

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 616

Name in full Eric Shannon Martin Age 22

Address 274 Hamilton Ave

Married Single Height 5' 5" Weight 119

Color _____ Hair light Eyes blue

Other distinguishing marks scar on rt leg above knee

Nearest relative father alfred

Address as above

Dependents None

Occupation Engineer Present Wage 500 per week

Previous service _____

Decorations _____

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment _____

I, Eric Shannon Martin, 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 engaged (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.

*Engaged for
with 1st of war
14 Aug 14
5²²*

Eric Shannon Martin

Declared before me this 5²² day
of October 1914

months. Height 5 feet 6 inches.
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38 inches.
 Range of expansion 3 inches.
 Distinctive marks **Hair: Light, Eyes: Blue.**

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin **Alfred Martin, 294 Hamilton Avenue, St. John's**
 | 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) Signature of Officer verifying entry from certificate.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d) Verified from certificate.

Particulars as to Children.

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>2-10-14</u>									
Joined at St. John's on									
<i>Embarked for S. I. Hospital for 6 to 5th Dec 14</i> <i>Embarked for London for 20th Dec 14</i> <i>Embarked for Liverpool 13th Jan 15</i> <i>Embarked for 13th Feb 15</i> <i>Admitted H.S. Galea 17th Feb 15</i> <i>Admitted Hospital Cairo 17th Feb 15</i> <i>Wounded 21.10.15</i> <i>Embarked 4-11-15</i> <i>Embarked 27.3.16</i> <i>Embarked 11.7.16</i> <i>Port Said (1st) 4-3-16</i> <i>Embarked 17th Aug 16</i>									
KILLED IN ACTION 1-7-16									
<i>Survived 5457 D.G. 10d. High Range to hand land. British front</i> <i>Place Hawthorne Ridge 42 British Cavalry Corps</i>									
Total Service forfeited as above									

Total Service towards Engagement to 1-7-16 (date of discharge) 1 year 2/3

C.R. 616

Eric Shannon Martin was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on Sept. 2nd, 1914.
Regimental No. 616 was allotted to Pte E. S. Martin.

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

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Extract from Nomina Roll Embarked St. John's per S.S.
"Flossiel" Oct. 3, 1914.

616 Martin Eric S.

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Extract from Nominal Roll of 6th. 1st Bn. Wild. Regt.
Embarked at Devonport for Active Service 20-8-15.

616 Pte. E. Martin.

Disembarked Alexandria, 31-8-15. Proceeded to Abbassia,
Cairo, same date. Embarked Alexandria for Gallipoli
15-9-15.

OR
Christian Name

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace—Parish	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	at	191	at	191
Declared Age	22 years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation	Engineer			
Height	5 feet	5 inches	feet	inches
Weight	119	lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded	inches		inches
	Range of expansion	inches		inches
Physical Development	Right	Left	Right	Left
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R. E.—V=		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)				
(Rank)				
Enlisted	at	St John's N.F.Ld.	at	
	on	day of	on	day of
		191		191
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	Newfoundland	616		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of	on	day of
		191		191

NOTICE TO THE ACCOUNTS OFFICER.

Regiment or corps *1st Newfoundland*
 No. *616* Rank *Pte* Name *E. Martin*
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *Travail* on the *12* of *July* 191*6*
 Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191*6*

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

 Commanding Squadron, Troop,
 Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month <i>JUL 1 1916</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>
	<i>Cash issues</i> (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	191				Messing allowance days at _____			
	"				from _____ to _____			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	Consolidated stoppage				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>20</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	<i>20</i>	<i>4</i>		£	<i>20</i>	<i>4</i>

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of *£20 4 0* is correctly chargeable against the Public (b).

Dated at *St. John's* this _____ day of _____ 191*6* Paymaster.

(a) Have state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, or already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1813.
 (b) War Office Form B. 2090 must be filled out when there is no debtor balance.



CAVALRY SERVICE

Form B. 213. Report of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least 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 } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } A Company

Regtl. No. 616 Rank Private

Name MARTIN, E.S.

Died { Date July 1st., 1916.

Place France.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Burial Report, 23/4/17.

By whom made G.O.C., 5th. Corps.

* 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.

Burial { Place _____
Date _____
By whom reported _____

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not to hand.
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) do
(c) as a separate document do

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 Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, 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 of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } H. Hill Lieut. for Lt. Col. Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Secy. Srd. Hqs. G.H.Q., B.S.F.

Station and Date 4/27/17.

8 Park Terr.

Hauidick.

Cao.

4th Aug, 1916.

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10/8/16

Dear Sir,

Just a few lines to see if you have got any news regarding Pte. Eric Maester No. 616 at Coy. Newfoundland Regt. I wrote you two weeks ago so you said if I wrote again perhaps you could give me some information regarding him. Trusting it will not be much trouble for you in trying to find out any news.

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I remain

Your Faithfully

10.8.16 Mrs Huggan.

Mrs Huggan

C.R. 616

Extract of information receiptd from the Red Cross Society 2-11-15
per Newfoundland War Contingents Association.

616 E.P. Martin

Bullet wound left leg 5th Canadian Hospital 24-11-15.

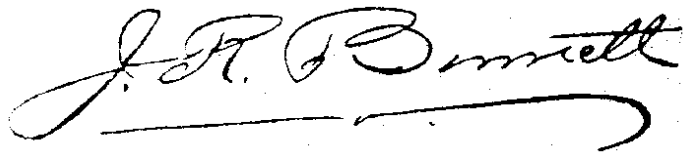
November 12, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that a report has to-day been received from the Record Officer of the Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that No. 616, Private Eric Shannon Martin, who was reported on October 26th as severely wounded, is now able to get about on crutches.

Any additional information which may be received will be immediately communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. R. Bennett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Alfred Martin,
294 Hamilton Avenue,
City.

C.R. 616

Extract of Casualty List received from P. & R. O. N
Nov. 18th. 1915.

616, Pte E. S. Martin.

Severe G.S.W. Lt. Leg, 5th Can. Hosp. Cairo.

C.R.

January 15, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that additional information has to-day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that

No. 616. Private Eric S. Martin, has been discharged from Hospital as fit but is still lame.

This information is in reply to an enquiry which I cabled on the 8th instant.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

No. 11, ... Ave.

CR. 616

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,

London, dated July 31, 1916.

(Extract from Army Form B. 213 from O.C. Hfld. Regt.
dated 1/7/16/)

#616 Pte. S. Martin, A.Co.,

Missing 1/7/16 .

July 31. 6.

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Sir,

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
Private Eric Shannon Martin

No. 616.

missing

has been posted as

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Alfred North,
24, Hamilton Avenue.

Colonial Secretary

Reference 22/24508

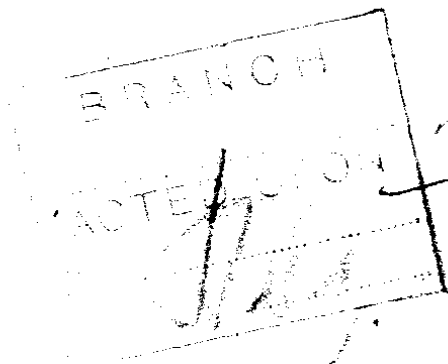
The Officer in Charge,
Newfoundland Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W.1.



DEPARTMENT	✓
Reference No.	1269
Date Recd.	6 FEB 1918
By	
At	1974/4

Could you please give me particulars of private
E. Martin 616, buried April 1917, whose next of kin is
Mrs A.A. Martin, 274, Hamilton Avenue, St. Johns, Newfoundland.

War Office,
Winchester House,
St. James's Square,
London, S.W.1.



Capt, Staff Capt.,
for Brig-General,
Director G.R. & E.

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1972/4/R.&C.

7th February, 8

Director Graves Registration & Enquiries,
Winchester House,

St. James's Square, S.W. 1.

616, PTE. E. S. MARTIN, deceased.

Reference your Minute 22/24508 of 5/2/17 (1269).
It is not clearly understood, please, what particulars
are required.

616 Pte. Eric Shannon Martin, 1st Bn., Royal Newf'd
Regt, was killed in action or died of wounds 1/7/18. He
was firstly posted as missing 1/7/18. His burial was
reported by G.O.C. 5th Corps, 23/4/17. Grave site:
Sh. 57.D.Q.10.d.W. of Y. Ravine, No Man's Land, British
Front.

HA/JC

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records. Major.

St. Johns

Nov. 15/17

Hon. G. T. McGrath

Dear Sir,

Would you please help me about Eric Martin's allotment - I have not received it now for over two months, because it was made out in his sister's name. The reason that happened, Eric was one of the first five hundred, and knowing that my health would not allow me to go to the Colonial Building for it; and fearing I would not get it he put his sister's name to it but she do not benefit by it; If I had Eric home I would be getting at least thirty dollars, but because I was too patriotic I lost him, and now I am not even getting his eighteen that he left me.

If you will reconsider it.

You will
very much oblige
Yours sincerely

Mrs. A. A. Martin
274 Hamilton Ave
Ct.

St. Johns
Oct. 16/19

Mr. Howley

Dear Sir

I felt very much
disappointed, by not-receiving
Eric Martin's allotment this
time, Eric was one of the
first-five hundred, and
fearing that my health
would not-allow me to-walk
to the Colonial Building every
month, he signed his sister
Mama to it; fearing she would
not-be able to get-it without
but-she did not-get-the benefit
of it. I always got-it, and
why should I be deprived of
it now, just when I need it

Mrs A. A. Martin
274 Hamilton Ave
City

60 per day to
J. Martin (Wester)
discreetly to the committee
with the enclosed

more, my husband has
been in hospital to have
a growth removed from his
arm which left it very weak
and I am blind in one eye
and have to undergo an
operation that will cost me
thirty or forty dollars, if
I had not been quite so
patriotic I might have my
boy to-day, but there it is.
So it because I have given
of my best, that I am to be
deprived of the bill of money
he left me, if he was here
I would have twice as much.
Kindly reconsider it if you
cannot do anything, would you
give me the names of those
who can, but please

Jan. 22nd. 1918.

Alfred A. Martin, Esq.,

294 Hamilton Avenue.

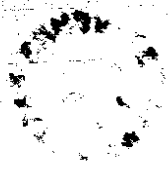
Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$113.30,
being the balance due you as Administrator of the
Estate of the late Private E. Martin. I also en-
close letter of Administration.

Yours faithfully,

Capt. & Paymaster.
& Officer i/c Records.

JH/.



NOV 1921.

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

Mr. Alfred Martin (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 616 Rank Pte.

Name Eric S. Martin Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Infantry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Oct 19th 1921. 2 Medals

Signature Alfred A. Martin

Date _____

Address 274 Stannison Avenue

[P.T.O.]

W. C. Jones, 3rd Lieut
Casualty Officer

Dear Sir.

C.R. 616

The Star 1914-1915 have been received
for which I thank you. (for my brother).
This matter I had intended to acknowledge before
but it suddenly slipped my mind.

Yours truly
Walter J. Martin

W. C. Jones

m. P.

December 29th. 1916.

Hon. J. R. Bennett.
Colonial Secy.

Sir:-

We offer you many thanks for your kind note of sympathy. It is very hard to part with one we loved so dearly. Through it all we feel that he has lived, and died, nobly. Surely some lasting good will result, and we shall live to be proud that we gave him to his King and Country, to lay down his life if need be for Justice and righteousness.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Alfred A. Martin

Hamilton Avenue.

C.R. 616

Extract from Casualties received from P & R Office London,

April 4th, 1918.

PLACE OF GRAVE.

(a) Hawthorn Ridge British Cemetery No. 2. Corps.
Cemetery No. 12 $4\frac{1}{2}$ Miles North of Albert.

616 Pte. Martin, E. (Repl. Beaumont Hamel 112.6c)

Authority; 36561 G. 36562 G. and 36563 G. from War Office,
D.G.R.S.K.

November 23rd, 1916.

Dear Sir,

For some time past the Imperial Government have been making enquiries in relation to those men of the First Newfoundland Regiment who have been reported missing since the action of the 1st July. I very much regret to state, however, that from the correspondence which has taken place, a copy of which I enclose, it is evident that none of them are Prisoners of War in Germany, and the authorities are, therefore, reluctantly forced to the conclusion that all these gallant men, whose names are given in the enclosed list, and one of whom was very dear to you, were killed in that fateful action on the 1st of July.

I desire 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 it will, no doubt, be some consolation to you to think that he, for whom you now mourn, willingly 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. Though he 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 Honor, and be held in fragrant memory by all his fellow-countrymen. When the victory is won, and Peace again reigns upon the earth, it will be a comforting thought to you that in this glorious achievement he 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,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Alfred Martin,

234 Hamilton Avenue.

Casualty Form-Active Service.

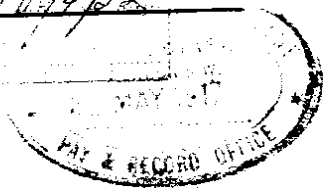
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Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland
Regimental No. C.R. 616 Rank Pte. Name E. S. Martin

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 Date	From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., 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	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
				3/10/14.	
				1/9/15.	
				13/9/15.	
17/10/15.	"Galeka"	Bullet W., L. Leg, serious admitted A 36	H.S. "Galeka"	17/10/15.	Auth. A 14763. <i>N</i>
21/10/15.	5th. Can. Cairo.	do	5th. Can. Hosp., Cairo.	21/10/15.	
11.7.16	Unit	Missing	France	JUL 1916	B 200
23/4/17.	G.O.C. 5th. Corps	Killed in Action	France.	1/7/16.	Burial Report.



(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.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

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Number of Pages

Signature of O. C. Company

Regiment of

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade		Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay	
No.	616	Age on	22 years	months	Engineer	By whom awarded	
Joined	Martin E	Place and Date of Enlistment	At Ipswich	2-10-14	Religion	Punishment awarded	
Joined		Period of { with Colours / with Reserve	17 1/2 years	Method	Names of Witnesses		REMARKS
Joined			2 1/2 years	At Ipswich	At Ipswich		
Joined							

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	By whom awarded	REMARKS
				Killed in Action 17/10/14				

To be carried over