

C.R. 2631

June 9th, 1921

Hon. Mr. Justice Johnson,  
Judges Chambers,  
Supreme Court.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of 6th instant on behalf of Mrs. Durnford, mother of the late Frederick Durnford, No. 2631, relative to obtaining a photograph of this soldier's grave, I beg to state that photographs are being secured of all registered graves of deceased soldiers, and no doubt Pte. Durnford's will be received shortly, when it will be despatched to his mother immediately.

I shall be glad if you will notify Mrs. Durnford to this effect.

Yours very truly,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 2631 Name F. R. Dunford Corps

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

1. What is your name? ..... 1. Fred R. Dunford
2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. Renouf St. S. District. Burgeo & Harbour
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
4. What is your age? ..... 4. 19 Years 5 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. Boat-keeper
6. Are you Married? ..... 6. No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,\* which? ..... 7. No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ..... 8. Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ..... 9. Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ..... 10. { Name .....  
Corps .....
11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? ..... 11. Yes

F. R. Dunford 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.

F. R. Dunford ..... SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
A. D. Outhridge ..... Signature of Witness.

F. R. Dunford OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.  
I ..... 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 fully entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me on this 18 day of Apr, 1916.  
Signature of Attesting Officer ..... A. D. Outhridge

†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 Edw. R. Dunford  
 Apparent age 19 years 5 months. Height 5 feet 5 inches  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36 inches  
 Range of expansion 3 1/2 inches  
 Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin John R. Dunford Relationship Father  
Renoville.  
 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 raising the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from _____									
Joined at _____ on _____									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Total Service towards Engagement to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days									
Pension _____									

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# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 2631 Name J. R. Dunford Corps

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

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>J. R. Dunford</u> .....                                     |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>Remounts Co.</u><br><u>District Engineer's Office</u> ..... |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u> .....   |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>19</u> Years <u>0</u> Months .....                          |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Book-keeper</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, J. R. Dunford ..... 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.

J. R. Dunford ..... SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
A. Dunbridge ..... Signature of Witness.

**OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.**  
 I, J. R. Dunford ..... 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 28 day of Apr 1915.  
A. Dunbridge ..... Signature of Attesting Officer

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.**  
 I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the:.....  
 If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.  
 Date.....191..... } Approving Officer.  
 Place.....

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# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Apparent Age *19* years months \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches

Chest Measurement 19 { Girth when fully expanded \_\_\_\_\_ inches }  
 { Range of expansion \_\_\_\_\_ inches }

Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_ *3/4*

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin \_\_\_\_\_

*Rencontre* Relationship *John A. Hancock*  
 Particulars as to Marriage *father*

(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)
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## Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

## STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Regt 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 <i>27-4-16</i>									Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
Joined at <i>St John's</i> on <i>April 27<sup>th</sup> 16</i>									
<i>Enlisted in Station 1916</i>									
<i>Embarked St John's St. Lucia for A.D. 1916 Embarked for 503 11<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Joined Unit 22-10-16 admitted 24 Oct. Influenza 23.17 Invalide to Camp and 21-2-17 Admitted</i> <i>31<sup>st</sup> 1917 and with 22<sup>nd</sup> Coy. sent back to camp 21-4-17 2<sup>nd</sup> Coy. 14-5-17 captured</i> <i>of Lauenburg 22-7-17 Embarked for 1303 5<sup>th</sup> Coy. admitted 1<sup>st</sup> Div. 9-8-17 22<sup>nd</sup> Coy. 27-8-17</i> <i>Went to base 14-10-17 joined 20th Coy. 25-10-17</i>									
<i>Killed in Action 20-11-17</i>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Total Service towards Engagement to <i>20-11-17</i> (date of discharge) <i>1</i> years <i>20</i> 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 *Sid Dunford*

aged *19* conducted at *C.L.B.*

Date: *Apr 27/17* Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST FINDING

- 1 *no*
- 2 *no*
- 3 *no*
- 4 *no*
- 5 *no*
- 6 *no*
- 7 *yes*
- 8 *yes*
- 9 *no*
- 10 *n*
- 11 *n*
- 12 *n*
- 13 *n*
- 14 *n*
- 15 *n*
- 16 *n*
- 17 *n*
- 18 *n*
- 19 *n*
- 20 *n*
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- 24 *n*
- 25 *n*
- 26 *n*
- 27 *n*
- 28 *n*
- 29 *n*
- 30 *n*
- 31 *n*
- 32 *n*

*9/120th*

*2631*

*yes 1 scar left. legs*

*5'-5"*

*132 lbs*

*32 1/2 36*

*450.*

*signed by John R. Dunford Headmaster Penconter*

*none*

Signature of Medical Examiner: *William Roberts*

May 15th 19

Private Secretary  
Government House

Sir:-

In connection with your letter of April 16th covering a letter from Mr. Justice Johnson regarding the case of the late No. 2631, Private Fredrick Durnford, I would state that I have discussed the action of our Regiment on April 14th, 1917 with other Officers who were present on that occasion. I think it is possible that if this soldier's action was considered to be worthy of award of military distinction, that he would have been recommended in the usual way. It would be impossible at this date to request that any recognition should be taken of his conduct on that occasion, and I entirely agree with His Excellency that nothing can be done in the matter. I regret that this has been so long delayed.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Lieut.Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

C.R. 2631

Extract from Nominal Roll of Mfld. Regt. Draft No. 28  
from Eng. Depot, to Ist Bn. S.E.F. Embarked Balikpapan  
5-2-17.

2631 Pte. F.R. Durnford.



C.R. 2631

Extract from Nominal Roll of Mfld. Regt. Draft No.12,  
from 2nd En. Depot, of 1st En. B.R.F. Embarked Southampton  
11-10-16.

2631 Pte. F.R. Duniford,

C.R. 2631

Extract from War Office List NO. 12726.

2631 Pte. F. Darnford.

Admitted 11 Sty. Hospital, Rouen Stn., August 1917

SCABIES MILD.

1917

Rencontre Aug 3 1918

PERSONAL EFFECTS

Received from Militia Department

One Kit Bag of the late #2631 Pte. F. N. Durnford.

Aug 1st

Signed J. A. S. Durnford

Date

C.R. 2631

June 26, 1918.

Mr. John R. Durnford,  
Rencentre,  
Bergee & La Poile.

Dear Mr. Durnford:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you by "Express" one KIT BAG, which belonged to your son #2631 Pte. F.N. Durnford of The Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and in the renewed sorrow which the receipt of these effects must entail.

I am enclosing herewith, receipt, will you kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



Lieut.

for Lieut. Col. E. S. O.

Enc'l 1.

No. of Paper

1209

**PERSONAL EFFECTS.**

Name

*Dunford, J.R.* No. *1601*

Rank

*Plc*

Regiment

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Article

Where stored

Notified by

*Key Bag.*

Final disposal

Shipped from Depot.

Remarks :-

*K.S.A.**Next of Kin's**Father  
John R. Dunford**Acquaintance F.B.*

C.R. 2631

GRAVE SITES.

Extract of Casualties received from London, dated  
December 21, 1917.

#2631 Pte. F.R. Durnford. ✓

Reported by Rev. T. Hangle, C.F., attd. 1st Newfoundled  
Regiment, SIP 2483. Place of Burial: 57 c.L.24.c.4.1.  
Reference No. 830W.

C.R. 2631

#2631 Pte. F. R. Durnford.....

Extract of Casualty list received December 1st. 1917.

Killed in Action November 20th.

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



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### 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.

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

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

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

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

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

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated December 1, 1917.

To Mr. John R. Durnford,  
Rencontre.

Regret to inform you Record Office London today reports No. 2631  
Private F.R. Durnford was killed in action November twentieth.

R.A. SQUIRES.  
Colonial Secretary.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR.

This message is not to be sent until receiving office  
notifies that message to Rev. Geo. Hall, Pushthrough has been  
delivered and acted upon.

**FOR TYPEWRITER**



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Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated December 1st, 1917.

To Rev. George Hall M.A..

Pushthrough.

Regret to inform you Record Office London today reports No. 2631 Private F.R. Durnford, son of Mr. John R. Durnford, Rencontre was killed in action November twentieth. Please inform relatives.

R.A. SQUIRES.

Colonial Secretary.

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

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Chcek

Dated **March 24, 1917.**

To **Mr. John R. Durnford,**

**Rencontre.**

Regret to inform you that Record Office,

London, officially reports **No. 2631, Private**

**F. R. Durnford, has been admitted to Wandsworth suffering from pyrexia of unknown origin.**

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you and trust that next report will be of his convalescence.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

C.R. 2681

Copy of Cablegram to Governot St. John's Dated 24/3/17.

2631 Pte Durmford.

At Wandsworth Pouo.

C.R. 2631

Extract of Casualty List received from Pay & R.O. recd Mar. 24, 1917.

2631, Ete F.R. Durnford.

~~Residence~~ P.O.U.O.

3rd London Gen. Hospital Wandsworth.

C.R. 2631

Ex tract from Casualties received from P.S.R. Office London,  
Mar. 24th, 1917.

Wandsworth; P O U O.

2631 Pte. Durnford.

C.R. 2631

Extract from General Order No. 10, 1910, at the  
of the ... July 20, 1910.

2631 Pte. Durnford F.R.

C.R. 2631

F.R.Durnford was attested for General Service with  
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on April, 27th 1916  
Regimental No. 2631 was allotted to Pte F.R.Durnford

AUTHORITY:  
Record Ledger,  
Dept. of Militia,  
March 25th 1919

J. P. Durnford.

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

## MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Dunford OF Christian Name Frederick

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined .....	on	27 day of April	on	15 day of AUG 1917
Declared Age.....	at	19 years 5 days	at	15 years
Trade or Occupation .....		Book-keeper		
Height .....		feet inches		feet inches
Weight .....		132 lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded... Range of expansion... ..		36 inches 3 1/2 inches		inches inches
Physical Development... ..				
Vaccination Marks { Arm .....		Right		Right
	{ Number .....		Left	Left
When Vaccinated .....		6 years ago		
Vision .....		R.E.—V= 6/6		R.E.—V=
		L.E.—V= 6/6		L.E.—V=
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)		<i>Samuel Paterson</i>		
(Rank)		Major		Medical Officer.
Enlisted .....	at	4 Yorks	at	
	on	27 day of April	on	day of 191
		Corps.		Corps.
		Regtl. No.		Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment .....		1st Nfld Reg 2631		
		1st Newfoundland		
Transferred to .....				
Became non-effective by .....	on	day of	on	day of
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Table II.—Only for admission to hospital or to the

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number Days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on syphilis, admission of treatment
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year			
3 <sup>RD</sup> LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL WANDSWORTH.	22	3	17	12	4	17	<i>Arachitis &amp; Laryngitis</i>	51	<i>France</i>

Check list in case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

on the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of further use. In cases of readmissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment, out of hospital, transfers, etc., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.

Signature of Medical Officer

reported sick 7/3/17. Discharged to quarters

R. B. Howard



ORIGINAL.

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 documents ~~or sources.~~

REGIMENT (OR CORPS) "1st Newfoundland Regt." Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } A. Co.

Regimental No. 2631 Rank Private.

Surname Durnford. Christian Names F.

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

Cause of Death\* Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report B 215 d/25/11/17.

By whom made O.C. Unit.



DUPLICATE

COPY SENT TO
O.C. H.Q.
ST JOHN'S, N.F.L.D.
N.F.P. 38. No. <u>1001153</u>
DATED <u>21 DEC 1917</u>

\* 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 all) 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 ~~Small Book~~ is at the base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

G.H.C., 3rd. Echelon.

Station and Date 27/11/17.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section [Signature] Adjutant-General's Office at the Base 2nd Lt. for Major, Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.





ORIGINAL

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 3551/348

From  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.

August 28th 1916

F.M/W.F.

To

O. O.,  
2/1st. Newfoundland Regt.  
Newton-on-Ayr.

**SUBJECT:**

2631, PTE. T. R. DURNFORD.

**Reference Nos.**

**REPLY**

Dated 30/8 1916

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

The Deputy Paymaster writes under  
date 12/8/16:-

"I enclose copy of letter received  
"from Headquarters, together with  
"steamer warrant. Please refund  
"the amount in question to Pte.  
"Durnford."

Letter and warrant referred to are  
enclosed herewith. Please credit  
this soldier's account with \$9.50

*F. H. Marshall* 2/Lieut.  
Asst. Paymaster,  
For Paymaster & O 1/c Records.

*2631 Pte TR Durnford's  
account will be credited  
with \$9.50 in September  
Pay Book.*

*A. M. Bernard  
Capt.  
O.C. 15 Coy*

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
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Dist. No.	
Recd.	
Adm.	
Acct.	
File No.	



Killed in Action  
Dec. 20th 1917 R. # L.D. reg-

Dec 23 December 1917

Gentlemen

I am very anxious  
as to the whereabouts and condition  
of Pte Frederick Roy Durnford  
1/2nd Bat B. Coy R # L.D. reg.  
? No 2631

Any information will be  
be gratefully received

By

Yours Respectfully

James Macrae  
Daybrook  
Englewood Avenue  
Que

R.B.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
RECEIVED BY	8170
26 DEC 1917	
REF. NO. 001	
ACTED UPON	
BRANCH	BY
Comd.	
P. & A.	
R. & C.	13/12/17
B. & E.	
P.S.	

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

N.F.P/33.

Temporary A/c.

Serial No 2631 Rank Private

Name Durnford. J.R.

Pay	F. Allow	Working	Total
100	10		110
Less Allotment			70
Net Rate			40

Date	DEBITS	\$	s	d	CREDITS	\$	s	d
1917	Balance			1/1	Balance	22	12	3 11 8
	<u>P.M. ADVANCES:</u>							
	A.B. 64	109			<u>Pay @ Net Rate:</u>			
	Acquittance rolls	462			23/12/16 to 21/4/17 = 117 days			
	Hospital Advances	100			44.40			
	<u>STOPPAGES:</u>				40 = 4 4480			
	hospital dys =	16			Ration allowance -			
	Forfeited pay dys 3				12/11/17 to 21/4/17 = 10 days	2	1	
	Miscellaneous							
	Cables							
	<u>P. &amp; R.O. PAYMENTS:</u>							
	Sundry Bills				1/1 to 1/1 = days			
	Cash	9100						
		19/4/17						
		500						

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PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Regiment or corps

No. **2631**

Rank **Rt.**

Name **Riverton J**

Died *(Date)* **24 Feb 1914** at **France**

on the **20<sup>th</sup>** of **Nov** 1914.

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 I.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month <b>20.11.14</b> .....	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
	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 .....			
					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 .....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		<b>£2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>£2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>

CHECKED.  
P.S.A.  
20 JAN 1919

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20 JAN 1919

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of **£2 9 11** is correctly chargeable against the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINENT.

Dated at

this

day of

191 .

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER *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.

Dunford, F. R.

2631

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# ORIGINAL

Army Form G. 1212

**PAY LIST.**

to

191 Voucher No.

## NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps **ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
 No. **2651** Rank **Pte.** Name **Durnford F.**  
 Died (a) Intestate **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 <u>20/11/17</u> .....	2	9	11	
	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 .....				
	Consolidated stoppage .....									
	Balance due by the Paymaster	2	9	11		Balance due to the Paymaster .....				
		£	2	9	11		£	2	9	11

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P.P.A.

20 JAN 1918

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 20/1/18 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the doctor balance of £ \_\_\_\_\_

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 191 \_\_\_\_\_

(a) How state whether the soldier is deceased, 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 G. 1090 or Army Form G. 1212.

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

# ORIGINAL

Army Form O. 1625

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps **ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**  
 No. **2831** Rank **Pte.** Name **Durnford F.**  
 Died (a) Intestate **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.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month <b>20/11/17</b> .....	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>
	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 .....			
	Consolidated stoppage .....							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		<b>£</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
				<b>11</b>				<b>11</b>

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to **20/1/19** and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the

debtor balance of £ **2 9 11** is correctly chargeable against **NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINENT**

Dated at

this

day of

191 .

17 JAN 1919

*A. D. Munnell*  
 CHIEF PAYMASTER & 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.

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*S.S.A.*  
 20 JAN 1919

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191 . Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Regiment or corps

No. 2851

Rank

Pte.

Name

Dunford F.

Died (a) Intestate

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.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month ... 20/11/17 .....	2	9	11
	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 .....			
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage .....							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	2	9	11	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		£	2	9	11			

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 20/1/19 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 2 9 11 is correctly chargeable against the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Dated at

LONDON, S.W. 1

this

day of 17 JAN 1918

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CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFF. Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether 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.

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P.S.D.  
19 JAN 1918

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to 191 Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Regiment or corps  
No. 8881 Bank Pts. Name Quebec P.  
Died intestate at France on the 30 of November 1917.  
Deserted at on the of 1917.

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.				
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month <u>20/11/17</u> .....	2	9	11		
	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 .....					
	"									
	Consolidated stoppage .....									
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....					
	Balance due by the Paymaster	2	9	11	Balance due to the Paymaster .....					
		£	2	9	11		£	2	9	11

CHECKED.  
P. J. A.  
20 JAN 1918

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 20/1/19 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the balance of £ 2 9 11 is properly chargeable to the ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Dated at London, N.E. 1 this 27 day of January 1918

1. Have shown whether the account is correct or whether to be set a W.D. In the latter case the W.D. should be entered showing the full amount, and the date when Army Form O. 1023 or Army Form O. 1024.  
2. The name of the Officer or other person whose name is mentioned in the account.  
3. The name of the Officer or other person who has signed the account.





No. 2631

Rank P6

Name

J Durnford

John R Durnford (Father)

Residence

May 6, 1919

Mr. John R. Durnford,  
Rehcontre.

Dear Sir:

I enclose cheque for \$16.14 amount  
of balance of estate of late Pte. J. Durnford, due  
you as Administrator.

Yours truly,

Capt.  
Paymaster.

2631

Rencontre

Hermitage Bay Oct 18 1910

To P J Mc Grath

St Johns

Dear sir will you please  
let me know the reasons the 70 it was  
taken from my Sons Cheque please  
write to let me know

From His Mother

Mrs J R Durnford

2631

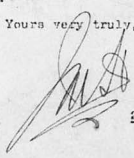
November 3rd, c

Mrs. J. A. Durnford,  
Recontra, N.B.

Dear Madam,-

Referring to your letter of October 18th, I beg to state that 70¢ was not taken from your son's Cheque, His allowance is payable at the rate of 70¢ a day and in a month such as August which contains 31 days, the payment is \$21.70, whereas a month like September which contains 30 days the amount is \$21.00.

Yours very truly,



2nd. Lieut. J. D. Paymaster.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.



OFFICER i/c RECORDS,

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA,

ST., JOHN'S, Nfld.

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(947) To ensure that as far as may be possible none of the next of kin of those who have fallen in the War shall fail to receive the Memorial Plaque, it is requested that on receipt of the enclosed Plaque this card be signed at the bottom and posted. No stamp is required.

Mrs J. P. S. Durnford

(2249) WE 21551/AP/33M 10/19 900M (20) D.S.L.

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**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

To, the Officer in Charge of Records,



*Royal Nfld. Regt.*

*Dept. of Militia,*

*ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.*

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Fold Here





Aug. 26 1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**  
is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. John R. Durnford (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2631 Rank Pte.

Name F.R. Durnford (Dec.) Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received By

Signature J. R. S. Durnford

Date Oct 3 1921

Address Penconter Hermitage Hall

[P.T.O.]

C.R. 2631  
Army Form B. 2090A.

FIELD SERVICE.

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

REGIMENT OR CORPS "1st Newfoundland Regt." Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } A. Co.

Regimental No. 2631 Rank Private.

Surname Durnford. Christian Names F.

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

Cause of Death\* Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report B 215 d/23/11/17.

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.  
27/11/17.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section | [Signature]  
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base | Off. Lt. for Major  
Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.

C.R. 2631  
Army Form B. 2090A.

FIELD SERVICE

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

DUPLICATE.

REGIMENT (OR CORPS) "1st Newfoundland Regt." Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } A. Co.

Regimental No. 2651 Rank Private.

Surname Durnford. Christian Names F.

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

Cause of Death\* Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report B 215 d/23/11/17.

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). W. H. G. Ford, Battalion Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report

Station and Date 27/11/17.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section J. Henry  
Adjutant-General's Office at Officer 1/e No. 1 Infantry Section.



**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Rank Private Regiment or Corps. 21 Newfoundland  
 Surname Dunnford Christian Name Fredrick  
 Religion C. of E. Age on Enlistment 19 years 5 months  
 Enlisted (a) 27-4-16 Terms of Service (a) duration of war Service reckons from (a) 27-4-16  
 Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....  
 Extended (.....) Re-engaged (.....) Qualification (b).....  
 or Corps Trade and Date.....  
 Occupation..... Signature of Officer, Atley

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked <u>Hampton</u>	<u>5.8.17</u>		
		Disembarked... <u>Rouen</u>	<u>7.8.17</u>		
		Joined Battalion			
<u>5.9.17</u>	<u>1 Stat Hoop</u>	<u>Adj. W. S. G. &amp; Peakes</u>	<u>Rouen</u>	<u>30.8.17</u>	<u>H.A. 13204</u>
<u>17/10/17</u>	<u>29 G.D.</u>	<u>Joined Base Depot</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>4/10/17</u>	<u>South Sea</u>
		<u>Joined Battalion</u>		<u>5 OCT 1917</u>	
<u>24 NOV 1917</u>	<u>of rank</u>	<u>Killed in Action</u>	<u>Rouen</u>	<u>20 NOV 1917</u>	<u>B.213</u>

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

(b) Signaller, Shipping-Smith, &amp;c.

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P.T.O.

## Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regimental Number 2631

Regiment or Corps 211 Newfoundland Regt. Christian Name C.R.  
 Rank Pvt. Surname Dunford Age on Enlistment 19 years 5 months.  
 Religion P.C.E. Enlisted (a) 27/4/16 Terms of Service (a) War Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to larger rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer i/c Records

Date	Report From whom received	Place & Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
		Embarked ...	Southampton	11 OCT 1916
		Disembarked ...	Leeds Road	18 OCT 1916
		Joined Battalion		22 OCT 1916
			With BATT	28.1.17
	34 b.b.d. Ad. Influenza			9.3.17 6A 1085
	10 G. Hoop Ad. Trench Fever	Rouen		12.3.17 11A 7514
	"St. David" Invalided to England			28.3.17 W3088
		M. Burchell		CAPTAIN Casualty Section General Headquarters, 3rd Exp. Coy.

(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.

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

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Form  
B. 121  
21.

Regiment of

1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand

Number of Sheet First

Signature of O. C. Company

[Signature]

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay
No.	2531	Age on	19 years 5 months	Bookkeeper	
Dunford, J.		Place and Date of Enlistment	St John's Jan 27 1916	Religion	appreciated 2 1/2 days pay 14/1917
		Period of	with Colours 1 20 1/2 years. with Reserve 3 6 1/2 years.	Place of Birth	
				6 of England	ertain
				New Zealand	

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cause of Discontinuance	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	By whom awarded	REMARKS
Prison	27.9.16	Pte		Late 3.45 p.m. parade	Cpl de Muesini	depr. 1 days pay	Capt Bernard	EB.
Prison	6.7.17	Private		Absent from 6.30 a.m. parade	Soft			
	12.7.17	"		Absent from 6.00 a.m. parade	Monissey	reprimanded severely	6.7.17 Capt March	forfeit 1 days pay a.c. 1st
	16.7.17	"		Absent from duties until arrested in town about 11.30 a.m. 21.7.17	Cpl Jernston	reprimanded	7.7.17 Capt March	forfeit 1 days pay
	24.7.17	Pte		Absent from 7.00 p.m. parade until reported at 1.00 same date.	Cpl Jernston	deprived of Lance stripe	23.7.17 Major March	forfeit 5 days pay
	28.7.17	"		Absent from duties until 20.7.17	Cpl Watson	3 days EB	28.7.17 Capt Holmes	forfeit 1 day pay
				Killed in action 20/17	Cpl Miffen	9 days detention	27.7.17 Major March	forfeit 1 day pay

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.

St. John's, 8 April 1919.

To His Excellency

Sir C. A. Harris, K.C.M.G.,  
Governor, etc.

Your Excellency:-

I present the following circumstances, and submit to your judgment whether any, and if so what, military recognition should be given to the memory of #2631 Frederick Roy Durnford, late of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who fell in action at Cambrai on the 20th of November 1917 at the age of nineteen years, in respect of his brave conduct near Combles on the day when Lt. Herbert Outerbridge fell wounded by shell-fire near a trench held at the time by a detachment of the Royal Fusiliers. Lt. Outerbridge with a platoon of Newfoundlanders was occupying a small trench from which he advanced alone with a view to better locating the enemy's guns playing on a wide space in which both trenches lay. The Fusiliers' trench was slightly in advance of the Newfoundlanders' trench.

I am quoting from what the lieutenant lately told me, which #2572 Corp. W. Ball corroborated, when I interviewed them a few days ago in consequence of a letter written from Ayr by Durnford to his mother, Rencontre, Newfoundland, on a date some months before the boy fell. This letter came to me last month.

May I say why I address you this letter? In the summer of 1916, while making a round trip in the western coastal boat "Portia", I met F. R. Durnford who was passenger on leave to bid adieu to his people before he went to France.

In appearance and size he looked like a boy of sixteen, but his alertness and brightness of wit caught my attention. He came to St. John's with me on the return of the "Portia". I watched the casualty-lists and, when I heard of the boy's death, I wrote his father and mother. Hence my receipt last month of the letter which he wrote his mother from Ayr. In that letter he told his mother what happened on the day when his lieutenant was wounded. In it he said to his mother that he was looking for no reward and would be happy if only he brought his head home again safely. I read to Lt. Outerbridge the parts of the letter which mentioned him, and a day or two later I learnt from Corp. Ball (stretcher-bearer) what he knew of the finding and bringing back of the wounded officer.

Lt. Outerbridge had ventured out of his trench for the purpose above mentioned, telling his men that he would not be long absent. After waiting a considerable time, the platoon concluded that he must be either wounded or killed, as the enemy's fire was very hot and the surface much torn by shell-fire.

Durnford had been Lt. Outerbridge's "runner": he went "over the top" alone to search for his lieutenant; found him after considerable search, badly wounded in the head: returned to the Newfoundlanders' trench and came back with stretcher-bearers to where the lieutenant lay. Ball was one of these bearers. Despite his serious wound from which the lieutenant still suffers much, he remembers that it was Durnford alone who found him and who went back for the bearers. Lt. Outerbridge was in the Fusiliers' trench when the stretcher reached him.



The lieutenant was in a state so shocking that I imagine he must have been more or less unconscious while Durnford, Ball, and the others were carrying him to the dressing-station, but we have the authority of Ball that they were constantly under machine-gun-fire while doing so.

May I emphasise Ball's report that the fire was so hot for sometime before (and after) Durnford left the Newfoundland trench that his departure had been delayed by his comrades, though the officer's continued absence caused them much anxiety.

I think it can be proved by the regimental records that Durnford was not seventeen when he enlisted, that he was gassed in the trenches and sent to Rouen for treatment, and later to Ayr, and that he insisted on returning to the firing-line despite medical advice to the contrary.

I have abbreviated this statement as much as possible, but the facts are essential to the presentation.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's

Obd. servant,

*Geo. M. Johnston*

*P.S.*

Writing me on 27th ult. Lieutenant  
Arteridge, *inter alia*, says: -

"I had a greater affection for Durnford  
than for any boy in my platoon: such a lad -  
and at the same time, such a little man."



C.R. 2631

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
ST JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

16 April, 1919.

My dear Colonel,

The Governor asks me to forward the enclosed memorial from Mr. Justice Johnson regarding the case of the late No. 2631 Frederick Durnford and would be glad to have your views on the subject. His Exoellency does not see how anything can be done in the matter now, as Durnford was killed some 18 months ago and it would seem somewhat late in the day for any special recommendation to be made.

Yours sincerely,

*J. K. Campbell*  
Capt.

Private Secretary.

Lieut. Colonel W.F. Rendell,  
Chief Staff Officer,  
Dept. of Militia.

2631 Pte F. Durnford

Records

Please

W.F.A.

Place of burial reported by  
Major Hangle, 57C. E. 24. C. 4. 1.

Trancong Boppe Cemetery

Reference No 830 W Grave No 11

J. J. Jones 22 June '25

Dear Lt Col Russell,

Please direct some one  
in the Military Department

to let me know whether  
the name of <sup>Private</sup> Ensign Frederic R.

Durnford who fell at Cambrai  
on 24th 20 November 1917 has been located.

I ask on behalf of his  
parents. One of the sergeants  
tells me that Durnford was

at Cambrai

Yours truly  
Geo. W. Johnson

C.R. 2631

June 26th., 1920

Hon. Geo. M. Johnston,  
Judge of the Supreme Court

Dear Mr. Johnston:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of 22nd June respecting No. 2651 Pte.  
F. Darnford .

In reply to your request  
respecting his grave site, I beg to state place of burial  
as reported by Major Hangle in 57 Co. L. 24. C.4.1.  
Marcoing Copse Cemetery. Reference No. 8 30 W, Grave No.11.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

2631 Isabella R Dumfries



C.R. 2631  
June 1921

Judges Chambers,

Supreme Court,

St. John's, Newfoundland.

Dear Sir,

the above  
the mother of <sup>the</sup> soldier of  
R. K. K. K. who fell in <sup>Canada</sup>  
during the war 1917  
desires to get a photograph of his  
grave - he has reimbursed us  
the full price there.

Please let me know how  
we shall proceed to get it.

If your Department can  
secure a copy for her (if you  
are in the practice of getting paid)  
she will reimburse.

Yours  
Geo. M. J. J. J.  
Minister of  
Military