



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2711 Name James E. Boucher Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment

- | | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>James E. Boucher</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Point Verte Placentia</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>18</u> years <u>2</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>assisted engineer</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>no</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? | 7. <u>no</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? | 8. <u>yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? | 9. <u>yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.... | 10. { Name..... Corps |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? | 11. <u>yes</u> |

DURATION OF THE WAR

I, James E. Boucher 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.

E. May 2/16 James E. Boucher SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
H. Dubé Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

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

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at St John's on this 6th day of May 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer H. Dubé 2nd Lieut.

†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..... } 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).....



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2711

Name James E. Broucher Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment

- 1. What is your name? 1. James E. Broucher
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. Point Herde
Placentia
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
- 4. What is your age? 4. 18 Years 2 Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Assistant Engineer
- 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? } Yes

DURATION OF THE WAR

I, James E. Broucher 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.

May 2/16

James E. Broucher SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

H. D. ... Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

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

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

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

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

on this 6th day of May 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer H. D. ...

†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, 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 James P. Brucher
 Apparent age 18 years 2 months. Height 5 feet 9½ inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38 inches
 Range of expansion 4 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Thomas Brucher
Point Verde Placentia | 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 " [" "] " " " | | | | | | | | | |

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2711

Name James E. Broucher Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>James E. Broucher</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Point Herde</u> <u>Placentia</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>18</u> Years, <u>2</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Assistant Engineer</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? } | 7. <u>No</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? | 8. <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? | 9. <u>Yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.... } | 10. { Name |
| | Corps |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? | 11. <u>Yes</u> |

I, James E. Broucher 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.

James E. Broucher SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
H. O. ... SIGNATURE OF WITNESS.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

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

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.
The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.
I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at St. John's on this 6th day of May 1916
Signature of Attesting Officer H. O. ...

†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, 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 James P. Brucher
 Apparent age 18 years 2 months. Height 5 feet 9 1/2 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38 inches
 Range of expansion 4 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Thomas Brucher
Point Verde Placencia | 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 <u>2-5-16</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>May 2nd 16</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | <u>Embarked St John's</u> | | | | | <u>S. L. Lichan</u> |
| | | | | <u>Embarked for 156</u> | <u>3. 30. 11-16</u> | | | | <u>joined</u> |
| | | | | <u>Battalion</u> | <u>12. 12. 16</u> | | | | <u>Missing 20-11-17</u> |
| | | | | <u>Killed in Action</u> | | | | | <u>20-11-17</u> |
| Total Service forfeited as above..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Service towards Engagement to <u>20-11-17</u> (date of discharge) | | | | | <u>1</u> years <u>203</u> days | | | | |
| Pension | | | | | | | | | |



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 *James E. Croucher*
aged *18 yrs* conducted at *C. L. B.*
Date: *May 2nd / 14* Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST

FINDING

1 *no*

3 *no*

4 *no*

5 *no*

6 *no*

7 *yes*

8 *yes*

9 *no*

10 *X*

11 *X*

12 *X*

13 *X*

14 *X*

15 *X*

16 *X*

17 *X*

18 *Op Both*

20 *X*

21 *X*

22 *X*

23 *X*

24 *X*

25 *n*

26

27 *X*

28 *X*

29 *X*

30 *X*

31 *X*

32 *X*

33 *no,*

34 *slight*

35 *work*

36 *34-38*

37 *\$ 30 per month*

38 *parents Thomas Croucher Ft. Verde*

39 *partly*

2711

Signature of Medical Examiner: *William Roberts*

C.R. 2711

JULY 25th 1919.

Mr. Thos. Croucher,
Placentia.

Dear Mr. Croucher,

I beg to forward you herewith copy of
a letter received from Rev. Captain Hangle having
reference to the burial place of your son, the
late #2711 Pte. Jas. Croucher.

Yours faithfully,

U

Minister of Militia.



DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

JULY 24th 1919.

Hon. A.E. Hickman,
Minister of Militia.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., having reference to Pte. Jas. Croucher.

If any information is obtained about the burial place of this soldier I shall let you have same at once.

Yours faithfully,

J. Langley

C.R. 2711

JULY 21st 1919.

Mr. Thos. Croucher,
Placentia.

Dear Mr. Croucher,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 12th, having reference to the location of the gravesite of your son, the late #2711 Pte. James Croucher.

In accordance with your request, I have asked Rev. Capt. Hangle to make full enquiries with regard to the burying place of your boy, and he has promised to do all in his power in this connection.

If we receive any report or information relating to this matter I shall be only too pleased to forward same to you immediately.

Trusting that good news will be received in the near future,

I remain,
Yours faithfully,

Minister of Militia.

Placentia
17th July/19

The Hon. Chas. E. Hickman

Dear Sir

I wrote the Revd. Capt Kangle some time ago re the location of the gravesite of my late son, 2711 Jate James E. Croucher killed in action Nov 20th 1917 in the Cambrai battle. I had no answer from him to fear, but the notice of his appointment to go to France for that purpose almost looks like an answer. Revd. Capt Clayton can give him some information that might help him in this case. I would like to know if he got my letter as I was at some pains to make the case as clear as possible. I would like to have him informed before he goes ~~across~~ to France. I might say that Mr. J. Hankman of your firm is my brother-in-law. This by way of introduction. I also think as one of the number who saw lost there boys, that I consider this a move in the right direction.

Respectfully yours

Chas Croucher
Placentia

"ps"

Capt. Buckett V. Co.

can also give information as to
the place & manner of his death

F. L. O.

JULY 21st 1919.

Rev. Capt. Nangle, C.F.,

C i t y.

Dear Father Nangle,

I would be pleased if you would make all possible enquiries with regard to the location of burying place of the late #2711 Pte. James Croucher.

This soldier was reported Killed in Action on November 20th, 1917, but up to the present no information has been received regarding his burial.

Trusting that some report will be received from you in the near future,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Militia.

C.R. 2711

Extract from Nominal Roll of Mfld. Regt. Draft No. 14
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E. F. Embarked South-
ampton, 30-11-16.

2711 Pte. J.E. Croucher.

C.R. 2711

Dec. 26th 1918.

C. R. 2711

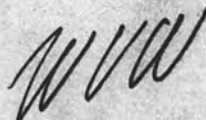
Dear Mr. Croucher:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Dec. 23rd, and in reply would state that I am very sorry that I made a mistake regarding the date on which your son was killed in action, and which should have been ~~November~~ 20th 1917.

Regarding his estate. I have passed your letter and also the enclosed one from your nephew to our Paymaster in this Department who will reply to you regarding same.

Any other information that you would like to get at any time, do not hesitate to write us and we will gladly furnish it.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut.

CASUALTY OFFICER.

Mr. Thos. Croucher.
Flaccina.

WVW/

2711
Dec. 19th 18.

Dear Mr. Croucher:

I beg to inform you that we have received a cable from our Pay and Record Office, London, which states that up to date they have not been able to trace the Grave Site of your son who was Killed in Action on October 20th 1917, but that they are prosecuting enquiries in France with the Director of Graves Registrations and upon receipt of any news concerning same, they will immediately communicate with you through this Department.

Yours faithfully,

W.V.W.

Lieut.

CASUALTY OFFICER.

Mr. Thos. Croucher,
Point Verde,
Flacencia.

WVW/MP

C.R. 2711

Extract of Telegram from Synoptical, London to Military St. John's
dated Dec.18th 1918

With reference your telegram Dec.6th D.G.R.E. unable to furnish
gravesites Enquiries being made

2711 Croucher.

No 2711

C.R.

2711

Point Verde Reception

12th Dec. 1918

Lieut. W. Warren

Dear Sir

Yours of 7th Dec.

at hand. Thanks for advise. & words
of sympathy. An error in typing
makes the year of my last death
to read Nov. 20th 1918. instead
of Nov. 20th 1917. It may not
make any difference in result
of enquiries. if this year date
is mentioned in communication
to pay & record office London
seems that the fighting had
ceased before Nov 20th 1918.

but thought it as well to mention
it.

Faithfully yours
Thos Croucher

Point Verde Reception

C O P W

20446/52/R.&G.

D. G. R. & E.,
War Office,
Winchester House, S.W. 1.

Proper
11th December, 1918

CR 2711

GRAVE SITE: ~~2711~~ Pte. J.E. Croucher.
1st Bn. R. Newfoundland Regt.

I am requested by telegram dated 6/12/18 (10577) to ascertain if it is possible to state the grave site of the above-named man of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who was killed in Action on 20/11/17.

Will you please say?

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

C.C.M. 23/11944

The Officer i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W.

With reference to your minute of the 11th instant, No. 20446/52/R.&G., I regret that no information has been received here with regard to the grave of No. 2711 Pte. J.E. Croucher, but enquiries will be made and I will let you know should any report come to hand.

(Sgd) - -
Major, D.A.A.G.

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

10966

17/12/18

C.R. 3711

December, 7th. 1918.

Mr. Thomas Croucher,
Point Verde,
Ziacentia.

Dear Mr. Croucher:-

I am directed by the Minister of Militia to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November, 24th., re particulars of your late son #2711 Pte. James E. Croucher who was reported "Killed in Action" November, 20th., 1918, and in reply I beg to state, that we have forwarded your enquiry to the Officer in Charge of Records in our Pay & Record Office, London, asking him to ascertain and find out all particulars regarding the burial of your son, and on receipt of same we will immediately communicate with you.

In regard to any money or effects that he might have had up to the time of his death, I have passed your letter over to our Paymaster in this Office and have asked him to look into his estate and communicate with you regarding same.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Yours faithfully,


Lieut.
Casualty Officer,

C.R. 2711

Extract from telegrams to Synoptical London. Dec. 6th.
1918.

Can you furnish any particulars of gravesites of
2711 Croucher.

C O P Y.

58 Victoria Street

London, S. W. (1)

Letter No. 11.

1546

My Dear Father:-

This is in reply to your letter regarding 2711 Pte. James Croucher. A great many people have already enquired for this poor fellow, including the Minister of Militia, Lord Morris and the Governor, exhaustive enquiries were made, but the net result was practically nil.

Private Croucher was reported killed in action on 20-11-17 but there was much heavy fighting at the time that no one seems to remember the incident of Croucher's death. The matter referred to the O. C. 1st. Bn. B.E.F. who made the report, but he was unable to say how Private Croucher died. The only man with the Bn. who could give any information was L/Cpl. J. Lyons who stated he was in the same section as Croucher on the day in question. While going forward to the attack he saw him, (Croucher) hit in the arm. The latter was carrying a Lewis Gun at the time L/Cpl. Lyons picked the gun up and carried on, but did not see Croucher any more. That is as much information as we were able to get. Of course that part of the line is now in enemy hands, and no report has since reached the office to say that Croucher's body was recovered.

I am sorry I cannot say anything more and regret there is so little for Pte. Croucher's Father of a comforting nature.

Yours,

Hugh.

C O P Y.

58 Victoria Street

London, S. W. (1)

Letter No. 11.

1546

My Dear Father:-

This is in reply to your letter regarding 2711 Pte. James Croucher. A great many people have already enquired for this poor fellow, including the Minister of Militia, Lord Morris and the Governor, exhaustive enquiries were made, but the net result was practically nil.

Private Croucher was reported killed in action on 20-11-17 but there was such heavy fighting at the time that no one seems to remember the incident of Croucher's death. The matter referred to the O. C. 1st. Bn. B.E.F. who made the report, but he was unable to say how Private Croucher died. The only man with the Bn. who could give any information was L/Cpl. J. Lyons who stated he was in the same section as Croucher on the day in question. While going forward to the attack he saw him, (Croucher) hit in the arm. The latter was carrying a Lewis Gun at the time L/Cpl. Lyons picked the gun up and carried on, but did not see Croucher any more. That is as much information as we were able to get. Of course that part of the line is now in enemy hands, and no report has since reached the office to say that Croucher's body was recovered.

I am sorry I cannot say nothing more and regret there is so little for Pte. Croucher's Father of a comforting nature.

Yours,

Hugh.

C O P Y.

58 Victoria Street

London, S. W. (1)

Letter No. 11.

1546

My Dear Father:-

This is in reply to your letter regarding 2711 Pte. James Croucher. A great many people have already enquired for this poor fellow, including the Minister of Militia, Lord Morris and the Governor, exhaustive enquiries were made, but the net result was practically nil.

Private Croucher was reported killed in action on 20-11-17 but there was much heavy fighting at the time that no one seems to remember the incident of Croucher's death. The matter referred to the O. C. 1st. Bn. B.E.F. who made the report, but he was unable to say how Private Croucher died. The only man with the Bn. who could give any information was L/Cpl. J. Lyons who stated he was in the same section as Croucher on the day in question. While going forward to the attack he saw him, (Croucher) hit in the arm. The latter was carrying a Lewis Gun at the time L/Cpl. Lyons picked the gun up and carried on, but did not see Croucher any more. That is as much information as we were able to get. Of course that part of the line is now in enemy hands and no report has since reached the office to say that Croucher's body was recovered.

I am sorry I cannot say nothing more and regret there is so little for Pte. Croucher's Father of a comfortable nature.

Yours,

Hugh.

Point Verde, Placentia

C O P Y

18th., November 1918

Minister of Militia,

Dear Sir:-

Would you kindly give me some information that would help me to clear up some uncertainties re the passing of our dear boy 2711 Pte. James E. Croucher who was reported last December as Missing since November 20th., and in January reported killed in action November 20th., His Excellency had exhaustive enquiries made last March through the Pay and Record Office London and the Regt. in France result nothing definite could be obtained as to his death as per enclosed letter, if there was nothing definite as to his death in March why was he reported killed in action ~~in~~ November 20th. in January. We never had anything regards his effects or indentification disk, he belonged to Co. B. was a Lewis machine gunner. A report from a chum in France who was not in action says two soldiers D. Eastman and Pte. Ricketts told me that they both saw my son fall dead shot through the forehead while carrying a Lewis gun on which I think he was No. 1 that day. I cannot reconcile these different statements they cannot both be right. The form it has taken has made it very hard to bear as His Excellency intimated that even at that late date there was just a possibility of his being a prisoner in Germany. I never did put much faith as to the possibility of his being taken, but as I believe he was killed in the hard fighting that afternoon in the village of Masnieres

the objective that day, but as the nature of the advance gave a chance of the dead being buried that night, as I heard they were, why was not my boys body recovered. I do not know the number of the gun or platoon sections or both, and I would like, if possible to have the names and numbers of the survivors of these units. Some may be in this country now? Anything that you can do with help will be gratefully remembered by us as the blow has taken all interest in living away from us, as he was very young and he should not have been at that suicidal work at his age. now he would have ^{had} a chance to at least grow up. Hoping for the favor of a reply

Faithfully Yours

Sgd. Thos. Croucher

Placentia.

P. S. I may say that I Regretted not asking you to try for the information from B.Co. when you were in touch with them in France last spring.

C.

T.C.

Point Verde, Flacencia

C O P Y

18th., November 1918

Minister of Militia,

Dear Sir:-

Would you kindly give me some information that would help me to clear up some uncertainties re the passing of our dear boy 2711 Pte. James E. Groucher who was reported last December as Missing since November 20th., and in January reported killed in action November 20th., His Excellency had exhaustive enquiries made last March through the Pay and Record Office London and the Regt. in France result nothing definite could be obtained as to his death as per enclosed letter, if there was nothing definite as to his death in March why was he reported killed in action ~~in~~ November 20th. in January. We never had anything regards his effects or identification disk, he belonged to Co. B. was a Lewis machine gunner. A report from a chum in France who was not in action says two soldiers D. Eastman and Pte. Ricketts told me that they both saw my son fall dead shot through the forehead while carrying a Lewis gun on which I think he was No. 1 that day. I cannot reconcile these different statements they cannot both be right. The form it has taken has made it very hard to bear as His Excellency intimated that even at that late date there was just a possibility of his being a prisoner in Germany. I never did put much faith as to the possibility of his being taken, but as I ~~believe~~ believe he was killed in the hard fighting that afternoon in the village of Masnieres

the objective that day, but as the nature of the advance gave a chance of the dead being buried that night, as I heard they were, why was not my boys body recovered. I do not know the number of the gun or platoon sections or both, and I would like, if possible to have the names and numbers of the survivors of these units. Some may be in this country now? Anything that you can do with help will be gratefully remembered by us as the blow has taken all interest in living away from us, as he was very young and he should not have been at that suicidal work at his age. now he would have ^{had} a chance to at least grow up. Hoping for the favor of a reply

Faithfully Yours

Sgd. Thos. Croucher
Placentia.

P. S. I may say that I Regretted not asking you to try for the information from B.Co. when you were in touch with them in France last spring.

G.

T.C.

Point Verde, Flacencia

G O P Y

18th., November 1918

Minister of Militia,

Dear Sir:-

Would you kindly give me some information that would help me to clear up some uncertainties re the passing of our dear boy 2711 Pte. James E. Croucher who was reported last December as Missing since November 20th., and in January reported killed in action November 20th., His Excellency had exhaustive enquiries made last March through the Pay and Record Office London and the Regt. in France result nothing definite could be obtained as to his death as per enclosed letter, if there was nothing definite as to his death in March why was he reported killed in action in November 20th. in January. We never had anything regards his effects or identification disk, he belonged to Co. B. was a Lewis machine gunner. A report from a chum in France who was not in action says two soldiers D. Eastman and Pte. Ricketts told me that they both saw my son fall dead shot through the forehead while carrying a Lewis gun on which I think he was No. 1 that day. I cannot reconcile these different statements they cannot both be right. The form it has taken has made it very hard to bear as His Excellency intimated that even at that late date there was just a possibility of his being a prisoner in Germany. I never did put much faith as to the possibility of his being taken, but as I believe he was killed in the hard fighting that afternoon in the village of Masnières

the objective that day, but as the nature of the advance gave a chance of the dead being buried that night, as I heard they were, why was not my boys body recovered. I do not know the number of the gun or platoon sections or both, and I would like, if possible to have the names and numbers of the survivors of these units. Some may be in this country now? Anything that you can do with help will be gratefully remembered by us as the blow has taken all interest in living away from us, as he was very young and he should not have ^{had} been at that suicidal work at his age. now he would have a chance to at least grow up. Hoping for the favor of a reply

Faithfully Yours

Sgd. Thos. Croucher

Placentia.

P. S. I may say that I Regretted not asking you to try for the information from B.Co. when you were in touch with them in France last spring.

C.

T.C.

No action to be
taken ~~to~~ re attached.

WFR.

Per H.G.

20/1/19.

Point Verde - Placentia
18th Nov - 18

Minister of Malitia
Dear Sir

Would you kindly
give me some information that would
help me to clear up some uncertainty re
the passing of our dear boy 2711 J. James
E. Larouche, who was reported last Dec. as
missing since November 20th & in Jan. re-
ported killed in action November 20th His
Excellency ^{had} exhaustive enquiries made
last March through Jay & Record Office
London & the Dept. in France. Result nothing
definite could be obtained as to his death
as per enclosed letters. If there was nothing
definite as to his death in March why was he
reported killed in action Nov 20th in Jan.?
We never had anything as regards his effect
or his identification disk ~~the~~ belonged to
Co. B. was a Lewis machine gunner. & re-
port from a chum in France who was not
in the action says two soldiers D. Eastman
& J. H. Prickett told him that they both
saw my son fall dead shot through the
forehead while carrying a Lewis gun
on which I think he was E.O. that day

2nd

I cannot reconcile these different statements
they both cannot be right. The form it was
taken has made it very hard to bear. as
His Excellency intimated that even at that
late date there was just a possibility of
his being a prisoner in Germany. I never
did put much faith as to the possibility of
his being taken. but as I believe he was killed
in the last fighting that afternoon in the village
of Marrieres. the objective that day. but as
the nature of the advance gave a chance of the
dead being buried that night - as I heard they were
why was not any Corp body recovered. I do
not know the numbers of this gun or platoon
sections or both. & would like if possible to have
the names & numbers of the survivors of these
units. Some may be in this Country now.
Anything you can do to help will be gratefully
remembered by us as the loss has taken all
the interest in him away from us. he was
very young & he should not have been at this
suicidal work at his age. now he would have
had a chance to at least grow up. Hoping for
the favor of a reply.

Faithfully yours
over
Thos Croucher
Pleasanton

"Yes" I may say that I regretted not asking you
to try for information from B. Co. when
you were in touch with them in France
last spring. F.C.

2
on 20/11/17, but there
was such heavy fighting
at the time that no
one seems to remember
the incident
of Croncher's death. The
matter was referred to
the O.C. 1st Bn. B.S.F. who
made the report, but he
was unable to say how
Mr. Croncher died. The
only man with the Bn.
who could give any in-
formation was Lt. J.
Hepburn who stated he
was in the same section
as Croncher on the day
in question, while going
forward to the attack.

Letter No. 11.

58 Victoria Street
1564, London S.W. 1.
7/4/18.

Charles Croncher.
My dear Father.

This is in reply to
your letter regarding
27th Bn. James Croncher.
A great many people have
already enquired for this
poor fellow, including the
Minister of Militia, Lord
Morris and the Governor.
Exhaustive enquiries were
made, but the net result
was practically nil.
Private Croncher was
reported killed in action.

3

He saw him (Croucher)
hit in the arm. The latter
was carrying a Lewis gun
at the time. Lt. Lyons
picked the gun up and
carried on, but did not
see Croucher any more.

That is as much in-
formation as we were
able to get. Of course
that part of the line
is now in enemy hands,
and no report has
since reached the office
to say that Pte. Croucher's
body was recovered.
I am sorry I
cannot say nothing more.

4

And regret there is
so little for Pte. Croucher's
Father of a comforting
nature.

Yours

Hugh

C.R. 2711

March 30, 1918.

Private Secretary,
Government House.

The following cable has been received from the
Record Office, London, "Inform Governor with reference
to his letter 21st January, #2711 Croucher, following
received from Officer Commanding 1st Battalion
(begins) No definite information as to his death can
be obtained. (ends).



Major,
Chief Staff Officer.

WFR/JMP.

C.R. 2711

Copy of telegram received from London, dated March
27th, 1918.

In answer to your telegram March 20th, 2711 Croucher
following from Officer Commanding 1st, Battalion
(begins) no definite information as to his death can be
obtained. Inform Governor with reference to his letter
January 21st.

C.R. 2711

Copy of telegram despatched to Synoptical, London, dated
March 20, 1918.

Can you ascertain particulars of death of 2711 Croucher.

C.R.

2711

COPY. From: Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Reds, To: Officer Commanding
1st Bn. R. Nfld. Regt.
B.E.F.

2857/18/C.

Pay & Record Office,
22nd February, 1918.

2711. Pte. James E. Croucher, deceased.

I enclose a copy of a letter from His Excellency the
Governor of Newfoundland (1760)
Can you please say?
Capt. Nunns has been asked.

Sgd. H.A. TIMEWELL. Major,
Chief Paymaster & Officer 1/c Records.

REPLY:

From O.C. 1/Bn. R. Nfld. R. To: Chief Paymaster & O.i/c R.
B.E.F., March 21st, 1918.

Ref. attached: All enquiries possible have been made
no definite information as to his death can be obtained. The
only man present with Battn who can give any information is 1226
L/C J. Lyons, who states that: " He was in the same section with
Pte. Croucher on the day in question. While going forward to the
attack, he saw Croucher hit in the arm. Croucher was carrying
a Lewis gun at the time. L/C. Lyons picked the gun up and car-
ried on but did not see Croucher anymore? It is very difficult
to get definite news, as so many of those who were present in the
attack have been killed or wounded or are away from the Battn
from other causes.

(Sgd. R.H. TAIT, Capt. & Adjt.
For Lt. Col.,
O.C. 1/Bn. Royal Nfld Regt.

Copy. From Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Reds. To Officer Commanding 1st.Bn
R. Nfld., Regt.
B.E.F.

2857/18/C.

Pay & Record Office
22nd. February, 1918.

2711 Pte. Jas. E. Croucher deceased

I enclose a copy of a letter from His Excellency
the Governor of Newfoundland. (1760)
Can you please say?
Capt. Nunns has been asked.

Sgd. H.A. TIMEWELL , Major
Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

REPLY From O.C. 1/bn. R.Nfld.R. To: Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records
B.E.F. March 21st, 1918.

Ref. attached: All enquiries possible have been made no definite information as to his death can be obtained. The only man present with the Battn. who can give any information is 1226 L/C. Lyons who states that: He was in the same section with Pte. Croucher on the day in question, while going forward to the attack, he saw Croucher hit in the arm. Croucher was carrying a Lewis gun at the time. L/C. Lyons picked up the gun and carried on but did not see Croucher any more. It is very difficult to get definite news as so many of those who were present in the attack have been killed or wounded or are away from the Battn. from other causes.

SGD. R.H. TAIT
Capt. & Adjt.,
for Lt-Col

C.

O.C. 1st Bn. R.Nfld., R.

Copy. From Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Rcds. To Officer Commanding 1st. Bn
R. Nfld., Regt.
B.E.F.

2857/18/O.

Pay & Record Office
22nd. February, 1918.

2711 Pte. Jas. E. Croucher deceased

I enclose a copy of a letter from His Excellency
the Governor of Newfoundland, (1760)
Can you please?
Capt. Munns has been asked.

Sgd. H.A. TIMEWELL, Major
Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

REPLY From O.C. 1/bn. R.Nfld.R. To: Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records
B.E.F. March 21st, 1918.

Ref. attached: All enquiries possible have been made no definite information as to his death can be obtained. The only man present with the Battn. who can give any information is 1226 L/C. Lyons who states that: He was in the same section with Pte. Croucher on the day in question, while going forward to the attack, he saw Croucher hit in the arm. Croucher was carrying a Lewis gun at the time. L/C. Lyons picked up the gun and carried on but did not see Croucher any more. It is very difficult to get definite news as so many of those who were present in the attack have been killed or wounded or are away from the Battn. from other causes.

SGD. R.H. TAIT
Capt. & Adjt.,
for Lt-Col

G.

O.C. 1st Bn R.Nfld., R.

Copy. From Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Recds. To Officer Commanding 1st. Bn
R. Nfld. Regt.
B.E.F.

2857/18/O.

Pay & Record Office
22nd. February, 1918.

2711 Pte. Jas. E. Croucher deceased

I enclose a copy of a letter from His Excellency
the Governor of Newfoundland. (1760)
Can you please?
Capt. Munns has been asked.

Sgd. H.A. TIMEWELL, Major
Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

REPLY From O.C. 1/bn. R.Nfld.R. To: Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records
B.E.F. March 21st, 1918.

Ref. attached: All enquiries possible have been made no definite information as to his death can be obtained. The only man present with the Batta. who can give any information is 1226 L/C. Lyons who states that: He was in the same section with Pte. Croucher on the day in question, while going forward to the attack, he saw Croucher hit in the arm. Croucher was carrying a Lewis gun at the time. L/C. Lyons picked up the gun and carried on but did not see Croucher any more. It is very difficult to get definite news as so many of those who were present in the attack have been killed or wounded or are away from the Batta. from other causes.

SGD. R.H. TAIT
Capt. & Adjt.,
for Lt-Col

C.

O.C. 1st Bn. R.Nfld., B.

C.R. 2711

Extract of Casualties/received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated January 24, 1918.

#2711 Pte. Croucher.

Killed in Action.

C.R. 2711

Extract from Casualties received from Pay & Record
office, London, Jan. 7th, 1918.

2711 Pte. H. Croucher.

K in A. 20-11-17 Msg. Auth. O.C. Unit d. 29-12-17.

C.R. 2711

Extract of Casualty received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated January 7, 1918.

#2711 Pte. H. Croucher. ✓

Killed in Action 20/11/17. Previously reported Missing.

Authy:- O.C. Unit d 29/12/17.

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



Cable Connection with all the World

All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

The Management may decline to forward the Message, though it has been received for transmission; but in case of so doing shall refund to the Sender the amount paid for its transmission.

In case the Message shall never reach its destination by reason of any neglect or default of the N. P. T. or its Servants whilst the Message remains under the control of the N. P. T., they will refund the amount paid by the Sender for such Message.

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

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

| Line Number | Rcd | By | Sent | by | Check |
|-------------|-----|----|------|----|-------|
| | | | | | |

Dated Jan 7th, 1918

To Church of Eng. Parson or School Teacher
Point Verde, P.B.

Record Office, London reports Jan 6th, No 2711 private James E. Croucher killed in action November 20th. Please inform relatives.

W.F. Rendell

Major, C.S.O.

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



Cable Connection with all the World

All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

The Management may decline to forward the Message, though it has been received for transmission; but in case of so doing shall refund to the Sender the amount paid for its transmission.

In case the Message shall never reach its destination by reason of any neglect or default of the N. P. T. or its Servants whilst the Message remains under the control of the N. P. T., they will refund the amount paid by the Sender for such Message.

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

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

| Line Number | Rcd | By | Sent | by | Check |
|-------------|-----|----|------|----|-------|
| | | | | | |

Dated Jan 7th, 1918.

To Thomas Croucher
Point Verde, P.B.

Pay & Record Office, London reports Jan. 6th No. 2711
private James E. Croucher killed in action Nov. 20th

W.F. Rendell,
Major, C.S.O.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR

This message is not to be sent until receiving office notifies that message to Parson or school teacher, Point Verde has been delivered and acted upon.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 2711

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated January 5th, 1918.

#2711 Pte. J. Croucher.

Killed in Action 20/11/18. Authy:- reported by O.C.
Unit 29/12/17 Forwarded on A.F.B. 2090A. Received P & R
O. 5/1/18.

C.R. 2711

Extract of Casualty list received Decembe 18, 1917.

2711 Pte. James E. Croucher.

Missing November 20th.

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



Cable Connection with all the World **CR 2711**

All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

The Management may decline to forward the Message, though it has been received for transmission; but in case of so doing shall refund to the Sender the amount paid for its transmission.

In case the Message shall never reach its destination by reason of any neglect or default of the N. P. T. or its Servants whilst the Message remains under the control of the N. P. T., they will refund the amount paid by the Sender for such Message.

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

The control of the N. P. T. over the Message shall be deemed to have entirely ceased for the purposes of these Conditions at any point where, in the course of the transit of the Message to its destination, it may be entrusted by the N. P. T. (and the N. P. T. shall have full power so to entrust the Message) for further transmission by or through any system, service, or line of Telegraph belonging to or worked by any administration or authority not controlled by the N. P. T. exclusively, although worked as part of or in 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 December 18, 1917.

To Mr. Thos. Croucher,
Point Verde, P.B.

Regret to inform you that Record Office
London, officially reports No. 2711, Private
James E. Croucher, missing November 20th.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

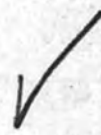
~~J. R. BENNETT~~, R.A. SQUIRES
Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 2711

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated December 18, 1917.

The following Casualty ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ in the 1/1st Wfld.
Regt. with the British Expeditionary Force, is reported
under various dates.

#2711 Pte. J.E. Croucher,
Missing.



C.R. 2711

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated December 17, 1917.

#2711 Pte. J. E. Croucher. ✓

Missing France 20/11/17;

C.R. 2711

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated December 16, 1917.

#2711 Pte. J. Croucher. ✓

Missing 20/11/17.

C.R. 2711

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,
28/8/18.

2711 Pte. J. E. Croucher.

C.R. 2711

Jas. E. Croucher was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on .. **May. 2nd. 1916..**
Regimental No. **2711** was allotted to Pte **J.E. Croucher**

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

J. E. Granger.

C.R.

2711

Per. O.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Croucher OF Christian Name James E.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish _____ County _____

| | SPECIAL RESERVE. | | REGULAR ARMY | |
|---|---|---------------|---------------------------|------|
| | Right | Left | Right | Left |
| Examined | on ^{1st} day of <u>May</u> 19 <u>16</u> | | on _____ day of _____ 191 | |
| | at <u>St Johns</u> | | at _____ | |
| Declared Age | <u>18</u> years <u>2</u> months | | years _____ days _____ | |
| Trade or Occupation | <u>Asst Engineer</u> | | | |
| Height | <u>5</u> feet <u>9 1/2</u> inches | | feet _____ inches _____ | |
| Weight | <u>142 1/2</u> lbs. | | lbs. _____ | |
| Chest Measurement | Girth when fully expanded... <u>38</u> inches | | inches _____ | |
| | Range of expansion... <u>4</u> inches | | inches _____ | |
| Physical Development | | | | |
| Vaccination Marks | Arm | | | |
| | Number | | | |
| When Vaccinated | | | | |
| Vision | R.E.—V= <u>6/6</u> | | R.E.—V= | |
| | L.E.—V= <u>6/6</u> | | L.E.—V= | |
| (a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease | (a) | | (a) | |
| (b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection | (b) | | (b) | |
| Approved by (Signature) | <u>Lamm Paterson</u> | | | |
| (Rank) | <u>Major</u> | | Medical Officer. | |
| Enlisted | at <u>St Johns</u> | | at _____ | |
| | on <u>1st</u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>6</u> | | on _____ day of _____ 191 | |
| Joined on Enlistment | Corps. | <u>1st Lt</u> | Corps. | |
| | Regtl. No. | <u>2711</u> | Regtl. No. | |
| Transferred to | | | | |
| Became non-effective by | on _____ day of _____ 191 | | on _____ day of _____ 191 | |
| (Signature) | | | | |
| (Rank) | | | | |



3 1ST. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT 9

ALLOTMENTS

I, James E. Crowder, Regl. No 2711

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of 27 Dollars and Sixty Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person ^{and}/_{or} Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person ^{and}/_{or} Persons concerned, viz.:

Allotment begins Aug 1st 16

| Identity Certificate No. | Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend | NAME (in full) | ADDRESS | AMOUNT (each person) |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| <u>2700</u> | <u>Father</u> | <u>Thos. Crowder</u> | <u>Point Verde</u> <u>Placentia</u> | <u>60</u> |
| | | <u>Commencing</u> <u>1/9/16</u> | | |
| Total Allotment, \$ | | | | |

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, countersigned by the Officer Commanding Company and handed to the Paymaster as authority to make the required payments on application.

(Sig.) Chas. H. Aye Capt.
Officer Commanding
July 26th C. Company
St John's 1916

(Sig.) J. E. Crowder
(Rank) Pte

WILL. 722

Name *J. E. Croucher*

Regtl. No. *2711* Rank *Private*

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Regiment

Date of:— *3/4/17*

Receipt

19/3/18

Transfer

Final disposal and
to whom sent ...

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.



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

REGIMENT } Newfoundland Regt. Squadron, Troop, } B. Co.
 OR COYS }

Regimental No. 2711 Rank Private.

Surname Croucher. Christian Names J.

Died { Date 20/11/17. Place France.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d/20/12/17.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

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

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

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

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

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

Station and Date } G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } and Lt. for Major,
1/1/18. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.

SENT TO.

O.C. H.Q.

ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D.

DATED 14 FEB 1918

July 23-1918

DURRANTS HOTEL,

MANCHESTER SQUARE, W.1

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
ADJECTION, LONDON
TELEPHONE 8499
(9 LINES) 8488
MAYFAIR

Dear Major Innes

The enclosed letter from
the Governor of Newfoundland
speaks for itself. I would
be grateful if you would
cause an enquiry to be
made into the case referred
to and let me have a report
on Croucher soon so that
I may send it as early
a day as possible to the gov
ernor.

Yours faithfully

A. Innes

| |
|---------------------|
| 181 N. F. J. DUNDIA |
| PAY & RECORD OFFICE |
| Ref. No. 1954 |
| Rec'd. 25 FEB 1918 |
| Ack'd. |
| Ans'd. 3/29/18 |
| File No. |

| |
|-----------------------|
| BRANCH |
| <i>Pets.</i> |
| ACTED UPON |
| BY <i>[Signature]</i> |
| DATE |

3929/6/C.

27th February, 8.

The Rt. Hon.
Lord Morris,
Durrant's Hotel,
Manchester Square,
W. 1.

Dear Lord Morris,

27th Feb J. S. Croucher

With reference to your letter 25/2/18 enclosing that of the Governor of Newfoundland 21/1/18, I had already received one from His Excellency on the same subject, and wrote on the 22/2/18 to both the O.C. 1st Battalion, and to Capt. Nunns, on receipt of their replies, copies will be sent to the Governor, and will also be supplied to you.

Meanwhile all available information had already been forwarded as customary to the Minister of Militia.

Yours sincerely,

HT/DM.

Major,
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

4870/9/R. & C.

29th March,

8

Rt. Hon. Lord Morris,
Durrant's Hotel,
Manchester Square, W.

Dear Lord Morris:

2711 Pte. J. Croucher. Deceased.

With further reference to your letter of 23/2/18 (1954) regarding the above-named man: I have now received a reply to my No. 2857/81 to the O.C., 1st Battalion, a copy of which I enclose for your information.

I also questioned Captains Nunns and Butler who, it was thought, might know something about Pte. Croucher's death, but neither of these Officers was able to give any information.

Yours faithfully,

HA/JC

Sir Alexander Harris' letter to you is returned herewith.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
ST. JOHN'S
NEWFOUNDLAND

| |
|-------------|
| BRANCH |
| <i>Rds.</i> |
| ACTED UPON |
| BY |
| DATE |

wife's name?.

Yours faithfully,

Alexander Harris

Major H. A. Timewell,

Chief Paymaster,

N.F.L.D. Pay & Record Office,

58 Victoria Street,

London, W.

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT | |
| PAY & RECORD OFFICE | |
| Ref. No. | ✓ 1760 |
| Rec'd. | 20-FEB-1918 |
| Act'd. | |
| App'd. | |
| File No. | |

4893/1

2

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
ST JOHN'S,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

21st January, 1918.

Dear Major Timewell,

I have had rather a pathetic letter from Mr. Croucher, father of Private James E. Croucher, who was killed in action on the 20th of November. Do you think you can do anything with regard to finding out more about what happened? I quote the following extract from his letter to me,-

"I do not know the number of his platoon, or section. Later I suppose we will have some details of his company's part that day, but the time drags. Can no information be got by wire from Capt. Nunns? Lord Morris I know would do his best if he knew that his old friend Mary Bailey is in such trouble. This was my

7

Spec copy

COPY. From: Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Rcds, To: Officer Commanding,
Newfoundland Contingent, 1st Bn. R. Nfld Regt.,
London, S.W. 1. B. E. F.

2857/81/C.

Pay & Record Office,
22nd February, 1918.

2711, Pte. James E. Croucher, deceased.

I enclose a copy of a letter from His Excellency the
Governor of Newfoundland (1760).

Can you please say?
Capt. Nunns has also been asked.

(Sgd) H. A. TIMEWELL, Major,
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

REPLY:

From: O.C. 1/Bn. R. Nfld R. To: Chief Paymaster & O.i/c R.

B.E.F., March 21st, 1918.

Ref. attached: all enquiries possible have been made, ^{but} ~~not~~
no definite information as to his death can be obtained. The only
man present with the Battn who can give any information is 1226
L/C. J. Lyons, who states that "he was in the same section as Pte.
Croucher on the day in question. While going forward to the
attack, he saw Croucher hit in the arm. Croucher was carrying
a Lewis Gun at the time. L/C. Lyons picked the gun up and carried
on, but did not see Croucher any more." It is very difficult to
get definite news, as so many of those who were present in the
attack have been killed or wounded or are away from the Battalion
from other causes.

(Sgd) R. H. TAIT, Capt. and Adjt.,
for Lt. Col.
O.C., 1/Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Enclosure

Forms
O. 348
388

2857/81/C.

MEMORANDUM.

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

O.C. 1st R. Nfld Regt

To O.C.

1st Battn.,
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,
HA/DM. B.E.F.

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

Pay & Record Office,

22nd February, 1918.

2711. Pte. James E. Croucher,
(deceased)
Royal Newfoundland Regiment..

I enclose a copy of a
letter from His Excellency,
the Governor of Newfoundland
(1760).

Can you please say?

A. A. D. [Signature]

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records

*Capt. Nunns has also
been asked.*

March 21st 1918

Ref. attached - all enquiries possible have been made, but no definite information as to his death can be obtained. The only man present with the Battn who can give any information is 2226 Sfc. J. LYONS, who states "that he was in the same section as Pte. Croucher on the day in question. While going forward to the attack, he saw Croucher hit in the arm. Croucher was carrying a Lewis Gun at the time. Sfc. Lyons picked the gun up and carried on, but did not see Croucher any more."

Enclosure

Forms
C. 348
1680

2858/2/c:

MEMORANDUM.

| | |
|---|---|
| <p>The Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records, From Newfoundland Contingent, 58, Victoria Street, S.W.1.</p> | <p>Capt. J.C. Nunnes, From Annsmuir Camp; Ladybank, Scotland.</p> |
|---|---|

To Captain. J. Nunnes,
49, Rawnook Road,
Salendine Nook,
Huddersfield.

To Major. Timewell,
Officer i/c P & R Office,
Royal Nfld Regt.

HA/DM:

ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office,

27. 2. 18.

22nd February, 1918.

191

2711. Pte. James E. Croucher,
(deceased)
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Sir,
Ref. 2258/2/c.
2711. Pte. Croucher, J.E. (Deceased)

I enclose a copy of a
letter from His Excellency
the Governor of Newfoundland
(1760).

Can you say, please?

I am very sorry to say I
cannot furnish any information
about the above soldier, I had
a Pte. Croucher in my company,
but dont remember if it is the
soldier in question.

I did not take part in the
CAMBRAI affair, Capt. B. Butler,
took my company into action,
perhaps he may remember the man,
if I had been with the 1st Batt
I sincerely regret the impossi-
bility to trace the man at
present. Yours truly,



Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

(Sgd) J.C. Nunnes.



2858/2/C.

MEMORANDUM.

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

Capt. J.C. Nunns,
From Annsmuir Camp,
Ladybank,
Scotland.

To Captain. J. Nunns,
49, Rawnook Road,
Salendine Nook,
Huddersfield.

To Major, Timewell,
Officer i/c P & R Office.

HA/DM.

Royal Nfld Regt.
ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office,

27. 2. 18.

22nd February, 1918.

191

2711. Pte. James E. Croucher,
(deceased)
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Sir,
Ref. 2258/2/C.
2711. Pte. Croucher, J.E. (Deceased)

I enclose a copy of a letter from His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland (1760).

Can you say, please?

I am very sorry to say I cannot furnish any information about the above soldier, I had a Pte. Croucher in my company, but dont remember if it is the soldier in question.

I did not take part in the CAMBRAI affair, Capt. B. Butler, took my company into action, perhaps he may remember the man, if I had been with the 1st Batt. I would with pleasure have made an effort to get information. I sincerely regret the impossibility to trace the man at present. Yours truly,

(Sgd) J.C. Nunns.

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

Enclosure

Forms
C. 348
388

2857/81/C.

MEMORANDUM.

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

O.C. 1st R. Nfld Regt

To O.C.

1st Battn.,
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,
HA/DM. B.E.F.

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

Pay & Record Office,

22nd February, 1918.

2711. Pte. James E. Croucher,
(deceased)
Royal Newfoundland Regiment..

March 21st 1918

I enclose a copy of a
letter from His Excellency
the Governor of Newfoundland
(1760).

Can you please say?

Ref. attached - all enquiries
possible have been made, but
no definite information as to his
death can be obtained. The
only man present with the Battn
who can give any information
is 2226 Sfc. J. LYONS, who
states "that he was in the
same section as Pte. Croucher
on the day in question. While
going forward to the attack,
he saw Croucher hit in the
arm. Croucher was carrying
a Lewis Gun at the time. Sfc.
Lyons picked the gun up
and carried on, but did
not see Croucher any more."

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records

Capt. Nunns has also
been asked.

It is very difficult to get definite news, as so many of those who were present in the attack have been killed or wounded or are away from the Battalion from other causes.

R. H. Last

COMMS. ^{Royal} ^{or} ^{LIEUT. COL.} 1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT PAY & RECORDS OFFICE | |
| Ref. Nos. IN | V 2847 |
| Rec'd | 27 MAR 1918 |
| File'd | |
| File Nos. OUT | |
| L. | |
| Comd. | |
| P & R. | |
| R. & C. | |
| B & E | |
| P. S. | |

| | | |
|--|-------------|----|
| NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE. | | |
| Ref. NOS IN | 2060 | |
| Rec'd | 28 FEB 1918 | |
| Ack'd | Ans'd | |
| Ref. Nos. OUT | | |
| ACTED UPON | | |
| BRANCH | DATE | BY |
| Comd. | | |
| P & A. | | |
| R & C. | | |
| B & E | | |
| P.S. | | |

4893/1

Annemuir Camp,
Ladybank,
Scotland

27-2-18

W. J. Finemell
Office in P & R. Office,
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Sir,

Ref. 2258/2/c.
2711 Pte. Boucher, J.E., (deceased).

I am very sorry to say I cannot furnish any information about the above soldier. I had a ^{Pte} Boucher in my company, but don't remember if it is the soldier in question.

I did not take part in the CAMBRIDGE affair, Capt. B. Butler, took my company into action, perhaps he may remember the man, if I had been with the 1st Batt., I would with pleasure have made an effort to get information, I sincerely regret the impossibility to trace the man at present.

Yours Truly
J. Finemell
Capt

C O P Y.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
ST. JOHN'S,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

21st January, 1918.

Dear Major Timewell,

I have had rather a pathetic letter from Mr. Croucher, father of Private James E. Croucher, who was killed in action on the 20th of November. Do you think you can do anything with regard to finding out more about what happened? I quote the following extract from his letter to me:-

"I do not know the number of his platoon, or section.
"Later I suppose we will have some details of his
"company's part that day, but the time drags. Can
"no information be got by wire from Capt. Nunns?
"Lord Morris I know would do his best if he knew
"that his old friend Mary Bailey is in such trouble.
"That was my wife's name."

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) C. Alexander Harris.

Major H.A. Timewell,
Chief Paymaster,
N.F.L.D. Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
London, W.

C O P Y.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
ST. JOHN'S,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

21st January, 1918.

Dear Major Timewell,

I have had rather a pathetic letter from Mr. Croucher, father of Private James E. Croucher, who was killed in action on the 20th of November. Do you think you can do anything with regard to finding out more about what happened? I quote the following extract from his letter to me:-

"I do not know the number of his platoon, or section.
"Later I suppose we will have some details of his
"company's part that day, but the time drags. Can
"no information be got by wire from Capt. Nunns?
"Lord Morris I know would do his best if he knew
"that his old friend Mary Bailey is in such trouble.
"That was my wife's name."

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) C. Alexander Harris.

Major H.A. Timewell,
Chief Paymaster,
N.F.L.D. Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
London, W.

C O P Y.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
ST. JOHN'S,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

21st January, 1918.

Dear Major Timewell,

I have had rather a pathetic letter from Mr. Croucher, father of Private James E. Croucher, who was killed in action on the 20th of November. Do you think you can do anything with regard to finding out more about what happened? I quote the following extract from his letter to me:-

"I do not know the number of his platoon, or section.
"Later I suppose we will have some details of his
"company's part that day, but the time drags. Can
"no information be got by wire from Capt. Nunns?
"Lord Morris I know would do his best if he knew
"that his old friend Mary Bailey is in such trouble.
"That was my wife's name."

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) C. Alexander Harris.

Major H.A. Timewell,
Chief Paymaster,
N.F.L.D. Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
London, W.

3467/1/R & C.

Form
G. 348
1918

MEMORANDUM.

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

From

To Capt. B. Butler, D.S.O., M.C. To
Panmuir Hotel,
Carnoustie.
Scotland.



ANSWER.

HA/DM.

Pay & Record Office.

5th March, 1918.

2711. Pte. James E. Croucher.

Reference attached: Can you please give any information regarding the death of the above named man?

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records

Am very sorry I am unable to give you any information. He was a B. boy man and particulars perhaps might be obtained from the 1st. Bdrn.

7 Mar 1918

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| DEPARTMENT | <i>Rd. Butler</i> |
| Reference No. | <i>2845</i> |
| Date Rec'd. | <i>9 MAR 1918</i> |
| " Ack'd. | |
| " Ans'd. | <i>4893/1 29/3/18</i> |
| File | |

4893/1/R.&C.

29th March,

8

His Excellency,
Sir C. Alexander Harris,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

Dear Sir Alexander:

2711, Pte. James E. Croucher, deceased.

It has taken some time to get the information asked for in your letter of 21/1/18 (1760) regarding the late Pte. Croucher, and even now I am afraid it is not very satisfactory. I think I cannot do better than enclose a copy of my Memorandum No. 2857/81 exchanged with the Officer Commanding, 1st Battalion, and also copies of my Nos. 2858/2 and 3467/1 exchanged with Captains Nunne and Butler respectively, which will show you what has taken place.

The Hon. Minister of Militia also enquired by telegram about Croucher, and in my reply I asked him to communicate the information to you. Lord Morris also sent me a copy of your letter to him, and I have advised him similarly.

I regret the information is so scanty.

Yours sincerely,

HA/JC

4895/1/R.&C.

29th March,

8

His Excellency,
Sir C. Alexander Harris,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

Dear Sir Alexander:

2711, Pte. James E. Croucher, deceased.

It has taken some time to get the information asked for in your letter of 21/1/18 (1760) regarding the late Pte. Croucher, and even now I am afraid it is not very satisfactory. I think I cannot do better than enclose a copy of my Memorandum No. 2857/81 exchanged with the Officer Commanding, 1st Battalion, and also copies of my Nos. 2858/2 and 3467/1 exchanged with Captains Nunns and Butler respectively, which will show you what has taken place.

The Hon. Minister of Militia also enquired by telegram about Croucher, and in my reply I asked him to communicate the information to you. Lord Morris also sent me a copy of your letter to him, and I have advised him similarly.

I regret the information is so scanty.

Yours sincerely,

HA/JC

Answer
Personally
Father (M)

4/18

Placentia
7th March/14

Dear Mr Anderson

Thanks very much for yours of 6^{unit}
now at hand you have helped already by your
kindly sympathy & advice. Our boys full name
was J. James E. Croucher. No. 1711. went from
St Johns in C. Company. but was transferred to
B. Co in France. From a chum recently home
I find that he was a Lewis machine gunner.
Though he never wrote anything to us of taking a
course in that line. I expect because it was con-
sidered very dangerous work. The above mentioned
man told me that Jim was No. 1 on a Lewis gun
in the August engagement & also that he fought
with him through the ~~war~~ 3rd action 1/7 so that
shows that that was probably ^{what they were} done when he
was in the Cambria drive. Thanking you again
for your kind and comforting letter

Respectfully yours
Thos Croucher
Placentia

Answers
personally
to father
J.M. A.H.S.

Placenton
13th March 188

Dear Mr Anderson

I am very sorry to have made such a mistake & given you extra trouble. The correct No is 2711 Jste James E Croucher he left St Johns 27th Oct. 186 on the S. S. Sicillian. with Co Company. & later joined B. Company. If I had known that first letter might be sent to England I would no doubt have had it more in detail & in letter shape, for fear that I may have overlooked anything that would help I will say that a chum from this place who was wounded next day & in same Co. - B. saw him about 2 p.m. on the 20th Nov as they drove along. This chap wrote later from Wandsworth & did not know that my boy was missing at time of writing. I also expect that he was gunner or anyway on a Lewis gun team that day as I found out of late that he had specialised in that branch. With many many thanks for your Great Kindness

Respectfully yours
J.E. Croucher
Placenton

OFFICE COPY.

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *Royal Newfoundland Regiment*
 No. *2711* Rank *Privats* Name *Crowley J.*
 Died (a) *Will No 722* at *France* on the *20th* of *November* 191*7*.
 Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191*7*.

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

 { Commanding Squadron, Troop,
 Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

| Date | Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|------|--|-----------|-----------|----------|--|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | Balance Dr. last month | | | | Balance Cr. last month <i>20th/17</i> | <i>17</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>3</i> |
| | Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) | | | | Pay days at _____ from _____ to _____ | | | |
| | £ s. d. | | | | Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at _____ from _____ to _____ | | | |
| | 191 | | | | Messing allowance days at _____ | | | |
| | | | | | from _____ to | | | |
| | | | | | Kit allowance | | | |
| | | | | | Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2 | | | |
| | | | | | Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated) | | | |
| | | | | | Deferred Pay or Gratuity | | | |
| | Consolidated stoppage | | | | | | | |
| | Balance due by the Paymaster | <i>17</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>3</i> | Balance due to the Paymaster | | | |
| | | <i>£</i> | <i>17</i> | <i>7</i> | | <i>£</i> | <i>17</i> | <i>7</i> |
| | | | <i>3</i> | | | | <i>3</i> | |

COPY SENT TO " "
 O.C. H.Q. " "
 ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D. " "
B279
16841/171
 N.F.P. 38. NO. *2318*
 DATED *23/18*

CHECKED.
216
12/10/18

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

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 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.

Croucher J. L.

27/11

Pay Dept
N

**DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY**

Army Form O. 1815

PAY LIST.

to **191** Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps **Royal Newfoundland Regt.**
 No. **9711** Rank **Pts** Name **J. Croucher**
 Died^(a) **Will No. 722 At France** on the **30** of **November** **1917**
 Deserted at on the of 191

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

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

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

| Date | Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|------|--|------------|----------|----------|---|------------|----------|----------|
| | Balance Dr, last month | | | | Balance Cr, last month 20/11/17 | 17 | 7 | 8 |
| | Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) | | | | Pay days at from to | | | |
| | £ s. d. | | | | Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to | | | |
| | 191 | | | | Messing allowance days at from to | | | |
| | " | | | | Kit allowance | | | |
| | " | | | | Amount produced by the sale of Effects from | | | |
| | " | | | | | | | |
| | Consolidated stoppage | | | | | | | |
| | Balance due by the Paymaster | 17 | 7 | 8 | Balance, due to the Paymaster | | | |
| | | £17 | 7 | 8 | | £17 | 7 | 8 |

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to **22/10/18** and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED,
W.C.
22/10/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 17 7 8 is correctly chargeable against the Public.

Dated at this day of **22 OCT 1918** 191

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
58, VICTORIA ST.
LONDON, S.W. 1

[Signature]
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS
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 per Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.
 (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

**DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY**

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

No. 2711

Rank Pte

Name J. Croucher

Died^(a) Will No. 722 at France

on the 20 of November 1917 .

Deserted at

on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

(Commanding Squadron, Troop,
Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

| Date | Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|------|--|-----|----|----|---|-----|----|----|
| | Balance Dr. last month | | | | Balance Cr. last month 30/11/17 | 17 | 7 | 3 |
| | Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) | | | | Pay days at from to | | | |
| | £ s. d. | | | | Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to | | | |
| | 191 | | | | Messing allowance days at from to | | | |
| | " | | | | Kit allowance | | | |
| | " | | | | Amount produced by the sale of Effects from | | | |
| | " | | | | | | | |
| | Consolidated stoppage | | | | | | | |
| | Balance due by the Paymaster | 17 | 7 | 3 | Balance due to the Paymaster | | | |
| | | £17 | 7 | 3 | | £17 | 7 | 3 |

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 22/10/18 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED.
[Signature]
22/10/18

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

Dated at

this

day of

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
56, VICTORIA ST.
LONDON, S.W. 1
22 OCT 1918

191 .

[Signature]
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS.
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.

ORIGINAL

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps Royal Newfoundland Regt.

No. 2711

Rank Pte

Name J. Croucher

Died (a) Will No. 722 at France

on the 20 of November 1917.

Deserted at

on the of 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

| Date | Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|------|--|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| | Balance Dr. last month | | | | Balance Cr. last month 20/11/17 | 17 | 7 | 3 |
| | Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) | | | | Pay days at from to | | | |
| | | £ | s. | d. | Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to | | | |
| | 191 | | | | Messing allowance days at from to | | | |
| | " | | | | Kit allowance | | | |
| | " | | | | Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2 | | | |
| | " | | | | | | | |
| | Consolidated stoppage | | | | | | | |
| | Balance due by the Paymaster | 17 | 7 | 3 | Balance due to the Paymaster | | | |
| | | £ | 17 | 7 | 3 | | | |

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 22/10/18 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED.

22/10/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular and that the debtor balance of £ ... to correctly chargeable against the Public.

Dated at

this

day of



191

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS. 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 Record Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.

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

ORIGINAL

Army Form O. 1623.

PAY LIST.

to

191

Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps Royal Newfoundland Regt.

No. B711

Rank Pte

Name

J. Groucher

Died (or) Will No. 722 at France

on the 20 of November

1917

Deserted at

on the of

191

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

| Date | Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. | | |
|------|--|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|---|---|
| | Balance Dr. last month | | | | Balance Cr. last month 20/11/17 | 17 | 7 | 3 | | |
| | Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) | | | | Pay days at from to | | | | | |
| | | £ | s. | d. | Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to | | | | | |
| | 191 | | | | Messing allowance days at from to | | | | | |
| | " | | | | Kit allowance | | | | | |
| | " | | | | Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2 | | | | | |
| | Consolidated stoppage | | | | | | | | | |
| | Balance due by the Paymaster | 17 | 7 | 3 | Balance due to the Paymaster | | | | | |
| | | £ | 17 | 7 | 3 | | £ | 17 | 7 | 3 |

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 22/10/18 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED.

22/10/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular and that the debtor balance of £

Dated at

this

day of

22 OCT 1918

191

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT CHIEF PAYMASTER'S OFFICER

- (a) Here state whether the soldier is intestate, or whether he left a WILL. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to the Paymaster.
- (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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

REGIMENT OR CORPS } Newfoundland Regt. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } _____

Regimental No. 2711 Rank Private.

Surname Croucher. Christian Names J.

Died { Date 20/11/17. Place France.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d/29/12/17.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

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

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

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

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

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

Station and Date } G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature] 2nd. Lt. for Major,
Date } 11/1/18. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } 1/c No. 1 Infantry Section.



NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.
DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY
COPY OF WILL
Posted..... OF.....

2711, Pte. J. E. Croucher,

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my mother, Mrs. Mary Croucher, Pt. Verde, Placentia, N.F.L.D.

Signature, J. E. Croucher, 2711,

Rank & Regt. Pte. N. F. L. D.

Date, 3/4/17

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,

J. H. Marshall
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C. RECORDS.

3408

Point Verde
Placentia
4th Dec 18

~~877~~
Minister of Militia

Dear Sir

I wrote you
over two weeks ago & enclosed
some statements re the passing of
my son 2711 Pte. James E. Broucher
reported killed in action Nov 20th
1917. on the next spring as per paper
sent you. advises that no definite
information as to his death could
be got. we never had any advice
from headquarters London as to
his death or burial. his effects
or money due him. perhaps
I am out of order in writing
you. but the matter is vital to us
& I would like papers returned.

Faithfully yours

Her Coucher - Placentia

2711 Mr. Jas. E. Brucher

Killed in action Nov. 20th
~~1914~~
1917

Placentia

23rd Dec. 1918

do 2711

W. Warren

Dear Sir

Thanks for yours of 19th inst
and we will hope for results re. enquiries
I beg to draw your attention to another mistake
about date of my son's death. You on the East
reports quotes October 20th 1917 instead of Nov 20th
1917. It makes no difference as far as communication
between us bears on case. But if that was date sent in
it might make a great difference in result of en-
quiries. Since writing you last I have re-
ceived a letter from my nephew now at
P. O. Office London. which bears on the case.
I enclose letter. to have explanation & would like
to have it sent back. You will notice what
he says re money due my son. & sent to P. O.
John's office in Oct. Please pass it in to the right
Dept. I have written Capt O'Grady with whom
I am acquainted asking him to interview 3 or 4
men who are with draft now due, & who should
be able to give me information of a positive kind

Faithfully yours

Thos Brucher

Placentia

28949

2711 Mr. Jas. E. Brucher

Killed in action Nov. 20th

~~1918~~
1917

Placentia

23rd Dec. /18

do 2711

W. W. Warren

Dear Sir

Thanks for yours of 19th inst
and we will hope for results re. enquiries.
I beg to draw your attention to another mistake
about date of my son's death. You on the last
reporter quotes October 20th 1917 instead of Nov 20th
1917. It makes no difference as far as communication
between us bears on case. But if that was date sent in
it might make a great difference in result of en-
quiries. Since writing you last I have re-
ceived a letter from my nephew now at P
& Tr. Office London. which bears on the case.
I enclose letter. to have explanation & would like
to have it sent back. You will notice what
he says re money due my son. & sent to P
John's office in Oct. Please pass it in to the right
Dept. I have written Capt O'Grady with whom
I am acquainted asking him to interview 3 or 4
men who are with draft now due, & who should
be able to give me information of a positive kind

Faithfully yours

Thos Brucher

Placentia

28949

December 31st., 1918

Mr. Thomas Croutcher,
Placentia.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of December 23rd. to Lieut. Warren, has been passed to me, in reply I beg to state that there is an amount of Eighty-nine dollars and forty-nine cents (\$89.49) lying to the credit of the estate of your late son #2711 Pte. James E. Croutcher, and that payment will be made as soon as papers of Administration are received from the Minister of Justice.

I would respectfully suggest that you communicate with him, asking him to have these papers completed as soon as possible.

I return, herewith, letter from "Pte. Ted Hanham."

Yours faithfully,

Enc'l 1.

Paymaster & Officer i/o Captain,
Records.

D

722

[Army Form W3801.]

WILL

Soldier's

Regl. No.

2711

Surname

Croucher

**Christian
Names**

J. E.

Corps

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

*The Croucher &
Sont Verd
A.P.S.*

722

WILL.

In the event of my
 death I give the whole
 of my property & effects
 to my mother Mrs. Mary
 Broucher

Pt. Verde

Placenta

N.F.L.D.

Signature

J. E. Broucher 2711

Rank and Regt.

Pt. N.F.L.D.

Date

3/4/17

COPY SENT TO

O.C. H.Q.

ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.

N.F.P.38, No.

23 ¹⁰/₁₈

DATED

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

COPY OF WILL

OF

2711, Pte. J. E. Croucher,

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my mother, Mrs. Mary Croucher, Pt. Verde, Placentia, N.F.L.D.

Signature, J. E. Croucher, 2711,

Rank & Regt. Pte. N. F. L. D.

Date, 3/4/17

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

The Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. *2711* Rank *16*
Name *James H. Croucher*
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Hrs Croucher

.....(Sgd.)

Father

.....Relationship.

Address *Hrs Croucher, Placentia*

CR. 2711

PROFIT.

FOR ISSUE OF RIBAND OF VICTORY MEDAL 1914-1919.

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

NO. 2711 ... NAME. Thos. Crumley

DATE. January 9th 1926

PLACE... Placentia.....

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

SEP 20 1921

1921.

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

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. Thomas Croucher (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2711 Rank Pte.

Name James E. Croucher

Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received _____

Signature

Thos Croucher Placentia Nfld

Date

September 22nd

Address

Thos Croucher Placentia Nfld

[P.T.O.]

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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

REGIMENT OR CORPS } Newfoundland Regt. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } B. Co.

Regimental No. 2711 Rank Private.

Surname Croucher. Christian Names J.

Died { Date 20/11/17. Place France.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d/29/12/17.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

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

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

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

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

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

Station and Date } G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon. 1/1/18. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } 1/c No. 1 Infantry Section.
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } 2nd. Lt. for Major,

C.R. 2711

Copy of WILL.

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects
to my mother Mrs. Mary Croucher,

Pt. Verde, Plauenia, N.F.L.D.

(Sgd). J. E. Croucher,
Pte. N.F.L.D.
3-4-17.

Certified true copy.



2-2-18.

G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.

Major,

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental Number C.R. 2711

Regiment or Corps 2/1 Newfoundland Regt.

Rank pte Surname Boucher Christian Name James E.

Religion 6 of E. Age on Enlistment 18 years 2 months.

Enlisted (a) 14 John's Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 2/5/16

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.

| Date | 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 |
|------|--------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|------------------|---|
| | From whom received | | | | | |
| | | | | Embarked ... <u>Southampton</u> | <u>30/11/16</u> | |
| | | | | Disembarked ... <u>Queen</u> | <u>1/12/16</u> | |
| | <u>29 J.R.D.</u> | | <u>Deprived 2 Days Pay (Defec. of Kit)</u> | <u>Queen</u> | <u>3/12/16</u> | <u>61810 47B</u> |
| | <u>Unit</u> | | <u>Joined Battalion</u> | <u>France</u> | <u>12/12/16</u> | <u>B213</u> |
| | <u>Herbert</u> | | <u>Messing</u> | <u>With BATT. 25. I. 17</u> | | <u>B213</u> |
| | <u>-do-</u> | | <u>Comm. active</u> | <u>France</u> | <u>20/1/17</u> | <u>B213</u> |
| | | | <u>J. Francis</u> | | | |

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

[Circular stamp: NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT, AS, VICTORIA ST., ST. JOHN'S, N.F. 24 JAN 1918]

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

[P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C.
[688] W:017/2124 1000m 6/15ss 53 58

Forms
B. 121.
39.

Regiment of

Newfoundland.

Number of Sheet *first*

Signature of O. C. Company *J. J. Simpson Capt*

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--|--|---------------------------|---|
| Regimental Number and Name | | Enlistment | | Trade <i>Engineer</i> | Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay |
| <i>27th (Croucher) B.C.</i> | | Age on <i>18</i> years <i>2</i> months | | | |
| Place and Date of Enlistment | | Place and Date of Enlistment | | Religion <i>C.P.C.</i> | |
| <i>Depot</i> Date <i>5/19/16</i> | | <i>St John</i> <i>2-5-16</i> | | | |
| Joined | Date | Period of | | Place of Birth | |
| <i>Depot</i> | <i>5/19/16</i> | with Colours <i>200</i> years. with Reserve <i>365</i> years. | | | |
| Joined | Date | | | <i>Placentia</i> | |
| Joined | Date | | | | |

| 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 |
|-------|-----------------|------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------|---------|
| | | | | <i>Missing</i> | <i>20/17</i> | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.

Placentia
15th March / 20

Dear Col W.F. Kendall
Dear Sir

C.R. 2711

I am in receipt of Memorial
Scroll. Also message from His Majesty the King
re. my boys passing. Thanking you for
same!

Yours Sincerely
His Brother
Placentia

Placentia
14th March / 20

Lieut-Col W^m Kendall

C.R. 2711

Dear Sir

Please send or have
sent papers to fill in for Separation Allowance
in regard to the case of my son J^r James
E. Crocker, 2711, Royal W^g Reg. Killed in
action Nov 20th 1917.

Yours Sincerely
Thos Crocker
Placentia

Placentia
2nd Feb. /22

Lieut. Col. W F Kendall

C.P. 2711

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find acknowledgement
of Photographs of the grave of my late son 2711 1st Inf. Cav. Broucher
also of plaque & war medals. I would like to know if
the shafts that mark the graves shown in photographs are of stone
or wood. I understood that all graves were marked by stone
shafts or blocks of stone?

Yours Faithfully,
Hess Broucher
Placentia

C.R. 2711

February 6th, 1922

Mr. Thomas Croucher,
Fleetville

Dear Sir:-

Reference your letter of 2nd February acknowledging receipt of photograph of the gravesite of your son, No. 2711 Pte. James Croucher, and enquiring if the cross which marks the grave is made of stone, I beg to state that the cross which at present marks the grave is made of wood, but a stone cross of same pattern will be erected shortly. We will then be forwarded another photograph of the grave in its permanent condition, and same will be transmitted to you.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer

C.R.

2711

February 7th, 1922

Mr. Thomas Croucher
Fliscentia.

Dear Sir:-

Reference your letter of 2nd February acknowledging receipt of photograph of the grave of your son, No. 2711 Pte. James E. Croucher, and enquiring if the cross which at present marks the grave is of stone. I beg to state that the cross at present standing is wooden and is only temporary. A permanent headstone will shortly be erected on which will be inscribed the name, rank, Regt. No. and name of unit. On the bottom of the stone will be the inscription chosen by the next of kin, in the centre a cross. On the top a caribou head will be engraved. When the permanent stone is created, another photograph will be taken and forwarded to this Dept. for transmission to you

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer