OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY FORM

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES. THE INFORMATION SOUGHT IS FOR THE USE OF GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEMOBILIZATION AND REHABILITATION, A COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO STUDY PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING IN INDUSTRIAL LIFE THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, AFTER DISCHARGE. ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS IN ANSWERING WILL BE OF MUCH HELP TO THE COMMITTEE.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ON THE INSIDE OF COVER BEFORE COMPLETING FORM

PLEASE LEAVE BLANK

Section A—GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (a) Print name in full: Matthew BERNARD (b) Reg'l. No. G6150
2. (a) Arm of service: Army (b) Unit: # 70 C.A.(B)T.C. (c) Rank: Pte.
3. (a) Date of birth: May28/1914 (b) Have you any dependents? No (c) Place of residence at time of enlistment: Dalhousie N.B.
4. (a) Place of enlistment: Fredericton, N.B. (b) Date of enlistment: June 9 1941

Section B—EDUCATION AND TRAINING

5. (a) State age on finally leaving school: 14 Years (b) Were you attending school or college up to the time of enlistment? No
6. State definitely highest standing reached at public, technical or high school (for instance—"4 years, Public School", "two years, High School", "Junior Matriculation", or "4 years technical course in printing", etc.): 2 Year High School
7. If you attended a university, give name of university and standing or degree secured: Dalhousie, Superior College Mø Took a Course in Bookkeeping at
8. (a) Did you ever enter upon a trade apprenticeship? No (b) If so, for what occupation? No (c) Did you finish it? No (d) If you did not finish it, how long did you serve at it? No
9. (a) What languages do you speak fluently? English and French, Indian (b) What languages can you read well? English, French, Indian

Section C—EMPLOYMENT CONDITION AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

10. (a) State whether you were WORKING or NOT WORKING at time of enlistment. (Enter here only "Working" or "Not Working", as case may be; particulars are asked for below): WORKING (b) At time of enlistment of what trade union or professional society were you a member? No

Section D—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 11 TO 17 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "NOT WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a)

11. Had you ever been employed fairly regularly since leaving school?
12. (a) If answer to 11 be "Yes", state exact trade or occupation at which you actually worked (b) State how long you had worked at this trade or occupation
13. If answer to 11 be "No", state exact trade or occupation for which you feel qualified
14. If you had been employed after leaving school, state when you last worked fairly regularly before enlistment
15. Give details of last employer, if any: Name Address
16. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.)
17. (a) If your last employment was in a business of your own, state nature and address of business (b) Date of discontinuing it

Section E—PARTICULARS CONCERNING THOSE WHO WERE EMPLOYED AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

QUESTIONS 18 TO 23 REFER ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER "WORKING" IN QUESTION 10 (a). PLEASE READ THESE QUESTIONS AND REPLY TO THOSE APPLYING TO YOU AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT

IF YOU WERE AN EMPLOYEE WORKING FOR AN EMPLOYER UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 18 TO 21

18. Name of employer: Mr. Charles Scott, Address: Newcastle, N.B.
19. Nature of employer's business (for instance, "farmer", or "building contractor", or "boot factory", or "iron foundry", or "retail store", etc.): Lumber Contractor
20. (a) Your specific occupation: Cutting Pit Props (b) Number of years' experience at this occupation with any employer: 1 Year
21. (a) Did your employer promise definitely to give you employment on discharge? No (b) Did your employer refuse to promise you employment on discharge? No (c) Do you wish to return to your former employment? No

IF YOU WERE WORKING ON YOUR OWN UP TO THE TIME OF ENLISTMENT, THAT IS TO SAY, OPERATING A FARM, A STORE, AN AGENCY, OR IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, OR AS A PARTNER IN ANY SUCH LINE, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 22 AND 23

22. (a) State nature of business, or professional practice (b) Where was it located?
23. (a) Number of years engaged in this business (b) Have you made, or will you make plans to return to the same or a similar business on discharge?

Section F—PARTICULARS OF FARMING EXPERIENCE

24. (a) Do you wish to engage in farming after the war? No (b) Do you feel competent to operate a farm? No (c) If so, in what kind of farming? No
25. (a) Were you born on a farm? No (b) How many years' actual farming experience have you had? 6 Months (c) In what provinces did you have experience? U. S. A.

Section G—MISCELLANEOUS

26. Have you made any arrangements other than indicated above, for re-establishment in civil life after discharge? No
27. If so, state nature of your plans (for example, do you plan to return to school, or have you been assured of a job, etc.)
28. State any employment preference or ambition you may have, other than indicated elsewhere in this form: Would like to finish his course in Bookkeeping and work at this kind of work

DATE August 25th 1941 SIGNATURE Matthew Bernard

Received JAN 28 1941 Checked ..... Card ..... Observations .....

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(To be completed in triplicate. Copy designation to be shown by striking out terms not applicable.)

Unit NO. 7 DISTRICT DEPOT(CA F'TON, NB Regimental Number G 6150

CANADIAN ACTIVE SERVICE FORCE
ATTESTATION PAPER

1. Surname BERNARD
2. Christian Names MATTHEW
3. Present address DARLINGTON, RESTIGOUCHE CO., NB Canada
4. Date of birth MAY 28, 1914
5. Place of birth CANADA (Country) RESTIGOUCHE CO. (County or Province) EEL RIVER RESERVE, NB (Town or Township)
6. Religion (state denomination) ROMAN CATHOLIC
7. Trade or Calling LABOURER
8. Married, Widower or Single SINGLE
9. Name of next of kin ~~WILLIAMS/WILLIAM~~ MRS. THOMAS BARNABY
10. Relationship ~~WIFE~~ SISTER
11. Address of next of kin HOULTON, MAINE? U.S.A.
12. Do you belong to, or have you served in the Active Militia of Canada? NIL
(If Yes, Give Unit and Dates of Service)
13. Have you served in (*a*) The Canadian Active Service Force? NIL
(Yes or No)
(If Yes, Give Regimental No. and Unit) (*b*) Any other Naval, Military, or Air Force?
(Yes or No) (If Yes, specify Unit and Period of Service)
14. Did you serve during the Great War 1914-1918? NIL
(If Yes, specify Regimental No., Unit and Dates of Service)

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

I, MATTHEW BERNARD do solemnly declare that the above particulars are true, and I hereby engage to serve in the Canadian Active Service Force so long as an emergency, i.e., war, invasion, riot or insurrection, real or apprehended, exists, and for the period of demobilization after said emergency ceases to exist, and in any event for a period of not less than one year, provided His Majesty should so require my services.

WITNESS. W. Young Capt

Date JUNE 10/41 Matthew Bernard
(Signature of recruit)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION

MATTHEW BERNARD

I, do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty.

Matthew Bernard (Signature of Recruit)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR ATTESTING OFFICER

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answers to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided by law.

The above questions and answers 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 FREDERICTON, NB this 10th day of JUNE 19 41.

W. Young. Capt MAJOR
(Signature of Magistrate, Justice or Attesting Officer.)

O.C. NO. 7 DISTRICT DEPOT(CA F'TON?NB
(Office or Rank and Unit or appointment.)

N.B.—ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT ANY PERSON MAKING A FALSE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT

Record of Service of BERNARD MATTHEW (Christian Names) Regimental Number G 6150

Qualifications

Military: NIL
Business or Professional: NIL
Trade or Civil: LABOURER
Technical: NIL
Languages: ENGLISH

Educational Qualifications

High School or Collegiate: GRADE ~~XIIIth~~ NINE
Graduation or Matriculation: NOT COMPLETED (Specify)
*College: NIL
*University: NIL
*(Name of institution, courses or years completed, and degrees obtained to be shown)

All enlisted personnel will be taken on as Private soldiers, appointments and promotions to higher rank to be shown as provided in the space below.

Report Date	Report From whom received	Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc., from date taken on Strength of Field Force	Rank Shown	Effective Date	Unit	Place	Authority Part II D.O. No. Can. List, etc.	Authority Dated
	6600	Joined on appointment NO. 7 DISTRICT DEPOT, (CA) F'TON, N.B.	Gnr	10-6-41	No 700	F'ton	Part II 141	13-6-41
	—	ATT ALL PURP 70 LTC	Ltr	27-6-41	"	"	" " 153	27-6-41
	—	Remustered Trad of Private	"	27-6-41	"	"	" " 153	27-6-41
	—	Attached all purposes	"	27-6-41	#70 CA(B)T.C	"	" II 138	27-6-41
	1	Awarded 16 Hrs. detention (AWL 6 days, 6 hrs, 1 min) Sec. 15 AA	Pte.	23-7-41	"	"	" II 160	23-7-41
		Ceases to be attached to 917	-	26-8-41	-	-	" 189	26-8-41
29-8-41	#70 BTC	att. for all purl A19 RCA C/TC	"	27-8-41	RCASC/TC	C.Borden	Pt.II#209	29-8-41
		Ceases to be att. on posting to Div Troop Coy., 5th (Arm'd) Div RCASC Camp Borden Ontario	"	25-9-41	"	"	DO PT II #233	25-9-41
4-10-41	5 CAD Troops Coy.	T.O.S. by 5 CAD Troops Coy.RCASC(A.F.)	Dvr.	26-9-41	5 CAD Troops Coy.	"	129	4-10-41
4-10-41	"	S.O.S. " 5 " " " " "	"	30-9-41	"	"	129	4-10-41
6-10-41	1st.Cdn. Arm'd Bde.	T.O.S. for all purposes 1st CDN. ARM'D BDE. COY. R.C.A.S.C. (A.F.)		1-10-41	1st.Cdn. Arm'd Bde.	"	127	6-10-41
~~1-11-41~~	~~"~~	~~S.O.S. for all purposes to A-19 RCASC(A)TC~~		~~1-11-41~~	~~"~~	~~"~~	~~140~~	~~1-11-41~~
		~~WAITS in hospital, C.B.M.H.~~						

For additional entries use M.F.M. 1 and 2 (a)

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Name in full MATTHEW BERNARD Date JUNE 10/41.

Part 1. Information obtained from the recruit.

1. Age 27

2. Have you ever suffered from any of the following diseases?

a. Rheumatism YES RIGHT KNEE
b. Tuberculosis NO
c. Bronchitis or asthma NO
d. Heart disease NO
e. Kidney or bladder disease NO
f. Gastro-intestinal NO
g. Rupture NO
h. Varicose veins NO
i. Flat or deformed feet NO
j. Nasal trouble NO
k. Ear disease NO
l. Eye disease NO
m. Epilepsy NO
n. Nervous or mental disease NO
o. Syphilis NO
p. Gonorrhoea NO
q. Have you ever worn glasses? NO
r. Are you now or have you in the past received disability pension or compensation? If so, give details NO

Matthew Bernard
Signature of Applicant

Part 2. Information obtained by medical examination. **The recruit must be stripped.**

1. Identification marks or scars. (If operative obtain history.)
Vaccination mark arm left.

2. Height 5 feet 8½ inches.
3. Weight 148 pounds.
4. Complexion Dark Eyes Brown Hair Black
5. Development Good ~~Fair~~ ~~Poor~~
6. Chest measurement—Girth on full expansion 38 inches.
Range of expansion 2½ inches.
7. Vision, right 20/20 left 20/30
8. Hearing, right o.v. 20 left o.v. 20
9. Condition of mouth and teeth Dental attention
10. The abnormalities (congenital and pathological) found on examination are as follows

X-RAY:- N
URINE:- N
REFLEXES:- N
EAR DRUMS:- N
B. P.:- 130/90

Part 3. We, the examiners find no evidence of the diseases mentioned in Question 2, Part 1, except as reported in the remarks. We have examined the Recruit in accordance with the pamphlet "Physical standards and Instructions for the medical examination of recruits" and he is found fit for Category "A"

Special remarks when category lower than A

E.T. Kennedy Major President — F.F. Ramey Capt. Member — T.P. Kearns Lieut. Member

(E.T. Kennedy) Major President — (F.F. Ramey) Capt. Member — (T.P. Kearns) Lt. Member

VACCINATIONS, INOCULATIONS, BOARDS, RECLASSIFICATION OF MEDICAL CATEGORY

Date	Brief details and signature	Date	Brief details and signature
12-6-41	X Ray Neg. TPK	13-11-42	T.A.B.T. ½ cc
13-6-41	T.A.B. (1) TPK.		
12-7-41	2		
3-8-41	3		
12-6-41	VACCINATION (5) TPK.		
	Re-Examined by Medical Board Category Confirmed. C.T.A. ..... RCAMC. Prod.		

Statement of the Service of No. G-6150 Rank Dvr.

Sheet No. 2 Trip a.

M.F.M. 1 & 2 (a)
700 M—8-39 (1697)
H.Q. 1773-43-35

Name BERNARD, Matthew

REPORT Date	REPORT From whom received	Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc. (Continuation of Folio 2, M.F.M. 1 or M.F.M. 2)	Rank Shown	Effective Date	Unit	Place	Authority Part II D.O. No. Can. List, etc.	Authority Dated
SOS 1-11-41	1st.Cdn. Arm'd Bde.	S.O.S. for all purposes, on transfer, while in Camp Borden Military Hospital, and attached for all purposes to No.7 District Depot, Fredericton, New Brunswick.	Dvr.	1-11-41	1st.Cdn. Arm'd Bde.	Camp Borden	Part II- 140	1-11-41
		Attached for ll purposes to A19RCASCTC from 1st Cdn Armd Bde	"	2-11-41	RCASCTC	CBorden	Pt II Or # 270	5 -11-41
		Granted furlough to return 29-12-41	"	16-12-41	"	"	Pt II Or # 305	12-12-41
		Special transport warrant No A-26179	"	18-12-41	"	"	Pt II Or # 309	18-12-41
SOS 6-1-42	C.Borden	S.O.S. ON ~~ATTACHMENT~~ TO ~~GENERAL HOLDING UNIT~~ Posting 1 CASC Reinf	"	6-1-42	"	"	DO PT II #5	6-1-42
SOS		SOS CAN (CANADA) ON EMBARKATION AT ON 10 Jan 42		10 Jan 42				
	TOS	TOS CAN/OVERSEAS ON TRANSFER ON 11 Jan 42 AND DISEMBARKED AT	Dvrt	11 Jan 42 ON 19 Jan 42		UK	15.	21 Jan 42
C16 5-4-44	TOS	T.O.S. 1 C.A.S.C. R.U. FROM Canada, DATE	Pte.	20 Jan 43	CASCRU	UK	DO 15	21 Jan 42
		P/L to 19 Feb 42 FTW (PI)	Pte	12 Feb 42	CASCRU	UK	38	17 Feb 42
		Att fapt to 1 Can Reinf Unit	Pte	1 Mar 42	CASCRU	UK	96 163	27 Apr 42
		Ceases to be Att to 1 Can Gen RU fap	Pte	2 May 42	CASCRU	UK	102 169	4 May 42
		appointed to PE 1 Can Wing	Pte	20 July 42	CASCRU	UK	DO 169	20 July 42
		Priv leave 16-23 Sept 42 - 7 days	Pte	16 Sept 42	CASCRU	UK	DO 221	16 Sept 42
		Rely appt PE 1 Can Wing	Pte	3 Nov 43	CASCRU	UK	DO 54	3 Nov 43
		to receive 150 per Day	Pte	1 Jan 43	CASCRU	UK	DO 76	28 Jan 43
		Adm 8 Gen Hosp	Pte	19 May 43	ASCRU	UK	127	26 May 43
		Disch from 8 Gen Hosp	Pte	2 June 43	ASCRU	UK	135	11 June 43
C16 5-4-44		attd FAP to 1 CRU	Pte	14 Nov 43	ASCRU	UK	247	16 Nov 43

Statement of the Service of No. G. 6150 Rank Pte (A/L/Cpl) Sheet No. III

M.F.M. 1 & 2 (a)
700 M—8-39 (1667)
H.Q. 1772-45-18

Name Bernard M.

REPORT Date	REPORT From whom received	Record of Promotions, Reductions, Transfers, Casualties, Reports, etc. (Continuation of Folio 2, M.F.M. 1 or M.F.M. 2)	Rank Shown	Effective Date	Unit	Place	Authority Part II D.O. No. Cas. List, etc.	Authority Dated
		C/att'd FAP to 1 G RU (on comply Case 2 Ser 25) CRU	A/L/Cpl	26 Nov 43	ASCRU	UK	291	2 Dec 43
		Att'd Case 2 Ser 25 (Rgt Sgt Duties) to 27 Nov 43	A/L/Cpl (Pte)	14 Nov 43	ASCRU	UK	277	16 Nov 43
		Appt'd to rank of A/L/Cpl (with Pay)	A/L/Cpl	10 Nov 43	ASCRU	UK	287	27 Nov 43
		Qual: Q2 (on Case 2 Ser 25)	A/L/Cpl	30 Nov 43	ASCRU	UK	293	4 Dec 43
		Awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal + Clasp.						
C16 5.4.44	Trip completed 5.4.44	Died Body found in Thames 6830 hrs.	A/L/Cpl	23 Mar 44	ASCRU	UK	CL "C" 1326	24 Mar 44.
		SOS Deceased	A/L/Cpl	23 Mar 44	ASCRU	UK	74	28 Mar 44

10/Bernard, M./1
(A.G.7a)

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8 Sep 42

M E M O R A N D U M

To:
A.A.G.(Pers)

G.4922 Pte. Bernard, M.
1 R.C.O.C. R.U.

1. This is a case where a soldier has been reboarded Category "D" - Anxiety Neurosis, and where the soldier gives as the cause of his trouble, a history of family worries.

2. I have been advised by telephone that the soldier was interviewed by Capt. Jolly, Adj. 1 C.O.R.U. The soldier says that he never made formal application for compassionate leave, in fact he never mentioned it to any officer. He did talk over his problem with a Sgt.-Major and suggested to the Sgt.-Major that he would try to get back to Canada. The Sgt.-Major dissuaded him and he did not make a formal application.

3. In view of the fact that this man is a mental case, I do not accept this as being final and have asked for the Pay file as it seems to me quite possible that he will have discussed the question with his Paymaster, and that an investigation may have been made through D.A.B.

4. I can quite understand that the permanent staff at C.R.U. may be quite sceptical as to applications for compassionate return, either on leave or for duty.

5. During the period 15 May 3 Aug, we
received applications for return 267
There were approved..... 45.

This number includes approximately 10 cases where no application was made here but where friends made representations in Ottawa, and the first we heard of it was a cable to the effect that return was warranted if the soldier desired to apply and if we concurred. It is interesting to know that there were a couple of cases where we received cables of this type and the soldier did not desire to apply.

Cases not approved..... 81
Cases still pending.....141

6. It seems very difficult, if not impossible, to co-relate home circumstances with their affect upon the soldier. Apparently the investigation in Canada deals only with the circumstances that are found there. Some of the reports seem to indicate that the presence of the soldier would not be of any great assistance, in fact, some flatly state that the soldier's presence is not desired.

7. Take the present case for example. The soldier states that his wife was arrested for disorderly conduct and that his children are being neglected. It may well be that her mode or manner of life have not altered since his enlistment; it may also be that the five children could be better looked after by the Children's Aid Society than by the soldier.

8. Compassionate return is not usually approved on the simple ground of misconduct, even when accompanied by the birth of a child: there must be some other unusual circumstances before return is approved.

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9. I do see two very grave difficulties. The first is that D.A.B. investigations are regarded as confidential and the soldier is not given all the facts revealed by the investigation; he is, therefore, left in a state of uncertainty, sometimes greater after investigation than it was before, and yet it is necessary to investigate through D.A.B. in all cases where the address of the wife is not known or where they only have a postal address, because the D.A.B. refuses to divulge the addresses to which its cheques are sent.

10. We have a case at this Headquarters at the present time where one, Pte. Noble, is trying to get some information with regard to his wife. Col. Booth had something to do with this case last February.

11. The soldier (Noble) has a child born a month after he came overseas, which child of course he has not seen. He has a letter from the wife in which she says that she is in love with another man. Noble does not want investigation through D.A.B. as there is quite a strong feeling among the troops that such investigations have only to do with pay and allowances. He feels that investigation by them would have the immediate result of ending all chance of reconciliation with his wife, and no matter what she has done in the meantime, he wants to take her back and avoid all chance of losing his infant child.

12. I have just seen his file. The Legion has been unable to find the wife but are still trying to do so. They cannot get the address from the D.A.B. and it would appear from the file, that Noble is getting into a very bad mental state, however, he appears to be a man of quite strongmentality, and I am doubtful if he would develop Neurosis.

13. On the other hand, we had a case where the soldier's spiritual and medical advisor both advised return. The grounds were that "the wife's circulatory and respiratory symptons were satisfactory, but she had pains in her genitals". This case was investigated and it was found that return was not warranted, but the man immediately developed Anxiety Neurosis and was returned to Canada.

14. We had another case which looked really like a meritous case, but a letter was intercepted wherein the soldier outlined to his wife the symptons which would be beneficial in securing his return.

15. It then developed that when the wife consulted the Doctor, she had no physical symptons but merely put up a good story.

16. The greatest difficulty of all arises from the time taken up in investigating these cases; two or three months is by no means uncommon. We had two cases in this Headquarters where the wife died and where the N.CO. and officer, respecitvely, wanted to get some particulars as to home circumstances. In each case they had full information by ordinary mail from private sources before they got any information at all by cable.

17. It seems to me that the result of the delay is that the soldier builds up in his own mind a very strong expectation that he will be returned, or on the other hand, his fears grow and in the end he is disappointed in not being returned, or he is advised that there is a full report and he gets sketches and

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RECEIVED 5 SEP 1942 A.M.D. 2.

THIS FORM WILL BE USED FOR ALL RANKS

MEDICAL HISTORY OF AN INVALID

INSTRUCTIONS WHICH MUST BE READ BY MEDICAL OFFICERS

1. In using this Form the "Instructions issued for the guidance of Medical Officers serving on Medical Boards" issued by the B.P.C. and instructions issued by Militia H.Q., Ottawa, will be carefully followed.
2. The Medical Officer in charge of the case is responsible for the proper completion of Sections 1 to 17 of this Form and will obtain the signature of the invalid to the "Statement," page 3. The President of the Board of Medical Officers is responsible for the proper completion of sections reserved for recording the "Opinion of the Medical Board."
3. In answering the questions, Medical Officers will carefully obtain and record the invalid's statements concerning his condition. They will distinguish observations made by themselves from hearsay. They will distinctly state the authority for statements not resulting from their personal observation; it must be made clear whether such statements are obtained from the invalid concerned, from witnesses, or from documents, Regimental or otherwise.
4. Special care is required in answering question 9. Read the questions carefully. All questions must be answered.
5. If space provided under any section is insufficient add another sheet. Such sheets must be initialled by the Medical Board.
6. A note will be made of attached papers by the Medical Board under the section "Opinion of Medical Board."
7. Under no circumstances may information other than that in sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 be communicated to the invalid, directly or indirectly.
8. The nomenclature of diseases must be followed, if possible, as described in "List of Diseases" printed in the order in which they appear in the Annual Report on the Health of the Army, published in London (1915), by Messrs. Harrison & Sons.

STATION Borden Hans DATE 16 Aug 42

1. 1 (a) Unit # 1 RCOC R.H. (b) Regimental No. G 4922 (c) Rank Pte
   (d) Surname BERNARD (e) Christian name MICHAEL
   (f) Home address Newcastle New Brunswick Canada
   (g) Next of Kin Mary Bernard (h) Relationship Wife
   (i) Address of Next of Kin Newcastle New Brunswick.
2. Age last birthday 38 Date of birth 7 Aug 1904 Moncton N.B.
3. Enlistment, or Appointment (if an Officer) (a) Place ~~12 Apr 41~~ (b) Date 12 Apr 41
4. Personal description:
   (a) Height 5' 9" (b) Weight 168 (stripped) (c) Complexion Dark
   (d) Colour of hair Black (e) Colour of eyes Brown (f) Identification marks, Scars, etc. 1 Appendectomy scar L. elbow ~~Amputated~~ L. index finger.
5. Former trade or occupation Labour

6. Service (The information should be secured from personal documents, but if documents are not available the invalid's statement may be taken and note must be made to that effect. Periods of service in Canada, England, France or elsewhere should be noted).	Years	Days
	1	127

Soldiers Paybook

	Periods From	Periods To
Canada	12 April 41	12 Dec 41
England	24 Dec 41	Date
France or other theatres of War	H.A.	H.A.

7. Original disease, or injury Anxiety neurosis (Reactive depression)

(a) Date of origin Apr 41 (b) Place of origin England
(c) Cause Domestic affairs.

8. Present disability— (Here state the exact nature of the disability resulting from the disabling conditions: e.g. (*a*) Weakness—slight, moderate, marked, etc; (*b*) Loss, complete or partial, of an organ or member, or of its functions; (*c*) Necessity for rest of the body, or of some of its parts, for therapeutic reasons; (*d*) Any other restrictions in choice of occupation.)

(a) - Moderate weakness (b) Partial C.N.S. - no

(d) Unfit for military duty

9. Present condition—(*a*) (Before completing this section the invalid should be stripped, and subjected to a thorough physical examination. Important, to be a full description of the present disabling condition, or conditions only. "History" must be recorded in Section 10. Describe all abnormalities, anatomical and functional, contributing to present disability; objective findings to be stated first, then subjective findings.)

Objective - Appears dejected. Respirations sighing. Head + neck - Neg. Chest Clear. Heart - Negative. Abdomen - Neg. Reflexes Active. Mentally slowed. Appears worried Subjective - States he has lost 5 lbs - weight. Slight headache. Appetite poor. Bowels voids very easily. Unable to keep his mind on his duties.

(*b*) Has the invalid now any affection of the following systems, not described in Section 9 (*a*) above?
(Answer Yes or No.—if the answer to any part is Yes, give a brief description of the present condition.)

Nervous System As above N.P. no Cardio-Vascular System no Genito-Urinary System no
(If pulse rate is abnormal, B. P. will be taken.) (Albumen and Sugar will be excluded.)
Urine - Neg.

Special Senses no Respiratory System no Integumentary System no

Disturbances of Mentality no L.C. As above Digestive System As above Muscular System no

Osseous and Joint Systems no Any other general condition no

10. (*a*) History (of the condition referred to in Section 9 (*a*).)

~~Date~~ ~~Nervous breakdown reported~~

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(i) Address of Next of Kin as in 1 f.

2. Age last birthday 38 Date of birth 7 Aug. 1904

3. Enlistment, or Appointment (if an Officer) (a) Place Moncton N.B. (b) Date 12 Apr.41.

4. Personal description:

(a) Height 5' 9" (b) Weight 168 (stripped) (c) Complexion Dark

(d) Colour of hair Black (e) Colour of eyes Brown (f) Identification marks, Scars, etc.

1. Semicircular scar 1. elbow. 2. Amputated 1. index finger.

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7. Original disease, or injury ANXIETY NEUROSIS (REACTIVE DEPRESSION)

(a) Date of origin Apr. 41 (b) Place of origin England

(c) Cause Domestic affairs.

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(If pulse rate is abnormal, B. P. will be taken.) (Albumen and Sugar will be excluded.)

Special Senses..No..Respiratory System..No..Integumentary System..No..

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DEPARTMENT OF ~~NEURO/~~PSYCHIATRY REPORT.

#I.CDN.NEURO.HOSP:RCAMC.

DATE:- 21 July 42

G.4922. Pte. Bernard, M. #I.RCOC.RU.

REPORT:- Has always been of a quiet steady temperament, inclined to be serious and a worrier, but no previous neurotic disability. Worked as common laborer. Was in American Army 1927-30. Wife and 5 children. Enlisted 15 mos ago and came overseas 7 mos ago. Carried on well until present trouble.
3 mos ago got news that his children were being neglected and his wife in jail for disorderly conduct. Since then has been acutely depressed. Says he told his officers but nothing was done. Tried to fight it off but has become more and more depressed and agitated. Lost all interest in work. Unable to sleep and walks in fields at night. No appetite. Disturbing thoughts on his mind all the time. Always feels like weeping. Headaches.

O/E:- On exam is in a fairly severe state of depression and anxiety, in tears on discussing wife. This case was earlier up for consideration of compassionate leave. Now he is totally disabled by Reactive Depression. In my opinion he will not recover until returned to Canada and should be reboarded. In meantime reassure and give bromide or phenobarb T.i.d & h.s.

J.C. Richardson, Major.
Specialist. #1 CNH.RCAMC

described on page 4.)

13. What is the probable duration, in months, of the disability or of each of the disabling conditions, if there is more than one ? Unknown

14. Treatment (Case reports, general or special, should be secured and attached where possible.) No.

15. Is further treatment in hospital, convalescent home, etc., likely to be of material benefit ?
(If the answer is "yes" state nature of treatment required and probable duration)
No

16. Can the former trade or occupation be resumed ? ~~Yes~~
(If not, briefly state why)

17. Recommendations To Medical Board

Medical Officer by whom the case is brought forward.

STATEMENT OF THE INVALID

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I complain in addition of nothing.

Michael Bernard Rank.
Signature of invalid examined.

10.—(*b*) (Here give a complete history, as obtained from invalid, with dates of origin, of any affection from which the invalid, has suffered either prior to or since enlistment, and not included in Section 10 (*a*).)

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11.—(*a*) Did the disabling condition have its origin before enlistment? No.

(*b*) If so, has it been aggravated by Service? (If aggravated, give a description, as far as it is possible to do so, of the disabling condition at time of enlistment.)

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12. Was the disability caused, or aggravated; (*a*) by intemperance, or improper conduct; or (*b*) by unreasonable refusal to accept treatment? (a) No. (b) No.

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OPINION OF THE MEDICAL BOARD

18. Does the Board concur with the preceding report? If not, give differing opinions, with reasons, quoting the number of the answer criticised.

We concur. This man has an active anxiety state probably due to family worries. He will not be of any value in the services overseas. If he returns to Canada and gets his family affairs straightened out his depression would be materially benefited.

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20. It is certified that the invalid

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Assurance-reassurance re family--six months. For Canada

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21. It is recommended that the invalid be ~~discharged~~ (When not for discharge add special recommendation.)

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PLACE Bordon Hants — *President.*

DATE 25-8-42 — Members

TO BE COMPLETED WHEN TREATMENT IS REFUSED

I, the undersigned.....understand the nature of the treatment which it is recommended that I should undergo and refuse to accept it.

Witness..... Signed.....

Should the refusal of the invalid to accept treatment appear to be unreasonable, or should he decline to sign this statement the Board of medical officers should so state

.....*President.*

PLACE.....

DATE..... } Members

APPROVED BY ..... Major,
Assistant Director of Medical Services.
for A.D.M.S., Can. Reinf. Units.

DATE AUG 31 1942

APPROVED BY ..... Major,
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15. Is further treatment in hospital, convalescent home, etc., likely to be of material benefit? .....
(If the answer is "yes" state nature of treatment required and probable duration)
No

16. Can the former trade or occupation be resumed? Yes
(If not, briefly state why)

17. Recommendations To Medical Board

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#I.CDN.NEURO.HOSP:RCAMC. DATE:- 21 July 42

G.4922. Pte. Bernard, M. #I.RCOC.RU.

REPORT:- Has always been of a quiet steady temperament, inclined to be serious and a worrier, but no previous neurotic disability. Worked as common laborer. Was in American Army 1927-30. Wife and 5 children. Enlisted 15 mos ago and came overseas 7 mos ago. Carried on well until present trouble.
3 mos ago got news that his children were being neglected and his wife in jail for disorderly conduct. Since then has been acutely depressed. Says he told his officers but nothing was done. Tried to fight it off but has become more and more depressed and agitated. Lost all interest in work. Unable to sleep and walks in fields at night. No appetite. Disturbing thoughts on his mind all the time. Always feels like weeping. Headaches.

O/E:- On exam is in a fairly severe state of depression and anxiety, in tears on discussing wife. This case was earlier up for consideration of compassionate leave. Now he is totally disabled by Reactive Depression. In my opinion he will not recover until returned to Canada and should be reboarded. In meantime reassure and give bromide or phenobarb T.i.d & h.s.

J.C. Richardson, Major.
Specialist. #1 CNH.RCAMC

described on page 4.)

13. What is the probable duration, in months, of the disability or of each of the disabling conditions, if there is more than one? Unknown

14. Treatment (Case reports, general or special, should be secured and attached where possible.) No.

15. Is further treatment in hospital, convalescent home, etc., likely to be of material benefit?
(If the answer is "yes" state nature of treatment required and probable duration)
No

16. Can the former trade or occupation be resumed? Yes
(If not, briefly state why)

17. Recommendations To Medical Board

E. Chesterton Capt

Medical Officer by whom the case is brought forward.

STATEMENT OF THE INVALID

(Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 are to be read to the invalid and either "satisfied" or "not satisfied" struck out).

I, the undersigned Michael Bernard have heard the description of my disability and present condition read, and am satisfied (~~or not satisfied~~) with it. (If dissatisfied, statement should follow.)

I complain in addition of nothing.

Michael Bernard Rank.
Signature of invalid examined.

10.—(b) (Here give a complete history, as obtained from invalid, with dates of origin, of any affection from which the invalid, has suffered either prior to or since enlistment, and not included in Section 10 (a).)

See section 10 (c)

(c) (Here give a description of wounds, scars and deformities.

1. Age 27 chopped off l. index finger. 2. Axe wound l. elbow.

11.—(a) Did the disabling condition have its origin before enlistment? No.

(b) If so, has it been aggravated by Service? (If aggravated, give a description, as far as it is possible to do so, of the disabling condition at time of enlistment.)

R.O. 453

12. Was the disability caused, or aggravated; (a) by intemperance, or improper conduct; or (b) by unreasonable refusal to accept treatment? (a) No. (b) No.

The regimental documents will be referred to.
(If the answer is in the affirmative, state in percentages, to what extent the patient is incapacitated by that causation or aggravation. In answering this question, conduct sheets should be considered. If treatment has been refused, the circumstances surrounding the refusal should be described on page 4.)

13. What is the probable duration, in months, of the disability or of each of the disabling conditions, if there is more than one? Unknown

14. Treatment (Case reports, general or special, should be secured and attached where possible.) No.

15. Is further treatment in hospital, convalescent home, etc., likely to be of material benefit?
(If the answer is "yes" state nature of treatment required and probable duration)

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(If not, briefly state why)

17. Recommendations To Medical Board

E. Albert Atherson Capt

Medical Officer by whom the case is brought forward.

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I complain in addition of nothing.

Michael Bernard Rank.

Signature of invalid examined.

OPINION OF THE MEDICAL BOARD

18. Does the Board concur with the preceding report? If not, give differing opinions, with reasons, quoting the number of the answer criticised.

We concur. This man has an active anxiety state probably due to family worries. He will not be of any value in the services overseas. If he returns to Canada and gets his family affairs straightened out his depression would ~~be materially lessened.~~ benefit.

19. Is the invalid fit for

(*a*) ~~General service~~,	~~(Category A)~~	~~(Yes or No.)~~	
(*b*) ~~Service abroad, not general service~~,	~~" B)~~	~~(Yes or No.)~~	
(*c*) ~~Home service (Canada only)~~,	~~" C)~~	~~(Yes or No.)~~	
(*d*) Temporarily unfit.	" D)	(Yes or No.)	D
(*e*) ~~Unfit for service in Categories A, B and C~~	~~" E)~~	~~(Yes or No.)~~	~~for Canada.~~

20. It is certified that the invalid

(*a*) ~~Does require treatment~~. (Give the nature of the condition and of the treatment required and its probable duration.)

Assurance-reassurance re family--six months.

(*b*) Does not require treatment.
(*c*) Should pass under his own control.
(*d*) ~~Should not pass under his own control.~~
(Strike out condition not applicable.)

21. It is recommended that the invalid be ~~discharged.~~ (When not for discharge add special recommendation.)

Categorized as in section 19 D above.

Before signing the President of the Medical Board will read the statement signed by the invalid and differing opinions regarding Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10, as recorded in Section 18, to the invalid and if no change is indicated, will initial the statement. If, as a result of differing opinions regarding Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 only, recorded in Section 18, the invalid is dissatisfied with the statement previously made, remarks of the Medical Board will be added here.

PLACE Bordon Hants — *President.*

DATE 25-8-42 — Members

TO BE COMPLETED WHEN TREATMENT IS REFUSED

I, the undersigned.....understand the nature of the treatment which it is recommended that I should undergo and refuse to accept it.

Witness..... Signed.....

Should the refusal of the invalid to accept treatment appear to be unreasonable, or should he decline to sign this statement the Board of medical officers should so state

President.

PLACE..... — Members

DATE.....

APPROVED BY ..... Major, for Asst. D.M.S. Director of Medical Services.

DATE AUG 31 1942

APPROVED BY ..... Major, (for Col. M. Tuten) Brigadier, *Director-General of Medical Services.*

DATE.....

Director of Medical Services, Canadian Military Headquarters, SEP 3 1942

No. 1032

DEPARTMENT OF NEURO-PSYCHIATRY REPORT

No. G4782 Rank Pte Name Bernard Unit 2 Can Pnr Regt

REPORT :— Age 37 DATE 21 July 42

Has always been of a quiet steady temperament; reserved to the point of being a recluse. Worked as common labourer. Was in American Army 1922-30. Married. Wife & 5 children. Enlisted 15 mos ago & came overseas 7 mos ago. Carried on well until present trouble.

3 wks ago got news that his children were being neglected & his wife in jail for disorderly conduct. Since then has been acutely depressed. Says he told his officers but nothing was done. Tried to fight it off but has become more & more depressed & agitated. Lost all interest in work. Unable to sleep & walks about in the fields at night. No appetite. Disturbing thoughts on his mind all the time always feels like weeping. Headaches.

On ex. is in a fairly severe state of depression & anxiety — in tears on discussing wife & children. This case was earlier up for consideration of compassionate leave. Now he is totally disabled by Reactive Depression. In my opinion he will not recover until returned to Canada & should be re-boarded in medium category & given bromide & phenobarbitone tablets

No. 1 CANADIAN NEUROLOGICAL HOSPITAL

J C Richardson
Specialist, R.C.A.M.C.

Mays, Aldershot. A45746

STATEMENT OF THE INVALID

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I complain in addition of nothing

Michael Bernard Rank.
Signature of invalid examined.

10.—(*b*) (Here give a complete history, as obtained from invalid, with dates of origin, of any affection from which the invalid, has suffered either prior to or since enlistment, and not included in Section 10 (*a*).)

See neuropsychiatrists report I.C. See Section 10(c)

(*c*) (Here give a description of wounds, scars and deformities.

¼ Age 27 shotted off L. index finger ½ Cm wound L. elbow

11.—(*a*) Did the disabling condition have its origin before enlistment? - No

(*b*) If so, has it been aggravated by Service? (If aggravated, give a description, as far as it is possible to do so, of the disabling condition at time of enlistment.)

(a) - No R.O. 453.

12. Was the disability caused, or aggravated; (*a*) by intemperance, or improper conduct; or (*b*) by unreasonable refusal to accept treatment? (a) - No (b) - No

The regimental documents will be referred to.
(If the answer is in the affirmative, state in percentages, to what extent the patient is incapacitated by that causation or aggravation. In answering this question, conduct sheets should be considered. If treatment has been refused, the circumstances surrounding the refusal should be described on page 4.)

13. What is the probable duration, in months, of the disability or of each of the disabling conditions, if there is more than one? - Unknown.

14. Treatment (Case reports, general or special, should be secured and attached where possible.) - No

See neuropsychiatrists report dated 21 July 41

15. Is further treatment in hospital, convalescent home, etc., likely to be of material benefit?
(If the answer is "yes" state nature of treatment required and probable duration)

No

16. Can the former trade or occupation be resumed? Yes
(If not, briefly state why)

17. Recommendations In medical Board

E. Ernest Peterson Capt
Medical Officer by whom the case is brought forward.

STATEMENT OF THE INVALID

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I complain in addition of nothing

Michael Bernard Rank.
Signature of invalid examined.

OPINION OF THE MEDICAL BOARD

18. Does the Board concur with the preceding report? If not, give differing opinions, with reasons, quoting the number of the answer criticised.

We concur. This man has an unstable appetite probably due to family worries. He will not be of any value in the Service overseas. If he returns to Canada & gets his family affairs straightened out his depression would be materially lessened.

19. Is the invalid fit for

~~(a) General service,~~ (Category A) ~~(Yes or No.)~~
~~(b) Service abroad, not general service,~~ (" B) ~~(Yes or No.)~~
~~(c) Home service (Canada only),~~ (" C) ~~(Yes or No.)~~
(d) Temporarily unfit. (" D) ~~(Yes or No.)~~ D for Canada
~~(e) Unfit for service in Categories A, B and C~~ (" E) ~~(Yes or No.)~~

20. It is certified that the invalid

(a) Does require treatment. (Give the nature of the condition and of the treatment required and its probable duration.)

~~Treatment necessary~~ w family - six months in Canada

~~(b) Does not require treatment.~~
(c) Should pass under his own control.
~~(d) Should not pass under his own control~~
(Strike out condition not applicable.)

21. It is recommended that the invalid be ~~discharged~~. (When not for discharge add special recommendation.)

Discharged on fact C.D. above

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PLACE Bn Mon Hants — President.

DATE 25-8-42 — Members

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Witness..... Signed.....

Should the refusal of the invalid to accept treatment appear to be unreasonable, or should he decline to sign this statement the Board of medical officers should so state

President.

PLACE..... Members

DATE.....

APPROVED BY ..... Major,
Assistant Director of Medical Services.
for - A.D.M.S., Can.
DATE AUG 31 1942

APPROVED BY ..... Major,
for (R. M. Luton) Brigadier,
Director-General of Medical Services.
Director of Medical Services,
Canadian Military Headquarters.
DATE SEP 3 1942

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10/BERNARD M/1-AMD2.
3 September 1942.

MEMORANDUM

D.A.G.
Attention
A.G.5.

G.4922 Pte. Bernard, M.
1 R.C.O.C. RU

The marginally named soldier has appeared before a Medical Board and on the basis of anxiety neurosis (reactive depression), has been placed in category "D" with the recommendation that he be returned to Canada.

2. The Board is of the opinion that the reactive anxiety state in this man is due to family worries and he will not be of service overseas.

3. They are of the opinion that if he can get his family affairs straightened out his depression will be materially benefited and he will be able to carry on in a higher category in Canada.

4. The findings and recommendation of the Board are concurred in.

H

Recommendation approved

(R. M. LUTON) Brigadier,
Director of Medical Services,
Canadian Military Headquarters.

(C. S. BOOTH) Colonel,
Asst. D.A.G.,
Canadian Military Headquarters.

5 Sep 42

RML/GAP

III Pers

I note in MFB 227 para 10 "He has tried to get compassionate leave but was unable to do so." While we do not invite frivolous applications, I take a poor view of a C.O. who fails to forward a proper case. This man's disability appears to be directly attributable to family troubles & might have been prevented by intelligent handling. Pls. ascertain from soldier where, when & to whom he applied & if possible make appropriate follow up.

5 Sep 42

(C. S. BOOTH) Colonel,
Asst. D.A.G.
Canadian Military Headquarters

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10/Bernard, M./1
(A.G.7a)

7 Sep 42

M E M O R A N D U M

G.4922 Pte. Bernard, M.
1RCOC RU

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1. Telephoned C.R.U. spoke to Lieut. Cochran (formerly West Nova Scotia Regt.) Staff Learner 'A'. Gave him the details and asked him to find out all the particulars of why no application for compassionate return came forward to this Headquarters. Advised him, if necessary, to ascertain facts from the soldier, particularly if he discussed it with any officer, with the view to applying for compassionate return

II AG 2a
Action for Return to Canada pls.
7 Sep 42

KVS AG 7a

III. Noted. Cat. D (for Canada) are posted to NETO by CRU same as cat E.
JAB. 7 Sep

KV Stratton

(K.V. Stratton) Captain,
A.G.7a
Canadian Military Headquarters.

bits from it.

18. I am not at all surprised if the permanent staff at C.R.U. try to dissuade soldiers from applying for compassionate return.

II

A.G.7.a.

(1) If you obtain any evidence that an application was made and not properly handled by C.O. &c please let me know

(2) Meanwhile see that all necessary steps are taken to have this man returned to Canada in accordance with medical recommendation. DMC see fol. 3

(3) As to general picture DAG took some evidence back with him and Thompson prepared some more which I sent off to DAG by Bomber Mail. This was on complaints of Delay and bad handling by D.A.B. What else can we do? What are your recommendations?

K V Stratton

(K.V. Stratton) Captain,
A.G.7a
Canadian Military Headquarters.

19 sep 42
No further information herein. Man returned to Canada. — No confirmation of suggestion that he ever made application for Comp. Return.
KVS
AG7a

8 Sept 42
Bry
Pers

CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPHS

DAY LETTER [X]

NIGHT LETTER [ ]

CASUALTY (REPORT DELIVERY)

OTTAWA MARCH 28 1944

TO:- MRS MARY PICTOU
DARLINGTON
RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY NB

7799 REGRET DEEPLY G6150 ACTING LANCE CORPORAL MATTHEW BERNARD OFFICIALLY REPORTED DIED TWENTYTHIRD MARCH 1944 AS RESULT OF DROWNING STOP IF POSSIBLE PLEASE ADVISE UNDERSIGNED BY TELEGRAM COLLECT THE PRESENT ADDRESS OF MRS THOMAS BARNABY OFFICIAL NEXT OF KIN

DIRECTOR OF RECORDS

PREPAID

OFFICER I/C RECORDS

M.F.M. 267
50M-11-42 (7151)
H.Q. 1772-39-1989

OFFICIAL CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS CASUALTY NOTIFICATION

NUMBER G6150 RANK Acting Lance Corporal SERVICE UNIT 1st Army Servi Corps Reinforcement Unit [redacted].

NAME BERNARD, Matthew

DATE OF BIRTH DAY 28th MONTH May YEAR 1914 Enlisted: 10-6-41

MARITAL STATUS Single Religion: Roman Catholic

NEXT OF KIN AS SHOWN ON M.F.M. 1, 2 & 5 RELATIONSHIP Sister NAME Mrs. Thomas Barnaby,

ADDRESS c/o E. Robedson, 171 Warren Ave., Portland, Maine, USA ADDRESS D.A.B.

ADDITIONAL PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED ADDRESS

PARENTS NAME

ADDRESS (IF SOLDIER MARRIED OVERSEAS)

AUTHORITY CAS. SIG. NO. Canrecords 5261 H.Q.405-B-25,881

CASUALTY DETAILS Died as result of drowning. Body found in Thames Waterloo Bridge Area. DATE 23-3-44

LAST WILL ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.? YES/NO MEB

M.F.M.S. ATTACHED TO NOTIFICATION TO A. OF E.? YES/NO

DATE 3-4-44

OFFICER I/C RECORDS

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COPY FOR DOCUMENT FILE

CANADIAN PACIFIC TELEGRAPHS

DAY LETTER ☐

NIGHT LETTER ☒

CASUALTY (REPORT DELIVERY) OTTAWA MARCH 23 1944

TO:- MRS THOMAS BARNABY
HOULTON MAINE U S A

7521 REGRET DEEPLY G6150 ACTING LANCE CORPORAL MATTHEW BERNARD OFFICIALLY REPORTED DIED TWENTYTHIRD MARCH 1944 AS RESULT OF DROWNING STOP LETTER FOLLOWS

DIRECTOR OF RECORDS

PREPAID

OFFICER I/C RECORDS

M.F.M. 268
50M-11-42 (7150)
H.Q. 1772-39-1990

Body found in Thames 0830hrs
23 Mar.
Body at St. Georges Church yd
Southwark.
Supt of Police Waterloo
Pier Temp Box, 4680 investigating
enquest 1115 hrs 28 Mar.
Necropolis informed to remove
body on 28 march.

27 Mar
arrangements for burial
completed by undt 1030 hrs 29 March
Rhind cemetery.

S.I.S. C.M.H.Q. PROVOST

LONDON. 30th. MARCH 44.

Reg. No. G.6150, Pte. BERNARD, M. (Deceased)
No.1 C.A.S.C.R.U. C.R.U. Command.
FOUND DROWNED IN THE RIVER THAMES, LONDON.

SIS/D-10-17

1- With further reference to the above noted subject and to previous report in this connection dated the 25th. inst.

2- On the 28th. March 44, the writer attended an Inquest to inquire into the death of the above named Canadian soldier held at the Coroner's Court, Southwark, London, S.E.1.

3- The Coroner, Raymond Benedict Hervey WYATT, Esq., after hearing the River Police evidence regarding the circumstances under which this body was recovered, the following Open Verdict was returned:-

"The cause of Pte. BERNARD'S death was asphyxia due to drowning in the River Thames.
How the deceased came into the water there is insufficient evidence to shew"

4- A Burial Certificate was issued by this Court and funeral arrangements are now being conducted by the unit concerned.

25-3-44

CONCLUDED

S/Sgt.
Reg. No. C.30629, (L.A.DENTON)
Canadian Provost Corps. S.I.S.

SIS/D-10-17

Headquarters,
C.R.U.

1. Forwarded in triplicate for your information and for the information of the A.P.M. and Unit concerned, please.

London,
31 Mar 44,
JD/kng

Major,
For: (A.D.Cameron) Colonel,
D.P.M: - C.M.H.Q.

A.G.5a,
C.M.H.Q.

1. Copy forwarded for your information, please.

London,
31 Mar 44,
JD/kng

Major,
For:(A.D.Cameron) Colonel,
D.P.M. - C.M.H.Q.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Presidents and Members of Courts of Inquiry or Boards of Officers will familiarize themselves with the Overseas ROs dealing with the subject of Courts of Inquiry and Boards of Officers.

2. The rank, name, appointment and unit of the Convening Officer must be given.

3. The unit of all Members of the Court must be indicated.

4. The signature of each officer composing the Court or Board must be affixed at the end of these Proceedings, together with the date and place of the sitting of the Court.

5. Unless otherwise required by the Convening Order, only one copy of these Proceedings will be prepared.

PROCEEDINGS of a .....COURT OF INQUIRY.....

assembled at Blenheim Barracks, Farnborough, Hants,

on the .....30 Mar 44.....

by order of .Colonel H.P. Bonnick, Commanding, 1 Cdn A.S.C. Rft Unit.

for the purpose of .Investigating into and reporting upon the circumstances surrounding the death of G-6150 L/Cpl Bernard, M.

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PRESIDENT

Capt. T. McElvogue, R.C.A.S.C.
1 Cdn A.S.C. Rft. Unit.

MEMBERS

Lieut. W.R. Burnett, R.C.A.S.C.
1 Cdn A.S.C. Rft. Unit

Lieut. W.T. Turnbull
1 Cdn A.S.C. Rft. Unit

Ref. 18/Pers/1 Folio. 173A
A.G.4.
For A.G.4:

The ...Court..... having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to investigate and inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of G-6150 L/Cpl Bernard, M.

Lieut. Walter Anthony Faulds: 1 Cdn A.S.C. Rft. Unit having been duly sworn testified as follows;
I was detailed by Lt. Col. W.C. Fletcher, Officer Commanding Administrative Wing, 1 Cdn A.S.C. Rft. Unit to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of G-6150 L/Cpl Bernard, Matthew between 15 Mar 44 and the 23 Mar 44, and in so doing to attend any inquest held to inquire into said death. I did attend s uch inquest on the 28 Mar 44 at which time I gave evidence identifying the body shown to me to be that of the said soldier. I now produce to this court a true copy of the said inquest held at the Coroner's Court, Southwark, in the county of London. The copy now produced is an examined copy and is a true Copy of the orginal proceedings.

True Copy of Depositions of Witnesses taken at the Cornorer's Court, Southwark, in the county of London touching the death of Matthew Bernard and signed by Raymond Benedict Hervy Wyatt H.M. Coroner, Southern District, County of London filed as Exhibit "A" to this Court of Inquiry.

I have made further inquiries regarding the matter in question and do not believe that futher information can be obtained other than set forth in the above exhibit.

FINDINGS

This court makes the following findings;

(1) That G-6150 L/Cpl Bernard, Matthew, 1 Cdn A.S.C. Rft. Unit came to his death through asphyxia due to drowning in the Thames River, between the 15 Mar 44 and 23 Mar 44.

(2) That no evidence is obtained as to the manner in which the said deceased soldier came into the water of the Thames River.

(3) That there is no evidence of death other than by misadventure

(4) That the court has obtained all information surrounding the death of the said deceased soldier.

President
T. McElvogue
(T. McElvogue) Capt., R.C.A.S.C.
1 Cdn A.S.C. Rft. Unit

REMARKS OF COMD CRU

The proceedings and remarks of Comd "B" Gp are approved. There is no evidence of improper conduct within the meaning of Overseas RO 2022(1). It is noted that the verdict of the coroner's inquest reports "Asphyxia due to drowning, but how deceased came into the water of the River Thames there is insufficient evidence to show."

J.H. Roberts
(J.H. Roberts) Maj. Gen.
Comd
CANADIAN REINFORCEMENT UNITS

6 Apr 44

4 Apr 44

(P.R. Shields) Brig
Comd "B" Gp
Cdn Rft Units

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(4) That the court has obtained all information surrounding the death of the said deceased soldier.

President

T. McElvogue

(T. McElvogue) Capt., R.C.A.S.C.
1 Cdn A.S.C. Rft. Unit

Members

W.R. Burnett

(W.R. Burnett) Lieut., R.C.A.S.C.
1 Cdn A.S.C. Rft. Unit

W.T. Turnbull Lieut

(W.T. Turnbull) Lieut., R.C.A.S.C.
1 Cdn A.S.C. Rft. Unit.

I concur:

(H.P.Bonnick) Col.,
Comd.,
1 Cdn ASC Rft Unit.

I concur. There is no evidence to indicate improper conduct within the meaning of Overseas R.O. 2022(L).

4 Apl 44

(P.R. Shields) Brig
Comd "B" Gp
Cdn Rft Units

Exhibit "A"

COPY

DEPOSITIONS

Of Witnesses taken and acknowledged on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King touching the death of Matthew Bernard at the Coroner's Court Southwark in the County of London aforesaid, on Tuesday the Twentyeigth day of March, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Four before Raymond Benedict Hervey Wyatt, Esq., one of His Majesty's Coroners for the said County, on view of the body of the said person then and there lying dead.

Walter Anthony Faulds having been duly sworn upon the day and year and at the place above mentioned deposed as follows - I reside at Farnborough, Hampshire. I am a Lieutenant and Adjutant of Reinforcement Unit, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.
I identify the body as that of the deceased Matthew Bernard, age 29 years, a Lance Corporal, No. C-6150, of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, attached to Reinforcement Unit of Blenheim Barracks, Aldershot, Hants.
He is a single man a full blooded Indian. He was a good soldier but a solemn and morose man.
He had good health, hearing and eyesight. He was granted leave from 1 p.m. 15 Mar 1944 to 1 p.m. on the 17 Mar with permission to travel to London. He did not return on the 17 Mar and was posted as an absentee.

Edward Dennis Hunter sworn states:-
I am a Corporal, R.C.A.S.C. Farnborough, Hants.
Deceased was quartered in my hut. He was in my Company and working under the Medical Officer on sanitation duties. He was a full blooded Indian.
The last time I saw him was in the hut at 1230 p.m. 15 Mar 1944 just before he left the hut to go on leave. When he left he asked me to tell Major McDonald that he would be back Thursday to take part in the inspection to be held the next morning. I know his leave expired at 1300 hrs 17 Mar 44.
I have known him for the past 21 months and he has always seemed e very quiet living man, and although I have never seen him the worse for drink, I know that on pay days he did take drink. He has told me that under the influence of drink he has difficulty in finding his way about and remembering where he has been.
I have heard he ahs a cousin in London, but I do not know the name or address. He did not tell me where he was going to stay whilst on leave.

Fredrick Ransome sworn states:-
I am a Station Sergeant in the Thames Division of the Metropolitan Police, attached to Waterloo Pier Police Station.
At 840 a.m. Thursday 23rd March 1944 I was patrolling the River Thames in a police motor boat when I found the body of a soldier lying in the mud on the foreshore of River Thames off Shot Warf I took the body in the boat to Lambeth Pier and landed it and called the police doctor who stated death had taken place. Had been in the water about a week.
The body was that of Matthew Bernard, a Lance Corporal, No. C-6150 of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps
One full quart bottle of ale was found in the ~~in the~~ blouse of his battle dress, in addition to one broken quart bottle. He was fully dressed in uniform except for cap.
On person 10/- note, 4/- shillings silver, ½d bronze. Identity card, Pay and service book. One leave pass from 15 Mar 44 to 17 Mar with permission to travel to London.

Cedric Keith Simpson sworn states:-
I am a Registered Medical Practioner and Pathologist 146 Harley Street W.1
I have made a post mortem examination on the body of deceased
The cause of death is as shown in the post mortem report which I now produce and signed by me.

David Nixon sworn states:-
I am a Detective inspector Metropolitan Police, attached to Waterloo Pier Police Station.

C O P Y

POST MORTEM EXAMINATION

Name Matthew Bernard Sex: Male Age: 29 yrs Date: 23 Mar 44.
At Southwark Mortuary

External Examination Length: 5'9" Marks of Violence or Identification See Below

Internal Examination
Skull and Meninges: No Fracture. Brain: No contusion of membranes in relation to head injury. No disease. Pericardium, Heart: No evidence of material loss of blood. Condition in kepping with asphyxia due to drowning only. Larynx Trachea, Pleurae: Both clotted and fluid blood in the trachea and the main air passages (from the nose) and also silted water. Lungs grossly ballooned from asphyxia due to drowning. No active organic disease. Stomach and Contents: Stomach 13 ozs by weight of mixed meat and vegetable food residue and beer smelling fluid.
Peritoneum, Intestines: Normal. Liver: No changes suggestive of recent over indulgence in alcohol. Spleen: Normal. Kidneys: Slight terminal congestion only. Urogenital System: Bladder less than half full.. content of some 4 ozs only. Other organs healthy.

CHIEF PATHOLOGICAL CHANGES

Of good physique and without evident defect of sight.
Changes in keeping with the death 5 or 6 days previously and immerson, possibly intermittent, since.
Rat bites, clearly post-mortem, of left upper lip, and left chin, left ear, right forefinger and middle finger knuckle, and back of left hand and 5th finger.
Heavy tar dirtying of the hair on left side of head, to the tip of nose and right brow and cheek, and similar soiling of skin of back of both hands.

Injuries sustained before death as follows:- Abrasion and bruising of the bridge of the nose, without fracture, and glancing upwards abrasion of left upper eyelid (without black eye). Three sharp cuts to skin, of centre brow ½" above left eye (@)(½") and triangular puncture (½" x ¼" 1¼" (1¼") outside left eye... as from glass.
The injuries sustained before death are confined to the face and might follow from a simple fall forwards (even only to the ground). The cuts suggest glass intervening on impact.
These injuries were sustained very shortly before (but not immediately before) immersion and death from drowning. There is nothing from my examination to arose suspicion of foul play.

(sgnd) C.K. Simpson M.D.

Conclusion and Cause of Death:

Asphyxia due to drowning

23rd March 1944

(sgnd) C.K. Simpson, M.D.
146 Harley Street, W-1

certified true copy of original
W.A. Sawtell
1 CMPSC, R.N.

David Nixon continues:

I have made inquiries in this case, but I have been unable to ascertain, how, when, where, or in what circumstances the deceased entered the water. I have been unable to trace any person who last saw him alive in London, or where he stayed on arriving in this Metropolis.

VERDICT

Asphyxia due to drowning, but how deceased came into the water of the River Thames there is insufficient evidence to shew.

True Copy

(sgnd) R.B. Hervy Wyatt
H.M. Coroner
Southern District
County of London

Certified true copy of original by W.A. Smith R.V., I.C.T.S.C.

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CMHQ

COURT OF INQUIRY
Death by drowning.
G.6150 Pte Barnard M.
1 CASCRU - 23 Mar 44.

1. Herewith for your approval the completed proceedings of the m/n Court bearing the decision of the Comd CRU as follows:-

"The proceedings and remarks of Comd "B" Gp are approved. There is no evidence of improper conduct within the meaning of Overseas RO 2022(1). It is noted that the verdict of the coroner's inquest reports "Asphyxia due to drowning, but how deceased came into the water of the River Thames there is insufficient evidence to show".

(J.H.Roberts) Maj.Gen.
COMMANDER
Canadian Reinforcement Units.

G.R.U. 9 APR 1944 Canadian M.I.R.

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