

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1447

Name in full George Graham Bobbie Age 19

Address Bay Roberts

~~Married~~
Single

Height 5 ft 8 in Weight 135

Color fair Hair light brown Eyes blue

Other distinguishing marks Scar behind left ear & on left thumb

Nearest relative Father Walter

Address Bay Roberts

Dependents None

Occupation Student Present Wage _____

Previous service _____

Decorations _____

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment April 19/15

I, George Graham Bobbie, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty, and that I will faithfully serve His Majesty in any place where I may be needed (or in the Colony of Newfoundland, as the case may be), against all His enemies and opposers whatsoever, according to the condition of my service.

Declared before me this 26 day
of April, 1915

CR 1447

Extract from Consular Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas, per
S.S. Calgarian, June, 19. 1916. "F"

1447 Pte. Crosbie G.G.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Crosbie OF Christian Name George Graham

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Newfoundland County _____

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>17</u> day of <u>April</u> 19 <u>15</u>	on	day of	19 <u>1</u>
	at <u>St Johns</u>	at		
Declared Age...	<u>19</u> years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation...	<u>Student</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>9</u> inches	feet	inches
Weight		<u>135</u> lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded...	<u>34 1/2</u> inches		inches
	Range of expansion...	<u>3 1/2</u> inches		inches
Physical Development...				
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated	<u>Never</u>			
Vision	R.E.—V	<u>6/6</u>	R.E.—V	
	L.E.—V		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>Geo W. Burden</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Lieut.</u>			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St Johns</u>	at		
	on <u>17</u> day of <u>April</u> 19 <u>15</u>	on	day of	19 <u>1</u>
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	<u>Revised Regt</u>	<u>1447</u>		
Transferred to...				
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of	19 <u>1</u>	on
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.: Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
May 25 June 7 th 15. : 25 th 15	First Inoculation . 500 million 2 nd . 1000 Vaccinated at Sea <i>J</i>
20. 3. 16.	Fit for active service. <i>WJm</i>

TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.

Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation.	Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation
St Johns Rfld —					



1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

Graham Crocker, Regl. No. *1447*

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of 50 Dollars and 00 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.:

Identity Certificate	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
1		<i>Mrs Walter Bay Roberts</i>	<i>Bay Roberts</i>	<i>50</i>
2		<i>Crocker</i>	<i>Bay</i>	
		<i>Company 12th</i>		
Total Allotment, \$				<i>50</i>

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.)

Officer Commanding
Company

M. J. ...
12th 1915

(Sig.)

(Rank)

Graham Crocker
Private

Regimental Number 1447 Company F

THE
1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

I hereby enlist for service at home or abroad in the King's
Forces under the following conditions:

For the duration of the present war, or until my
discharge.

Subject to the Army Act, the King's Regulations,
and to such ordinances as may apply or may
be made to apply to the British Regular Army.

Subject to the Newfoundland Volunteer Act,
5 George V., Chapter IV.

Signed George Graham Crosbie

Witness J. Gave of us

Dated at Newton Park School

Dec 27 1916

C.R. 1447

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft No.3, from 2nd Bn.,
Depot to 1st Bn., B.E.F. Embarked 28-3-16.

1447 Pte. G. Crosby.

FIELD SERVICE



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 } 1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT Squadron, }
 or } Troop, Battery }
 CORPS } or Company } Draft.

Regtl. No. 1447 Rank Private

Name Grobbie, G.G.

Died { Date July 3rd., 1916.

{ Place 10th. Genl. Hosp., Rouen, France.

{ Cause of Death* Died of Wounds received in Action.

Reported by D.C. 10, Genl. Hosp.

* 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.

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Yes. to W.O.
 (b) in Small Book (if at Base) _____
 (c) as a separate document _____

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Paymaster at the Base (see Field Service Regulations, Part II.), together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge } all
 of Section Adjutant-General's } Capt. for Lt. Col.,
 Office at the Base } Officer i/c Infantry Hospitals,
3rd. Echelon, B.E.F.

Station and Date 3rd. Echelon, 10/7/16.

Extract of Will of the late No. 1447, Pte. Grosbie, G.G., Newfoundland
Regiment, who Died of Wounds, 3/7/18.:-

Date (_____)

"In the event of my death I leave the whole of my property and
"effects to my Mother.

(Sgnd.) Pte. G. Grosbie, No. 1447,
1st. Newfoundland Regiment."

Certified True Copy

A. G. Clark
Capt. for
Officer i/c Infantry Records,
3rd. Echelon, B. E. F.

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

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

Line Number

Rcd

By

Sent

by

Check

Dated

July 7, 1916.

To

Mrs. Walter Crosbie,
Bay Roberts.

Regret to inform you that Record Office,
First Newfoundland Regiment, London, today reports
that the Tenth General Hospital, Rouen, reports
that your son, Number 1447, Private George G.
Crosbie, died of wounds out of hospital on July fourth.

J.R. BENNETT

Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 1447

Extract of Casualties received from War & Record Office,
London, dated July 11, 1916.

#1447 Pte. G. Crosbie. ✓

Died of Wounds 3/7/16. Reported by O.C. 10 G.H. Rouen.

C.R. 1447

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&.R.O.
July 14th. 1916.

1447, Pte G. G. Grosbie.

2 /1st Newfoundland Regt. GSW Head Died out of Hos. on
Amb Trains.

July 20, 1916.

Dear Madam,

It was with extreme regret that the Government received a cablegram from the Record Office, London, intimating that your dear son, Private George G. Cresbie, had died of wounds out of hospital on the 4th instant.

Permit me to express to you on behalf of the Government, as well as for myself, the sincerest sympathy in this time of sorrow. We feel the loss of our loved ones but no doubt it will be some consolation to you to remember that your brave boy early answered the call of King and Country, did his part nobly and fell, facing the foe, in defence of the principles of Righteousness, Truth and Liberty. We are proud of our gallant boys and also of the noble fathers and mothers who so willingly gave their sons when the call of duty came. Though your boy has laid down the earthly weapons of warfare, he now wears the Soldier's Crown of Victory and his name will be inscribed upon the glorious Roll of Honour and be held in fragrant memory by all his fellow-countrymen. When the victory is won and Peace again reigns upon this earth it will be a comforting thought to you that in this glorious achievement your boy bore no small part.

I trust that you may have the Grace and consolation of the Great Father of us all at this time.

With sincere sympathy,

Believe me to be,

Your obedient servant,

Mrs. Walter Cresbie,
Ray Roberts.

Colonial Secretary.

Bay Roberts

Aug. 9th /16

Hon. J. R. Bennett

Dear Sir -

Thank you and
the Government for your
very kind sympathy.
Our loss is indeed great
but that he died nobly
we are proud.

Yours most sincerely
Mary Coobie

Extract from Letter by O-R. Sgt. H.C. Jones, 1st Nfld.,

to

Capt. H.A. Timewell,

Paymaster & O. 1/c Records,

Newfoundland Contingent.

"Sir, Re Graves of Grosbie and Wheeler.

I write to ask if you will kindly inform the relatives of
"the above named soldiers, now deceased, that the Grave Site of their
"son has been put in splendid order during the past fortnight, also
"that the flowers and foliage planted will stand the cold weather and
"bloom again next year. There has also been placed on each of
"these graves a nice artificial wreath of white roses with this
"inscription "DERNIER DEVOIR", a token from some french society.
"These are the only two of our brave fellows who have been buried in
"this town and my only regret is that it is not possible for me to
"visit other towns, such as Etretat, Havre, Boulogne, St. Pol, etc
"so that all of their resting places might receive the same attention

"The cemetery in which the two men in question are buried is
"known by the name of St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, and up to the present
"it contains some 3000 British soldiers each of whom is allotted a
"separate grave site. Also, there is a small wooden cross at the
"head of each bearing the soldier's Regtl. No., Rank, Name, and the
"name of his Regiment."

~~H.C. Jones~~ ~~Wheeler~~ 1447 Grosbie

grave

No. 2214 Copy sent to Govt. 14/10/46.
in Cas Refs

13th November, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I am now in receipt from the Pay and Record Office, London, of particulars of gravesites. No. 1447, Private G. G. Crosbie, was buried on the 3rd July, in Grave No. 2414, St. Saver Cemetery, Rouen, France.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Walter Crosbie,
Bay Roberts.

Can you please tell
me if there is any back pay
due Pte. Graham Crobie 1447
who was killed in action 1st July.
Returned soldiers have told
me there is a certain amount
held back while at the front
and as I have not received
any if there is, I thought I would
enquire. Graham left Ayr for
France in March of last year.
Thanking you for any trouble
you may have
I am

Yours sincerely
(Mrs) Walter Crobie
Bay Roberts

May 25th. 1917.

Mrs. Walter Crosbie,
Bay Roberts.

Dear Madam:-

1447
Referring to your letter of May 7th., I beg to state that the matter of deceased soldiers estates is entirely in the hands of the Minister of Justice.

Owing to the fact that under the existing law, the administering of each estate would cost considerable to the beneficiary, it has been decided to make no payments until such time as an act is passed specially for the purpose of administering deceased soldiers estates, so that the cost of same will be reduced to a minimum.

The balance due your late son is \$67.67.

Yours truly,

Lieut.
Deputy Paymaster.

July 3rd. 1917.

Mr. Walter Crosbie,

Ray Roberts.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$67.67,
being the balance of the estate of your late son,
No. 1447, Graham Crosbie. You will note that the
cheque is payable to yourself and Mrs W. Crosbie.

It will therefore be necessary for both
of you to endorse it, before being cashed.

Yours truly,

Lieut.
D/Paymaster.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

1447

No. 13989/216/R. & C.

From

PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

58, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

17th December,

1917.

To The Hon. the Minister of
Militia,

St. John's,

Newfoundland.

SUBJECT:

1447, PTE. G. CROSBIE,
Deceased.

REPLY

Dated January 15,

1917

Reference Nos.

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

I enclose a photograph of
the grave of the above named
deceased soldier, and I would
ask you to transmit it to the
next of kin, please.

The enclosed photograph has
been received and forwarded to the
next of kin.

A. S. Anderson
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

J. A. Bennett
Acting Minister of Militia.

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C.R. 1447
January 15, 1918.

Walter Crosbie, Esq.,
Bay Roberts.

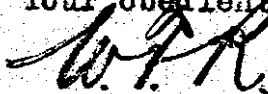
Sir:-

I have the honour to forward herewith photograph
of the grave of your son No. 1447, Pte. G. Crosbie.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Minister of Militia.

W.F.R.

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C.R. 1447

Bay Roberts
Jan 12th/20

Lieu. Col. W. F. Rendell

We have received
with many thanks the Memorial Scroll
you so kindly have sent.

Some time ago I saw in the
daily papers some thing of a "Star" for 1914 + 1915
service. Pte Graham Crosbie enlisted in April of 1915
went overseas in June 1915 & was killed July 1st 1916
Would like to know if we are entitled to a star.

Yours very sincerely

(Mrs) Walter Crosbie

CP 1447
January 14th 1920.

Mrs. W. Crosbie,

Bay Roberts.

Dear Mrs. Crosbie:

In reply to your letter of January 12th I would state that the 1914 - 15 Star is issued under War Office instructions to officers and other ranks who were on duty in any actual Theatre of War at any time between August 4th 1914 and December 31st 1915. Although your son No. 1447 Pte. Graham Crosbie was serving during part of that period, I am afraid he was not with the 1st Battalion in any Theatre of War up to 31st December 1915, and this Medal therefore, is not issuable on his account.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.

Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 1447
St. John's

24/6/20

Chief Staff Officer
Dept of Militia
Dear Sir

Will you please be
good enough to inform
Mr. Walter Crosbie
Bay Roberts

if it is possible when the
permanent ~~Cross~~ ^{headstone} is erected
over this ^{for him} "Sais" grave, to secure
the ~~Cross~~ wooden cross which
temporarily marked the grave?
If so, will you kindly take
steps to secure it?

£1447 plé George Graham
Crosbie is reported buried in
grave No. 2214, St. Sever Cemetery,
Rouen, on 3/7/16.

Yours faithfully,
H. A. Anderson

C.R. 1/11/20
July 5th, 1920

Mr. Walter Crosbie
Bay Roberts

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of an application from Capt. H.A. Anderson on your behalf, to have the temporary wooden cross which marks the grave of No. 1447 Pte. G. Crosbie, sent to this country for transmission to you.

I may say that the disposal of these crosses has been fully discussed by the Imperial War Graves Commission on which all the dominions are represented. The decision arrived at as to their disposal was that when the permanent memorials were erected, the wooden crosses should be gathered together and buried in France. Some months ago the question was raised and discussed by the Executive Government here, and the recommendation of our Government to the Imperial War Graves Commission was that as far as the Newfoundland Graves were concerned, the metal plates, on the crosses should be taken off and sent out here for distribution to the next of kin.

I should be glad to know whether the decisions outlined above would agreeable to you. Of course you will appreciate that in all matters of this nature a general course has to be outlined, and as regards the question under discussion, of the disposal of these wooden crosses, the Commission had in mind that when the permanent memorials were all erected, they would have tens of thousands of these

July 5th, 1920

crosses to dispose of.
your views

I should be glad to have

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

CR. 1447

W. F. Rendell
Lieut. Col.

Bay Roberts
July 14th/20

Dear Sir.

Your letter regarding the application of Capt. H. A. Anderson of the wooden cross which marks the grave of No 1447 Pli. G. Cowrie is hand; and I may say the decisions which you have outlined are agreeable to us and the metal plate on the cross be sent to us. Thanking you for the trouble taken.

We remain
yours truly
W + Th. Cowrie

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B, 121.

W. R. Griffith & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.
 1943. W 121/1004 4000. 3/16-1 99 56

Regiment of 1st New Zealand
 Signature of O. C. Company [Signature]
 Number of Sheet 1

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No. 447 Wesley George Graham
 Regimental Number and Name
 Trade Servant
 Enlistment 19 years months
 Age on 19 years months
 Place and Date of Enlistment Wales April 1915
 Religion Church of England
 Place of Birth Spawley Bay
 Period of { with Colours 1 7/6 years.
 with Reserve 3 6/5 years.

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order disposing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>Newton, N. S.</u>	<u>20/9/16</u>	<u>Pvt</u>		<u>Absent from Church Parade</u>	<u>Sgt. Phelps</u>	<u>2 days C.P.</u>	<u>2/12/16</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Leav</u>
"	<u>Nov 5</u>	"		<u>Neglect of duty</u>	<u>Capt. Ste-</u> <u>Stand.</u>	<u>2 Days C.P.</u>	<u>6/12/16</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Leav.</u>
				<u>Disc of Honour</u>	<u>3 7/16</u>				

Army Form B, 121.

To be carried over

C.R. 1447

Bay Roberts
Oct 21st/21

Lieu. Col. W. F. Rendell

Dear Sir -

This is to say I have received the package of three photographs of our boy's grave. Pl. G. G. Crobie. Our sincere thanks for same.

Perhaps you will pardon me saying the medals have not come yet. No doubt assorting so many takes a long time. Hoping to receive them in due time.

I am
yours truly
Walter Crobie

1967

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

OCT 2 1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**
is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. Walter Grosbie (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 1447 Rank Pte.

Name George G. Grosbie Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~Nfld. Forestry Corps~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Two Medals

Signature Walter Grosbie

Date Oct 2 1921

Address Can. Forces

[P.T.O.]

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

Aug 8th1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. *1447* Rank *PL*
Name *Geo. G. Crosbie*
Royal Newfoundland Regt.



Mary Crosbie (Sgd.)
Mother Relationship.

Address *Bay P. beach*