

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 203

Name in full William Heats Age 20

Address 47 Goodview St. St Johns

Married Single Height _____ Weight _____
Color Bair Hair Brown Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks Birth mark on right arm

Nearest relative Mother

Address 47 Goodview St.

Dependents None

Occupation Carman Present Wage \$8.00 per week

Previous service _____

Decorations _____

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment August 27 1914

I, William Heats, 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 conditions of my service.

Declared before me this _____ day
of OCT 1 1914 1914
Sept 2

Augustus O'Brien

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth	(d)
		Verified from certificate

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, 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>2/9/14</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>2nd Sept. '14</u>									
<i>Mustering 2/14</i>									
<i>Embarked S.S. Korier for C.K. 3¹⁰/₁₄</i>									
<i>Disembarked Mex. and returned for Cairo 31⁸/₁₅</i>									
<i>Landed Suez Bay night of 19-20 Oct 15. Evacuated and arrived Harb 15⁹/₁₅</i>									
<i>Proceeded to Suez 16⁷/₁₅ Embarked Port Suez 14⁷/₁₅ Disembarked Marseille 22⁷/₁₅</i>									
<i>Admitted C.C.S. 4.5.1. 2⁷/₁₅ Invalided to England 4⁷/₁₅ Admitted Wandsworth 6⁷/₁₅</i>									
<i>Attached E Coy 3⁹/₁₅ Embarked South Hampton 1⁷/₁₅ Disembarked Dover 2⁷/₁₅</i>									
<i>Joined Battalion 17⁷/₁₅ Missing 14⁷/₁₅ Resumed duty 30 weeks having elapsed 14¹¹/₁₇</i>									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>14-4-17</u> (date of discharge) <u>2</u> years <u>225</u> days									
" " " Pension " (") " "									

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

August 19.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorandum plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 203 Rank Private
Name William Keats
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Mrs. E. Keats(Sgd.)

Don Relationship.

Address 47 Goodview St

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RECEIPT.

I hereby certify that I have received the 1914-1915

STAR.

No. 203 Name Plc Wm Kauts

Witness W. K. Kauts

Date Feb 28 1920

Place 17 Goodview St

M. D.

SEP 8 1921.

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

Mrs. Keats (Mother)

in respect of his service as No. 203 Rank Pte.

Name Wm. Keats Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Expeditionary Corps

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Wm. Keats

Signature Wm. Keats

Date Monday 14 9.21

Address 17 Broadview St. St. John's

[P.T.O.]

May 11th, 1917.

Madam,

Dear

I regret to have to inform you that a report has this day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that No. 203, Private William Keats,

missing April 14th.

has been posted as

Should any further information be received concerning him, such information will be at once communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Keats,
47 Goodview St.

Colonial Secretary.

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Extract from Nominal Roll of "A" Co. 1st Bn. Field Regt.
Embarked at Devonport for Active Service 20-8-15

203 Pte. W. Keats.

Disembarked Alexandria 31-8-15 Proceeded to ~~13-9-15~~
Assassia, Cairo, ^{same} date. Embarked Alexandria for
Gallipoli 13-9-15.

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Extract from Memorial Roll embarked St. John's S. S. FLORIDA.
October 4th., 1914.

203 Keats Wm.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland

Regimental No. C.R. 203 Rank Pte Name W. Keats

Enlisted (a) Oct 2/14 Terms of Service (a) Duration of war Service reckons from (a) Oct 2/14

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 212, Army Form A. 35, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
				3.10.14	
				1.9.15	
		Emb'k'd PORT STEEZ		13.9.15	
		Disembk'd MARSEILLES		14.3.16	
		877A Ad G.P.W. Rpt trans	C.B.S	27.3.16	8.0 11968
	3rd State Review	Imeko Cay	Egypt	4.7.16	N 30873
					W Clerk CAPTAIN. FOR O.Ic INFANTRY RECORDS G. H. Q.; 3 RD ECHELON.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. [P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B, 121

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Regiment of _____

Signature of O. C. Company L. T. [Signature]

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay	
No.	<u>203</u>	Age on	20 years	months	<u>Barman</u>	<u>Promoted Nc. 27-10-16.</u> <u>Deprived of Stripes 5-1-17</u>
Joined	<u>1st NFHD</u>	Date	<u>Aug 26 1914</u>	Place and Date of Enlistment	<u>St John's</u>	
Joined	<u>2nd NFHD</u>	Date	<u>Oct 3 1916</u>	Period of	<u>Col E</u>	
Joined		Date		with Colours <u>2 1/2</u> years.	Place of Birth	
Joined		Date		with Reserve <u>3 1/2</u> years.	<u>St John's</u>	

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>Racecourse</u>	<u>4-1-7</u>	<u>Sypl</u>		<u>Absent from 9 a.m. parade</u>	<u>Sgt. Munnell</u>	<u>deprived of Lance stripe</u>	<u>5-1-7</u>	<u>Col. Whitaker</u>	<u>EB</u>
				<u>Killed in Action 14/4/17</u>					
				<u>To be carried over</u>					

Army Form B. 121.

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

Ref. No. 863 47 Goodview Street -
Rec'd. FEB 16 1917
Ack'd. ~~do~~ John N. F. L. W.
Ans'd. ~~do~~ January 25 /17
File No.

Captain Linewell

Dear Sir:-

I am writing to ask
you. If possible could you
give me any information
about no 203 pl William Keats
He was ~~wounded severely in~~
~~July 1916~~ And in hospital
for ~~three~~ months.

~~Mr~~ Reeves notified me at
the time saying when he
was ready to leave hospital
would let me know

But have not heard
anything of his whereabouts
since. Some of the boys

at 7 Aug. said he was drafted
on France again.

Surely that cannot be possible
he wounded so badly.

Several boys that have returned
home. said he would be sent
home. never fit for the front
again. And then to hear
he was gone to France.

You would do me a great
favour if you would kindly
let me know his whereabouts.

as you can guess how anxious
a mother would be.

Sent several parcels & letters & books
& papers but no letters in
return. Anxious moments are
spent in waiting to hear.

Kindly let me no if
possible.

I remain
yours Sincerely
Mrs Richard Keato

18th February, 7

1465/1

HA/JC.

Mrs. Richard Keats,
47, Goodview Street,
St. John's, Nfld.

Madam, 203, Pte. William Keats.

to-day
I have received your letter of 25/1/17 with
reference to your son, Pte. William Keats.

I find that he again proceeded to France on the
31/1/17 with a draft, from Ayr.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

Major,

Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY

Posted.....

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

COPY OF WILL
OF

203, PRIVATE W. S. KEATS.

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property
to my Mother Mrs. Richard Keats, 47, Goodview Street, St. John's,
Newfoundland.

(Signature) W. S. Keats,
Rank & Regt. Pte. 1st Newfoundland,
Date. March 14/17.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,

J. H. Marshall
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C. RECORDS.

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WILL.

In the event of my death
I give the whole of
my property to my
Mother

Mrs Richard Keats

47 Goodview St

St Johns

203

Signature

W. S. Keats

Rank and Regt.

ptc. 1st Regiment

Date

March 14 1917

C.R. 203

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated July 7, 1916.

#203 Pte. W. Keats. ✓

Gunshot wound right side.

Admitted 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth,
July 6, 1916 S.S. Lanfranc & Egypt.

C.R. 203

Extract from Casualties List No. H.A. 654.

203 Pte. W. Keats.

1st Nfld.R. Adm. 3 Sty. H. Rouen 3rd July 16.
GSW Side,R.