3161	
Rec'd - 6 APR 1918		Ansd	
Ack'd		Ref. Nos. OUT	
ACTED UPON			
BRANCH	DATE	BY	
Comd.			
P & A			
R. & A			
P. S.			

Please find here with

one book N.F.P. 158.

Kindly transmit the following by  
cable to Newfoundland.

— Spang J. R. Bennett

St John's (N.F.)

Letters received. Unable to write  
some time. Doing and feeling well. France

Bennett

via Synoptical.

J. R. Bennett

Newfoundland Regt  
att. N.F.

# WESTERN UNION

ANGLO-AMERICAN DIRECT UNITED STATES

## CABLEGRAM



Prefix \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_  
WORDS 18 CHARGE 2 1/2

SENT  
At \_\_\_\_\_  
To \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

FOR STAMPS  
THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.

VIA WESTERN UNION

6/4/18 TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

To EPM J. R. BENNETT  
STJOHNS (Newfoundland)

LETTERS RECEIVED UNABLE TO WRITE SOME TIME DOING  
AND FEELING WELL FRANCE

BENNETT

*Handwritten:*  
18  
2 1/2  
---  
36  
36  
36  
36 = 319 ✓

*Handwritten:* CHECKED  
6/5/18  
27/5/18

*Handwritten:* Charge of Lt. V.S.

*Stamp:* PAY 8003  
Date *[Signature]*

Authorized.

NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED.

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address 58 Victoria St. S.W. 1.

"CABLE" ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.



Cablegram No. 487 from H.E. Governor. Rec'd P. O. 5/5/17 (2205)

Following for - Whitaker - Lieut. - U.S. Bennett -

desires transfer to - Flying Corps - Can you

arrange (for) -

Governor.

**CABLEGRAM**No. **3**

No. of Message

**5 MAY 1917**

The following CABLEGRAM received, at

*12300*

"Via Commercial Cables."

**MAY...SR487 PJ @ STJOHNSNF 12****SYNOPTICAL LDN****FILTHINESS WHITAKER LARDONE V S BENNETT TABLATURE****FIGUNNEL ANCHOREVE****GOVERNOR**

121 NEWFOUNDLAND	
PAY & RECORD	
Ref. No.	<i>2205</i>
Rec'd.	<i>MAY - 5 1917</i>
Ack'd.	<i>Transmitted</i>
Ans'd.	
File No.	<i>575/171</i>

Respectfully requesting this Message can be attended to without the production of this paper. Repetitions of doubtful words should be obtained through the Company's agents and not by direct application to the Sender.

Cable from the Hon. the Col. Secretary to Major Timewell. Rec'd 22/5/17.

Following for. aft. - V.S. Bennett - message begins - congratulate you on -  
Commission - anxious to hear - from you - what are your - plans -  
full stop - do you require more - cash - if more required - ask -  
Major. Timewell - to advance - same - and to - draw on - one - (me)  
full stop - Ray - will join - May 28 - all well - love. Father -  
message ends -

Col. Secty.

4803/1

# CABLEGRAM

No. \_\_\_\_\_



22 MAY. 1917

**GOVT**

No. of Message \_\_\_\_\_

Date, \_\_\_\_\_

The following **CABLEGRAM** received, at 12.47 a.m. "Via Commercial Cables."

W SR 64 PJ GOVT STJOHNSNF 39

MAJOR TIMEWELL CARE SYNOPTICAL LON

FILTHINESS LARDOME V S BENNETT NENIARDIZE  
COMPURGADO CIMOLITE ALLPOTENT FREELIVING

TORELLO PLANS SILVERGOD REPUTANT CASH  
REQUILORIO ASK MAJOR TIMEWELL AGRITOUS  
SAME ALEMEASURE DRAWLINKS ONE SILVERGOD  
RAY (J) AMUSLOST MARSHPEEP TOPFILLED LOVE

FATHER MINIATURES

COAL SECTY

1ST N. WINDWARD ISLAND GOVERNMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	2574
Rec'd.	MAY 22 1917
Ack'd.	do
Ans'd.	H2034
File No.	

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.

22nd May, 7.

4803/1

2/Lieut. V. S. Bennett,  
2/1 Newfoundland Regiment,  
Racecourse, Ayre

HT/NW

CABLE from NEWFOUNDLAND.

Following is transmitted, please:

"MAJOR TIMEWELL CARE SYNOPTICAL LONDON.  
"FOLLOWING FOR- 2/LIEUT.- V.S. BENNETT- MESSAGE BEGINS-  
"CONGRATULATE YOU ON- COMMISSION- ANXIOUS TO HEAR- FROM  
"YOU- WHAT ARE YOUR- PLANS- FULL STOP- DO YOU REQUIRE  
"MORE CASH- IF MORE REQUIRED- ASK- MAJOR- TIMEWELL- TO  
"ADVANCE- SAME- AND TO- DRAW ON- ONE (ME?) FULL STOP-  
"RAY- WILL JOIN- MAY 28- ALL WELL- LOVE- FATHER- MESSAGE  
"ENDS. COL. SECTY."

Major.

22nd May, 7.

4803/1

2/Lieut. V. S. Bennett,  
2/1 Newfoundland Regiment,  
Racecourse, Ayra

HT/NW

CABLE from NEWFOUNDLAND.

Following is transmitted, please:

"MAJOR TIMEWELL CARE SYNOPTICAL LONDON.  
"FOLLOWING FOR- 2/LIEUT.- V.S. BENNETT- MESSAGE BEGINS-  
"CONGRATULATE YOU ON- COMMISSION- ANXIOUS TO HEAR- FROM  
"YOU- WHAT ARE YOUR- PLANS- FULL STOP- DO YOU REQUIRE  
"MORE CASH- IF MORE REQUIRED- ASK- MAJOR- TIMEWELL- TO  
"ADVANCE- SAME- AND TO- DRAW ON- ONE (ME?) FULL STOP-  
"RAY- WILL JOIN- MAY 28- ALL WELL- LOVE- FATHER- MESSAGE  
"ENDS. COL. SECTY."

Major,

11th April, 8

5663/1/R.&C.

Lieut. V.S. Bennett, Royal Newfoundland Regt.,  
att. 80th Squadron, R.A.F.,

B. E. F.

HA/JC

MINISTER OF MILITIA'S TELEGRAM.

The following extract of telegram 9/4/18 (3376),  
received from the Hon. Minister of Militia, is  
transmitted to you, please.

"Following for- Lieut.- V.- S.- Bennett- 80th-  
"Squadron- R.A.F.- France- message received- glad  
"to hear- your welfare- all- family- well- Father-  
"ends-"

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

R.A. F  
SE 7  
France.  
Apr 10 '18

Paymaster and of records  
Newfoundland Contingent  
London.

Could you inform me if there is any alteration  
in my position or rank in regard to my automatic  
attachment from the R.F.C. to the R.A.F. ?

V.S. Bennett

2/4.

R. Newfoundland Regt.

V. 7608

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT. PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
Ref. Nos. <i>iv</i> 3434	
Rec'd 15 APR 1918	
Ack'd	Ans'd
Ref. Nos. <i>GU</i>	<i>IV</i>
<i>588 1/2</i>	<i>16 7/8</i>
APPROVED UPON	
BRANCH	DATE
Comd.	BY
P & F	
R. & C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B & E	
P.S.	



~~Lieut.~~ V. S. Bennett

Squadron  
R.A.F.  
B.S.F.

You ~~are~~ were appointed  
Lieut. as from 4/12/17 and your  
rank stands at that <sup>in the R.A.F.</sup> ~~at that~~ ~~at that~~ ~~at that~~  
Mr. Underlock to inform you  
of your promotion and it  
is not understood why you  
sign yourself ~~Lieut.~~

5883/2/C

Chief Paymaster  
& O. I/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contgt.,  
58, Victoria St.,  
S. W. 1.

16th April, 8

Lieut. V.S. Bennett,  
R. Newfoundland Regt.,  
att. R.A.F.,  
B. E. F.

With reference to your  
communication 10/4/18 (3434): on  
verbal reference to the Authority  
concerned it has been ascertained  
that there is no alteration in your  
position or rank consequent upon the  
change of designation of your unit.

From the rank named in your sig-  
nature it is presumed that you are not  
aware of your promotion to Lieut. which  
took place as from 1/12/17, regarding  
which it was understood that you had  
been informed by the O.C. 2nd Bn., please

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

5882/434/C

Promotion from 2/Lt. to  
that of Lieut.

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

Major

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

HT/NV

Pay & Record Office,

16th April, 8.

Lieut. V.S. Bennett,  
att. R. A. F.

The following is a copy of  
a communication received from  
this officer and who has been  
informed that no alteration  
has taken place in his rank:

*Reply  
2/22*

"Could you inform me if there  
is any alteration in my  
position or rank in regard to  
my automatic attachment from  
the R.F.C. to the R.A.F.?  
(Sgd) V.S. Bennett,  
2/Lt.

R. Newfoundland Regt.

The point now referred to  
being that apparently, since he  
signs himself 2/Lt., he has not  
received the notification con-  
templated in this office No.  
1088/79, 22 & 23/1/18 exchanged  
with your office, please wherein  
it was stated that Lieut.  
Bennett would be notified of his

promotion from 2/Lieut. to  
that of Lieut.

9882/434/0

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

Major,

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

HT/WV

Pay & Record Office,

14th April, 8.

Lieut. V.S. Bennett,  
S.W. 1.

*CO  
14/4/18*

The following is a copy of  
a communication received from  
this officer and who has been  
informed that no alteration  
has taken place in his rank:

"Could you inform me if there  
is any alteration in my  
position or rank in regard to  
my automatic attachment from  
the R.L.C. to the R.A.A.F.?  
(Sgd) V.S. Bennett  
S.W. 1.

R. Newfoundland Regt  
The point now referred to  
being that apparently, since he  
at this time S/Lt., he has not  
received the notification con-  
templated in this office No.  
1088/72, 23/1/18 exchanged  
with your office, please wherein  
it was stated that Lieut.  
Bennett would be notified of his

5882/434/G

Form  
C. 245  
1.39

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

Ref. Nos. IN 3551

MEMORANDUM Rec'd 19 APR 1918

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

From <sup>Askd</sup> Officer Commanding,  
2nd Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regt.  
Hazeley Down Camp, 1/4

To <sup>Ans'd</sup> The Chief Paymaster,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
London, S.W.

To Officer Commanding,  
2nd Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regt.,  
Winchester.

HT/NV

P & A. ANSWER.

H. & C.

S. & F.

Pay & Record Office,

16th April, 1918.

Apr. 18th 1918

Lieut. V.S. Bennett,  
att. R. A. F.

The following is a copy of  
a communication received from  
this officer and who has been  
informed that no alteration  
has taken place in his rank:

Will you kindly once  
more inform Lieut. Bennett of  
his promotion to Lieutenant.

As far as is known the  
amalgamation of the various  
Air Forces in the R.A.F. will  
not affect his rank.

"Could you inform me if there  
is any alteration in my  
position or rank in regard to  
my automatic attachment from  
the R.F.C. to the R.A.F.?"

(Sgd) V.S. Bennett,

2/Lt.

R. Newfoundland Regt.

The point now referred to  
being that apparently, since he  
signs himself 2/Lt., he has not  
received the notification con-  
templated in this office No.  
1088/79, 22 & 23/1/18 exchanged  
with your office, please, wherein  
it was stated that Lieut.  
Bennett would be notified of his

COMMANDING 2ND BN. ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

LIEUT. COLONEL.

promotion from 2/Lieut. to  
that of Lieut.

*A. A. Mitchell*

Major.

Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

Telegram No. 5X 422 from H.E. the Governor, 2/8/17.

7932/465

Synoptical, London.

Ref. my telegram # 4404 - transfer - 2/11. V.S. Bennett -  
to - R.F.C. - what has been done.

Governor.

# CABLEGRAM

No. \_\_\_\_\_



GOVT

No. of Message \_\_\_\_\_

Date, \_\_\_\_\_

The following CABLEGRAM received, at

8 35 P

2 AUG 1917

M. "Via Commercial Cables"

HH.. SX422 PJ GOVT STJOHNS NF 13 ✓

SYNOPTICAL LDN

UNFIGHTING TRANSFER LARDOME V S BENNETT TO  
VAANWING TORCOL DONE

GOVERNOR

1ST N.W. BRITISH REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	4158
Rec'd.	AUG - 3 1917
Acc'd.	
Ans'd	✓
File No.	

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.



7952/465

Paymaster & O. 1/c Rds.,  
Newfoundland Contgt.,  
58, Victoria St.,  
S.W. 1

Officer Commanding,  
2/1 Newfoundland R.,  
Racecourse,  
Barry Camp,  
Forfarshire.

HT/NW

Pay & Record Office,  
3rd August, 7

2/LT. V. S. BENNETT

Further to my No.  
4101/254, 5/5/17, and your  
reply, 13/7/17: following  
received this date, please:

"Synoptical, London.  
"Ref. my telegram 4 May-  
"transfer- 2/Lt.- V.S.  
"Bennett- to- R.F.C.-  
"what has been done-  
Governor."

Kindly advise to  
enable me to reply.

Major,

Paymaster & O. 1/c Records

No.  
708

# ANGLO-AMERICAN

WESTERN UNION DIRECT UNITED STATES  
CABLEGRAM



Prefix		Code		SENT		FOR STAMPS	
WORDS	CHARGE	At	To		By	THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.	
				<b>VIA ANGLO.</b>			

3/8/17 TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY,  
On Newfoundland Government Service.

To GOVERNOR  
STJOHNS (NEWFOUNDLAND)

UNHONOUR LARDOME SYDNEY BENNETT STATES PASSED MELAROSA VAANWING  
APPLY AWAITING ORDERS

SYNOPTICAL

Translation:-

With reference your telegram 2nd August - 2nd Lieut - Sydney -  
Bennett - states - passed - Medical Board - Royal Flying Corps -  
August 2 - awaiting - orders -

NOT TO BE  
TELEGRAPHED.

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

Signature

Address

58 Victoria St. S.W. I.

CABLE ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.

Enclosure

MEMORANDUM.

\*Army Form O. 649.

From Paymaster & O. 1/c Rds.,  
Newfoundland Contgt.,  
58, Victoria St., S.W.1

From

*O.C. 213m*

To Officer Commanding,  
2/1 Newfoundland Regt.,  
Barry Camp,  
Worfarshire.

To

*Paymaster*

ANSWER

HA/NWV

Pay & Record Office,

13th August, 1917.

*Recy. 14<sup>th</sup> 1917.*

2/LIEUT. V. S. BENNETT.

I enclose copy of letter  
No. 121/Overseas/2883 (O.2.b)  
of 12/8/17 addressed to the  
Adjutant General, Headquarters,  
Canadian Overseas Military  
Forces, (sic) relative to  
/Lieut. V.S. Bennett.

*2 Lt Bennett  
with proceed to  
Reading to inform*

*J. A. Anderson*  
Paymaster & O. 1/c Records

*Carroll*  
Adjutant

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORDS OFFICE	
Ref. No.	<i>4509</i>
Rec'd.	<i>16/8/17</i>
Ask'd.	
Ans'd.	
File No.	<i>✓</i>

dgsc 8B

D.A.B.  
6

Form 8000.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—  
The Director-General of Military Aeronautics,  
Air Board Office,  
Strand, W.C. 2,  
and the following number quoted.

**MILITARY AERONAUTICS DIRECTORATE,**

AIR BOARD OFFICE,

STRAND, W.C. 2.



12<sup>th</sup> August, 1917.

3

121/Overseas/ 2883

The Adjutant General,  
Headquarters,  
Canadian Overseas Military Forces,  
Argyll House,  
246, Regent Street, W.

With reference to your memorandum, No. A.G.3. Canadians, 21.6.2., dated 20th May 1917, I am directed to inform you that the undermentioned Officer has been interviewed and selected for appointment to the Royal Flying Corps.

I am, therefore to request that in view of his having been already recommended, you will be good enough to issue instructions for him to report forthwith to the Commandant, School of Military Aeronautics, Reading, for instruction in ~~erial observation~~, taking camp kit with him.

2/Lieut. V.S. Bennett, 2/1st Bn., Newfoundland Regt.

Copy to OC. M. L. 12/8/17.  
Pay 17/8/17.

W. G. S. C. C. C.  
Major.  
General Staff.  
for Director of Air Organisation.

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE  
Ref. No. 4429  
Rec'd. 13/8/17  
Ack'd.  
Anc'd.  
File No.

for Director of Air Organisation.  
Exp. Ledger 11/12/17  
1917  
Ledger No. 1  
Ledger No. 2  
Ledger No. 5  
Ledger No. 4  
Postal Book  
Hospital Book  
ENTREPRENEUR

FOR DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF  
GENERAL INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*[Handwritten initials]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Faint, mostly illegible typed text]*

*[Faint, mostly illegible typed text]*

Newfoundland *[initials]*  
58 Victoria St.

*[Faint, mostly illegible typed text]*

*[Faint, mostly illegible typed text]*

*[Faint, mostly illegible typed text]*

Copy to the G. 16/1/17  
Army Form C, 848, 1104.

101/25  
RE. Forms C. 848 61

MEMORANDUM.

DUPLICATE

From Paymaster & O. i/c Rds.  
Newfoundland Contg.  
58, Victoria St.  
London, S.W. 1  
To Officer Commanding,  
2/1 Newfoundland R.  
Racecourse,  
Ayr.

From O.C.  
2/1st Newfoundland Regt.  
To The Paymaster  
Newfoundland Contingent  
ANSWER London, S.W.

HT/NW

5th May, 1917.

Barry Camp 1917

2/LT. V. S. BENNETT

July 13th/17.

Following received this date, please:

The original was forwarded to Headquarters Hamilton, with the application, please.

- "Synoptical, London.
  - "Following for- Whitaker-
  - "2/Lieut.- V.S. Bennett-
  - "desires transfer to-
  - "Flying Corps- can you
  - "arrange-
- Governor."

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Major,  
Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

*[Handwritten initials]*

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	3757
Rec'd	JUL 14 1917
Adm'd.	
Ans'd.	COMMANDING 2nd
File No.	

LT. COL.  
NEWTON Q. A. H. N. B.

No.

740

## WESTERN UNION

ANGLO-AMERICAN DIRECT UNITED STATES  
CABLEGRAM

SENT

FOR STAMPS

Prefix

Code

At

To

By

WORDS

CHARGE

VIA WESTERN UNION

THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL  
POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.

16/8/17 TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

On Newfoundland Government Service.

To GOVERNOR

STJOHNS (Newfoundland)

UNHONOUR LARDOME BENNETT ORDERED PORTMAIL SCHOOL MILITARY  
ADDOCEBIT READING AQUATOS

SYNOPTICAL

Translation:-

With reference your telegram 2 August - 2/Lieut - Bennett -  
ordered - to proceed to - School - Military - Aeronaut<sup>ic</sup> - Reading -  
August 15 -

NOT TO BE  
TELEGRAPHED.

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western  
Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

Signature

Address

58 Victoria St. S.W. I.

CABLE ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE  
LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.

# CABLEGRAM

No. *RA 17*



No. of Message *21054*

Date, **19 AUG. 1917**

The following CABLEGRAM received, at

M. "Via Commercial Cables,"

From

*St. John's*

No. of Words, *16*

To

*Synoptical London*  
*Bennett*

*Following for Lieut. A. Ray operated  
appendicitis out danger*

*word your transfer  
Lieut. V.S. Bennett.*

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	<i>4575</i>
Rec'd.	<i>20 10 1917</i>
Acc'd.	<i>[Signature]</i>
By	<i>[Signature]</i>

*Newfoundland Contingent*  
*Ray's record office*

*58 Victoria St*

Not to be attended to without the production of this paper. Repetitions of doubtful words should be obtained through application to the Sender.



8480/1  
HA/JC

20th August, 7.  
2nd Lieut. V.S. Bennett, 1st Nfld R.,  
Att. R.F.C., St. Patrick's Hall,  
Reading.

Transmission of Cable.

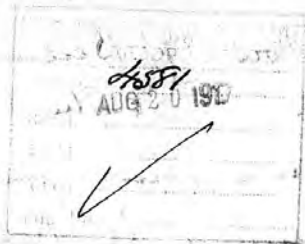
The following cable from St. John's, Newfoundland, was received at 9.30 a.m. to-day, please:

"Synoptical. London.  
"Following for Lieut Bennett Ray operated  
"appendicitis out danger received word your  
"transfer Father."

2/Lt.,  
for Maj.,  
Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

Kindest regards to  
Mrs Anderson and  
Yourself.

Sincerely yours  
~~Wm V.S. Bennett.~~



Noted  
20.17



Saturday  
Aug. 18 1917

Dear Hughie,

As you will  
notice by the above my  
transfer has been effected  
and for some six weeks  
my address will be,  
N.Y.C.

St Patrick's Hall

Reading

I shall notify you of any

Further changes as they  
occur.

Would you kindly have  
the following telegram for-  
warded to St John's at  
regular reduced rate &  
charge to my ac<sup>t</sup>?

Hon. J. Bennett  
St John's N.F.

Undergoing preliminary  
training at Reading  
lasting six weeks. Address  
Record Office  
Bennett.

88, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W. I,

20th August 1917.

Dear Bennett:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th instant. Your address is noted in postal department. A cable has gone through to you to-day, I see, saying that Ray has been operated on. Glad he is out of danger. I understand your father is now Minister of Militia. Did you hear that?

Kind regards; and I hope you like Reading.

Yours sincerely,



Mail Clerk

Newfoundland Record Office  
London.

Kindly forward any correspond-  
ence to me at

~~36<sup>th</sup> Squadron R.F.C.~~

~~Beverley.~~

V.S. Bennett

2/pt.



ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

Please keep  
any letters or  
parcels that may  
be addressed to me  
until I let you  
have a new address

8th WESSEX BATTALION R.F.C. REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	5424
Rec'd.	SEP 22 1917
Ack'd.	S. Bennett
Ans'd.	[Signature]
File No.	

2/16

27th, September -- 7

9871/2

FM/WF

2/Lt. V. S. Bennett,  
1st. Newfoundland Regiment,  
Attached 41st. Squadron,  
R. F. C.  
Doncaster, Yorks.

ADVANCE £10. 0. 0.

With reference to your telegram to 2/Lt. Anderson,  
25/9/17,-

"Can you wire advance ten pounds forty first  
squadron Doncaster please. Bennett".

It is not clear whether this request has reference  
to telegrams that have been received from the Hon.  
J. R. Bennett, through this office, or whether it was  
intended as a personal request to Mr. Anderson. Under  
the circumstances, however, draft £10. 0. 0. on the  
Hon. J. R. Bennett is enclosed to be dealt with by you  
as you may think fit.

Please note that such communications, if intended  
as official, should not be addressed to an individual  
but to this office (see heading).

Kindly acknowledge receipt of draft.

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & C i/c Records.

POST OFFICE



TELEGRAPHS.

Office Stamp.



Handed in at

Office of Origin and Service Instructions

Words

Charges to pay

1/53

Reading No R

20

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ANY ENQUIRY RESPECTING THIS TELEGRAM.

Received here at

TO

Lieut Anderson Newfoundland  
Records 58 Victoria St Len

Can you wire advance ten pounds  
forty first Squadron Doncaster  
please Bennett



Corporal Harvey of the above facts asking him to explain to Mr. Anderson the personal aspect I had cast on the matter.

The urgency of the occasion has since passed and I find it unnecessary to use draft.

1ST WINDMILL	DEPARTMENT
PAY & RECORDS	Bennett 2/lt
Ref. No.	5559
Rec'd.	SEP 29 1917
Ass'd.	J. H. M.
Ans'd.	
File No.	

Paymaster & Records

W. H. Regt.



ROYAL FLYING CORPS

# 9871/2

With reference to your memo. as quoted above with draft for £10-0-0 on Hon. J. H. Bennett enclosed.

I deeply regret the ambiguity caused by my telegram. Not knowing whether it was usual for pay to be advanced

before deposit in the Bank of  
Montreal. I wired Mr. Anderson  
direct who I considered had the  
greatest knowledge of my  
affairs at the Record Office, and  
who in the event of the pro-  
cedure being irregular would  
have made a personal effort  
on my behalf.

While passing through London  
about 3 pm. 25 inst. I had  
an opportunity calling at the  
Record Office and informed

Ch. Paymaster 2 07 <sup>11/0061</sup> <sup>13 DEC 1918</sup>

Newfoundland Contingent

Cable London

Herewith N.F.P/109-2 completed  
as directed.

Please transmit the following  
to Newfoundland to be delivered  
if possible Dec 25<sup>th</sup>. (Cable)

- J. H. Bennett. St. John's N.F.

Best love and Xmas greetings  
to all. Bennett —

V.S. Bennett Capt.

N.F. Cont. Att.

54. Squad. Transport

Your Obedient Servant

V. S. Bennett  
Sgt

Paymaster & Officer  
Hc records  
Newfoundland Contingent  
London.

8000
8001-1917
10307/3.9.1917 ✓



ROYAL FLYING CORPS,  
DONCASTER.

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 17.

Sir,

I beg to inquire under  
what rate of pay I am at  
present estimated and if any  
increase is in order during  
my preliminary flying training.  
I understand an army  
order recently issued treats

With this end I should like  
to know if this affects me.

Also, all officers with this  
Squadron have had claims  
certified for jet's allowance.  
Should I adopt a similar pro-  
cedure?

I should be pleased to re-  
ceive a definite ruling from  
you in regard to above.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

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

9th, October

7

2/Lt. V. S. Bennett, 1st. Newfoundland Regt.  
 Attached R. F. O.  
 Doncaster.

FLYING PAY.

With reference to your letter 6/10/17: Officers of the Newfoundland Regiment, who may be attached to or seconded for duty with the Royal Flying Corps, continue to receive regimental rates of pay and allowances of their rank, until such time as they proceed overseas to do duty with an Expeditionary Force, when,-

- (1) If not qualified as Flying Officers (Pilot or Observer) they receive Flying Pay at 50 cents per day in addition to regimental rates of pay and allowance;
- (2) If qualified as Flying Officers (Pilots or Observers) they receive pay at \$6.00 per day less the value of rations issued by the Imperial Government, (estimated at 1s.9d. per day).

Field Allowance is payable to a Newfoundland Officer, continuously with Pay & Mess Allowance, except when liable to Hospital Stoppages. In so far as Pay, Field, and Mess Allowances are concerned, Army Orders do not effect a Newfoundland Officer no matter how he may be situated.

Major,  
 Chief Paymaster & O I/c Records.

7971/3/P&A

SUSPENSE

CLEAR

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

Lieut. V. S. Bennett,  
R.Nfld. Regiment,  
Att. 80th Squadron RAF  
B. E. F.

21st, May 1918

EXTRA GRANT FOR PURCHASE OF RAF UNIFORM.

With reference to your letter 12/5/17  
(4373) relative to extra allowance of £10.0.0  
for purchase of R. A. F. Uniform. The Air  
Ministry has been asked to forward particulars  
and conditions of such grant, which if necessary  
will be put before the Ministry of Militia for  
his consideration as to whether such will be  
applied to Newfoundland Officers attached to the  
Royal Air Force.

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. I/c Recds.

FM/WF

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT. PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
Ref. Nos. IN	4373
Rec'd	14 MAY 1918 P.M.
Ack'd	Ans'd
Ref. Nos. OUT	2/5/18
1917/3	1917/8
1917/11	1917/8
CONTACTED OFFICER	
BRANCH	DATE
Continent, London.	
P & A.	
T. & C.	
B & C.	
P.S.	

E.I. Jance  
12/5/17

Master & Dy. Newfoundlands

According to instructions issued by the Air Ministry, all officers of the R.A.F., attached or otherwise have to provide themselves immediately with the R.A.F. uniforms. A grant of Ten Pounds has been allowed in the case of R.A.F. or officers in English regiments for this purpose and I should like to know if a similar consideration is probable in the case of the Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dennett Lt.  
R.T.F. Regt at R.A.F.



10246/4/P&A.

Lieut. V. S. Bennett,  
R. Nfld. Regt  
Attached 80th Squadron  
Royal Air Force,  
B. E. F.

June 27th, 8

ROYAL AIR FORCE: UNIFORM.

With further reference to your letter 12/5/18, (4373), relative to an extra allowance of £10. granted to R.A.F. Officers for the provision of special Uniform:

The Air Ministry advise that Officers of the Colonial Contingents attached to the Royal Air Force are not required to provide themselves with the special R. A. F. Uniform. The extra grant of £10 does not therefore apply to Newfoundland Officers attached to the Royal Air Force, but only to such Officers who may be subsequently transferred and commissioned in the Royal Air Force, please.

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

FM/NM.

14439/4

(2004) P/L W6726 M2325. 10,000,000. 9/17. G. &amp; Co.

Army Form G. 544.

Forms  
G. 544PAYMASTER & OFFICER <sup>THE</sup> RECORDS  
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.From <sup>SS</sup> VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.  
ENGLAND.

MEMORANDUM.

From

2/Lt V. S. Bennett

To 2/Lt. V. S. Bennett,  
1st. Newfoundland Regt.  
Attached R. F. G.  
Beveley,  
East Yorks.

FM/WF

ANSWER.

Pay &amp; Record Office,

24th, December 1917

REMITTANCE FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

With reference to the  
following telegram from the  
Hon. the Minister of Militia  
received 23/12/17,-"Remit to 2/Lt. Sydney Bennett  
"immediately £12 as follows  
"£10 from mother and £1. each  
"from Frank and Ray with best  
"Xmas. wishes."Postal Drafts £12. enclosed  
Kindly acknowledge receipt

hereon.

For J. H. Marshall Esq. Asst. Paymaster,  
Chief Paymaster & C i/c Records.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
REC. NO.	8231
REC'D	29 DEC 1917
ACK'D	
FILED	
Nos. 1417	
ACCEPTED UPON	
BRANCH & DATE	
Car'd	
INDEXED	
FILED	

To Paymaster & C i/c Records  
with the howR.F.C. Beveley E Yorks  
Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 1917Ref attached memo.  
14439/4. Postal drafts  
£12.00 received with  
thanks Dec. 25/17.Bennett  
2/Lt  
Newfoundland Regt

Paymaster and C of Records  
Newfoundland Contingent

CERTIFIED that Outfit Grant of £10 (Ten Pounds) for officers transferred or attached to the Royal Air Force has not been previously drawn by me.

*Rennett H.*

In the Field,  
4/5/1918.

No. 80 Squadron,  
Royal Air Force.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT 68, VICTORIA ST. LONDON, E.C. 1.	
14 MAY 1918	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
BR	BT
Con d.	
P & A.	
R & C.	
B & E.	
P.S.	

Chief Paymaster, and Officer in Charge, Records.

Newfoundland Regiment,

58 Victoria Street, London. S.W.

2/Lieut Bennett V.S.

Herewith extract from 8th Wing Orders, relating  
to Graduation of the above Officer.

Beverley.

29/12/1917

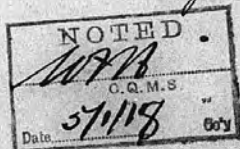
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
RECEIVED IN	8283
Rec'd	31 DEC 1917
ack'd	Per
Ref. Nos. 001	
ACTING	
BRANCH	
Comd.	
P & A.	
R & G.	

*Whitbaird*

M.C. Capt. & A/Adjt.

O.C. 80 Squadron, R.F.C.

*Ent Ledger II - J.*



Forms  
G. 245  
288

MEMORANDUM

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

From O. C. Squadron, R.F.C.

To Officer Commanding,  
80th Squadron, R. F. C.

Pay & Record Office,  
Newfoundland Regt.  
58, Victoria Street.

1518

ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office,

Beverley,

29th January 1918

19th January 1918

2/Lt. V. S. Bennett.

Received and dealt

The attached certificate relating to an advance of 91 days Field Allowance, in respect of the above Officer, is passed to you please, for necessary action.

with *please*

*[Handwritten signature]*

This Officer will proceed overseas on the 24th.

Major  
Chief Paymaster & O.I/c Records

H. G. Smith,  
Lieut. & Recording Officer  
80th Squadron, R.F.C.

FM/S

21/1/18

✓ 757, *[Handwritten initials]*

ADVANCE OF 91 DAYS FIELD ALLOWANCE.

CERTIFICATE

Newfoundland Regt.

Certified that:-

(i) I have not previously received an advance for this campaign.

V S Bennett 2/11

(ii) I have not within twelve months received an advance for a different campaign.

V S Bennett 2/11

(iii) I have not received Field Allowance in the Field for the campaign for which this advance is claimed.

V S Bennett 2/11

Beverley .  
January 1918.

2/11-V S Bennett

Newfoundland P.H. Office  
58 Victoria St.

11/15/1917

11/15/1917

11/15/1917

4 **Sunday** [156-210]  
*Sunday after Ascension.*

Receipts

5 **MONDAY** [157-209]

Please state and  
 return.

6 **TUESDAY** [158-208]

No. 10  
 J. J. B.

7 **WEDNESDAY** [159-207]



B.E.F.  
Mar 17/15

Paymaster and  
Officer in Charge  
Newfoundland Regt.

I understand that  
Advance Pay Books for  
Officers of the N.F.C. Regiment  
in the field are now avail-  
able. If this is so I should  
be pleased to receive one in  
order to procure cash from

from the Field Cashier.  
Address 90 Squad - N.Y.C.  
S.F.F.

W. Bennett  
2/Lieut.  
Newfoundland Regt!

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
Ref. Nos in	2654
cc'd	20 MAR 1918
No. 753	
ACTED BY	
BRANCH	
Comd	
P. & C.	W. Bennett 19/3/18
R. & C.	
P.	

No. ~~11529~~  
5355.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

NEWFOUNDLAND C.N.F.P./55.  
58, VICTORIA ST.,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE  
20 APR 1918

Pay & Record Office,  
58, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W. 1.

To: 2/Lieut. V. S. Bennett  
80 Squad. R.F.C.  
B.E.F.

March 20 1918

Herewith 1 Book N.F.P/58 Nos 2176 & 2200 as per your  
Request 17<sup>th</sup> 18

Please acknowledge receipt hereon.

(Sig.) V. S. Bennett Lt.

(Date) Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> 18

A. A. Minshall Maj.  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Record

Returned  
A. A. Minshall

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
58, VICTORIA ST.  
LONDON, S.W. 1.  
20 APR 1918  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

A  
S  
M

**POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.**  
**FOREIGN AND COLONIAL TELEGRAMS ONLY.**  
 (Telegrams for North America, Central America or West Indies excepted.)

Counter  
Number .....

Prefix.	Words.	Code.	Charge.			Sent	Date Stamp.
			£	s.	d.		
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.			At.....M.			<b>For Postage Stamps.</b> <i>To be affixed by the Sender. Any Stamp for which there is not room here should be affixed at the back of this form.</i> <i>(A Receipt for the Charges on this Telegram can be obtained, price One Penny.)</i>	
			To.....				
			By.....				

**Notice.**—The following Telegram is accepted by the Postmaster-General for transmission subject to the Regulations as to Foreign Telegrams made pursuant to the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1911, provided that the *Request* at the foot of the Telegram is previously signed by the Sender.

The **Sender's Name** and **Address**, or either of them, *if to be telegraphed*, must be written at the end of the text of the Telegram.

TO

LIEUT. V. S. BENNETT,  
 BOTH SQUADRON, R.A.F.,  
~~R. S. F.~~ France

159 9/6/18 Minister Militia Arrived London eighth when  
 do you expect leave

SYNOPTICAL.

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

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

\* This space is to be filled up only if there are alternative routes. For routes, see the Table of Charges for Foreign Telegrams in the Post Office Guide.

Paymaster & Office Records  
Newfoundland - British  
Horse.

Please retain any  
correspondence for me until I  
forward a new address.

W. Bennett  
Capt.

W. Bennett & Co.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.		
Ref. Nos. IN	1473	
Rec'd	16 FEB 1919	
Ack'd	Ans'd	
Ref. Nos. OUT		
ACCEIVED UPON		
BRANCH	DATE	BY
Comd		
P.S.		
R. & C.	✓	
B & L		
P.S.	✓	

19th November,

8

18711/7/R.&C.

Capt. V.S. Bennett, R. Nfld Regt.,  
att. 54 Squadron, R.A.F.,

B. E. F.

HA/JC

MINISTER OF MILITIA'S TELEGRAMS. ✓

Following is an extract of telegram 18/11/18 (9931) received this date from the Minister of Militia:

7

"Following for- Capt.- Bennett- begins- Message-  
"received- congratulations- Ray- Commissioned-  
"now- home on leave- all well- Father- ends-"

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

## NEW FOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

CABLES AND TELEGRAMS:

"SYNOPTICAL,"

LONDON.

TELEPHONE:  
VICTORIA LONDON

PAY &amp; RECORD OFFICE,

69, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W..

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/c RECORDS,  
AND THE FOLLOWING NO. QUOTED:14th February, 19192724/3/R.&C.To Capt. V. S. Bennett, R. Nfld Regt.,Att. 54th Squadron, R.A.F.,B. E. F.

HB/JC

**SUBJECT: TELEGRAMS.**

The following telegram dated 13/2/19 has been received this Office to-day:

"Begins: Please get in touch with Captain V.S. Bennett, RAF, and tell him I wish to communicate with him, J.R. Bennett, Minister of Militia, ends."

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

*Delivered to Capt Bennett personally.*  
*B.E.F. 14/2/19*

*B. E. F.*  
for Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

*Part 1*

# ANGLO-AMERICAN WESTERN UNION DIRECT UNITED STATES CABLEGRAM



Prefix	Code	At <i>London</i>	SENT
WORDS <i>12</i>	CHARGE	To <i>Newfoundland</i> By <i>W.H.H.</i>	

FOR STAMPS

THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.

21/12/18 TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

To **J. R. BENNETT**  
**STJOHNS (Newfoundland)**

BEST LOVE AND XMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

**BENNETT**

*Change the contents*

CHANGED  
PAY LEDGER  
Date *1.1.1919* by *[Signature]*

*121-4*

*W.H.H.*  
*11/1/19*

Authorised.

NOT TO BE  
TELEGRAPHED.

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

Signature

Address

58 Victoria St. S.W. 1.

CABLE ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.



25th February,

9

~~Capt. V. S. Bennett, R. Nfld Regt.,~~  
attached 54 Squadron, R.A.F.,  
Yatesbury, Wilts.

5/R.&.C.

/JC

TELEGRAMS.

With reference to your Memo. of 22/2/19 (1654):  
telegram was transmitted to the Minister of Militia of  
Newfoundland on 24/2/19 as requested, please.

for Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Extract Cable No.92, 24/2/19, to Minister of Militia:-

Following for- Bennett- begins- have- applied for leave of absence-  
home- will telegraph- in a few days- not for- demobilization- Bennett-  
ends.

Paymaster & Coy. records  
Newfoundland Contingent  
London.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
RET. NOS IN	1654
RECD	24 FEB 1919
ACK'D	
RET. NOS OUT	3220/5

Please transmit the following by cable to  
Minister of Militia, Newfoundland.

- Have applied leave home shall wire few days  
Am not for demobilization - Bennett.

V. Bennett Capt.  
N. Newfoundland  
C.M.A.F.

Yatesbury.  
Wets.

2-2-19.

NEW FOUNDLAND CONTINGENTTELEGRAM ~~Full text~~  
extract from MINISTER OF MILITIA No. YAG1/23/20

Dated 20/2/19 (P. &amp; R.O.), Received 21/2/19

Decoded by N.M. Checked by J.L.Branch Records. Acted upon (Initial) [Signature]Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated / [Signature]

Following for- Captain- Bennett- R.A.F.- brgins- should be glad  
to know if- for- demobilisation- conditions of- demobilisation-  
obtainable at- Pay & Record Office- are you- obtaining- home-  
leave- and when- ends.

509874/R&C

Form

NEWFOUNDLAND MEMORANDUM.

58, VICTORIA STREET

LONDON, S.W. 1

P.C.

From

From

*Capt. V.S. Bennett  
R.A.F. att. 54th Sq. R.A.F. Yatesbury*

To

Capt. V.S. Bennett,  
Royal Nfld. Regt.  
att. 54th Sq. R.A.F.  
Yatesbury, Wilts.

To Ch. Paymaster & Coy. Records  
58 Victoria St London.

ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office,

21st February 1919

54 Squadron Yatesbury  
22 Feb. 1919.

The following extract of telegram dated 20/2/19, No-59, has been received from the Minister of Militia, Newfoundland:- *begins*

Attached received and noted.  
Thank you.

"Following for-Capt. Bennett-R.A.F.-begins-should-be-glad-to-know-if-for-demobilization-conditions-of-demobilization-obtainable-at-Pay & Record Office-are-you-obtaining-home-leave-and-when-ends"

NEWFOUNDLAND  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE  
1653  
24 FEB 1919  
*[Signature]*

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O.I.C. Rds.

HB/S

**DUPLICATE**

No. 7502/107

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

N.F.P/55.

To: The Hon. The Min. of Militia.

Pay & Record Office,  
58, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.,

St. John's,

9th May 191 9.

Newfoundland.

Reference: LAST PAY CERTIFICATE. Capt V.S. Bennett att.R.A.F.

Herewith N.F.P/55 (Last Pay Certificate) relating to the above  
named Officer.

Please acknowledge receipt hereon.

(Sig.) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

*A. A. Guinness*  
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

N.F.P./104.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

~~Full-text~~  
TRANSLATION Extract of TELEGRAM to MINISTER of MILITIA No. 198 24/4/19  
M. of M. Reply No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated / / Coded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch Records Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

---

~~Following for-Bennett-begins-leaving-April 23rd-Quebec-Liverpool-~~  
~~absolutely-contradict-reports-Atlantic-Flight-Bennette-ends-~~

A.

12:30 PM 24/9

SEE NOTICE AT BACK.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS

(Inland Telegrams)

No. of Telegram \_\_\_\_\_

Prefix \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Words.

Sent

H. Watson (55)

At \_\_\_\_\_ M.

Wt. County. V.I.C.I.

Charge.

To \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

**For Postage Stamps.***To be affixed by the Sender.**Any Stamp for which there is not room here should be affixed at the back of this form.*

12 words, including the words in the address, 9d. Every additional word 3d.

*A Receipt for the Charges on this Telegram can be obtained, price One Penny.*

When a reply is to be prepared, write the words "Reply Paid" in the space below. These words are not charged for.

TO

Bennett St John's N.F.

Leaving today - Quebec - Absolutely  
 contradict reports (JAMES) Atlantic  
 Flight

M

Bennett

Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, must be written in the Space provided at the Back of the Form.



5776/7/R.&C.

11th April.

9

~~Capt. V. S. Bennett,  
R. Newfoundland Regt.,  
att. 54 Squadron, R.A.F.,  
Yatesbury, Wilts.~~

Dear Capt. Bennett: Telegrams:

The following telegram, as per your request of 8/4/19, No. 20701 was transmitted to the Minister of Militia, per No. 175, on 9/4/19, and charged to your account, 12 words at 6d. per word.

"Following for- Bennett- begins- No- leave granted-  
"awaiting details- permanent commission- before-  
"returning- Captain- Bennett- ends-"

To which the following reply was received this morning:

"Following for- Capt- Bennett- begins- Air- Ministry-  
"Order No.- A- Para.- 2- provides for- your- being-  
"transferred- but- not- liable to- serve for- longer-  
"period than- 6 months- after- war- as- term of service-  
"- in- Regiment- fullstop- This- will give- time- for-  
"decision- for the future- without prejudice to- your-  
"chances- for- permanent- commission- fullstop- Can- we-  
"assist- you- in- matter- from this- end- Bennett-  
"ends-"

Kindly acknowledge.

Yours faithfully,

for Chief Paymaster & D.I/c Records.

HB/JC

N.E.W.F.O.U.N.D.L.A.N.D C O N T I N E N T

TRANSLATION Full text of TELEGRAM to MINISTER of MILITIA No. 175 9/4/19  
~~Extract~~  
 M. of M. Reply No. XXXXXXX dated / / Coded by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch Records Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

Following for- Bennett- begins- No- leave granted- awaiting  
 details- permanent Commission- before- returning- Captain-  
 Bennett- ends-

With reference to your telegram 7th April- 5487- Anthony-  
 condition improved- slightly-

SYNOPTICAL

Extract.

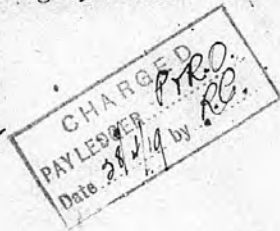
Copy of Cable, No. 198, 24/4/19, to Military.

Filthiness-Bennett-begins-leaving-Amorfoce-Quebec-  
absolutely-contradict-reports-Atlantic-Flight-Bennett-  
ends-

Charge of Capt. V.S. Bennett & H.H.B.  
13 words at \$ per word.

(6/6)

6/6 H.H.B.  
~~13~~  
H.H.B.



Paymaster & Oyo Records  
Newfoundland Contingent.  
London.


NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.  
T. 1. 15 19 2908  
224 - 8 APR 1919

Please transmit the following to Newfoundland  
under usual arrangement.

"Bennett, St Johns. N.F.

No. leave - granted - awaiting - details - permanent -  
commission - before - returning -

Bennett "

  
R. S. Bennett Capt.

R. W. D. Regt & R.A.F.

See also R.A.F.  
Latesbury.

7-4-19.

Paymaster & Ofc Records.  
Newfoundland Contingent.  
London.

NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT OFFICE  
PAY & RECORDS OFFICE

✓ 958

APR 1919

31-3-19.

Ref. Yours 2403/2/Demob Rates 12-2-19

Received 30-3-19. I have submitted an application to the Air Ministry for a Commission in the Royal Air Force. Until this application is approved or rejected I am being retained in the R.A.F. and immediately upon receipt of such information, which should be soon forthcoming, I shall inform your office.

V. Skennett Capt.

R. Newfoundland Regt.  
RAF.

London.

Extract Telegram No.137, 18/3/19, to Minister of Militia:-

Following for- Bennett- Begins- leave not granted- yet- will  
inform- leaving- decoration- etc.- O.K.- love- Bennett- ends-  
fullstop-

Copy mailed  
Capt W Bennett  
Yatesbury Wilts.  
19.3/19  
~~W. Bennett~~

11th March,

9.

Capt. V.S. Bennett, R.A.F.,

~~54th Squadron,~~

Yatesbury, Wilts.

3949/6/R.&.C.

TELEGRAM FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

The following telegram has been received from the Minister of Militia, St. John's, N.F.: on 11/3/19 (74):

"Following for- Capt. Bennett- R.A.F.- begins- have  
"no- official record- your- decoration- attend to-  
"this- in London-. If- you have- time- before  
"leaving- bring back- dark-suit- clothes- from Hackers-  
"for me- otherwise- ask- Capt. Andersob- to send it-  
"full stop- Advise by telegraph- when- leaving- for  
"home- Bennett- ends-"

Capt.,

For Chief Paymaster & C.i/c Records.

HA/NV

*Handwritten note:*  
Primo de la...  
[Signature]

**MESSAGE FORM.** Series No. of Message \_\_\_\_\_

In CALL            v _____  Out            v _____	Recd. At _____ By _____ Sent At _____ By _____	Army Form O 2128 (pads of 100).  Date Stamp.
PREAMBLE		
M.M. Offices { Delivery _____ v { Origin _____		
PREFIX	Words	

TO | \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRANTFORD  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 LIVERPOOL  
 \_\_\_\_\_

FROM & place	_____	
Originator's Number 267	Day of Month 15/4/19	In reply to Number

MOST	URGENT	ACCOMMODATE	ANOTHER
NEWFOUNDLAND	OFFICER	DIGBY	26th
APRIL	CAN	YOU	BERTH
THREE	IN	ROOM	TEN
OR	OTHERWISE	ARRANGE	
			SYNOPTICAL
<div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">re Capt V. S. Bennett</div>			

TIME OF ORIGIN	TIME OF HANDING IN (For Signal use only).
----------------	--

Originator's Signature  
(Not Telegraphed)



Records.

Extract of Cable No.147, 23/4/19, from Military.

Please inform-sailing dates-Capt-Bennett-give name of-  
ship-port of-destination-fullstop-

No. 108

# ANGLO-AMERICAN WESTERN UNION DIRECT UNITED STATES CABLEGRAM



SENT

FOR STAMPS

Prefix	Code	CHARGE
WORDS		
120	11	

At \_\_\_\_\_  
To \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

## VIA ANGLO.

THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.

14/11/18 TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

To HON JOHN BENNETT  
STJOHNS (Newfoundland)

VICTORY AT LAST STILL CARRYING ON LOVE

BENNETT

*Charge call* →

12/-

CHARGE  
PAY BOOK  
Date *11/11/18*

CHECKED  
W.C.C.  
11/11/18

Authorized.

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

TO BE  
GRAPHED.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address **58 Victoria St. S.W. 1.**

ADDRESSES REGISTERED IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, OR WITH ANY COMPANY, ARE AVAILABLE OVER THE LINES OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH-CABLE SYSTEM.

LAST PAY CERTIFICATE

**DUPLICATE** N.F.F. 194.

To be rendered for all ranks on discharge, transfers to other Units, or on return to Newfoundland in accordance with C.L./19, 28/5/17.

Regtl No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name Bennett V.S. Unit Attached R.A.F. who was \_\_\_\_\_ embarked.  
 for Newfoundland Capt. on 23/4/19 Authority Draft No. 88 Cause 10 weeks leave of absence granted by Air Ministry.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

	PARTICULARS				PARTICULARS			
	£	s	d		£	s	d	
Balance Dr. from					Balance Cr. from			
Allotment days @					Pay <sup>12</sup> days @ £ 7.50	90	00	18 9 10
Cash Payments:					Field Allowance days @ £			
Cables to Nfld.			17	6	Other Allowances days @ £			
Other Debits:					Other Credits:			
Total Debits			17	6	Total Credits			18 9 10
Balance due by Paymaster			17	12 4	Balance due <del>by</del> to Paymaster			18 9 10
			18	9 10				

PERIOD: From 14.2.19 To 23.4.19

R.B.  
8.5.19

I have carefully examined this Statement of Account and find it to be a correct extract from the Pay Book of \_\_\_\_\_

191

(Place) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Made up and checked in accordance with information received in the Pay & Record Office \_\_\_\_\_ O.C. "London" Company \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 5 19.  
 and is therefore subject to amendment if and as may be found necessary.

Pay & Record Office, London, S.W. 1.

8th May

191 9.

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c P.

7202/107

OFFICE COPY.

The Hon. The Min. of Militia,

St. John's,

9th May

9.

Newfoundland.

LAST PAY CERTIFICATE. Capt V.S. Bennett att. R.A.F.

N.F.P/55 (Last Pay Certificate) relating to the above  
named Officer.

OFFICE COPY

LAST PAY CERTIFICATE

EAST P.N.F.P./94

To be rendered for all ranks on discharge, transfer to other Units, or on return to Newfoundland in accordance with C.L./19, 28/5/17. With C.L./19, 28/5/17. embarked.

Regtl No. Rank **Capt.** Name **Bennett V.S.** Draft No. **88** attached R.A.F. **10 weeks leave of absence granted by Air Ministry.**  
 for Newfoundland on **25 / 4 / 19.** Authority **Draft No. 88** Cause **by Air Ministry.**

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

PARTICULARS		£	s	d	PARTICULARS		£	s	d	
Balance Dr. from					Balance Cr. from					
Allotment days @					Pay 12 days @ \$ 7.50	90	00	18	9	
Cash Payments:					Field Allowance days @ \$					
<b>Cables to Hfld.</b>			17	6	Other Allowance days @ \$					
Other Debits:					Other Credits:					
Total Debits			17	6	Total Credits			18	9	
Balance due by Paymaster			17	12	4	Balance due to Paymaster			18	9
			18	9	10			18	9	10

PERIOD: From 14.2.19 To 23.4.19

PERIOD: FROM 1919

*copy sent mofm  
per N.S.P. 55/1202/107  
8/5/19*

I have carefully examined this Statement of Account and find it to be a correct extract from the Pay Book of 1919

(Place) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) 1919 (Place) London Company 5 19.

Made up and checked in accordance with information received in the Pay & Record Office and is therefore subject to amendment if and as may be found necessary.

Pay & Record Office, London, S.W. 1. 1919  
 Pay & Record Office, London, S.W. 1. 1919  
 Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

8th May

9388/1/R.&C.

7th July, 9

The Secretary,  
Air Ministry,  
(Room 960),  
Savoy Chambers, Strand, W.C.2.

Sir:           Captain V. S. Bennett,  
                Royal Newfoundland Regt.,  
                Attached R. A. F.

With reference to telephonic communication of date:  
I have to confirm extract of telegram dated 4/7/19 (259)  
received from the Minister of Militia, of Newfoundland.

"Following for- Air Ministry- P.2.- begins-  
"Captain- V- S- Bennett- reported to- this Department-  
"today- expiration of leave- has applied for-  
"release from- Service- with- R.A.F.- he will be-  
"immediately- demobilized-"

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Major,  
Chief Staff Officer (London).

HB/JC

N.F.P./88.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~/extract from MINISTER OF MILITIA,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 4/7/19( 259, received <sup>5</sup> / 7/ 19

Decoded by J. S. Checked by R.A.P.

Branch Records Acted upon (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated / /

*P2. 2*  
Following for-Air Ministry-P. ~~P. P. P. P.~~ ~~Re~~ begins-Captain-V.S. Bennett-  
reported to this-Department-to-day-expiration of leave-has  
applied for-release from-Service-with-R.A.F.-he will be-immediately-  
demobilized-fullstop-

*Savoy. Chambers  
Room 960*

N.F.P./88.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM ~~full text~~ / extract from MINISTER OF MILITIA.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 4 / 7 / 19 ( 259. received 5 / 7 / 19

Decoded by J. B. Checked by R.A.P.

Branch Records Acted upon (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated / /

2

Following for-Air Ministry-P.F.I.G.R. begins-Captain-V.S. Bennett-  
reported to-this-Department-to-day-expiration of leave-has  
applied for-release from-Service-with-R.A.F.-he will be-immediately-  
demobilized-fullstop-



NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TRANSLATION ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ extract of TELEGRAM to MINISTER OF MILITIA,

No. 295 22/ 7 19 M. of M. Reply No. \_\_\_\_\_ d/d \_\_\_\_\_

Coded by \_\_\_\_\_ branch **Records** Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

Reference your telegram 4th July-telegraph date of  
demobilization-Captain-Bennett-for-notification-to  
Air-Ministry-

N.F.P./88.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM ~~24/7/19~~ extract from MINISTER OF MILITIA,

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 24/ 7/19 (278 ). received 24/ 7/19

Decoded by J. S. Checked by J.L.

Branch Recprds (B) Acted upon (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dated 1 / 1

Reference your telegram 21st July-Capt.Bennett-demobilized-  
July 3rd-fullstop-

The Secretary,  
Air Ministry,  
Strand, W.C. 2.

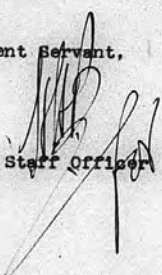
Sir: Capt. V. S. Bennett,  
Royal Newfoundland Regt., att. R.A.F.

With reference to telephonic communication of recent date, regarding this Officer's demobilization: I have to state that, in reply to my enquiry, the following telegram has to-day been received from the Minister of Militia, of Newfoundland, please.

"To- Synoptical- London-  
"Reference your telegram 21st July- Capt.-  
"Bennett- demobilized- July 3rd-  
"(Sgd) Military-"

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Major,  
Chief Staff Officer (London).

N.F.P./88.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ extract from MINISTER OF MILITIA.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 24/ 7/19 ( 278 ), received 24/ 7/19

Decoded by J. S. Checked by J.L.

Branch Recorps (B) Acted upon (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated / /

---

**Reference your telegram 21st July-Capt.Bennett-demobilized-  
July 3rd-fullstop-**

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to —

The Secretary.

Air Ministry,  
Strand, W.C. 2.

and the following number quoted.

C14526 P. 2. d.

AIR MINISTRY,  
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT OFFICE,  
PAY & STRAND, W.C. 2.

16th April, 1919.

Telegraphic Address: — "AIRMINISTRY, LONDON"

Telephone No.: — RWOENT, 8000.

Recd 16/4/19  
Ans'd  
Ref. Nos. 001

The Adjutant General,  
Headquarters,  
Royal Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria Street, S.W.

ACTED UPON BY  
Gomd.  
P & A.

I am directed to inform you that Capt. V. S. Bennett, Royal Newfoundland Regt., attd. R.A.F., has been granted ten weeks leave of absence, with effect from the 23rd. April, 1919., in order to proceed to Newfoundland and is here-with instructed to report to you prior to his departure.

*P. G. Sparrville Edge*

Major.  
for Director of Air Personal Services.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to —

The Secretary.

Air Ministry,  
Strand, W.C. 2.

and the following number quoted.

C14526 P. 2. d.

AIR MINISTRY,  
STRAND, W.C. 2.  
16th. April, 1919.

Telegraphic Address: — "AIRMINISTRY, LONDON."

Telephone No. : — REXENT, 8000.

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

.....

I am directed to inform you that Capt. V.S. Bennett, Royal Newfoundland Regt., attd. R.A.F., has been granted ten weeks leave of absence, with effect from the 23rd. April, 1919. in order to proceed to Newfoundland.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT PAY & RECORD OFFICE
Ref. Nos. 13 2927
Rec'd 17 APR 1919
Ack'd AIR
Ref. Nos. 131
ACCEPTED
for Director of Air Personal Services.
Comd
P & A.
R & C.
B & E.
P.S.

*Ryanville Esq*

Major.

Personal Services.

CR  
111

N.F.P./104.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TRANSLATION ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~/extract of TELEGRAM to MINISTER of MILITIA,

No. 317 12/ 8 /19. M. of M. Reply No. \_\_\_\_\_ d/d / /

Coded by \_\_\_\_\_ Branch Pay Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

With reference to your telegram 7th August-Captain-Bennett,  
entitled to-\$7.50-per day-up to date of-expiration of leave-  
1st July-

Capt Anderson

Can you give me any information  
concerning the conditions under  
which this affair proceeded to  
your place

Yrs

Bennett proceeded to Wet on 10  
weeks leave of absence from 25/4/19  
"Royal Gazette" of 15/7/19  
attached for your information.

Kindly return letter.

Yrs



N.F.P./88.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM full-text/~~extract~~ from MINISTER OF MILITIA,

No. NYG 9/155 Dated 7/8/19 <sup>1919</sup> (292), received 8/8/19

Decoded by Rad. Checked by \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Acted upon (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated / /

932

Please inform me (us) as to - Captain -  
Bennet - is he entitled to - thirty days -  
flying-pay - from date of - granting of leave -

Military

ACK <sup>d</sup> dated	/ /	No. IN
Received	/ /	
REPLY dated	/ /	
Received		
LAS <sup>I</sup> Ref No.		
NEXT " "		

10491/562/P&A.

The Minister of Militia,

St. John's,

NEWFOUNDLAND.

/FK.

15th August 9

CAPT. V. S. BENNETT.  
ATTACHED ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Exchange of telegrams is confirmed:-

(1).  
Received 8/8/19 (292).  
"Synoptical, London."  
Please inform me as to-  
"Capt-Bennet-is he entitled  
"to-thirty days-flying-pay-  
"from date of granting-of-  
"leave.  
"MILITARY".

(2).  
Despatched 12/8/19 (317).  
"Military, St. John's."  
With reference to your  
"telegram 7th August-Captain-  
"Bennett-entitled to \$7.50  
"per day up to date of-  
"expiration of leave-1st July  
"SYNOPTICAL".

Copy of Memorandum from the  
Paymaster General, O.M.F.C. is  
enclosed. This gives authority  
for issue of Consolidated Pay  
for period of leave not exceeding  
days. Capt. Bennet is there-  
entitled to Pay as Flight  
Commander up to the date of expiration  
of leave, please.

Major.  
(London).

COPY

From Paymaster General,  
O.M.F.C.

To Chief Paymaster & O.i/c.Recds.  
58 Victoria Street,  
LONDON. S.W.1.

As requested by telephone, I beg to inform you that Officers attached to the Royal Air Force, in receipt of consolidated rates of pay and Allowances, are only entitled to draw such rates while performing the duties of their appointment, except when in Hospital, or granted leave not exceeding 3 months. At the expiration of such periods, an Officer in receipt of consolidated rates of pay will revert to the Pay and Allowances prescribed for his rank as a Regimental Officer.

An Officer attached to the Royal Air Force drawing regimental rates of pay and Allowances will be dealt with under the same regulations as applied to other Officers of the O.M.F.C. If, however, he is in receipt of additional Flying Pay of 50 cents per diem, while on probation or under instruction, he will cease to draw such additional pay while in hospital, or on leave save when such leave has been granted as a result of an accident while undergoing instructions; under such circumstances, Flying Pay can be continued for time spent in Hospital, and for a further period of sick leave not exceeding 91 days.

In either case, if leave has been granted by the War Office without pay and Allowances; this will not effect the above regulations, but in such cases, if the leave granted is in excess of 3 months, the case is to be represented and pay will not be continued without special authority being granted.

I trust that this is the information you require.

11/10/18 (8846).

ENCLOSURE

Telephone:  
VICTORIA 4923 & 4.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Communications to be addressed to the  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 10491/562/P&A. 0-52

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

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

FM/FK. 15th August 1919

**SUBJECT:**

CAPT. V. S. BENNETT.  
ATTACHED ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Reference Nos.

**REPLY**

Dated **November 12th, 1919**

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Exchange of telegrams is confirmed:-

(1).  
Received 8/8/19 (292).  
"Synoptical, London."  
"Please inform me as to  
"Capt-Bennet-is he entitled  
"to-thirty days-flying-pay-  
"from date of granting-pf-  
"leave.  
MILITARY".

(2).  
Despatched 12/8/19 (317).  
"Military, St. John's."  
"With reference to your  
"telegram 7th August-Captain-  
"Bennett-entitled to \$7.50  
"per day up to date of-  
"expiration of leave-1st July  
SYNOPTICAL".

Copy of Memorandum from the  
Paymaster General, O.M.F.C. is  
enclosed. This gives authority  
for issue of Consolidated Pay  
for period of leave not exceeding  
91 days. Capt. Bennett is there-  
fore entitled to Pay as Flight  
Commander up to the date of expiration  
of leave, please.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Chief Staff Officer (London).

Noted, please.

*[Signature]*  
for *[Signature]*  
Lieut. Col.  
Minister of Militia.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
Ref. Nos.	6175
Rec'd	24 NOV 1919
Acc'd	ALL D
Ref. Nos.	001
BY	
Comd	25/11/19
P & A	
R & O	
B & E	
P.S.	

Bennett, U.S. Capt

0-52

Ray Capt

Bank of Montreal,  
1-1002

St. John's Nfld.

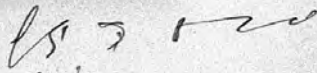
July  
Twenty fourth  
1919.

J. M. Howley, Capt. & Paymaster,  
Department of Militia,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

We have your letter of the  
22nd instant, with enclosure as stated, pro-  
ceeds of which, \$75.00, we have placed to  
the credit of account of Capt. V. S. Bennett,  
as requested.

Yours faithfully,

  
Manager.



HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F., TORONTO.  
 IMPERIAL ROYAL FLYING CORPS  
 CANADA.

~~5453~~

5490

ECB/ECS.

June 12th, 1919.

HdQRS., D.A.P.S.,  
 Department of Militia & Defence,  
 St. Johns, N.F.

Capt. V.S. Bennett.

The marginally named  
 Officer attached to the Royal Air Force from  
 the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, has reported to  
 this Headquarters his arrival in St. Johns, N.F.,  
 on leave granted by the Air Ministry.

Will you please advise  
 me this Officer's present status.

*File*

*Robert Seymour*

Major for.  
 Officer Commanding Royal Air Force.  
 Canada.

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Bennett

Christian Name Sydney V.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	at	on	at
Examined	10 <sup>th</sup> day of April 1916	St. John's Rfd	day of	191
Declared Age	19 years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation	Accountant			
Height	5 feet 10 inches		feet	inches
Weight	144 lbs.		lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Grith when fully expanded	36 1/2 inches		inches
	Range of Expansion	3 inches		inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
		2 scars		
When Vaccinated	10 years ago			
Vision	R.E.—V=	6/6	R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V=	6/6	L.E.—V=	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	Liamont Paterson			
(Rank)	Major			
	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at	St. John's Rfd	at	
	on	10 <sup>th</sup> day of June 1916	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	at	Regiment 4895	Corps,	Regtl. No.
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				



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

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
18. 11. 16	Vacc 2P
27. 7. 16	2P
1. 8. 16	TAB 2P
7. 8. 16	3. 2P

**TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.**

Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation	Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation
S.S. Flonzel Wunder X.S.	July 31	July 3"			

LAST PAY CERTIFICATE

ORIGINAL N.F.P./94.

To be rendered for all ranks on discharge, transfer to other Units, or on return to Newfoundland in accordance with C.L./19, 26/5/17.

Regtl No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Capt. Name Bennett V.S. Unit Attached R.A.F. who was embarked.

for Newfoundland on 23/4/19, Authority Draft No. 88 Cause 10 weeks leave of absence granted

by Air Ministry.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

	PARTICULARS						PARTICULARS				
	£	£	s	d			£	£	s	d	
PERIOD: From, 12.4.19 To 23.4.19. R.B. 8.5.19	Balance Dr. from						Balance Cr. from				
	Allotment days @						Pay 12 days @ \$7.50	90	00	18	9 10
	Cash Payments:						Field Alice days @ \$				
	Cables to Nfld.			17	6		Other Allces days @ \$				
	Other Debits:						Other Credits:				
	Total Debits			17	6		Total Credits			18	9 10
Balance due by Paymaster			17	12	4	Balance due to Paymaster			18	9 10	
			18	9	10				18	9 10	

I have carefully examined this Statement of Account and find it to be a correct extract from the Pay Book

*M. W. T.*  
191

(Place)

(Date)

O.C. " " Company.

Made up and checked in accordance with information received in the Pay & Record Office, London to 6/5/19 and is therefore subject to amendment if and as may be found necessary.

Pay & Record Office, London, S.W. 1.

8th May

1919.

*A. B. Stewart*  
Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Record

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

WAR SERVICE GRATUITY.

St. John's, Newfoundland.

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

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

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

- Christian name. *Vida Sydney*..... 2. Surname..... *Bennett*.....  
3. Rank..... *Captain*..... 4. Regt. No.....  
5. Address in full to which future payments of gratuity are to be forwarded..... *Bank D. Marquis*.....  
*St. John's Nfld.*  
6. Date of enlistment in the Regiment..... *June 21<sup>st</sup> 1916*.....  
7. Name of dependent, if any, to whom Separation Allowance is being issued, or was being issued, immediately prior to your discharge.....  
*None*  
8. Relationship of such dependants..... *Not applicable*  
9. Address in full of such dependants..... *Not applicable*  
10. Is said dependent, now, or was said dependent at any time in receipt of Separation Allowance on account of another soldier?..... *Not applicable*  
11. Were you on active service only in Nfld. If so, give dates and particulars of such service..... *No*  
12. Total length of time which you served on active service, in Nfld. or Overseas..... *3 years*  
13..... *1.3*

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

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

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

.....  
.....  
.....

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

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

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

.....  
.....

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

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

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

.....  
.....  
.....

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

Jan. 1918 - Feb. 1919. Bay of Air Force. Somme. Marne. Cambrai etc.

21. (a) Are you receiving treatment from the Civil Re-Establishment

(b) If so are you in receipt of full pay and allowances from Committee.

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

Signature of Applicant: *I. Spruce Bennett*  
 Place of Residence: *Windsor N.S. St. John's.*  
 Declared before me at:

This *18th* day of *July* 19*19*.....

*W. P. Rowan*  
 Signature of Barrister of the *Notary Public*  
 Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of affidavits.

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

Capt R. W. Bennett

P.M.

Please make three payments

W. S. G. Any necessary adjustments  
will be made later

W. F. R.

12/11/19

Br of M.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 368<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Nov 13 19 19

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of three hundred & sixty eight Dollars.  
on account of Pay. W.L.G.

Ch. No. 19570	Initials... <i>W.L.G.</i>
Pay Ledger 323	Initials... <i>W.L.G.</i>
Gen. Ledger.....	Initials.....

*J.J.*

Regtl. No..... Rank.....

No.

Rank

Capt

R.S. Bennett

To the Bank of Montreal



DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 78.<sup>00</sup>

July 22 1919

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of Seventy Eight Dollars.  
~~on account~~  
balance of Pay.

Ch. No.	3613	Initials	EW
Pay Ledger	NA	Initials	WR
Gen. Ledger		Initials	

Regtl. No.

Rank

A. C. S.

No. ....

Rank

*Capt*

Name

*V. S. Bennett*

July 22, 1919

The Bank of Montreal,  
City.

*A.C.S.*

Dear Sirs:

I enclose herewith cheque  
for \$78.00, which kindly place to the credit of  
Capt. V. S. Bennett.

Yours truly,

Capt.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 361  $\frac{21}{100}$

Dec 31 19 19

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of three hundred & sixty one  $\frac{21}{100}$  Dollars.

~~an amount~~  
balance of Pay. W. S. G.

M. S. G.

CA. No.	25223	Initials	W. S. G.
Pay Ledger	323	Initials	W. S. G.
Gen. Ledger		Initials	

Regtl. No.

Rank

Capt.

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank

*Capt*

Name

*V.S. Bennett*

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 106<sup>50</sup>

Sep 5 1919

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of one hundred Six <sup>50</sup> Dollars.  
on account of Pay.  
balance

W. Bennett Capt.

Ch. No.	9228	Initials	W. Bennett
Pay Ledger	157	Initials	W. Bennett
Gen. Ledger		Initials	

Regtl. No. .... Rank .....

A. C. S.

No. ....

Rank

*Capt*

Name

*U.S. Bennett*



WHEN REPLYING  
QUOTE No. 0-52

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

Aug. 16th, 1919.

Capt. J. M. Howley,  
Paymaster.

Sir:-

With reference to the following telegram  
despatched to the Chief Staff Officer, London Aug. 7th.

"Please inform whether Capt.  
"Bennett is entitled to 30  
"day's flying pay from date  
"of granting of leave."

an answer has been received as follows, which is forwarded  
for your information and necessary action.

"With reference to your tele-  
"gram of Aug. 7th. Capt.  
"Bennett entitled to \$7.50  
"per day up to date of  
"expiration of leave  
"July 1st. 1919"

I Have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your Obedient servant.

Lieut. Col.  
Chief Staff Officer.



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

should be entered the findings in the routine of examination set forth in the Appendix. It should be noted that each finding be entered after the number below which corresponds to the number

*John L. Bennett*

conducted at *6 PB*

Recruiting Officer:

FINDING

- no.
- 2 no
- 3 no
- 4 no
- 5 no
- 6 no
- 7 *yes*
- 8 *yes*
- 9 no
- 10 1
- 11 1
- 12 1
- 13 1
- 14 1
- 15 1
- 16 1
- 17 1
- 18 1
- 19 *1/6 Bott.*
- 20 1
- 21 1
- 22 1
- 23 1
- 24 1
- 25 1
- 26 1
- 27 1
- 28 1
- 29 1
- 30 1
- 31 1
- 32 1

*21st June 1915*  
*20th June 1915*  
*19th June 1915*  
*18th June 1915*  
*17th June 1915*  
*16th June 1915*  
*15th June 1915*  
*14th June 1915*  
*13th June 1915*  
*12th June 1915*  
*11th June 1915*  
*10th June 1915*  
*9th June 1915*  
*8th June 1915*  
*7th June 1915*  
*6th June 1915*  
*5th June 1915*  
*4th June 1915*  
*3rd June 1915*  
*2nd June 1915*  
*1st June 1915*

*2895*

*1/2 in. diam. left, 10 yrs.*  
*5'10"*

*1/4 33 1/2 / 36 1/2*

*John L. Bennett, Col. Secy. Mansfield*

*William Pollock*

Signature of Medical Examiners:

November 13th, 1919.

Manager,  
Bank of Montreal,  
C I T Y.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$368.00,  
which kindly place to the credit of Capt. R.V.S. Bennett,  
and oblige,

Faithfully yours,

Major,  
Paymaster & C.i/c Records.

Enclosure.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 277  $\frac{73}{100}$

June 6 19 19

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of two hundred & Seventy Seven  $\frac{73}{100}$  Dollars.  
on account of Pay.  
*balance*

Ch. No. 25964	Initials EEW
Pay Ledger 151	Initials EEW
Gen. Ledger	Initials

Regtl. No.

A. C. R. Rank

No. ....

Rank Capt.

Name V. S. Bennett

---

June 7, 1919

The Bank of Montreal,  
City.

Dear Sirs:

I enclose herewith cheque  
for \$277.73, which kindly place to the credit  
of Capt. V. S. Bennett.

Yours truly,



Capt.  
Paymaster.