



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 3908 Name Cecil Roberts Corps C of C

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Cecil Roberts</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Hermitage Cove</u>
<u>St. Marys Bay</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>18</u> Years <u>6</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Fisherman</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> |

FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR

I, Cecil Roberts 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.

Roberts SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

12-7-17 Brandon Smith Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Cecil Roberts 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 12 day of July 1917.

Signature of Attesting Officer [Signature]

†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 compiled 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 Cecil Roberts
 Apparent age 18 years 6 months. Height 5 feet 4 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 35 inches
 Range of expansion 4 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Fredrick Roberts
Hermitage Cove St. M. | Relationship Father
 Particulars as to Marriage

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.
 (c) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from _____									
Joined at _____ on _____									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to _____ [date of discharge] _____ years _____ days
 " " Pensions " _____ [" "] _____ " _____ "



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St. Mary's
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. yes
4. What is your age? 4. 18 Years 6 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Fisherman
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
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Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>July 12th 17</u>									
<u>Embarked St John's S.S. Kingal to Halifax N.S. 5th 17</u>									
<u>Embarked for St. 27-3-18</u>									
<u>Embarked France 29-5-18</u>									
<u>Joined Battalion France 4-11-18</u>									
<u>Fitted in Action 14-10-18</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 14-10-18 [date of discharge] 1 years 95 days
 " " Pensions " " " " " " " "

C.R. 3908

June 2nd 1919

Rev. W.R. Courage

"The Rectory"

Hermitage

Rev. & Dear Sir:-

With reference to my letter of May 20th with respect to a Memorial Card for the next of kin of No. 3908, Private Cecil Roberts, I beg to inform you that this matter was referred to the Department of the Colonial Secretary, and reply has now been received which states that these Cards are prepared in order of the fatality, and as the casualty of Private Roberts was amongst some of the last to be recorded, it is probable that the Card will not be ready for delivery for some weeks yet; when it has been prepared, it will be despatched in due course

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

R



C.R. 3908

V.

26th May, 1919.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant with respect to the Memorial Card for the next of kin of No. 3908, Pte Cecil Roberts, who was killed in action on the 14th October, 1918.

As you are no doubt aware, these Cards are prepared in order of the fatality, and as the casualty referred to was amongst some of the last to be recorded, it is probable that the Card will not be ready to leave Messrs. Ayre and Sons, for delivery to the next of kin, for some weeks yet. I may say that this Department is constantly in touch with the said Firm and urges them to use all possible despatch in the preparation and issue of these cards, and I feel safe in saying that within a short time the work will be completed. It is to be regretted that considerable delay has occurred in the issue of these Cards, but as I have already pointed out to you, the delay has been such as over which we would have no control.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant.

Deputy Colonial Secretary

The Minister of Militia,
City.

May 20th 19

Rev. W.R. Courage
"The Rectory"
Hermitage

Rev. & Dear Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 8th with reference to the Memorial Card for the next of kin of the late No. 3908, Private Cecil Roberts. I have the honour to state that these Cards are issued by the Colonial's Secretary's Department on behalf of the Government, and this part of your letter has been referred to that Department for necessary action.

With reference to the second part of your letter relating to the Bank Book belonging to the late James Parsons, I would state that the Book was received in due course and returned to the sender, as it was purely a private matter with which this Department was not concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

C.R.
The Rectory,
Hermitage
May 8th 19

Dear Sir,

Private Cecil Roberts of Hermitage was killed in action in, I think, the month of October, 1918, and as relations of other soldiers have received Memorials in the form of Certificates from the Authorities, his father Frederick Roberts would be glad to have one too if he is entitled to it. As his father is not here just now I cannot send Private Roberts number but I have no doubt you will be able to manage without it.

Some time ago I sent a Bank book the property of the late James Parsons, who was killed in Germany, to the property Military Authorities to have the few dollars therein taken out of the Bank for his mother. I have not heard if the Authorities have received the book or not yet. Kindly enquire about it,
and oblige,

Yours truly,
W.R. Courage

P.P. Since writing the above I have learnt that Private Cecil Roberts No. was 3908 and that he was killed Oct 14th 1918
W.R.C.

pm

Re James Parsons

Do you know aught of Bank book
in question, please?

R

May 20th, 1919

The Honourable
Colonial Secretary

Sir:-

We have received communication from the Rev. W.R. Courage of Hermitage re, No. 3908, Pte. Cecil Roberts who was killed in action on 14th of Oct. 1918, requesting that a Memorial Card should be sent to his next of kin Mr. Frederick Roberts of Hermitage. I should be glad if you will give this matter your attention, please

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Militia.

C.R. 3908

Mar. 8th, 19

Private Secretary

Government House

Sir: No. 3908, Private Cecil Roberts, Deceased

With reference to the letter dated Feb 22nd from the father of the above mentioned soldier, forwarded to me under your memo. of Feb 23rd, I would state for the information of His Excellency that payment of War Service Gratuity is due only to soldiers on discharge; no payment other than pension is due to dependents of deceased soldiers, except that under the recent Order in Council, Separation Allowance has been made retroactive; but this does not apply in the case under consideration, as it was not payable.

I am returning Mr. Roberts' letter herewith

I have the honour to be

Sir,


Your obedient servant

Lieut. Col.

Chief Staff Officer.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
ST. JOHN'S, N. F.

28 February 1919.


The Minister of Militia.

For favour of a report.

WITH THE

PRIVATE SECRETARY'S

COMPLIMENTS.



CP 3908

Hermitage
Feb. 22nd, 1919

To H.E. Sir Alexander Harris, C.M.G.
St. John's,

Dear Sir:-

Please pardon me for taking the liberty of writing you on the undermentioned subject. I beg to inform you that I have received no money from the Deceased Private Cecil Roberts allotment since December and I take it for granted that it will be the last cheque I will receive. But as the returned soldiers are being paid a War Bonus, I think it only fair that I should receive a similar amount considering the loss of my son who was killed in action on Oct 14th, 1918. If I had another son I wouldn't mind but being the only I have, it makes it all the harder for me in gaining a livelihood.

Trusting that the above request is not too insignificant for your consideration, no doubt a word from you to the Hon J.R. Bennett will have some effect.

Your obedient servant

(Sgd.) Fredrick Roberts

C.R. 3908

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No.

96

Sent by

J

Rec'd by

Check

12/5

No.

Place from

Hermitage 5

To

J. R. Bennett
Min. Militia



Any news concerning death
 of 3908 pte. Cecil
 Roberts please inform me

Fred Roberts.

was
 to
 [Signature]

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CR. 3908

Cable Connection with all the World

All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

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

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

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

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

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

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender _____ Address **Dept of Militia.**

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated **Nov. 3th, 1918**

To **Fredrick Roberts, Hermitage Baye, F.B.**

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London,
officially reports **No. 3908. Private Cecil Roberts**
killed in action Oct 14th,

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J.R. Bennett

Minister of Militia.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:

This Message is not to be delivered until Receiving Office notifies that Message to **Church of England**

has been received and acted upon

Minister or School teacher

FOR TYPEWRITER

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

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Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated

Nov. 4th, 1918

To

Church Of England Minister of School Teacher, Hermitage Cove F.B

Regret to inform you Record Office, London reports to-day
No. 3908, Private Cecil Roberts killed in action Sat. 14th
Please inform next of kin, Fredrick Roberts.

J.R. Bennett

Minister of Militia.

Chce Dept of Militia.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 3908

Extract from Casualties No. C. 1731 dated 31-10-18.

#3908 Pte. C. Roberts.

Killed in action 14-10-18.

C.R. 3908

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Extract of Nominal Roll of Draft No. 40; 80 Other Ranks
from 2nd. Bn., Royal Newfoundland Regiment, Winchester, to 1st.
Bn., Royal Newfoundland Regiment, B. E. F.

Embarked Southampton, 27/8/18.

3908 Pte. C. Roberts.

3829/279/P.S.

Copy



Officer Commanding,
2/Bn. Royal Nfld Regt,
Winchester.

Prem.
O.C. Royal Newfoundland
Regiment,

To.
The Chief Paymaster,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.E.

Pay & Record Office,

11th March, 8

Hazeley Down Camp.

3908, PTE. C. ROBERTS.

March 13th 1918.

The enclosed letter was passed to this Office by the Hon. Minister of Militia (2254) with the request that the matter might be taken up in the usual way with the Officer Commanding his (Robert's) Battalion.

It is regretted that no information is available regarding the missing parcels and letters.

No trace can be found of the alleged missing parcels and letters (Sgd) R.A. Berners, at this Office, nor is it thought Comdg. 2nd Bn. they would have come here if addressed to Ayr in the first instance.

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Can you please furnish me with any information to form a reply? Kindly return enclosure.

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

HA/JC

C.R. 3908

Department of Militia

ORIGINAL



MEMORANDUM

No. 3908

From
MINISTER OF MILITIA,
ST. JOHN'S,
NEWFOUNDLAND
February 2, 1918.

To
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records,
The Royal Nfld Regiment,
Pay & Record Office,
58 Victoria St.,
London S.W.1.

SUBJECT:

3908 Pte. Cecil Roberts.

REPLY

4275.

Dated 16th March, 1918

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

I am forwarding a letter from Mr. Fred Roberts of Hermitage, concerning the alleged non-receipt of letters and parcels by the above mentioned soldier. I shall be glad if you will take this up in the usual way with the Officer Commanding his battalion and make report in due course.

Minister of Militia.

No trace can be found of parcels referred to arriving at this Office, and as they were addressed to Ayr it is likely they would have gone there direct. No record of letters, unless registered, is kept at this Office.

The matter has been referred to O.C., 2nd Battalion, and copy of my 3829/279 exchanged with him is enclosed.

Parcel and registered letter enquiries should be started at Post Office of origin, please.

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

DEPARTMENT	PP
Reference No.	2254
Date Rec'd.	17 MAR 1918
" Ack'd.	
" Ans'd.	
File	

HA/JC

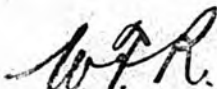
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Minister of Militia.

2908 Roberts

Jan. 25th, 1918.

Mr. Frederick Roberts,
Hermitage.

Dear Sir,

referring to your letter of December, 23rd.,
I beg to state, that this Department is not responsible
for delivery of letters to the members of the Mfld. Regt.
on Active Service, but I shall make enquires, with a view
to finding out, why it is, that your son has not received
the letters and parcels which you sent him, and I shall
advise you in due course, if I can get any information re-
garding them.

Yours faithfully,

Capt. & Paymaster.

the R. 3908
Wg Dec 23, 1917

Dear sir

I am sorry my son cant
get no letters from home
I sent 2 parcels to him
a sock and tobacco he didn't
get nither on of them not
even a letter I send him a
letters since he went over to
Scotland he hasn't heard
a word from home yet
I wish you would try and
find out were these letters
go it is more enewgement
to get others to go if they
cant here from there friends

Yours truly ~~Frederick Roberts~~

Frederick Roberts

this is the address I send to Cecil

Pte Cecil Roberts
No 3908 C Company
2/1st of 4 L D Regiment
Pewton Park School
Ayr Scotland

C.R. 3908

Extract from Nominal Roll "" Embarked St. John's
for Overseas, per S.S. "Florinal"; Oct. 3, 1917.

3908 Pte. C. Roberts.

C.R. 3908

Extract from Daily orders Part II Unit The Royal Welch
Regt., St. John's, July 12th, 1917.

3908 Pte. C. Roberts.

Attested this day, posted F. Coy, and assigned number as
shown.

C. Roberto

3203

P. + P. 6

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Roberts

Christian Name Cecil

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Hermitage St Mary County Bay

SPECIAL RESERVE.

REGULAR ARMY.

Examined	on <u>12</u> day of <u>July</u> 191 <u>7</u>	on	day of	191
	at <u>Headquarters</u>	at		
Declared Age	<u>18</u> years <u>6</u> days		years	days
Trade or Occupation	<u>Fisherman</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>4</u> inches		feet	inches
Weight	<u>110</u> lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement	Grith when fully expanded <u>35</u> inches			inches
	Range of Expansion <u>4</u> inches			inches

Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
	Arm			
	Number			

When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		L.E.—V=	

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause rejection	(b)		(b)	

Approved by (Signature) Lamm Peterson
 (Rank) Major
 Medical Officer.

Enlisted	at <u>St Johns.</u>	at		
	on <u>12</u> day of <u>July</u> 191 <u>7</u>	on	day of	191
	Corps. <u>1st Regt D</u>		Corps,	Regtl. No.
	Regl. No. <u>3908</u>			

Joined on Enlistment				
Transferred to				

Became non-effective by	on	day of	191	on	day of	191
(Signature)						
(Rank)						



1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

I, L Roberts, Regl. No. 3908

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

Allotment begins October 1/17

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
3189	Father	L Roberts	Newfoundland Love F Bay	60.
Total Allotment, \$				60

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

(Sig.) W. J. [Signature]
Officer Commanding

(Sig.) L Roberts

[Signature]
Company
191

(Rank) [Signature]

Department of Militia

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J.P. O'Connell
 Minister of Militia.

H.B. Anderson, Lieut.

for Major,
 Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

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Reference No.	<i>2254</i>
Date Rec'd.	<i>7 MAR 1918</i>
" Ack'd.	
" Ans'd.	<i>[Signature]</i>
File	

HA/JC

Copy.

Hermitage Dec, 23, 1918.

Dear Sir,

I am sure my son cant get no letters from home. I sent two parcels to him , socks and tobacco he didnt get either of them, not even a letter, I sent him six letters since he went over to Scotland he hasent heard a word from home yet. I wish you wbuld try and find out where these letters go, it is poor encouragement to get others to go if they cant hear from their friends.

This from Yours truly,

Frederick Roberts.

This is the address I sent to Cecil.

Pte. Cecil Ronerts,

No. 3908 C. Company,

2/1st Nfld. Regiment,

Newton Park School,

Ayr, Scotland.

Copy to [unclear]
15/3/18

MEMORANDUM.



From
To
Officer Commanding,
2/Bn. Royal Nfld Regt,
Winchester.

From O.C. Royal Newfoundland
Regiment

To The Chief Paymaster
Newfoundland Contingent
58 Victoria St,
ANSWER. London, S.W.

Pay & Record Office,

Hazeley Down Camp

11th March, 1918

March 13th, 1918

3908, PTE. C. ROBERTS.

The enclosed letter was passed to this Office by the Hon. Minister of Militia (2254) with the request that the matter might be taken up in the usual way with the Officer Commanding his (Robert's) Battalion.

It is regretted that no information is available regarding the missing parcels and letters.

No trace can be found of the alleged missing parcels and letters at this Office, nor is it thought they would have come here if addressed to Ayr in the first instance.

Can you please furnish me with any information to form a reply? Kindly return enclosure.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.
Ref. Nos. IN 2320
Rec'd 15 MAR 1918
NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.
Ref. Nos. OUT

ACTED UPON		
BRANCH	DATE	BY
Comd.		
P. & A.		
R. & C. ✓		
B. & E.		
P.S.		

[Signature]
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

HA/JC

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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

REGIMENT OR CORPS } 1st Newfoundland Regt. Squadron, Troop, }
 OR CORPS } Battery or Company } D.

Regimental No. 308. Rank Private

Surname Roberts. Christian Names O.

Died { Date 14 OCT 1918 Place Belgium.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d21-10-18.

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.

COPIES SENT		
To	No.	DATE
M. OF M.	21443/214	17.2.1918
O.C. 1ST. BN.		
" 2ND. BN.		

State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not received
 a Will or not
 { (c) as a separate document none received

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Station and Date } 29 OCT 1918 Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature]
 Date } Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } For Officer i/c No 1 Infantry Section

2nd Echelon, General Headquarters



Roberts, C

3908

Ray rept.

ORIGINAL.

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST. to 191 . Voucher No. NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT. No. 3908 Rank pte Name Roberts C. Died Intestate at France on the 14th of October 1918. 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.

Table with columns: Date, Dr., £, s., d., Cr., £, s., d. Rows include: Balance Dr. last month, Cash issues, Consolidated stoppage, Balance due by the Paymaster, Balance due to the Paymaster.

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 12 JUN and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED. P.S. 12 JUN 1919

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, VICTORIA ST., LONDON, E.C. 1. 12 JUN 1919 PAY & RECORD OFFICE

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

Dated at this day of

191 . CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER

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

ORIGINAL.

Army Form G. 1833

PAY LIST.

to

191 Voucher No.

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Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance <i>Dr.</i> last month				Balance <i>Cr.</i> last month 14/10/18	8	0	0
	<i>Cash issues</i> (Date of each issue to be stated) £ s. d. 101 " " "				Pay days at from to			
					Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
					Messing allowance days at from to			
					Kit allowance			
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	8	0	0	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	8	0		£	8	0

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CHECKED.
P.P.S.
12 JUN 1919

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
 VICTORIA ST.
 LONDON, W. COURTESY CHARGABLE
 12 JUN 1919
 PAY & RECORD OFFICE

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 8 0 0 is correctly chargeable to the account of the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.
 Dated at this day of 1919
 191 CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE

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 (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.
 W6439-121 200,000 8/16 HWV(F1850) Form G/1826/24
 11017-M1483 200,000 8/17

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Army Form B. 2090A.

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REGIMENT OR CORPS } 1st Newfoundland Regt. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } D.

Regimental No. 3908, Rank Private

Surname Roberts, Christian Names C.

Died { Date 24 OCT 1918 Place Belgium.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d21-10-18.

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.

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Station and Date } 29 OCT 1918 Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature] Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } For Officer in No 1 Infantry Section

April 19. 19

Secretary,
Board of Pension Commissioners.
City.

Re #3908, Pte. Cecil Roberts

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of Jan. 14.
1919 I beg to state that the amount paid in con-
tinuance of this soldier's allotment is, \$46.80
(Forty-Six Dollars and Eighty cents) .

Yours faithfully,

Capt.
Gaymaster & O 1/c Records.

To the Madam
Please to you please
W. H. Roberts

Feb 2
1919

Dear sir

will you please to send
me the roll of Honor / in
the Honor of my son which
was kill in battle October 14
1918 his name is Cecil Roberts
No 3908 he was my only
son he ~~was~~ died bravely
fighting for his King and
Country it was all the
help I had I have no
one to help me out of
hope you will try to
get a pension for me
I give all I had it was
a hard loss to me I hope
you will try and do your
best for me your truly
Frederick Roberts

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 57 $\frac{63}{100}$

Oct 3 19 19

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment
the sum of fifty seven $\frac{63}{100}$ Dollars.
~~on account~~
balance of Pay. Estab.

Ch. No. 14295	Initials Lew
Pay Ledger 11	Initials JWR
Gen. Ledger.....	Initials.....

Regtl. No. Rank

[Signature]

No. 3908

Rank

Pf

Name

C Roberts

October 11, 1919

Fred. Roberts,
Hermitage,
F.B.

Dear Sir:



I enclose cheque for
\$57.63, balance of estate of late Pte. C. Roberts
due you as Administrator of his estate.

I am also enclosing Letters
of Administration.

Yours truly,

Major
Paymaster

LM-
Enc. 2

3908 Hermitage
July 28 / 18

Lucretia M. Howley

Pay & Send Office
Dear Sir

4250

Just a

line in reference to Decard Pte Cecil
Robert's allotment How is it you
have ceased to send it to me
Philip Francis of this County is
receiving his regularly for his deceased
Son Pte Albert Francis & what is your
reason for cutting out me
equal rights to all special Privileges
to none I was expecting
If I had received mine to Philip Francis
cut out would have been more fair
as he has two Sons & I spared
not my money for King & Country
If I had written Sir I would expect it
& that you will give me the same show
as given Philip Francis

Yours Truly
Fredrick Roberts

by order

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

The Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 3908 Rank Private ..
Name..... Casimir Roberts ..
Royal Newfoundland Regt.



Frederick W Roberts (Sgd.)

Father Relationship.

Address..... Hermitage ..



Fold Here

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.

Fold Here

SEP 23 1921.

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

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. Frederick Roberts (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 3908 Rank Pte

Name Cecil Roberts Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~Nfld. Fusiliers~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory Medal and/or British War Medal

Signature Mr Frederick W Roberts (Father)

Date October 20

Address Hermitage

[P.T.O.]

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. *3908* Name *C. Kobutz*

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

Name *Fredrick Roberts*

Date *August 21st 1920*

Place *Hermitage N F*

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



FIELD SERVICE.

C.R. 3908
Army Form B. 2090A.

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

Regimental No. 3008. Rank Private

Surname Roberts. Christian Names G.

Died { Date 14 OCT 1918 Place Belgium.
Cause of Death* Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d21-10-18.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

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Station and Date } 29 OCT 1918 Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature]
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } For Officer i/c No 1 Infantry Section

3rd Echelon, General Headquarters

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *Royal Newfoundland*

Rank *Pte* Surname *Roberts* Christian Name

Religion *of C* Age on Enlistment *18* years *6* months

Enlisted (a) *12.7.17* Terms of Service (a) *Duration* Service reckons from (a) *12.7.17*

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b)
or Corps Trade and Rate

Occupation *Fisherman* *C. F. Garland 2nd Lieut* Signature of Officer.

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 ... 27 MAR 1918		
			Disembarked... 29 MAR 1918		
			Joined Battalion 4.4.18		
<i>21/10/18</i>	<i>from 1</i>	<i>Killed in Action</i>	<i>See D</i>	<i>4/4/18</i>	<i>B.213</i>
			<i>T. Roberts</i>		
			War Officer 3rd No 1 Infantry Section		
			3rd Echelon, General Headquarters		✓



Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Forms
B 121.
39.

Regiment of 1st Newfoundland

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.	<u>3908 Roberts Cecil</u>	Age on	<u>18</u> years <u>6</u> months	<u>Fisherman</u>	
Joined		Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	<u>St. John's</u> <u>12-7-17</u>	Religion
Joined	Date	<u>C. of E.</u>			Place of Birth
Joined	Date	Period of	with Colours <u>95</u> years. with Reserve <u>365</u> years.		
Joined	Date				

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
				<u>Killed in Action 14 ¹⁹/₁₈</u>					

To be carried over

C.R. 3908

APRIL 30th 1920.

Mr. Fred. Roberts,
Hermitage, Hermitage Bay.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of February 28th I have been in touch with the Colonial Secretary's Department regarding the Memorial Card relating to 3908 Pte. Cecil Roberts, and I am assured by that Department that this Card was prepared and sent to the usual firm for framing and forwarding in the early part of 1919. The Colonial Secretary's Department will endeavour to trace your Card, and if this course is not successful another Card will be prepared and sent to you as quickly as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Chief ^{Lieut. Colonel.} Staff Officer.

C.R. 3908
Hermitage
Hermitage Bldg,
N.Y. 7/20
Feb'y 28th 1920.

Records
Date of death?
3908 Pte. C. Roberts
K. in A. Oct 14/1918

Lt. Col. W. Bendell,
Capt of Militia,

Dear Sir, I beg to acknowledge receipt of "Memorial Scroll" in commemoration of the death of my son, Cecil Roberts, and I much appreciate the thoughtfulness that prompted the sending of the same. I have noted that the parents of boys from this vicinity, who made the "Supreme Sacrifice," have also received a certificate from the N.Y. 7/20 authorities - a sort of tribute, of and "In Memoriam" scroll from the Dominion. I have somehow been overlooked in this matter, and I would greatly appreciate it, if you would kindly look into the matter, and ascertain whether or not a similar one was mailed me. It is hardly necessary to remind you what such tokens mean to a parent, who has lost his only son.

I remain,

Very sincerely yours,
Fred Roberts
mark

Witness W. Burke

C.R. 3908

April 27th, 1920

Dear Mr. Stirling,- #3908 Pte. Cecil Roberts

With reference to my conversation with you a few days ago with reference memorial certificate on account of the above mentioned deceased soldier, who was killed in action on October 14th, 1918.

I am forwarding herewith copy of letter from the father of this man referring to such certificate, and I should be glad if you will have one sent out to his address, please.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

Fred W. Stirling, Esq.,
Department Col. Secretary.



30th April, 1920.

Dear Colonel Rendell,

In reply to your letter of the 27th instant, regarding the Memorial Card in reference to #3908 Pte. Cecil Roberts, I desire to say that our records reveal the fact that this Card was prepared and sent to Messrs. Ayre & Sons for framing and forwarding, in the early part of the year 1919. If Ayre & Sons have done their part and sent the Card forward, it would appear that the fault lies with the Postal people. I am, however, bringing the matter to the notice of Ayre & Sons, and they will endeavour to trace it. If this course is not successful, then another Card will be prepared and sent forward as quickly as possible.

Yours faithfully,

for Deputy Colonial Secretary.

Lieut. Col. Rendell, C.B.E.,
Chief Staff Officer,
Dept. of Militia.