

# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 1444 Name David Brent Corps 1st 4th Lt Regt.

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

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? .....   | 1. <u>David Brent</u>               |
| 2. What is your full Address?.....  | 2. <u>Boston St.</u>                |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....   | 3. <u>Yes</u>                       |
| 4. What is your Age?.....   | 4. <u>22</u> Years <u>2</u> Months. |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling?.....  | 5. <u>none</u>                      |
| 6. Are you Married?.....  | 6. <u>No</u>                        |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? }                                | 7. <u>No</u>                        |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? }   | 8. <u>Yes</u>                       |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? }  | 9. <u>Yes</u>                       |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.....                                     | 10. { Name .....<br>Corps .....     |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted?..... | 11. <u>Yes</u>                      |

I, David Brent 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.

David Brent SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Aug 27th 1915 Henry Augustus Signature of Witness.

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

I, David Brent 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 27 day of August 1915.  
Henry Augustus Signature of the Attesting Officer.

### † Certificate of Approving Officer.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 191 \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_ } Approving Officer.

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

\* If so, the 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) \_\_\_\_\_





# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 1494 Name David Brent, Corps 1<sup>st</sup> Nfld Regt.

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

1. What is your name? ..... 1. David Brent
2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. Botwood
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
4. What is your Age? ..... 4. 22 Years 2 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. Lumberman
6. Are you Married? ..... 6. No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which? ..... 7. No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ..... 8. Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ..... 9. Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ..... 10. { Name -  
Corps -
11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? ..... 11. Yes

I, David Brent, 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.

David Sydney Brent SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 1915, Kevin J. [Signature] Signature of Witness.

David Sydney Brent 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.

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# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

1794

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

Name David Brent

Apparent age 22 years 0 months. Height 5 feet 7 1/2 inches.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 37 1/2 inches.  
Range of expansion 3 inches.

Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin John Brent  
Botwood | 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	Promotions, 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 <u>27-8-15</u>							
Joined at <u>St Johns</u> on <u>August 27/15</u>							
		<u>Killed in Action</u>		<u>July 1<sup>st</sup> 16</u>			
		<u>Embarked St John's train to Quebec</u>		<u>27<sup>th</sup> 15</u>		<u>Embarked Southampton 14</u>	<u>16</u>
		<u>Disembarked Cowan</u>		<u>13-6-16</u>	<u>joined</u>	<u>15th in the field</u>	<u>30</u>
		<u>Killed in the field</u>		<u>11-7-16</u>			<u>16</u>
Total Service forfeited as above ... ..							
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>1-7-16</u> (date of discharge) <u>308</u> years <u>308</u> days							
" " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "							

Regimental Number 1794

Company G

THE  
1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

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I hereby enlist for service at home or abroad in the King's Forces under the following conditions :

For the duration of the present war, or until my discharge.

Subject to the Army Act, the King's Regulations, and to such ordinances as may apply or may be made to apply to the British Regular Army.

Subject to the Newfoundland Volunteer Act, 5 George V., Chapter IV.

Signed David <sup>his</sup> <sub>mark</sub> Brent

Witness H. Howsell (2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut)

Dated at Cape

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1916.

C.R! 1794

Extract from Memorial Roll of the Nfld. Regt, Draft  
No.6. from 2nd Bn., Depot, to 1st Bn., B.E.F. Embarked  
Southampton. 14-6-16.

1794 Pte. D.Brent.

C.R. 1794

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated October 20, 1916.

The following Casualty in the 1st. Nfld. Regt. with the  
British Expeditionary Force is reported under various  
dates:-

#1794 Pte. D. Brent. ✓

Previously reported Missing, Now reported Killed.

C.R. 1794

Extract of Casualty received from Pay & Record  
Office, London, dated October 7, 1916.

#1794 Pte. D. Brent. ✓

Previously reported "Missing" now reported  
"Killed in Action." 1/7



C.R. 1794

Copy of Cablegram to Governor St. John's Newfoundland from P.&.R.O. 7/10/18.

1794 Pte Brent. ✓

Previously reported Missing now reported Killed in Action July 1st.

**NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.****Cable Connection with all the World****All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:**

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The N. P. T. shall not be liable to make compensation beyond the amount refunded as above for any loss, injury, or damage arising or resulting from the non-transmission or non-delivery of the Message, or delay or error in the transmission or delivery thereof, howsoever such transmission, non-delivery, delay, or error shall have occurred.

The control of the N. P. T. over the Message shall be deemed to have entirely ceased for the purposes of these Conditions at any point where, in the course of the transit of the Message to its destination, it may be entrusted by the N. P. T. (and the N. P. T. shall have full power so to entrust the Message) for further transmission by or through any system, service, or line of Telegraph belonging to or worked by any administration or authority not controlled by the N. P. T. exclusively, although worked as part of or in connection with the Telegraphic system or service of the N. P. T.

I request that the following Telegram may be forwarded according to the foregoing Conditions, by which I agree to abide.

**(NOT TRANSMITTED)**

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

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated 7th October, 1916.

To Mr. John Brent,  
Botwood.

Regret to inform you Record Office London today ~~XXXXXXXX~~  
 advises that No. 1794 Private David Brent previously reported  
 Missing was Killed in Action July first.

J.R.BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary.

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Dated 7th October, 1916.

To Rev. J. T. Newman,  
Botwood.

Regret to inform you Record Office London today advises that No. 1794 Private David Brent, son of Mr. John Brent, previously reported Missing was Killed in Action July first. Kindly inform relatives.

J.R.BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 1794

Extract from Casualties Received from Pay & Record  
Office, London, Oct. 5th, 1916.

Killed in Action Reptd. by 71-inf Bde 29-9.

1794 Pte. Brent, D.

G.

30th September, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your letter of the 25th instant, reporting certain circumstances regarding the case of Private David Brent. This office has received no intimation whatever regarding this soldier beyond what was sent to the next of kin, and though I have specially written to the Record Office, and Sir Edward, while in England, himself made personal enquiry, no further news has been received.

I think it is a good thing for Mrs. Brent to make enquiry again regarding the name of the wounded soldier, and if possible get into direct communication with him. Should any further news be received by this office, it will at once be forwarded.

Yours truly,

Colonial Secretary.

Rev. J. T. Newman,  
Botwood, N.D.B.

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Parsonage,  
Bohwood,  
Sept. 25/16

Hon. John A. Bennett,  
Colonial Secretary,  
St. John's.

Dear Sir:

On Saturday night last, Mrs  
Brett, mother of Private David Brett  
No 1794 who is reported missing since July  
1st, brought a letter that she had received  
from a young woman in Scotland who  
knew her son. The young woman states  
that a wounded soldier who was in the drive  
of July 1st, reports that David Brett was  
first slightly wounded in the arm & afterwards  
was shot through the body & killed.

I advised the mother that no official report  
had been sent. Of course the parents are very  
anxious to know the truth about their son, they have  
written the young woman asking for the name of the  
wounded soldier. I thought it best to report the matter  
to you.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your obedient servant, Mrs G Newman

C.R. 1994

1794 D. BRENT.

EXTRACT OF CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED FROM THE PAY & RECORD  
OFFICE LONDON DATED ~~21/11/16~~ AUGUST 5, 1916.

"MISSING."

B 99 ✓

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated  
31st July, 1916.

Mr. John Brent,  
Botwood.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,  
London, officially reports No. 1794 Private David  
**Brent as Missing.**

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Upon receipt of further information I shall immedi-  
ately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.



C.P. 1794

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated July 31, 1916.

(Extract from Army Form B. 213 from O.C. Mfld. Regt.  
dated 1/7/16.)

#1794 Pte. D. Brent, D. Co.,

Missing 1/7/16. ✓

C.R. 1794

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft which embarked for  
B.E.F. on or about 20 June 1916.

#1794 Pte. D. Brent.

C.R. 1794

Extract from Nominal Roll, entrained St. John's for Overseas 27/10/15

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#1794 Pte. D. Brent.

C.R.

1794

D. Brent was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ... ~~August~~ August 27th. 1915  
Regimental No 1794 was allotted to Pte. D. Brent

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

S. Brent

C.R.

1794

P. H. O.

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Brent

Christian Name David

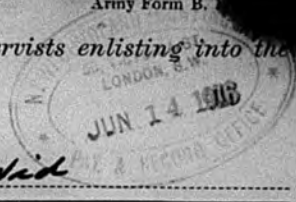


Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish..... County Nfld

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined .....	on <u>27</u> day of <u>Aug</u> 191 <u>5</u> at <u>St Johns Nfld</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191____ at _____	
Declared Age.....	<u>27</u> years _____ days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation.....	<u>Lumberman</u>		_____	
Height .....	<u>5</u> feet <u>4 3/4</u> inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight .....	<u>135</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded... <u>34 1/2</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>3</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development.....				
Vaccination Marks {	Arm .....		Arm .....	
	Number .....		Number .....	
When Vaccinated .....	<u>no</u>			
Vision .....	R.E.—V=	<u>4/9</u>	R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V=	<u>4/6</u>	L.E.—V=	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Samuel Peterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Capt.</u>			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted .....	at <u>St Johns</u> on <u>27</u> day of <u>Aug.</u> 191 <u>5</u>		at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191____	
Joined on Enlistment .....	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Nfld Regt</u>	<u>1494</u>		
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 Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
12. 10. 18	1 <sup>st</sup> Inoculation.
19. 11. 18.	Vacc. R.P. Graham. Lt. Rans.
23. 10. 18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Inoculation.

TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

INVENTORY of EFFECTS of

No. 17914 Pte D Breat deceased.

EXTRACT from A.F. D. 2090 A, dated \_\_\_\_\_:

CAUSE of DEATH Killed in Action

DATE 12/6/1916 PLACE France

- WILL: (a) In Pay Book \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) In Small Book \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Separate Document \_\_\_\_\_

NEXT OF KIN: John Breat  
 Relationship Father  
 Address Betwood  
Newfoundland

PARTICULARS.

1 Kot Bay Thom Depot.



**FIELD SERVICE.**

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

REGIMENT } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company }  
 or  
 CORPS }



Regtl. No. 1794 Rank Private

Name Brent, D.

Died { Date July 1st., 1916.  
 Place France.  
 Cause of Death\* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Letter, 29/9/16.

By whom made O.C. 71st. Infantry Brigade.

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

Burial { Place Not yet received.  
 Date 19/9/16.  
 By whom reported \_\_\_\_\_

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Yes.  
 (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not to hand.  
 (c) as a separate document do

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

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

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

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Major for Officer i/o Records Reg. Inf. Sect.No.1, 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date 7/10/16.

Extract of Will of the late No. 1794, Pte. Brent, D.,  
who was "Killed in Action", 1/7/16.

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June 24th., 1916.

In the event of my death I give the whole of my effects and  
property to my mother Mrs. John Brent, Botwood, N.B.B., Newfoundland.

(Sgnd.) his  
David X Brent  
mark  
No. 1794  
1st. Newfoundland Regiment.

Witness:- (Sgnd.) W.L. Ross.

Certified True Copy.

*Major for*  
Major for  
Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sect. No.1,  
3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., E.E.F.

*Copy of above handed  
to States Branch  
16/10/16  
J.A.A.*



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or }  
CORPS }

Regtl. No. 1794 Rank Private

Name Brent, D.



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Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } *Frederick Smith* Major for Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sect. No. 1, 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date 7/10/16.

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

December 27th . . . . . 8.

Madam

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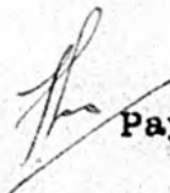
20th inst.

Mrs. John Brent has been communicated with.

Madam

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Miss M. Goudie,  
Isabank,  
Dreghorn, Ayrshire,  
Scotland.



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

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

December 27th ..... 6 .

Madam

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28/11/16

1 Kit Bag containing the effects of No. 1794, Pte. David Brent were forwarded to the Colonial Secretary St. John's, Newfoundland on the 1/12/16. Statement of his account and will was also sent. Application should be made to the Minister of Justice, St. John's.

Madam

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Mrs. John Brent,  
Botwood,  
Newfoundland.

Major,  
Paymaster & O. I./s. Records.





1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Def. No.	5037
Rec'd.	DEC 25 1916
Acct'd.	
Am't'd.	
File No.	

Isabank  
 Dreghorn  
 Ayshire  
 Scotland

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1916

Sirs,

Having received from your office returned letters bearing the name of Private David S. Brent (deceased) no. 1794 G. Coy. Newfoundland Regiment killed in action July 1<sup>st</sup> 1916, I am requested by his next of kin to inquire if anything belonging to him, or money due to him, might be <sup>sent or</sup> paid to me, or forwarded direct to his next of kin, Mrs John Brent Sr. Botwood Newfoundland. I enclose letter sent to me by his mother to be forwarded to your office.

I also enclose stamped & add. envelope

for reply at your earliest  
convenience

Yours truly

Miss Margaret Gaudin

NEWFOUNDLAND  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE  
5036  
Ref. No.:  
DEC 23 1916

Belwood, N.H.L. 10  
Nov 28 - 16

To Pay & Record Office

Dear Sir:-

If there may be anything left in your charge belonging to Private David Brent of Belwood, Newfoundland. I would like for you to send it to me (his mother) Please reply, as I will be anxious to know.

I remain

Yours Respectfully  
M<sup>rs</sup> John Brent (Senior)  
Belwood  
N.H.L. 10.



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PAY LIST.

to 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916 Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *Newfoundland*  
 No. *174* Rank *Private* Name *D. Brent*  
 Died (a) *Kessell* at *France* on the *1<sup>st</sup>* of *July* 1916.  
 Deserted at on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Form 1.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month			<i>Nil</i>	Balance Cr. last month			<i>Nil</i>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay 22 days at <i>1<sup>10</sup></i> from <i>10/6/16</i> to <i>17/6/16</i>			
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	<i>17.6 191</i>		<i>36</i>		Messing allowance days at			
	<i>26.6 "</i>		<i>36</i>		from to			
	<i>25.6 "</i>		<i>17</i>		Kit allowance			
	<i>"</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>	Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	<i>18 5</i>				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	<i>Attachment 22 days @ 60 13 20</i>				Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	<i>Forfeited pay 1 day @ 1 10 1 10</i>							
	<i>Consolidated stoppage 14 30 218 9</i>							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>1</i>	<i>2 5</i>		Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	<i>4</i>	<i>19 5</i>		£	<i>4</i>	<i>19 5</i>

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the ~~debtor~~ balance of £ *4 19 5* is correctly chargeable against the Public (b).

Dated at this day of 191 . Paymaster.

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

reg no 3260/1  
army form. G. 2019

Belfast

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1916.

Sir

I have to acknowledge  
the receipt of the army form  
to acquaint me that <sup>1794</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> to David  
S. Brent. was posted as missing  
after the engagement on the  
1<sup>st</sup> July. 1916 Now I want  
you to let me know if

you have got any further  
information concerning him

Please Oblige

yours truly

a. L. Knoch

18 Glenview St  
off Oldpark Rd

Belfast

This address

1794

Pte David S. Brent

1st of 4 L. D. Reg.

B. E. F.

France

1ST BATTALION 1ST REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	3327
Date	9 - SEP 1916
Pay	11/9/16.
File No.	

BRANCH

Cas. 58 Glenview St  
Off Oldpark Rd  
Belfast

N.W.  
11/8/16.



Hissing

Sir

I hope you will pardon the liberty I am taking but I have got a very dear friend at the war: It is six weeks since I heard from him & the papers say that almost a whole Battalion was wiped out at Beaumont. So I want

you to send me all particulars  
concerning him hoping you  
will oblige me soon

I remain yours

Mrs Annie L. Snicker.

181 N. WINDSOR ST	11.8 Glenview St
P.W. & RECORD OFF	
Ref. No. 2925	Off Oldpark Rd
Recd. AUG 11 1916	Belfast
ANND.	Ireland
ANND. 11.8.16.	
File No.	

His name is

No 1794. Pl David S Brent  
1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland Regiment  
B. E. Y. Yance.



Brent, David

1794

Hay script

**PAY LIST.** to **191** . Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps **Qst Newfoundland**

No. **1784**

Rank **Private**

Name **D. Brent.**

Died<sup>(a)</sup> left will at **France**

on the **1st** of **July**

**1916.**

Deserted at

on the of

**191** .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

\_\_\_\_\_  
{ *Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
Battery or Company.*

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.**

Form 1.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	
	Balance Dr. last month .....	Nil.			Balance Cr. last month <b>9/6/16</b> .....	Nil.			
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay <sup>10</sup> 22 days at 1 <sup>10</sup> from <b>10/6</b> to <b>1/7/16</b>				
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay <sup>20</sup> 24	4	19	5	
					days at from _____ to _____				
	17 6 1916	3	6		Messing allowance days at				
	26 6 " "	3	6		from _____ to _____				
	25 6 " "	1	2		Kit allowance .....				
	" " "	19	3	18 5	Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 9				
	Allotment				Amo Deft	This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to / / and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.			
	22 days @ 60c. <sup>20</sup> 13								
	Forfeited pay 1 <sup>10</sup>								
	1 day @ 1 <sup>10</sup>								
	Consolidated stoppage <sup>30</sup> 14	2	18	9					
	Balance due by the Paymaster	1	2	3	Balance due to the Paymaster .....				
		£	4	19		£	4	19	5



I hereby certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ \_\_\_\_\_ is correctly chargeable against the Public<sup>(b)</sup>.

Dated at

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

191 .

Paymaster.

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

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



**PAY LIST**

to

191 . Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps **1st Newfoundland**

No. **1784**

Rank **Private**

Name **D. Brint.**

Died (a) left will at **France**

on the **1st** of **July**

**1916.**

Deserted at

on the of

**191**

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

{ *Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
Battery or Company.*

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

[Form 13]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....			<b>Nil.</b>	Balance Cr. last month <b>9/8/18</b> .....			<b>Nil.</b>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay <b>22</b> days at <b>1<sup>10</sup></b> from <b>10/6</b> to <b>1/7/18</b>			
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay <b>30<sup>80</sup></b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>
					days at from to			
	<b>17 6</b> 1916		<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	Messing allowance days at			
	<b>26 6</b> "		<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	from to			
	<b>25 6</b> "		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	Kit allowance .....			
	" "		<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	Amount produced by the sale of Effects from			
	Allotment				Form 9			
	<b>32</b> days @ <b>0c. 815<sup>80</sup></b>				Amo			
	Forfeited pay <b>1<sup>10</sup></b>				De			
	1 day @ <b>1<sup>10</sup></b>							
	Consolidated stoppage <b>14<sup>30</sup></b>			<b>9 18 9</b>				
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		<b>£ 4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>£ 4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to **23 NOV 1916** and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.



I hereby certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the balance of £ 4 19 5 is correctly chargeable against the Public.

this day of 191 Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form O. 3090 or Army Form O. 1818.  
(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no further balance.



COPY.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland

Regimental No. 1794 Rank Pte Name Brent David

Enlisted (a) 27.8.15 Terms of Service (a) Duration 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 24/5/16 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>Emilia S. Hampton</u>		<u>14.6.16</u>	
		<u>Isabelle Rouen</u>		<u>15.6.16</u>	
<u>30.6.16</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Joined Battalion</u>	<u>In the field</u>	<u>30.6.16</u>	
	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>1/7/16</u>	<u>13213</u>
	<u>O.C. 71st Brigade</u>	<u>Killed in Action</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>17.16</u>	<u>letter of 29/9/16</u>
					<u>Fred. J. Bush Major</u>
					<u>Fred. J. Bush</u>
					<u>O/C Infantry Records G.H.Q.</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 in the appropriate column of the record. (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.



**FIELD SERVICE.**

COPY

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

REGIMENT } New Zealand Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } D. Comp.  
or CORPS }

Regtl. No. 1794 Rank Private

Name Brent D.

Died { Date July 1st 1916

{ Place France

{ Cause of Death\* Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report Letter, 29.9.16

By whom made O.C. 71st Infantry Bde

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

Burial { Place Not yet received

{ Date 19.9.16

{ By whom reported \_\_\_\_\_

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Yes

{ (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not to hand

{ (c) as a separate document do ✓

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

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

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

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Fred J. Bull Major for

Station and Date 7.10.16

O/c Records Reg. Inf. Sect. No. 3rd Echelon G.H.Q. B.E.F.

THE BOARD OF  
PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Hon. Sir P. T. McGrath, K.B.E.,  
(President Legislative Council),  
Chairman.  
Hon. J. A. Clift, K.C., C.B.E.,  
(Minister Agriculture and Mines)  
Capt. W. H. Parsons, R.A.M.C.



In reply refer to

No.....

*St. John's*

April 12/19

Capt. J. M. Howley,  
Paymaster & O. i/c Records,  
City.

1794 Pte. David Brent.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find cheque for Eight hundred  
and fifty Dollars and fifty cents (\$850.50) being  
refund of amount paid in continuance of this soldier's  
allotment.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of same.

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
Asst. Secy.,  
Board of Pension Commissioners  
for Newfoundland.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
LBD.

*[Handwritten note]*  
Dep. May 8/19.

March 21, 1919

Secretary,

Board of Pension Commissioners,

City.

Re No. 1794 Pte. David Brent

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of January 14th., I beg to state that the amount paid ~~an~~ continuance of this soldier's Allotment is Eight hundred and fifty dollars and fifty cents (\$850.50).

Yours faithfully,

Captain,  
Paymaster & O. I-c Records



THE REGISTER & OFFICE I/O RECORDS  
ST. JOHN'S N.B.

The Register & Office I/O Records  
St. John's N.B.

Jan. 14th, 1919.

Sir:-

I have the honor, by direction  
to advise you that your application  
on account of the war is now  
being considered by the War Office, and it has  
been ordered that if there is an allotment,  
or gratification allowance, or gratification fund allowance,  
being paid on his account, that it should  
be cancelled from Dec. 31st, 1918.

1794  
Pte.  
David Brent

Under the provisions of the  
Civil Government Act, 1918, your  
application is now being  
considered by the War Office.

*Paid from allotments  
from July 1/16 to  
Oct 31/18 \$850 <sup>50</sup>/<sub>4x</sub>*  
*LP*

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

*CC. Oke*  
Asst. Secretary.

... ..

*Susan Brent "Mother"  
Batwood N.B.*

*Notified  
JAN 16 1919*

*In replying the date of this letter should be quoted.*



Jan. 20, 1917.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose you communication of date Jan. 19th from the Rev. John T. Newman, of Botwood, referring to the estate and effects of Pte. David Brent, No. 1794, who is alleged to be deceased. Would you kindly deal with this matter, communicating with Mr. Newman with your usual promptness?

If there are any matters of law in connection with the estate of the deceased concerning which you desire to be instructed, I would be glad to attend to the same at once.

Very truly yours,

H. W. Attorney General.

Lieutenant Howley,

Paymaster,

Newfoundland Regiment.

Hon. R. A. Squires, Esq.  
Minister of Justice.  
Ottawa.

Parronage,  
Botwood,  
July 17/14

Dear Sir:

Mrs John Brent of Botwood is in receipt of a letter from Major Linewell of the Pay & Record Office, London, informing her that "Kit Bag containing the effects of No. 1994 Pte. David Brent were forwarded to the Colonial Secty. Ottawa on the 1/12/14. Statement also of his account & will was also sent." The letter states that application should be made to you the Minister of Justice. Pte. Brent was killed in action on July 1st. and Mrs Brent asked me to write you, and I trust you will give this matter your kind & prompt attention & have the things forwarded to her.

Thanking you in anticipation & with united good wishes -

Sincerely,

Yours truly  
John V. Newman.

N.B. The case of Mrs Brent is a very sad one for her husband is going blind.

Don

Belwood  
March 10<sup>th</sup> 17

78 J. Magrath  
J. Johns.

Received \$ 16.80  
March 10<sup>th</sup> 17.

Mrs Susan Brent

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Batwood

April 6  
1917

Dear sir I received  
thy money 11 April

Ms John. Brent-

July 3rd.1917.

Mr. John Brent,

Botwood

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for £20.40,  
being the balance of the estate of your late son,  
No. 1794, D. Brent. You will note that the  
cheque is payable to yourself and Mrs Brent.

It will therefore be necessary for both  
of you to endorse it, before being cashed.

Yours truly,

Lieut.  
Deputy Paymaster.

Botwood. Jan. 10.  
1917.

Dear Sir

I received  
the money. on the 11<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
with thanks.

Mrs. John. Brint.  
Botwood.

1794

February 15<sup>th</sup>. 1917

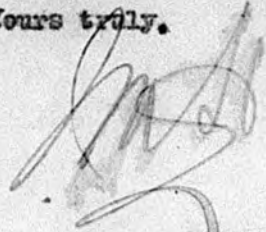
Mr. John Brent,  
Botwood, N.D.S.

1794

Dear Sir:-

I am forwarding by express to-day a kit bag  
belonging to your late son, David Brent. I am sending  
a receipt to Rev. Mr. Newman which he will have you sign.  
Assuring you of my sympathy in your bereavement.

Yours truly,



2/Lt.  
Deputy Paymaster



Batuwood

1794

Dear sir I received the money  
from you  
the sum of eighteen dollars

Mrs John Brent  
Batuwood

May 8 1914

April 14, 1919

The Board of Pension Commissioners.

Dear Sirs:

Re 1794, Pte. David Brent

I have been instructed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 12th. enclosing cheque for \$850.50 being a refund of allotment paid on account of the above deceased soldier.

Lieut.  
For Paymaster.

D

W I L L      No. 61

of

No. 1794      Rank Plt

Name D Brent .....

John Brent

Botwood

WILL.

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

Mrs John Brent  
Botwood.

N. D. B.

Newfoundland.

(Sig) David <sup>his</sup> Brent  
mark

no 1794

June 24<sup>th</sup> / 16, at Newfoundland Regt.

witness

W L Ross

680679

Inoculation 1 <sup>st</sup>	12.10.15.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	23.10.15.
Vaccination	19.11.15.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Copy of "Will"

of

COPY SENT TO H.Q.

No. 1794 Pte. D. Brent.

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

Mrs. John Brent,  
Botwood.

N.D.B.

Newfoundland.

June 24th, 1916.

signed David <sup>his</sup> Brent, No. 1794 Pte.  
mark 1st Newfoundland  
Regt.

Witness W.L. Ross.

Certified True Copy.

Capt.

Paymaster & Officer i/c Records,

COPY SENT TO H.Q.

EXTRACT OF WILL OF THE LATE

No. 1794 Pte.D.Brent,

who was Killed in Action, 1/7/16.

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June 24th 1916.

In the event of my death I give the whole of my effects  
and property to my mother Mrs. John Brent, Botwood, N.D.B.,  
Newfoundland.

(Sgd) David <sup>his</sup> X Brent  
                  mark  
                  No. 1794  
1st Newfoundland Regiment.

Witness:- (Sgd) W.L. Ross.

Certified true copy.

(Sgd) Fred J. <sup>Hubb</sup> -----?  
                  Major for  
Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sect. No.1,  
3rd Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

EXTRACT OF WILL OF THE LATE

No. 1794 Pte.D.Brent,

who was Killed in Action, 1/7/16.  
-----

June 24th 1916.

In the event of my death I give the whole of my effects  
and property to my mother Mrs. John Brent, Botwood, N.D.B.,  
Newfoundland.

(Sgd) David <sup>his</sup><sub>x</sub> Brent  
mark  
No. 1794  
1st Newfoundland Regiment.

Witness:- (Sgd) W.L. Ross.

Certified true copy.

(Sgd) Fred J. -----?  
Major for  
Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sect. No.1,  
3rd Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.



**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

*The Royal Nfld. Regt.*

*Dept. of Militia,*

*ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.*

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

Aug. 22 (W) 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of  
the late No. 1794 Rank .....  
Name David Brent .....  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Mrs John Brent. (Sgd.)

Mother Relationship.

Address Botwood

ST. JOHN'S  
SEP 24 1914

Fold Here

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**OF HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

*Royal Nfld. Regt.*

*Dept. of Militia,*

*ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.*

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Fold Here

The accompanying Vic

ledal

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. John Brent (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 1794 Rank Pto.

Name David Brent

Royal Nfld. Regt.

Nfld. Forestry Corps

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received

medals

Signature

Mr John Brent (Father)

Date

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> '21

Address

Botwood N.F.L.D.

[P.T.O.]

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. .... 1794 ..... Name. .... Brent D. .....

To Certify that I have received the AB 64 of the above  
named soldier.

Name Mrs Susan Buntin  
Fu Va

Date July 19/20 .....

Place. Botwood .....

N.B. For completion and return to the Department of Militia  
Insert in corner of envelope "AB 64"

X



# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C.  
[523] W13871/004 400m 2/15s-1 53 58

Forms  
B. 121.  
29.

Number of Sheet 15

Regiment of 1st Newfoundland

Signature of O. C. Company \_\_\_\_\_

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay	
No.	1794	Age on	22 years 2 months	Lumberman		
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	St John's Dec 27 1915	Religion		
Joined	Date	Period of	{ with Colours 308 days with Reserve - years	Methodist		
Joined	Date			Place of Birth		
Joined	Date			Botwood		



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
Garles	1915 Nov 18	Pvt		Refusing to obey an order from a N.C.O.	Sgt. Moulton	3 days C.D.	1915 Nov 19	Capt. A. J. Gammon	Jan.
Plen School	24/4/16	.		Absent from 9:30 pm Roll call	Sgt. Lilly	3 Days C.B.	10/5/16	Capt. E. S. Hye	C.S.
AW.	10:6:16	..		Absent from draft parade 7th	Sgt. Lilly	7 days C.B. 1 day stay	12/6/16	S. Col. Whiteaker	Jan.
				Killed in Action	1/16				

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.

Bolivood ~~C.R.~~ 1724  
March 5<sup>th</sup> 1920

Department of Militia  
St Johns. N. J. L. D.

Sir's

I am in receipt of your letter &  
Memorial scroll today. which was dated  
Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. And thanking you for same.

I remain yours sincerely  
John Brent.