

# First Newfoundland Regiment

## ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1581

Name in full William Morris Age 20

Address Robinsons Head, St. Johns, Nfld.

Married Height 5ft 5in Weight 145

Color Fresh Hair Black Eyes Grey

Other distinguishing marks

Nearest relative Father Harry

Address Robinsons Head

Dependents

Occupation Seaman Present Wage \$2.00 per week

Previous service

Decorations

General Remarks

Date of Enlistment May 25<sup>th</sup> 1915

I, William Morris, 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.

William Morris

Declared before me this 1 day  
of June 1915

J. J. [Signature]  
Lieut.

Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

Name William Morris  
 Apparent age 27 years 0 months. Height 5 feet 8 inches.  
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded \_\_\_\_\_ inches.  
 Range of expansion \_\_\_\_\_ inches.  
 Distinctive marks Colours Fresh, Hair Black, Eyes Grey

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Harry Morris, Robinsons Road  
 | 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. O. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>25/5/15</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>25 May, 1915</u> Embarked for <u>U.K. 17/6/15.</u>									
<u>Embarked for B.E.F. via Egypt 13/12/16. Joined Unit 8/4/16.</u>									
<u>With Batt. 14/7/16. Wounded 13/10/16. Died of Wounds 13/10/16. In the field with the 6th Co. Unit.</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above ... ..									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>13-10-16</u> (date of discharge) <u>1</u> years <u>42</u> days									
" " " Pension " ( " ) " " "									

C.R. 1581

William Morris was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ..... May 25th 1915.  
Regimental No1581 was allotted to Ptc. Wm. Morris.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

R. 1581

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked ST. John's for Overseas, per  
S.S. "Calgarian" June 19.1915. "F"

1581 Pte. Morris W.

C.R. 1381

Extract from Nominal Roll of RFLA. Regt. Embarked Devon-  
port 13-3-16 for Egypt, transferred to B.E.F. & disembarked  
Marseille, 3-4-16.

1381 Pte. W. Morris.

Regimental Number 1451

Company                     

THE  
1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

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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.

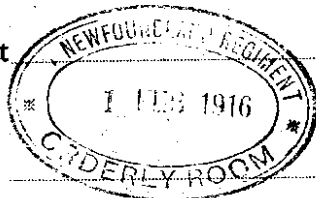
Subject to the Army Act, the King's Regulations,  
and to such ordinances as may apply or may  
be made to apply to the British Regular Army.

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

Signed Wm Morris

Witness Robertson

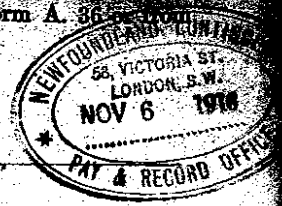
Dated at



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**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 from other official documentary sources.



REGIMENT) } 1st Newfoundlnd Regt." Squadron,  
1st Bn. } Troop, Battery }  
CORPS } or Company }

D.O.

Regtl. No. 1581 Rank Private.

Name Morris, W.

Died { Date 15/10/16.  
Place France.  
Cause of Death\* Died of Wounds received in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213, 14/10/16.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

\* 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 received.  
Date Ditto.  
By whom reported \_\_\_\_\_

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received.  
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) Ditto.  
(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 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]*  
LIEUT. COLONEL  
Officer in Charge Regular Infantry Section No. \_\_\_\_\_  
General Headquarters, 1st Echelon.

Station and Date 31/10/16.



To be filled only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting in Regular Army.

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Morris OF Christian Name William

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish St. John's St. George County St. J. & L.D.

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	at	on	at
Examined	2 <sup>nd</sup> day of May 1915	St. John's	day of	191
Declared Age	20 years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation	Farmer			
Height	5 feet	5 inches	feet	inches
Weight		139 lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded	37 inches		inches
	Range of expansion	3 inches		inches
Physical Development				
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated	Proc.			
Vision	R.E.—V==	4/6	R.E.—V==	
	L.E.—V==	4/6	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)	Fred W. Burden			
(Rank)	Lieut.			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at St. John's		at	
	on 25 <sup>th</sup> day of May 1915		on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	1 <sup>st</sup> St. J. & L.D.	Corps.	
	Regtl. No.	1581	Regtl. No.	
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of	on	day of
(Signature)		191		191
(Rank)				

[P.T.O.]

Boards; Courts of Inquiry; Vaccination, Inoculations, etc.; Examination for Field  
 Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Sur-  
 gical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, etc.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
June 20 <sup>th</sup> 15	1 <sup>st</sup> Inoculation 500 Million <span style="float: right;">J</span>

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
<i>Station J.F.R.D.</i>					

**PAY LEAF**

**NON RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Regiment or corps *1st Buffs*  
 No. *1581* Rank *Private* Name *W. Harris*  
 Died (a) *Intestate* at *France* on the *13<sup>th</sup>* of *October* 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>13</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>16</i>
	Cash issues (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 .....			
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2 .....			
					Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		£				£	<i>16</i>	<i>1</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 (b).

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 191*6* 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.

C.R. 1581

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&.R.O.  
October 27th 1916.

The following Casualty in the 1/1 Newfoundland Regiment  
with the British Expeditionary Force is reported under  
various date.

1581. Pte W. Morris.

Died of Wounds.

Counter No. \_\_\_\_\_

# 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	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated 27th October, 1916.

To Mr. Harry Morris,  
Robinson's Head, St. George's.

Regret to inform you Record Office London today advises that No. 1581 Private William Morris Died of Wounds on October 13th.

J. R. BENNETT,  
Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

H.Q. 649-1-18989.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

OTTAWA, 24th June, 1917.

No. 1551 - Morris,  
"F" Company, 7th Newfoundland Regt.

Sir,

Will you oblige me by letting me know whether you have received any particulars regarding the soldier named in the margin.

He has a sister in the United States who has been making enquiries about him.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,



Surgeon-General,  
Deputy Minister.

The Colonial Secretary,  
St. John,  
Newfoundland.

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July 3, 1917.

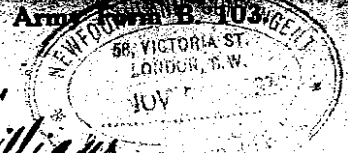
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 24th June last, No. HQ649-M-18969, I beg to say that No. 1581, Private William Morris, 1st Newfoundland Regiment, was reported on October 27th, 1916, as having died of wounds on the 13th of that month, the official notification of which was sent to the next of kin, Mr. Harry Morris, Robinson's Head, Newfoundland.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Militia Council,  
Headquarters,  
Ottawa.



**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

*Copy of Inc Copy*

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland  
 Regimental No. 1581 Rank Pte Name Morris William  
 Enlisted (a) 25.5.16 Terms of Service (a) War Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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. 213, Army Form A. 56, 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. 56, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Disembarked	Marseilles	3.4.16	
	Unit	Joined	Battalion	France	8.4.16 B 213
	do	With	do	do	4.7.16 do
	14. 11. 16	Unit	End of War	France	13.10.16 B 213

*Spec*  
*Leading*  
*Staff Sgt. Col.*  
*Officer in Charge Regular Infantry Section*  
*P. Q. & K. Chebrie*

(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, Blasting Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

The Rectory,

Sandy Point,

St. George's.

April 3rd. 1917

Dear Mr. Squires:-

One of my parishioners Mr. Henry Morris of Robinson's Head had a son killed in the war on October 12th. last --- Pte William Morris No. 1581.

He is a poor man with a very large family and this son was the only help he had, his wife has been dead three years, and the son had his Separation Allowance made payable to his sister on condition that she give her father half of it, and put the rest in the Bank in his name. The father has only received \$14.00 of this from the time his son went away. His sister is now living in Boston, U.S.A. and is still receiving money on her brother's account. She has upwards of \$100.00 in the Bank in her brother's name and her father as next of kin wishes through me to lay claim to the estate of his late son, especially as he was under age. I have promised to arrange the matter for him, as he has no education and cannot himself write you in reference to the matter, perhaps you can also arrange that all future payments be made to the father who is greatly in need of much help.

I am,

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd)

E. Alfred Butler.

1581  
C.R. ~~1201~~

WHEN REPLYING  
QUOTE No. \_\_\_\_\_

APRIL 24th 19.

Jos. F. Downey, Esq., M.H.A.,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 16th inst., enclosing letter from Mr. Harry Morris, of Robinsons, with reference to the estate of his son, the late #1381 Pte. Wm. Morris, who was killed in Action on October 12th 1916, I may say that this soldier made his allotment payable to his sister, and it was discontinued immediately after his death. The balance due to his credit in London - \$87.12 - was paid to Harry Morris, of Robinsons, the deceased soldier's father, on December 7th 1917. This finalises the matter as far as this Department is concerned. If Mr. Morris has a claim for further consideration he must place same before the Board of Pensions Commissioners.

I beg to return Mr. Morris's letter herewith.

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Militia.

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COPY

ROBINSONS

April 8th 1919.

Mr. J. F. Downey, M.H.A.,

Dear Sir:-

My dear son Pte. Wm.

Morris, No. 1381 was killed on that fatal Oct. 12th 1916. The allotments have been received since by my daughter. Now I wish to get the balance of pay, viz: about \$13. per month that he used to draw monthly on the other side and which amounts now to several hundred dollars as he did not receive any pay for sometime before he met his death.

I am his father and I know is his legal heir, as he died without a will.

I have heard that letters of administration has to be taken out and the money come from England, few people there are who are not aware of how the money is paid and do not want to be told that things are done in ways which the Militia Department would have us believe.

If letters of Administration are really necessary, I apply to the Administrator for them through you and would like for you to have them sent on at once.

Trusting you will oblige,

I am, Yours truly,

HARRY MORRIS.

December 12th, 1917.

Mr. Harry Morris,  
Robinson's Station.

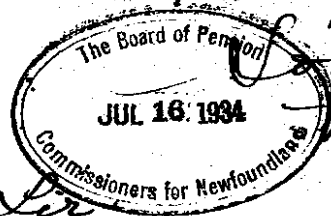
Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$87.12, being the  
balance due you as Administrator of the Estate of the late  
Pte. W. Morris. I also enclose letter of Administration.

Yours faithfully,

Capt. & Paymaster

39 Fairfax St.



Comerwell's

Messrs  
July 8 - 1934

Dear Sir

Would you look  
in to my Brothers money he was  
killed in war first World War  
no 1081 This money was left  
to me Sister my name Annie  
Francis Morris

There several checks and his  
insurance I never got I left  
home went Sydney for <sup>1 month</sup> few then  
Boston I am married my name is  
now Mrs Robert Dennis W.

Write St Johns time and  
again no answer  
Sincerely Mrs Dennis

39 Fairfax St

