AN APPEAL
To the People of Newfoundland

Since the outbreak of the present great War, this Colony, in common with all other parts of the British Empire, has sent forth her bravest and best sons to uphold the glorious traditions of our Flag and Empire.

Amongst the fighting Forces of Great Britain and her splendid Allies the men of the Newfoundland Regiment have established a name and record for themselves and their beloved Country, that will live for generations to come, and will redound to the lasting glory and honour of this most ancient and loyal Colony.

Up to a few months ago a steady number of recruits were available to fill up the gaps, in the ranks, that were continually occurring, owing to our Regiment being called upon to participate in all, or most, of the important battles in France and Flanders, as well as the earlier days in Gallipoli. But, unfortunately, for the past few months there has not been sufficient men offering to replace those who are no longer able to hold their places in the fighting line, who have to retire through wounds or sickness—in addition to those who have laid down their lives in the righteous cause for which we are fighting. Are we, the kinsmen, at home of these glorious soldiers of Newfoundland, to turn a deaf ear to the call for help that they are continually sending forth? Are we to let go for naught the great and valiant deeds that they have accomplished, by holding back and failing to keep the gaps filled up?

In as much as the lads who have fought and suffered and died so heroically and nobly for us,—our Country and our homes, in the past,—are those who are left behind content to allow their deeds and sacrifices to go for naught, and have the world realize that the young men of Newfoundland who still remain at home, are not made of the same good stock as those who won distinctions in the British line. No. I feel that there are hundreds of young men who only want to be awakened to a realization of their responsibilities, when they will come forward and take the places of those who are gone, or incapacitated, and relieve for a time at least, those brave boys (especially those of the first five hundred) who have borne the heat and turmoil of the Battle, should be given an opportunity to return to their homes for that well earned rest which they naturally desire and long for.

We are about to start on an active recruiting campaign, and recruiting parties will be sent to all parts of the Island, so that every man who is eligible for service will be given an opportunity to enlist. Every provision will be made for the comfort and care of those dependents whom they leave behind. In the case of married men and others leaving dependents, separation allowances are provided under Regulations just published.

Pensions will be provided for those who are incapacitated through wounds or sickness, as well as the dependents of those who make the supreme sacrifice. Therefore, I confidently appeal to the young men of the Country, who are of Military age, to offer themselves as recruits for a Regiment that every man, be he Newfoundlander or otherwise, might well feel proud of. Do your duty now; play the man's part, and never let it be thrown in your faces or the faces of your children that you failed in your duty to your Country in her hour of greatest trial. I appeal to the mothers, to the fathers, and to the sisters, to help the boys to realize their duty, and spur them on, to quit themselves like men, so that they may participate in the great victory that is surely coming, and which cannot be delayed much longer.

If this appeal, and our present recruiting efforts are not fruitful of the necessary number of recruits before the end of the year, we will then have reached the parting of the ways; we must then take one of two courses—either withdraw our Regiment as a separate unit, which would be a most unfortunate and deplorable occurrence, or the Government of the Colony will be reluctantly compelled to consider other means of acquiring men to keep our fighting Forces up to the required strength. Prove, therefore, men of Newfoundland, that this ancient and loyal Colony is able, and is prepared, to keep at least one Battalion in the fighting line, composed entirely of volunteers, to maintain the magnificent record already gained right through to the close of hostilities.

Men who are not altogether fit for active service will find an opportunity to do "their bit" by applying for admission into the Forestry Companies, which are also badly in need of more men.

Your Brothers in Arms Are Calling! Your Duty Is to Go!

J. R. BENNETT, *Minister of Militia.*

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

On the recommendation of the Minister of Militia, and under the provisions of the Act 8 George V. Cap. XVII., His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to approve the following Regulations governing the issue of Separation Allowances for the Newfoundland Expeditionary Force.

Regulations Governing the Issue of Separation Allowance for the Newfoundland Expeditionary Force.

Section I.—Explanations.

1. Separation Allowance is a grant made by the Government of Newfoundland to dependents of members of the Newfoundland Expeditionary Force, while such members in respect of whom it is paid, remain on the strength of that Force.

2. The object of the Allowance is to assist members of the Force while serving therein, providing and maintaining a home for their respective dependents.

3. "Allowance" within the text of these Regulations means "Separation Allowance."

4. "Dependents" within the meaning of these Regulations, includes:

(a) Wife;
(b) Motherless children;
(c) Widowed mother, if the officer or soldier is her sole support, and is unmarried within the meaning of these Regulations;
(d) Mother, whose husband is alive but totally incapacitated from earning a living, if the officer or soldier is her sole support and is unmarried within the meaning of these Regulations.

5. "Officers" within the meaning of these Regulations includes all officers appointed to the Newfoundland Expeditionary Force, and paid as members of such.

6. "Soldiers" within the meaning of these Regulations includes all ranks, except officers, properly attested and serving on the strength of the Newfoundland Expeditionary force, and paid as members of such.

7. "Mother" within the meaning of these Regulations includes Foster-mother and Step-mother.

8. "Widowed mother" within the meaning of these Regulations, includes widowed foster-mother and widowed step-mother.

9. "Children" within the meaning of these Regulations includes step-children.

10. "Unmarried officers and soldiers," will be held to include "widowers" without children, and will also include married officers and soldiers, provided no Separation Allowance is issuable to their wives or legitimate children.

Section II.—General Instructions.

11. The following regulations for the issue of Separation Allowance will be effective from the first day of September, 1917, for the remaining period of the War, and will be regarded as authorative directions in the matter of Separation Allowance, subject to amendments by Order in Council.

They will have no retroactive effect.

12. **Rates of Allowance**—The rates of allowance shall be as follows:

	Per month
Rank and File	$20 00
Sergeants and higher rank below that of W.O. (1st class)	25 00
Warrant Officer (1st class)	30 00
Lieutenants	30 00
Captains	40 00
Majors	50 00
Officers of Field rank higher than that of Major	60 00

13. No person shall receive more than one Allowance for his or her own benefit.

14. Only one Allowance may be issued on account of any officer or soldier, and that will be paid to and for his dependents. In exceptional cases, however, as for instance when there is a wife in one locality, and children by a former wife in another, the Allowance may be divided.

15. Soldiers on whose account Separation Allowance is issuable, should assign to the recipient not less than 15 days pay of rank (Working Pay and Field Allowance excluded). In cases where no such assignment has been made, but where it has been decided that the dependent is entitled to Separation Allowance, an assignment of 15 days pay of rank (Working Pay and Field Allowance excluded) may be put in force against the account of the officer or soldier. In cases where such an assignment is put in force against an officer or soldier, the officer or soldier will be notified forthwith of the action taken. Should he object and submit reasons for his objections, it will be decided whether the assignment shall be continued or not.

Section III.—Casualties to the Officer or Soldier.

16. Subject to corresponding increase of Assigned Pay, Separation Allowance will increase automatically with promotion, provided that such promotion has been confirmed and published in Part II. Daily Orders, quoting competent authority, but promotion to acting rank will not be accepted as a reason for increase of Separation Allowance. Such increase will take effect from the first day of the month following that in which promotion was confirmed.

17. The rate of Separation Allowance will not be reduced when an officer or soldier voluntarily reverts to lower rank in order to proceed overseas from England to the Front, but upon a reduction or reversion for any other cause, the rate of Allowance will automatically decrease to the rate authorized for such lower rank. Such decrease will take effect from the first day of the month following that in which such reduction or reversion was confirmed.

18. In the case of officers and soldiers who die while serving, or who are reported "missing," and whose dependents are in receipt of Separation Allowance. Separation Allowance shall continue to be paid monthly thereafter at the rates laid down in Clause (a) below, and Assigned Pay shall continue or begin to be paid at the rates laid down in Clause (b) below, until such time as pension is ready for issue, in cases where a pension is to be awarded. In cases where no pension is to be awarded, Separation Allowance and Assigned Pay shall cease as soon as the S. A. and A. P. Division has been notified of the fact that no pension is to be awarded. If the proofs necessary to the granting of a pension are being unreasonably delayed, the Board of Pension Commissioners will so advise the S. A. and A. P. Division, with a view to having payments cease. Provided that in no case shall Separation Allowance and Assigned Pay be issued for more than three months after the first day of the month following that in which the officer or soldier was officially reported dead.

(a) The rate at which Separation Allowance shall be paid in the above cases will be that to which the officer or soldier was entitled at the time of his death or when he was reported "missing."

(b) Assigned Pay will be paid monthly at a rate equal to 15 days pay of rank, of the officer or soldier, (Working Pay and Field Allowance excluded).

Section 4.—Withdrawal, Cessation and Suspension.

19. The Allowance will be discontinued to a dependent who is owing to serious misconduct, unworthy to receive it.

20. Except as is provided in Paras. 21 and 22, the Allowance, if otherwise issuable, will not be withheld for periods for which the officer or soldier forfeits pay.

21. The Allowance may be suspended if the soldier on whose behalf it has been issued, is sentenced by any properly constituted authority to imprisonment for a period of six months or over. The Allowance will be resumed from the date on which the soldier again commences to draw pay after the completion of his sentence.

22. Payment of the Allowance will be suspended upon the officer or soldier being reported absent without leave and the account will be closed from the date on which it was suspended upon the officer or soldier being declared a deserter by a Court of Enquiry.

23. If the officer or soldier rejoins from desertion, payments suspended under the provisions of the foregoing paragraph may be resumed from the date on which he again comes on pay.

24. Dependents of officers and soldiers reported "Prisoners of War" will continue to draw the allowance as if the officer or soldier were still on active service.

25. When the officer or soldier is discharged without pension, Separation Allowance and Assigned Pay may be continued to the dependents to the end of the month, in which the officer or soldier is discharged.

Section V.—Wives and Legitimate Children.

26. The Allowance may be issued in favour of such motherless legitimate children as, in the case of boys, are under the age of 16 and, in the case of girls, under the age of 17.

27. When the Allowance is claimed by an officer or soldier for his motherless children, a Guardian of the children should be named in writing by the officer or soldier for the purpose of receiving the Allowance.

28. The Allowance will not be issued for dependents who are maintained in a Government or Benevolent Institution at the expense of the Government or public subscription.

29. Where a wife is separated from her husband by written Separation Agreement or a Judicial Decree of "Separate from bed and board" or other similar Judicial Decree, parting her from her husband, and is entitled under such Agreement or by order of a competent Court to payment from her husband, such payment shall be made from the Separation Allowance issued to her, and if the Separation Allowance does not equal the amount so agreed upon or ordered to be paid by the Court, a compul-

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