



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF



No. 2516 Name Benjamin Bowles Corps 4th

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

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>Benjamin Bowles</u>                         |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>Hippers St. H.B.</u>                        |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>                                     |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>27</u> Years <u>2</u> Months                |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>fisherman</u>                               |
| 6. Are you Married? .....  | 6. <u>no</u>                                      |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....                             | 7. <u>no</u>                                      |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 8. <u>Yes</u>                                     |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....   | 9. <u>yes</u>                                     |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? .....                                     | 10. <u>FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR</u> Name ..... |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? ..... | 11. <u>Yes</u> Corps .....                        |

I, Benjamin Bowles, 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.

5. Ap. 13/16

Benjamin Bowles SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
H. O. Whitebridge Signature of Witness.

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

I, Benjamin Bowles, 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 Hippers St.

on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1916  
 Signature of Attesting Officer H. O. Whitebridge

### †CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the 4th

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date ..... 1916 } Approving Officer.  
 Place .....

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

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

# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name Benjamin Bowers  
 Apparent age 22 years 2 months. Height 5 feet 5 1/2 inches  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 37 inches  
 Range of expansion 2 1/2 inches  
 Distinctive marks .....

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Job Bowers  
1000 N. St. N.W. | 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 Engagement to _____ [date of discharge] _____ years _____ days									
" " Pension " _____ [ " " ] _____ " "									



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| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>                      |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>17</u> Years <u>2</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Stitchman</u>                |
| 6. Are you Married? .....  | 6. <u>No</u>                       |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....                             | 7. <u>No</u>                       |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 8. <u>Yes</u>                      |
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PERSONAL EFFECTS

Received from Militia Department

One Kit Bags #2516 Pte. B. Bowers.

Received only one Kit Bag for my  
son no 2516 Jeydeal Signed

Date

July 3/18

sgt Job Bowers

C.R. 2516

June 22, 1918

Mr. Job Bowers,

Nippers Harbour, N.D.B.

Dear Mr. Bowers:-

I am writing to inform you that I am forwarding to you by "S.S. SEAL" two Kit Bags which belongs to your son #2516 Pte. B. Bowers of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Enclosed you will find receipt, will you kindly sign same and return it your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut.

for Lieut. Col. C. S. O.

Enc'l 1.

No. of Paper

1186

**PERSONAL EFFECTS.**

Name

*Bowen*

No.

*3576*

Rank

*Plt*

Regiment

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT

Article

Where stored

Notified by

*Kit Bag*

Final disposal

Shipped from Depot.

Remarks :-

*Repatriated**Next of Kin: Father.**John Bowen**Meppon Stn*

C.R. 2516

Extract from Roll, of Officers and N. C. O.'s  
and men DISCHARGED from the Royal Newfound-  
land Regiment.

    & Y    

<u>Regt.</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>rank</u>	<u>name</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>reason</u>
2516	Pte.	Bowers Benjamin	28//2/18	Med. Unfit.	



C.R. 2576

Extract from list of men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment discharged on various dates.

#2516 Pte. Benjamin Bowers, discharged Feb. 28th 1917,  
Medically unfit

C.R.

2516

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal Rifle  
Regt., St. John's, Feb. 10th, 1917.

The following man returned by S.S. Section, and is  
attached to the strength from Feb. 10th, 1917.

2516 Pte. Bowers.

C.R. 2516

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&.R.O.  
January 26th. 1917.

2516, Pte B. Bowers. ✓

Due to sail per "Scotian" Liverpool 26/1/17.  
for Newfoundland.

81  
JAN 6 1917

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

The following man of the 1/1st Newfoundland Regt. has been discharged from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, on the 4/1/17, and has been granted furlough during the period stated below.

Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Period of Furlough	Fit for
2516	Pte. B. Bowers	6/1/17 - 15/1/17	11 Command Depot

C.R. 17516



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**(NOT TRANSMITTED)**

Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated

January 6, 1917.

To

Mr. Job Bowers,

Nipper's Hr.

In reply to enquiry, Record Office, London, reports  
No. 2516, Private Benjamin Bowers, discharged from  
hospital sixth January for duty at Depot.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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**(NOT TRANSMITTED)**

Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated 2nd January, 1917.

To Mr. Job Bower,  
Nipper's Harbour.

Will enquire for news of your son 2516 Private  
Benjamin Bower and notify you on receipt of reply.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.



# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 34 Sent by Am Rec'd by m Check 11

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

Place from St. John's N.S. 291

To J. B. Bennett

Col. Leary

St. John's

DEC 29 1916

Am anxious about  
my son 2516 ple Benjamin  
Bower please investigate  
Netley Hospital England  
Job Bower

C.R. 7516

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record  
Office, London, dated December 11, 1916.

2516 Pte. B. Bowers.

NYD. Mental Concussion (W)G.

To England ex. 8 General Hospital, 2nd December 1916.

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender Frederick M. Bowers Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number _____	Red _____	By <u>Frederick M. Bowers</u>	Check _____
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Dated December 6, 1916.

To Mr. Job Bowers,

Nipper's Harbor, N.D.B.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,

London, officially reports No. 2516, Private Benjamin

Bowers, is at Netley Hospital, suffering from mental trouble

Upon receipt of further information I shall immedi-

ately wire you and trust that the next report will

be of his convalescence.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 2516

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&R.O.  
December 6th. 1916.

2516, P~~te~~e B. Bowers. ✓

2/1 Newfoundland R. Shell Concuss. & N.F.D. Mental Slt.  
Adm. 8 Gen. Hos. Rouen 27th. November 1916.

CR 26-16

Extract of Casualties received from Pay and Record Office, London dated Dec.6th 1916, list of sick and wounded N.C.Os and men of the Expeditionary Force - France. List No.H.A\* 4631 $\frac{1}{2}$

2516 Pte. Bowers, B.

R.Shell Concuss & N.Y.D. Mental.Slt.....Adm.8 Gen.H. Rouen 27

November 1916

C.R. 2516

Copy of Cablegram to Governor St. John's Nfld.  
from P.&R.O. 5/12/16.

2516, Bowers. ✓

Netley Mental.



C.R. 2516

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&R.O.  
December 5th. 1916.

2516, Pte B. Bowers. ✓

Royal Victoria Hospital Netley 3/12/16. Sick Mental.

C.R. 25-16

Extract from Casualties.....List No. H.A. 4766.

2516 Pts. B. Bowers.

NYD. Mental G. To Eng. ex 8 Gen. H. 2nd Dec. 16.

(W)G.

C.R. 2516

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&.R.O.  
December 6th. 1916.

2516, Pte B. Bowers. ✓

Wounded 19/11/16.

C.R. 2516

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's  
fro Overseas 28-8-1914

2516 Pte. B. Bower.

C.R. 2515

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

2515 Pte. Bower B.

C.R. 2516

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft No. 12 from 2nd Bn  
Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Southampton, 11-10-16.

2516 Pte. B. Bowers.

C.R 2516

Benjamin Bowers was attested for General  
Service with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT ON April 18th 1916  
Regimental No. 2516 was allotted to Ptes B. Bowers.

AUTHORITY:

Recrd Ledger,

Dept. of Militia.

March 25th 1919



B. Bowers.

C.B.

2516

P.R.O.





No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 191

(1) To the Officer i/c Records, 58 Victoria St.  
London SW (Station).

(2) The Officer Commanding, Newfoundland Cont-  
NETLEY (Station).

(3) The Paymaster, 58 Victoria St.  
London SW (Station).

Regimental No. 2516

Rank and Name Pte Bowers B

Regiment or Corps 2nd Newfoundland Cont-

has been granted a furlough from 6.1.17 to 25.1.17

His address while on leave will be: Newfoundland Hdqrs  
Ayr Hare Scotland

I consider he is fit for\*  
(a) Duty.  
(b) Light Duty, and likely to be fit for Service Overseas within three months.  
(c) Light Duty, and not likely to be fit for Service Overseas within three months or requiring special medical treatment.  
(d) Service at home, but unlikely ever to be fit for Service Overseas.

\* Strike out that which is inapplicable.

Officer in charge C. Bramhall Hospital,  
NETLEY (Station).

*2 Command Depot*

Four copies to be made, and one copy sent to each Officer mentioned above and one copy filed in the office. In the case of men of the Royal Engineers two copies of A.F.W. 3016 will be sent to the Officer in charge R.E. Records and one to the Paymaster, instead of one copy to the Officer i/c Records, the Paymaster, and O.C. shown in the Schedule.



2/1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

*Pte Bowers B.*

No. *2516* is unlikely to be fit for Service with the

Expeditionary Force for *six* months, on account of

*Concussion & Shell Shock +  
Deafness.*

I recommend that he be posted to the Depôt at St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

*W. S. M. O.*  
M.O.,  
Capt. R.A.M.C.

I/C. 2/1st Newfoundland Regt.

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*18. 1. 17*

A.Y.R.

*A.F.B. 178 Not available*

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Bowers

Christian Name Benjamin

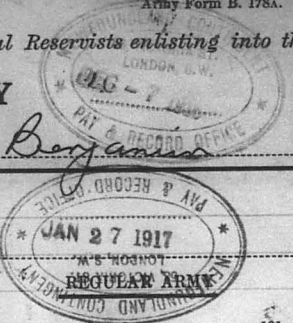


Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

		SPECIAL RESERVE.			
		Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on 18 day of June 1916	at St. Johns N.F.D.		on	day of 191
Declared Age	52 years 2 mos days				days
Trade or Occupation	Sisterman				
Height	5 feet 5 1/2 inches				inches
Weight	135 lbs.				lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 37 inches				inches
	Range of expansion... 2 1/2 inches				inches
Physical Development					
Vaccination Marks	Arm				
	Number				
When Vaccinated					
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)			(b)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection					
Approved by (Signature)	<i>Lammie Paterson</i>				
(Rank)	Major		Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at St. Johns			at	
	on 18 day of April 1916			on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.		Corps.	Regtl. No.
	1st Newfld Regt. 2516				
Transferred to					
Became non-effective by					
	on	day of	191	on	day of 191
(Signature)					
(Rank)					



Table II.—Only for admission to hospital or to the sick list in case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number Days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of further use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
Merley	3	12	16	5	1	17	Shock (shell)	34	Blown up by shell about 25 Nov., '16: human at first excitable & violent, but he now remembers nothing till he found himself in Raven Hosp. on Dec. 15. Shell shocked, & was fit mentally & physically. Command rep. II.	M. P. Hunt Major R.A.M.C.








The Officer in Charge Records,  
Newfoundland Forces,

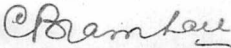
58, Victoria Street,  
LONDON, S.W.



With reference to the attached  
letter No. 2516, Pte. B. Bowers, 2nd Battalion,  
was discharged from Hospital to furlough on  
the 5th instant. please, proceeding to Ayr.

Your request regarding the notification  
of transfers has been noted. The case of Pte. Voisey  
was duly notified to the Officer Commanding the  
Depot, at Ayr, please.

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	142
Date	JAN - 8 1917
Am't	
Ans'd	
File No.	



NETLEY.  
7-1-17.

MAJOR, R.A.M.C., REGISTRAR.  
for OFFICER I/C, ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

CABLES AND TELEGRAMS,  
"SYNOPTICAL,"  
LONDON.

TELEPHONE:  
VICTORIA 147.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/c RECORDS,  
AND THE FOLLOWING NO. QUOTED:



PAY & RECORD OFFICE,

58, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W..

January 5th 1917

To M. O. i/c.,

Royal Victoria Hospital,

Netley, Hants.

154/1

HA/WF

**SUBJECT:**

2516, BOWERS, PTE. B.

Will you kindly inform me what progress the above named soldier of the 1st. Newfoundland Regiment is making, and when he will likely be fit for discharge from Hospital? Kindly notify this Office of transfers from your Hospital in future. It was stated to-day that 1566, Pte. H. Voisey was sent to Warrington on 12/12/16, and no advice was received at this Office, please.

*J. A. Anderson*  
for Major,  
Paymaster & i/c Records.

No.

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# WESTERN UNION

ANGLO-AMERICAN  DIRECT UNITED STATES  
CABLEGRAM

Prefix _____	Code _____	At _____	SENT FOR STAMPS
WORDS	CHARGE	To _____ By _____	
w	1/17	VIA WESTERN UNION	THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.

6/17

TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

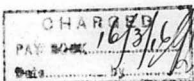
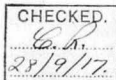
To E. F. M., JOB BOWERS, HIPPER'S HARBOUR.

(NEWFOUNDLAND)

ON FURLOUGH CABLE SIX POUNDS NO. 2516 BOWERS NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT  
CARE BANK OF MONTREAL LONDON.

BEN BOWERS.

Charge 25.6 Bowers.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

50, Victoria St., S. W.

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.



Bowers B.

2516

Pay Dept  
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DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

WAR SERVICE GRATUITY.

St. John's, Newfoundland.

Declaration required of Officers and men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who claim 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 question 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 *Benjamin*. 2. Surname *Bowers*.....

3. Rank *Pvt*..... 4. Regt. No. *2516*.....

5. Address in full to which future payments of gratuity are to ~~be~~ forwarded. *No. 5. Basters Hill*.....

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

6. Date of enlistment in the Regiment. *April 13/1916*.....

7. Name of dependent, if any, to whom Separation Allowance is being issued, or was being issued, immediately prior to your discharge.....

*Not Applicable*.....

8. Relationship of such dependents. *Not Applicable*.....

9. Address in full of such dependent.....

*Not Applicable*.....

10. Is said dependent, now, or was said dependent at any time in receipt of Separation Allowance on account of another soldier? *No*.....

11. Were you on active service only in Mfld. If so, give dates, and particulars of such service. *Over seas*.....

12. Give total length of time which you served on active service, whether in Mfld. or Overseas. *From April 13/1916*.....

*To Feb 28/1917*.....

13. Have you had more than one enlistment? If so, give particulars of discharge and re-enlistments, and under what regimental numbers.....

*No.*

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.....

*No.*

15. Have you been issued with a War Service Badge?.....

*Yes.*

16. Have you, during the present war, served in the Imperial Forces.....

*No.*

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.....

*No.*

18. Did you revert Overseas to a rank lower than the substantive rank held by you on your arrival in England?.....

*No.*

(b). If so, was such reversion in consequence of misconduct or inefficiency?.....

*No.*

19. Are you now serving in the Regt.?..... If not give:- (a) Date of discharge..... (b) Reason for discharge.....

*No.*

*Shall Shock*

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.....

*France Somme 1916*

21. (a) Are you receiving treatment from the Civil Re-Establishment Com. (b). If so, are you in receipt of full pay and allowances from that Committee.....

*No.*

and 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: *Bygones Brown*  
 Place of Residence: *5 Garters Hill, N. John<sup>2</sup>*  
 Declared before me at: *N. John, Nfld*  
 This *3rd* day of *March* 19*19*

Signature of Barrister of the  
 Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magis-  
 trate, Notary Public, Justice of the  
 Peace, or Commissioner of affidavits.  
*John W. Carthy*

POST DISCHARGE PAY.

Date paid	Paid Soldier	Paid Dependent	War Service Gratuity	Net amount due
	<i>12.95</i>		<i>3.05</i>	<i>210.00</i>
			<i>Less</i>	<i>12.95</i>
				<i>197.05</i>
Certified Correct.				Paymaster.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

STATEMENT of ACCOUNT of No. 2516 The Bowers  
H Co'y. From 25/12/16 to 26/1/17 (Dates inclusive)  
 Classification (See Procedure). B.

(Substituting A.F. "C. 1325") N.F.E./Ca.  
 Embarked per S.S. Scotian  
 From Liverpool  
 Date Jan 26. 17 - Draft No. 25

Pay Book Col.	Particulars	days	q	£	s	d	Date	Pay Book Col.	Particulars	days	q	£	s	d	Date	
8	Forfeited Pay							1	Pay			25	100	35	-	
9	Allotments	25	50	17	50			2	Field Allowance			25	10	2	50	
10								3	Other Allowances							
11/12	Total Stoppages £ d			17	50			4/5	Total Pay & Allices @ 24.86.2/7			38	50	7	18	
13	Fines					2	11	11								
14	Clothing							6	Bal. Cr. Last Period							
15	A. me & Accoutrements								Cr. Bal. 27/1/16  This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to 29/1/17 and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.							
16	Barrack Damages															
17	Hospital Stoppages					4	24									
17a	Miscellaneous Stoppages					1	1	24								
19	Casual Payments					9	10	04								
20	1st Payment															
21	2nd "															
22	3rd "															
23	Final "															
24	Balance Dr. Last Period							10	0							
28	" due by Paymaster					1	15	10								
								10	0							
									27	Bal. due to Paymaster					16	

Accepted  
Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1917

CHECKED  
[Signature]

CERTIFIED CORRECT.  
[Signature]  
 G.C. " " Company.









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# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 14 Sent by 4 Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_ Check 22/ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place from Hippers St 14

To \_\_\_\_\_

MAR 14 1917

Mr Howley  
C/o 1st Mfld Regt.

Will you kindly ascertain  
whereabouts of 2316 Pte  
Benjamin Bowers his  
discharge papers came  
here no sign of him  
rush reply. anxious.

*Mrs J O B Bower*



March 2nd,

7.

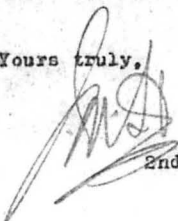
Pte. Benjamin Bowers,

Hippers Harbor, N.D.B.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith Certificate of discharge, dated  
February 28th 1917.

Yours truly,



2nd. Lieut. & D/Paymaster.

June 22nd.1917.

Mr. B. Bowers,

Hipper's Harbour.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for £4.06 being the amount due you as Ration money whilst on Furlough in England.

Yours truly,

Licut.  
Deputy Paymaster.

2576

Newfoundland.

St. John's

To wit:

I, Benjamin Bowers, of Hipper's Harbor, declare as follows:-

1. That I was a member of the Royal Nfld. Regiment, No. 2516.
2. That I was discharged suffering from shell shock on the 22nd November, 1917, and received my regular discharge certificate, which I have lost.
3. The discharge badge was numbered 337.
4. I have made a diligent search for the said badge, but cannot find it.

Taken before me at  
St. John's aforesaid,  
this 14th day of  
November, 1918.

*Benjamin Bowers*

*John McCarthy*  
*J.P.* ✓



Wappers House  
Oct 24/17

Capt J J Dwyer  
St Johns  
Dear Sir

This is my third time  
writing you for my discharge  
you upon receiving my first  
letter which was written in  
May you said I should receive  
my Badge in two weeks time  
but so far I have not received  
it I find not having a badge  
makes it quite difficult to get a  
job My No is 2516

Will you kindly look this matter  
up and reply by return

Oblig  
Yours truly  
Benjamin Bowers

J.R. M. Howley  
A.C.R.  
Mail Capt





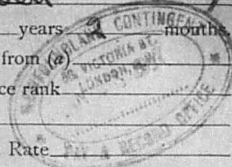


**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regimental Number **C.R. 2516**

**C**

Regiment or Corps **21 Gloucestershire Regt.**  
 Rank **Pre.** Surname **Bowers** Christian Name **Ben**  
 Religion **Anglican** Age on Enlistment **22** years **3** months  
 Enlisted (*a*) **13/4/16** Terms of Service (*a*) **War** Service reckons from (*a*)  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended { \_\_\_\_\_ } Re-engaged { \_\_\_\_\_ } Qualification (*b*) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Officer i/c Records.



Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
			Embarked Southampton	11 OCT 1916	
			Disembarked <del>ROBIN</del>	12 OCT 1916	
		<b>Joined Battalion</b>	<b>22 OCT 1916</b>		
<b>21/1/16</b>	<b>60 Unit</b>	<b>Wounded in Action</b>	<b>France</b>	<b>19/1/16</b>	<b>B213 21/1/16</b>
<p><b>AS St George</b> Invalided to England on 8th Hosp. Prov. 2/12/16 W 3083                  Shell Concussion Mental</p>					
<p>COPY SENT TO                  [Signature]                  [Signature]                  [Signature]</p>		<p>[Signature] CAPTAIN.                  Officer i/c No. 1 Regular Infantry Section                  General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon</p>			

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.


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Forms  
B. 121.  
23.

Number of Sheet First

Regiment of 1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland.

Signature of O. C. Company Alberrant  
Capt.

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment	Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay	
No.	<u>7516</u>	Age on <u>22</u> years <u>2</u> months	<u>Fisherman</u>		
Joined _____ Date _____		Place and Date of Enlistment	Religion		
Joined _____ Date _____		Period of { with Colours <u>322</u> years, with Reserve <u>days</u> years.	Place of Birth		
Joined _____ Date _____		<u>St John's</u> <u>Apr 12.16</u>	<u>Methodist</u> <u>Newfoundland</u>		

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>Racepoint</u>	<u>11.9.16</u>	<u>Pte</u>		<u>Absent tattoo roll call</u>	<u>Cpl Downer &amp; Sgt CA</u>			<u>Capt Dunard</u>	<u>E.D.</u>
				<u>Medically unfit</u>	<u>28<sup>3</sup>/<sub>7</sub></u>				

To be carried over



*Certified true copy of original*

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MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname *Bowers*

Christian Name *Bengamin*

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined ... ..	on <i>13</i>	day of <i>April</i>	on	day of
	at <i>St John's</i>	<i>N. F.</i>	at	
Declared age ... ..	<i>22 yrs.</i>			
Trade or occupation ... ..	<i>Fisherman</i>			
Height ... ..	<i>5</i>	feet <i>5 1/2</i> inches	feet	inches
Weight ... ..		<i>135</i> lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded		<i>37</i>	inches
	Range of expansion ...		<i>2 1/2</i>	inches
Physical development & Pulse rate				
Vaccination marks {	Right	Left	Right	Left
	Arm ...			
Number ...				
When vaccinated ... ..				
Vision ... ..	R.E. - V - <i>6/6</i>		R.E. - V -	
	L.E. - V - <i>6/6</i>		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)	<i>Lieut. Pittison</i>			
(Rank)	<i>Major</i>			
	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted ... ..	at <i>St. John's</i>		at	
	on <i>13</i>	day of <i>April</i>	on	day of
		191 <i>6</i>		191
Joined on enlistment ... ..	Corps	Regtl. No.	Corps	Regtl. No.
	<i>1<sup>st</sup> N. F. B. D. Regt.</i>	<i>2516</i>		
Transferred to... ..	<i>26</i>			
Became non-effective by ... ..				
	on	day of	on	day of
		191		191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Table II—Only for admissions to hospital or to the sick list in the case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

Name of hospital	Admitted to hospital			Discharged from hospital			Disease	Number of days in hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and readmissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
<i>Nitely</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Shock (Shell)</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>Blown up by shell. About 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1916. He was at first excitable &amp; violent but he now remembers nothing till he found himself in Rouen Hosp. in Dec. Steady improvement mentally &amp; physically. Command Depot II</i>	<i>AT Hurst. Major R Lane</i>



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**MEDICAL HISTORY**

OF  
 Christian Name

*Benjamin*

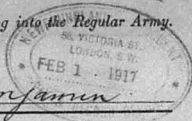


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Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined ... ..	on	13 <sup>th</sup> day of April 1916	on	day of 191
	at	St. John's, Nfld.	at	
Declared age ... ..		22 years Fisherman 2 7/160		years days
Trade or occupation ... ..				
Height ... ..		5 feet 5 1/2 inches		feet inches
Weight ... ..		135 lbs.		lbs.
Chest { Girth when fully expanded Measure- ment { Range of expansion ... ..		37 inches		inches
		2 1/2 inches		inches
Physical development ... ..				
Vaccination marks { Arm ... .. { Number ... ..	Right	Left	Right	Left
When vaccinated ... ..				
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)	<i>Lgd Jamont Patuan</i>			
(Rank)	Major Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted ... ..	at	St. John's, Nfld.	at	
	on	12 day of April 1916	on	day of 191
Joined on enlistment ... ..	Corps	1st Nfld Inf	Corps	
	Regtl. No.	2516	Regtl. No.	
Transferred to ... ..				
Became non-effective by ... ..				
	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

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Name of hospital	Admitted to hospital			Discharged from hospital			Disease	Number of days in hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
Wesley.	3	12	16	5	1	17	Shock (shell) <del>excitable</del>	34	Blown up by shell about 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1916; he was at first excitable & violent, but he now remembers nothing till he found himself in Rouen hospital on Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> . Shows improvement & now fit mentally & physically. Command Depot II.	Sgd A. J. Hurst Major R.A.M.C.





No. 572

From Dep't. Indit'a

Registered Letter Addressed--

Benj. Bowers

Hippers 142  
W. S. B.

Received by A. M.

Despatching  
Office  
Stamp

SO. IN. S. E. AS  
S. DE 20 5  
17  
NEW ENO 1

Arrival  
Office  
Stamp





2/1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

*Mc Bowers B.*

No. *2516* is unlikely to be fit for Service with the

Expeditionary Force for *six* months, on account of

*Concussion & Shell Shock +  
Deafness*

I recommend that he be posted to the Depôt at St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

*W. W. Munster*  
Capt. R.A.M.C. M.O.,

I/C. 2/1st Newfoundland Regt.

*1/4*

*18. 1. 17*

AYR.

*A.F. B 178 not available*



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

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

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

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

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

Name in full *Bowers Benjamin*  
 Regiment from which discharged *1st. Newfoundland*  
 Regimental number *2516*  
 Intended address *Hippers St. N.S. Bay.*  
 Height on discharge *5* Feet  
 Color of hair on discharge *light brown*  
 Complexion *fair*  
 Color of eyes *grey*  
 Figure on discharge *medium*  
 Christian name of Father *Joseph Job.*  
 Christian name of Mother *Thony Ann*  
 Wife's maiden name in full *-*  
 Date and place of marriage *-*  
 Christian names of children *-*  
 Place and date of soldier's birth. *Hippers St. 22 Nov. 1893.*  
 Nature and locality of civil employment required

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

(Soldier's signature in full)

*Benjamin Bowers*

(Rank) *Plt*

Station *St John's*

Date *Feb 11/17*

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

*J. W. Burden Lt.*

Medical Officer i/c Hospital,  
Unit, or Command Depot.

Station

*St John's*

Date

*Feb 12/17*

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances (including clothing allowance), up to the present date.

Place M. John. Benjamin Bowser (Sig. of Soldier)

Date: March 29/17 Chas. C. Oke (Sig. of Witness).



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

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

Examination of Benjamin Bowers  
aged 22 conducted at C & B  
Date: Apr 13/15 Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST	FINDING
1	2n
2	no
3	no
4	no
5	no
6	no
7	yes
8	yes
9	no
10	no
11	no
12	no
13	upper plate needed.
14	no
15	no
16	no
17	no
18	no
19	6/16 foot
20	no
21	no
22	no
23	no
24	no
25	no
26	no
27	no
28	no
29	no
30	no
31	no
32	no
33	no
34	5.53
35	135
36	up 3 1/2 in
37	45 per month
38	parents - Mrs. Job Bowers Duppen St 22003
39	none

2516

Signature of Medical Examiner: William Roberts

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment of Corps Newfoundland

Regimental No. 2016

Rank Pte

Name Powers

JAN 25 1916

Enlisted (a) 13-4-16

Terms of Service (a) War

Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of promotion }  
to present rank }

Date of appointment }  
to lance rank }

Numerical position on }  
roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended \_\_\_\_\_

Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_

Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		<u>Embke Southampton</u>		<u>11.10.16</u>	
		<u>Diemthe Rouen</u>		<u>12.10.16</u>	
		<u>James Battalion</u>		<u>22.10.16</u>	
<u>21.11.16</u>	<u>O'Quinn</u>	<u>Wounded in action</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>19.11.16</u>	<u>B213 21.11.16</u>
		<u>Inv. to England</u>	<u>at S.G.H. Rouen</u>	<u>2.12.16</u>	<u>W 3093</u>
		<u>Shell Concussion mental</u>			
		<u>Sgt J. M. Huchel</u>			
		<u>Capt</u>			
		<u>for O/C No. 1, Regular Infantry Section</u>			
		<u>S.G. 3rd Bchelon</u>			

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
(b) e.g., Signaller, Shoebing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

