

REGIMENTAL

# First Newfoundland Regiment

## ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1599

Name in full Joseph Martret Age 19

Address 25 Princess St, St. John's.

Married  Height 5ft 3in Weight 115

Single

Color Fresh Hair Dark Brown Eyes Gray Brown

Other distinguishing marks

Nearest relative Mother Mary Ellen

Address 25 Princess St

Dependents Mother, Parvly

Occupation Laborer Present Wage 1/8<sup>00</sup> per week

Previous service

Decorations

General Remarks

Date of Enlistment June 2, 1915

I, Joseph Martret, 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.

Joseph X Martret  
witness

Declared before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1915

*[Signature]*

Witness A. W. Buntin  
2nd Lt

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Apparent age \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months. Height \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches  
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded \_\_\_\_\_ inches.  
 Range of expansion \_\_\_\_\_ inches.  
 Distinctive marks Complexion Fresh, Hairs Dark Brown, Eyes Grey Brown

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Mary Ellen Martret, 25 Princes St., St. Johns  
 Relationship Mother

Particulars as to Marriage.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(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.
			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>2/6/15</u>									
Joined at <u>St. Johns</u> on <u>2 June 1915</u> Embarked for U. K. <u>17/6/15</u>									
Embarked for B. E. F. via Egypt <u>13/3/16</u> joined Batt. <u>8/4/16</u>									
Officially reported missing <u>1/7/16</u> <u>Beaumont</u> <u>17/16</u>									
Killed in Action <u>1/7/16</u> <u>Anti War Office</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>1/7/16</u> (date of discharge) <u>1</u> years <u>30</u> days									
" " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "									

Regimental Number 1599

Company \_\_\_\_\_

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

*His*  
*J. Martret*  
*Mark*

Witness

*J. S. ...*

Dated at



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13th October, 1916.

Dear Madam,

It was with the greatest regret that the Government received a cablegram from the Record Office, London, intimating that your son, Private Joseph Martret, had been killed in action on the 1st July.

Permit me to express on behalf of the Government as well as for myself, the sincerest sympathy with you at this time. While we all sorrow at the loss of loved ones, yet it will no doubt be some consolation to you to think that your boy loyally answered the Call of King and Country, fought bravely and well and fell with his face to the foe in defence of the principles of Righteousness, Truth and Liberty. He has laid down the earthly weapons of warfare and now wears the Soldier's Crown of Victory. His name will be emblazoned upon the glorious Roll of Honour and be held in fragrant memory by all his fellow-countrymen. We are proud of our gallant lads and also of the noble fathers and mothers who so unselfishly gave their boys when the Call of Duty came. When the Victory has been won and Peace again reigns it will be a comfort to you to think that, in this great achievement, your gallant lad bore no small part, and gave of himself even to the uttermost.

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

With the sincerest sympathy,  
Believe me to be,  
Your obedient servant,

Mrs. Mary E. Martret,  
25 Princes Street.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 1599

Extract from Nominal Roll of RFLA. Regt. embarked Dover-  
port for Egypt, 13-5-16, transferred to B.N.F. & disem-  
barked Marseilles, 3-4-16.

1599 Pte. J. Martret.

C.R. 1899

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated October 20, 1916.  
The following Casualty in the 1st Field Regt. with the  
British Expeditionary Force is reported under various  
dates:-

#1599 Pte. J. Martret. ✓

Previously reported Missing now reported Killed.

7th October, 1916.

~~Dear Madam,~~

I regret to inform you the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to-day advises that No. 1599, Private Joseph Martret, who was previously reported Missing, is now reported Killed in Action on July 1st.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. Mary E. Martret,  
25 Princes Street.

July 31. 6.

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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  
Private Joseph Martret,  
No. 1599,  
missing.

has been posted as

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

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Mary E. Martret,  
25 Princess St.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 1599

Extract from Memoir 1 "Oil Embarked St. John's for Overseas per  
A.S. "Magician" June, 19. 1918. "B"

1599 Pte. Martrett J.

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Martret OF Christian Name Joseph

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish St. John County A. F. L. D.

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>25<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>5</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191_____	
	at <u>St. John</u>		at _____	
Declared Age	<u>19</u> years _____ days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Labourer</u>		_____	
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>3</u> inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	<u>116</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>34½</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>3½</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks	Arm	_____	Right	_____
	Number	<u>1</u>	Left	_____
When Vaccinated	<u>1905</u>		_____	
Vision	R. E.—V=	<u>4/6</u>	R. E.—V=	_____
	L. E.—V=	<u>4/6</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>Fred W. Borden</u>		_____	
(Rank)	<u>Lieut</u>		_____	
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St. John</u>		at _____	
	on <u>2<sup>nd</sup></u> day of <u>June</u> 191 <u>5</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191_____	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	<u>1<sup>st</sup> A. F. L. D.</u>	Corps.	_____
	Regtl. No.	<u>1599</u>	Regtl. No.	_____
Transferred to	_____		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____		_____	
	on _____ day of _____ 191_____		on _____ day of _____ 191_____	
(Signature)	_____		_____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	



ORIGINAL

FIXED 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. 2099 from other official documentary sources.



REGIMENT or CORPS } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } D Company

Regtl. No. 1599 Rank Private

Name Martret, J.

Died { Date July 1st., 1916. Place France. Cause of Death\* Killed in action.

Nature and Date of Report Letter, 29/9/16.

By whom made O.C., 71st. Infantry Brigade.

\* 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 Not yet received. Date 19/9/16. By whom reported O.C., 71st. Inf. Bde.

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) No. (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not to hand. (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 [Signature] Major for Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sect. No. 3rd. Battalion, G.H.C., B.M.F.

Station and Date 7/10/16.



# 1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ALLOTMENTS

I, Joseph Martrey, Regl. No. 1599  
 hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of  
Sixty Dollars and Sixty Cents, per diem, from my Pay,  
 to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person <sup>and</sup> <sub>or</sub> Persons, such payment to be ~~made on the~~  
 of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person <sup>and</sup> <sub>or</sub> Persons  
 concerned, viz.:

Identity Certificate	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
1	Mother	Mrs Augustus Martrey	25 Prince St	
3			St John's	
4				
5				
Commencing June 12th				
Total Allotment, \$				

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  
St John's  
June 17th 1915

(Sig.) Joseph X Martrey  
 (Rank) Private  
Private Company 1st Black

PAY ISSUED

to 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916

Vol. 1

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *1<sup>st</sup> Newfoundland*  
 No. *1599* Rank *Private* Name *J. Martlet*  
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *France* on the *1<sup>st</sup>* 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 I.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month <i>12<sup>th</sup> May 16</i> .....			<i>6</i>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay <i>50</i> days at <i>7/10</i> from <i>12<sup>th</sup> May 16</i> to <i>1<sup>st</sup> July 16</i> .....			<i>11 6</i>
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	<i>31.5 1916</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>6</i>	Messing allowance _____ days at _____ from _____ to _____			
	<i>7/6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>6</i>	Kit allowance .....			
	<i>17</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>13</i>	Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2 .....			
	<i>Allotment</i>				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	<i>50 days @ 6<sup>0</sup> 1/2<sup>0</sup></i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>3</i>	Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	Consolidated stoppage .....							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>9</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>9</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		£	<i>17</i>	<i>10</i>				<i>17 10</i>

I hereby Certify that the above account, is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ \_\_\_\_\_ is correctly chargeable against the Public (a).

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 191 \_\_\_\_\_ Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.  
 (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

Sept 2

Capt. Irnewell

Dear Sir

i was told by  
a friend if i write to  
you. you may be able  
to give me some news  
of my boy that is on  
the missing list i am  
patiently waiting for news  
he was in the 1<sup>st</sup> of July  
fight his Brother was  
wounded and he is  
listed missing so if  
you could give me  
any information, i  
would be obliged  
if you would send  
and let me know

i heard he was wounded  
but i was not notified

your truly  
Mrs Martret  
23 Princes st  
St Johns

12th Regt  
The Missing Boys name  
is Pte Joseph Martret  
no. 15-99. D Company  
12th Regt

3566  
25/9/16

26th September, 6.

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Mrs. Martret,  
23, Princes Street,  
St. John's, Newfoundland.

Madam,

No. 1599, Pte. Joseph Martret, Missing

I have received your letter of the 2nd inst. asking for news of your son who is missing, and I regret to inform you that no further news has been heard of him to date.

Lists of the missing Newfoundlanders have been circulated throughout Germany in the hopes that news will be forthcoming concerning them, but so far only three prisoners have been reported and Private Martret's name is not amongst them.

The anxiety of parents and relatives at home is fully appreciated and everything possible has been done by this office on their behalf.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

for Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

HA/NW

26th September, 6.

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Mrs. Martret,  
23, Princes Street,  
St. John's, Newfoundland.

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HA/NW

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.  
SEP 17  
7:30 AM  
1921

BUY  
MADE IN  
NEWFOUNDLAND  
GOODS

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

*The Royal Nfld. Regt.*

*Dept. of Militia,*

*ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.*

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,

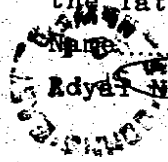
St. John's.

Sept 10 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of

the late No. 1599 Rank 10

Name Joseph K. Mathew  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.



Mother of Mathew (Sgd.)

Relationship.

Address 123 George St  
St. John's

Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

C.R. 1599

Leut Rendell

Dear Sir

I received  
the Memorial scroll and  
accompanying message from  
the King I am more  
then thankful for them

Yours Truly  
Mrs Martlet

Fold Here

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**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

*Royal Nfld. Regt.*

*Dept. of Militia,*

*ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.*

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Fold Here

1921.

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

Mrs. Mary E. Martret (Mother)

in respect of his service as No. 1599 Rank Pte.

Name Joseph Martret Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Mtd. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Yes

Signature J. A. Martret

Date Oct 9, 1921

Address 123 George St

[P.T.O.]

