

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 5178 Name Ronald Colbert Corps R. C.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Ronald Colbert</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Red Beach Cove</u>
<u>Conception Bay</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>21</u> Years <u>—</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Seaman</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>no</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? | 7. <u>no</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? | 8. <u>yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? | 9. <u>yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? | 10. Name |
| | Corps |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? | 11. <u>yes</u> |

I,, 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.

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18-5-18 Ronald Colbert SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
W. Haughey Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Ronald Colbert, 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 18th day of May, 1918
Signature of Attesting Officer Chas. J. ... Lieut

† 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 18th May 1918
Place St. John's } 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).....

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from 14, at the Royal BFLD.
Re G. t. John's, dated May 20, 1918.

#5188 Pte. R. Colbert.

attested for General L. service with the Royal BFLD. G. t.
from 18.5.18

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Colbert

OF

Christian Name Ronald

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE

Birthplace:—Parish

Redhead Cove, CB, County Wfca

	SPECIAL RESERVE		REGULAR ARMY	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	on <u>18</u>	day of <u>May</u>	on	day of
	at <u>S. Johns</u>		at	
Declared Age	<u>21</u> years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation	<u>Fisherman</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>2 1/2</u> inches	feet	inches
Weight		<u>171</u> lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded	<u>33</u> inches		inches
	Range of Expansion	<u>3</u> inches		inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
	/			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V=	<u>6/12</u>	R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V=	<u>6/12</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)				
(Rank)				
		Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at <u>S. Johns</u>		at	
	on <u>18</u>	day of <u>May</u>	on	day of
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	<u>Wentworth 188</u>			
Transferred to	<u>Wentworth</u>			
Became non-effective by	on	day of	on	day of
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Case of Warrent Officer treated in quarters.

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

Signature of Medical Officer

Left Lobar Pneumonia accompanied with marked
exhaustion and Toxemia. Died June 7th.

H. Keegan M.D.

Medical Examination Held at Headquarters May 1918

- 1. Name Ronald Colburn Age (a) Declared 21
(b) Apparent
- 2. Do you know of anything wrong with you? Spit's blood every morning
What severe illnesses have you had? none.

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- 3. Height 5ft 2 1/2 Weight 121
- 4. Eyesight (a) Left 6/12 (b) Right 6/12
- 5. Physical Defects (Examine after strenuous exercise) n

- 6. Examination of Lungs n
Measurement (a) Expiration 30 (b) Inspiration 33

- 7. Examination of Heart n

- 8. Examination of Urine ✓

- 9. Examination of Mouth—(Defective Speech)
 - Teeth
 - Throat
 - Nose
 - Ears—(Otorrhea)
 - (Deafness)

- 10. Have you been successfully vaccinated, and when? no
- 11. Name and address of next of kin Father John Redhead Cove PB

REMARKS--

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L. Peterson
Archivist

C.R. 5188

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal Newfoundland
Regt. St. John's, dated June 10, 1918.

#5188 Pte. J. Colbert.

Died at General Hospital, St. John's, 7.6.18 struck
off the strength from that date.

THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
HEADQUARTERS

St. John's, Newfoundland

June 8th., 1918

From O. C.
Depot.

To District Officer Commanding,
Dept. of Militia.

Sir,

5188 Pte. R. Colbert.

Above noted man died at the St. John's General Hospital
last night of pneumonia.

Pending instructions regarding burial, Mr. A. Carnell,
Undertaker, has been asked to take charge of body and have same
coffined and embalmed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. B. Dept.
Ass't Adjutant
Depot The Royal Newfoundland Regiment
St. John's, Nfld.

W. H. B. Dept.

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPH



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 return 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 resulting from the non-transmission or non-delivery of the Message, or delay or error in the transmission or delivery thereof, howsoever arising, transmission, non-delivery, delay, or error shall have occurred.

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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 St. John's, Nfld.

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated June 8th 1918.
To JOHN COLBERT,
RED HEAD COVE,
BAY - de Verde.

KINDLY ADVISE YOUR WISHES AS TO DISPOSAL OF BODY
OF YOUR SON 5188 ROY COLBERT

W.F. RENDELL,
Lieut Colonel,
for Minister of Militia.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 5488

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 8 Sent by J. J. D'Agostino Rec'd by Lot No.

Place from Layoverde

To W. F. Rendell



ANSWERED

For min of medals

Please send remains
passed Colbert Carbone
evenings train without
fail

J. V. Donnelly

[Signature]

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St. John's, Newfoundland,

June 8th., 1918.

To D. O. C.,
Newfoundland.

Sir:-

With reference to your telephone communication to the Assistant Adjutant this morning, re the case of 5158 Pte. Ronald Colbert, whose death occurred yesterday, and the circumstances attending the sending of certain telegrams to his father, I should like to state as follows:-

(1) I received no intimation of any kind whatsoever concerning the matter until I arrived at the Barracks at 9 a.m. to-day.

(2) About 2 p.m. yesterday, Major Macpherson, D. M. S., rang up and asked for the Officer on duty. Lieut. Churchill answered and according to his statement was instructed by the D. M. S. to send a telegram to Mr. Colbert, Red Head Cove, to the effect that the latter's son was dangerously ill in hospital, which Lieut. Churchill did on his own responsibility and without reference either to the Adjutant or to myself. He presumed, I take it, that he had received a direct order from the D. M. S.

(3) About 6.30 p.m. the D. M. S. rang up again and asked for the Officer on duty,—this time Captain Pippy. The D. M. S. stated that Pte. Colbert had died in hospital from Pneumonia and that he had prev-

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June 8th., 1918.

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iously notified the Orderly Room of Colbert's dangerous condition and asked whether Colbert's people had been notified by the Depot. Captain Pippy found out, by reference to the telegraph pad, that a message had been sent by Lieut. Churchill, and this officer states that he understood from the D. M. S. that he wished a notification of the man's death to be sent to his people as well.

Captain Pippy sent the telegram to that effect. He was senior Officer in Barracks at the time and thought that it was desirable, under the circumstances, to send the message without delay. I was not referred to in any way by any of the above-named Officers, and naturally expected that all matters of this kind would pass through the Orderly Room in the usual manner and be brought to my notice. This was not done.

I have given orders, however, to prevent the recurrence of happenings of a similar nature.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. H. Lat Capt.
Acting O. C. Depot.

Lord Head

Love July 7
1918

Captain

Dear Sir

I write you to let you understand that I hunted up all stations and cannot find any trace of private Gilbert Pitt Day all so they told me in the record office that the money that belonged to him would be forwarded to me but I have not received it yet

200 If you would
kindly look it up
for me you would
save me a great deal
of trouble by so doing
you will oblige

Yours his mother

Catherian Tolbert

C.R. 5188

Jan. 2nd 1918

Mr. John Colbert
Red Head Cove
C.B.

Dear Sir:-

The Army Council have requested that they may be furnished with particulars of the graves of all Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of His Majesty's Forces raised in any part of the British Empire, who died in the Overseas Dominions during the present War. I should be glad, therefore, if you will inform me of the following particulars concerning No. 5188, Pte. Ronald Colbert:-

1..... Location of Grave (for example : Methodist Cemetery, Carbonear)

2..... Whether the Grave has been temporarily or permanently marked; that is, what kind of Headstone, if any, has been erected.

A reply to this letter at your earliest convenience would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

That the particulars
of your letter of the
2nd Inst.

From the father
of Pte Donald Colbert
5788

5788
Fred Head Love
Jan 9th 1919.

D. O. Mearns

St Johns. C. F. I. D.

Dear Sir

I reply to your
request of 2nd Inst.
and give you particulars
of Pte Donald Colbert
No 5788

1. Location of grave
Roman Catholic Cemetery
Bay De verd

Grave just temporarily marked
with small wood cross that
is no headstone erected
yet parents not in position
to do so

CR 5188

June 26th, 1920

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Mr. John Colbert
Red Head Cove

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Dear Sir:-

Your letter of 22nd June relative to your son, No. 5188 Pte. Ronald Colbert, deceased, has been duly received and noted.

I beg to say in reply to your enquiry that a permanent standard memorial will be forwarded to this Department from the Imperial War Graves Commission for erection over the grave of Private Colbert; this stone will have carved on it the soldier's name and rank, his regimental badge and whatever text or inscription his relatives may add. I cannot say definitely when this memorial will be received, but it will be some time yet before the work of cutting these stones is completed.

However, when the memorial is ready to be despatched I shall communicate with you accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.

Chief Staff Officer

C.R. 5188

Sept. 3rd, 1921

Mr. John Colbert
Red [REDACTED]

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of 1st Sept.,
I beg to inform you that the headstone for erection
over the grave of your late son, Ronald Colbert,
will be received here about the latter end of October.
When it is being shipped to you, due notification
will be sent you.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

