

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 24405 Name John Booth Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment

1. What is your name? 1. John Booth
2. What is your full Address? 2. 43 1/2 Marsack's Street Peter Head
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
4. What is your age? 4. 25 Years Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Cook
6. Are you Married? 6. No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? 7. No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? 8. Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? 9. Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? 10. { Name
Corps
11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? 11. Yes

I, John Booth, 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.

..... SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

E. March 13 R.P. Hallaway Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, John Booth, 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
on this 3rd day of April 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer R.P. Hallaway

†CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the
If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 1916 } Approving Officer.
Place

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
† Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

* If so, Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz:—(Name) re-enlisted in the (Regiment) on the (Date)

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT
 Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

Name John Booth
 Apparent age 25 years — months. Height 5 feet 7 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 39 inches
 Range of expansion 3 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin John Booth, 43 1/2 Merischak
St. Peter's Church, St. Louis, Mo. Relationship Father

Particulars as to Marriage

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

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

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					Years	Days	Years	Days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>13-3-16</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>March 13th 16</u>									<u>4 Sept. 9.5-16</u>
<u>Embarked St. John's St. Sebastian for 19th 16</u>									<u>Embarked for B.C. 3rd 16</u>
<u>Disembarked Queen 4-10-16</u>									<u>Joined Batta in the field 14.10.16</u>
<u>Killed in Action</u>									<u>14-4-17</u>
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 14-4-17 [date of discharge] 1 years 33 days
 " " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "

John Booth

was attested for ~~Service~~ service with

the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on March 18th 1916.

Regimental No. 2405 was allotted to Pte J. Booth.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th 1919

Address: St. John's, Nfld.

James & Co. Ltd.

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RECEIVERS OF
CODFISH, CODDLE, LOBSTER, SALMON,
HERRING, ETC.
IMPORTERS OF
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

To be returned to Private Secretary,
Government House,
Box 920, St. John's, Nfld.

NOT TO BE
RETURNED TO
WESTERN UNION
& PRIVATE

March 24th., 1916.

His Excellency Sir W.E. Davidson, K.C.M.G.,
Lieut. Col. 1st. Newfoundland Regiment, O.C.

Sir,-

We beg respectfully to submit for your consideration
the following facts.

We are operating at South West Arm, Notre Dame Bay, a rather
extensive herring business, packing exclusively by Scotch
method, and have brought ~~barrels~~ from Scotland, Coopers and
packers for this business.

We manufacture our barrels of standard size and quality,
and have a large amount of Capital invested in this business.
The Coopers are brought out under a two or three year
agreement, and the term of three of these men expired in
December last. We were unable to get three others during
the past fall, but did succeed in getting two who arrived
at N.D. Bay in October and are under an agreement to serve
until May 1st. 1918.

About two weeks ago, without any notice, these two men, named
John Booth and James Watson, came on to St. John's and enlisted
in our Regiment.

We wish to point ^{out} to your Excellency how very important it is
that these men be returned to their employment. They cannot
be replaced. There are no men available in this country

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P.O. Box 920.

St. John's, Nfld.

March 24th., 1916.

Sheet 2.

understand the making of Scotch herring barrels and the proper curing and packing of herring, and none can now be induced to come out to this country even if the Imperial Authorities permitted the emigration of such men.

Our business cannot be carried on without them, and the loss will be as great to the large number of fishermen who catch for our stations as to us.

Messrs. Redman Bros. who carry on this business are entirely dependent upon it for their living, and no persons in the country are doing so much to increase the value of our herring fishery, as they have the expert knowledge, devote their entire attention to the work and produce an article of strictly first-class quality. We admire the action of these men, who despite their obligation under their agreement are ready to place themselves at the service of their King and Country, and we should assist rather than attempt to hinder them if it were possible for us to make any arrangement which would prevent the abandonment, for the next season at least, of this business.

We respectfully request, therefore, that you will find it possible to permit the men to return to their duties and to have them furnished with some document showing they are refused for no fault or defect.

Your obedient Servants,

BISHOP BROS & CO. LTD

[Signature]
DIRECTOR

Government House,

St. John's, Nfld.

3 April, 1913.

Dear Mr. Bishop,

With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo, asking for the discharge from their engagements of Ptes. John Booth and James Watson, I have consulted with the Recruiting Committee who strongly oppose the release from their enlistment of these two "catchmen, owing to the bad effect which their rejection would have on recruiting generally.

I have also consulted with the Prime Minister who agrees with me that I cannot wisely interfere. And I am sure that you too will concur in the wisdom of this conclusion, despite the inconvenience which is caused to Messrs. Redman's business.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. F. F. Bishop,

St. John's.

C.R. 2405

Extract from Nominal roll embarked St. John's for Overseas,
per S.S. "Sicilian" July 19, 1913.

2405 Sergt. Booth J.

C.R. 2405

Extract of Depot Daily Orders part 11, dated
May 9th, 1916.

The following promotion is approved by the Com-
manding Officer, and is effective from this date.

#2405 Pte. J. Booth. ✓

To be Lance Corporal.

C.R. 2405

extract from Daily Orders part II, Depot St. John's
dated June-9th / PROMOTIONS.

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To be Capt. Serjts.

2405 L/C. J. Booth.

2405

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft No.11 from 2nd Bn. to
1st Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Southampton, 3-10-16.

2405 Sgt. J. Booth.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Booth

OR
 Christian Name John

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>15th</u> day of <u>March</u> 191 <u>6</u>		on	
	at <u>St Johns Rd.</u>		at	
Declared Age.....	<u>25</u> years — days		years days	
Trade or Occupation				
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>7</u> inches		feet inches	
Weight	<u>140</u> lbs.		lbs.	
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded... <u>39</u> inches			
	Range of expansion... <u>15</u> inches			
Physical Development.....				
Vaccination Marks {	Right		Right	
	Left <u>2</u>		Left	
When Vaccinated	<u>5 yrs ago</u>			
Vision	R.E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		L.E.—V=	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<u>L. Amner Paterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Capt.</u> Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St Johns</u>		at	
	on <u>15</u> day of <u>March</u> 191 <u>6</u>		on	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1st Regt</u>	<u>2405</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on		on	
(Signature)	on		on	
(Rank)	on		on	

8013/2/P&A

Mrs. J. Booth

43 $\frac{1}{2}$ Marischal St.,

May 28th 9.

Peterhead.

2405 Sgt. J. Booth

With reference to your claim for pension
in respect of the above deceased soldier:

The following extract of a letter from
the Pension Commissioners of Newfoundland is
quoted:

"The Board has considered the claim
"for pension of Mrs. Jeanette Booth, but in view
"of the fact that the deceased was not the
"sole or main support of Mrs. Booth and family
"under the War Pensions Act, she cannot be
"considered as entitled to a pension or allow-
"ance on his account."

Major,
Chief Staff Officer (London).

FM/BC

Communications are to be addressed to the
Minister of Militia, St. John's, Nfld.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 2405/185/P&A (2405)

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.
19th March 1919

To
The Hon. the Minister of Militia,
St. John's,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

SUBJECT:
2405 SGT. J. BOOTH, DECEASED.
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.
Reference Nos.

REPLY
Dated April 7th 1919
Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Application for Pension on behalf of the Mother of the above deceased Soldier is enclosed, together with the following documents,
(1) Copy of Birth Certificate.
(2) " " Marriage "
(3) Copy of Letter from, Alex Davidson, Esq, 1 Narrow Lane, Peterhead, 27/2/19 (1804)
For your consideration, please.

Documents and correspondence received and passed to the Board of Pension Commissioners, whose decision will be communicated to you when same is received.

J.P. Bennett
Minister of Militia.

F.H. Marshall Capt.
Asst. Chief Paymaster.
For Chief Paymaster & O.i/c. Records.

W.F.
J.F.

WF/JF

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[Signature]

Sergt. John Booth 2405

to boy.

1st Newfoundland Regt.

Dear Sir

Sorry for being so long in sending
photo, but I hadn't a single card, so
I had to send away a group to get
one taken off. I am

Yours faithfully

Wm. J. Booth.

43 1/2 Marschal St.

Peterhead.

Photo
S-B C. sent to

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Still missing
7/6/17. J.F.B.

Posted as Missing
14/4/17

Passed to Lieut. Marshall

20th June 1917.

43 1/2. Marischal St.

Peterhead.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to trouble you, but I was wondering if you had heard any more word of my son, Sergt John Booth 2405

1st Newfoundland Regt. b. boy. as I have not received a paper for his money this month, & I thought you had maybe heard any thing of him, I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am,

Yours Faithfully.

M^r. J. Booth.

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C.R. 2405

Extract of Cablegram received from Pay & Record office,
London, dated May 12, 1917.

#2405 Sergt. J. Booth, 22Co.,

Reported "Missing" April 15th.

C.R. 2405

Extract of document received from War Record
Office, London, dated October 18th, 1917.

#2405 Sergt. J. Booth.

Issued as "Missing" 14/11/17 and returned and for
official purposes 17/11/17.

22nd, June

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Mr. J. Booth,

43¹/₂, Marischal St,

Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.

FM/WF

2405, SERGT. JOHN BOOTH.

With reference to your letter 20/6/17: It is regretted that no further information has been received with regard to your son, who was reported missing 14/4/17. When a Soldier is reported as missing his allotment ceases as from that date stated in the report. Should he subsequently be reported a Prisoner of War or otherwise effective, his allotment is resumed from the date of the last payment.

Major,
Paymaster & O i/c Records

12709/2./R.&C.

22nd November, 7

James Booth, Esq.,
43 $\frac{1}{2}$ Marischal Street,
Peterhead, Scotland.

Sir,

2405, Sergt. J. Booth, Deceased.

Having regard to the length of time that has elapsed since 2405, Sgt. J. Booth was reported as Missing, and in the absence of any further official information, it is my painful duty to inform you that there would appear no alternative but to conclude that your son is deceased, and therefore his death is presumed to have taken place on the 14th April 1917 or subsequently.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Major.

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/o Records.

HA/JC

24th Nov 1917
RdA 43 1/2 Marischal St.
Peterhead.
No 12709/2/P.C.
Dear Sir,

I have received information, through Sergt John Blackhall prisoner in Germany, that my son was killed on 14th April 1917. So I thought I would inform you of it.

I am Yours
Yrs faithfully
29 NOV 1917
Mr J. Booth
J.A.S. 3/11/17

13200/3./R.&.C.

3rd December, 7.

J. Booth, Esq.,
43¹/₂ Marischal Street,
Peterhead, Scotland.

Dear Sir, 2405, Sergt. J. Booth, deceased.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27/11/17
(7265), stating that you have been informed of the death of
your son.

I am to express the deep sympathy and regret of the
Newfoundland Government at your loss.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Major,
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

HA/JC

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

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IN TER ARMA CARITAS

AGENCE INTERNATIONALE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE



Prière de rappeler
dans la réponse le
No ci-dessous :

Genève, 191

BOOTH John, Sgt. 2405, Newfld., "C" Coy., Canadian Contingent.

Concerning the above named, we have received from L/Cpl.
Peter Galloway SMITH, 1737, 1st Newfld., same Contingent, in-
terned at HEILSBURG, the following statement, dated March 1918.

"Killed" (Hearsay)

similar report
Notified to P.R.O.
by Booth's father

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the *British War and Victory Medals*

Date 4th Oct 1991

Regtl. No. 2405

Rank Serjt

Signature James Booth (Father)

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

15th August 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 405 Rank Sergeant
Name John Booth
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Jessie Booth (Sgd.)

Mother Relationship.

Address 43^{1/2} Marischal Street

C.R. 2405

April 26th, 1920

Mr. James Christie,
22 Peter Street,
Peterhead, Scotland.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of 22nd March addressed to the Colonial Secretary relative to the case of Mrs. J. Booth, mother of No. 2405 Sgt. J. Booth, deceased, has been forwarded to this Department for attention, and reply with regard to the matters of which you write.

In reply to the part of your letter relative to War Service Gratuity on account of Sergeant Booth, it is regretted that the regulations governing the payment of this gratuity rule that it is to be paid only to members of the Regiment after discharge. It is not payable to relatives of deceased soldiers. The main idea of its payment is to hold towards a man's maintenance between the time of his discharge and his re-establishment in civil life. I am forwarding herewith clipping from the Royal Gazette covering the regulations referred to above.

With reference to the second part of your letter relative to pension, I have to state that Mrs. Booth's claim in this connection has already been before the Board of Pension Commissioners and has now been settled for some time. She was notified of the decision through our Pay & Record Office, London. Her claim showed that she was not wholly dependent upon the deceased soldier, as she had two other unmarried sons who were contributing towards her support. It was, therefore, refused under the War Pensions Act, 1919, as her condition did not coincide with that cited in Section 2 (d), which reads as follows:-

'Dependent' means the parent, grandparent or great grandparent of a member of the forces or the person who has been for a reasonable time in the place of a parent with respect to a member of the forces, who, at the time of the death of the member of the forces and for a reasonable time previously thereto, had not sufficient

April 26th. 1920

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"earnings or income to provide for his main-
tenance, and who during such time was main-
tained wholly on the material extent by such
member of the forces."

I should be glad if you will communicate
with Mrs. Booth with reference to these two matters, and
advise her that no payments are due her on either account.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121
Number of Pages

W. F. Gillich & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4, London, W.C. 2.
Form B. 121
(SHE) W/401/2124. 1000s. 6/15s. 25. 5/6

Signature of O. O. Commanding Officer
[Signature]

Regiment of *1st New South Wales*

Good Conduct Badge, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No.	2405	Name	Booth John	Enlistment	Age on 25 years - months	Trade	Cooper
Joined	Date	Date	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	13-3-16	Religion	Proby.
Joined	Date	Date	Date	Period of { with Colours years. with Reserve years.	Place of Birth	Names of Witnesses	Peter Head [Signature]
Joined	Date	Date	Date				

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or extension of award with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS

To be carried over