

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1135

Name in full Alexander Reader of ^{aw} Age 20

Address Bonaville

Married Single Height 5' 10 1/2" Weight 120 1/2

Color _____ Hair _____ Eyes _____

Other distinguishing marks _____

Nearest relative William S. Reader (Father)

Address Bonaville

Dependents _____

Occupation Letter-carrier Present Wage \$300.00 per year

Previous service _____

Decorations _____

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment 17th Feb 1915

Alexander Reader, 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.

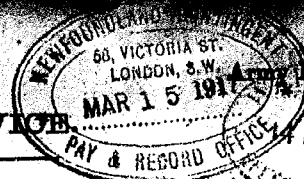
Alexander Reader

Declared before me this 27th day of Feb 1915.

[Signature]

ORIGINAL.

FIELD SERVICE



Form B. 2090A.

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 REGT. Squadron, } D. Company.
or } Troop, Battery }
CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 1135. Rank Private.

Name Reader. A.

SENT TO
O.C. H.Q.

Date 25/2/17/.

Died Place Somme. France.

ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.
MAR 15 1917

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B213. 26/2/17/.

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.

Place

Burial Date

By whom reported

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

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

M. Burchell

Capt. for Lt. Col.

Station and Date 3rd. Echelon. 8/3/17/.

Officer i/c Records. Reg. Inf. Sec. No. 1. 3rd. Echelon. G.R.C. B.E.F.

1. New
1. Wallit
1. AA 50
1. Bundle of letters
Photos
2. Reflections Books

shippers
Newfoundland
4/4/17

Donavuska
Apr 28 1917

Record Office,
58, Victoria St.,
London, S.W.

Gentlemen:

As I have

been notified indirectly by
you that my son,
Alfred Reader (Pte) 1135 of the
Worcestershire Regt was killed in
action Feb 25th 17.

I would like to get anything
that he may have left.

Also if there was any money
has I understood from him
there was some, hoping you will
send anything of his along, I

am, Yours etc
Wm. S. Reader,
Donavuska,
Newfoundland.

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Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *Newfoundland*

Regimental No. *1135*

Rank *Plt*

Name *Leader A.*

Enlisted (a) *7.2.15*

Terms of Service (a) *One year*

Service reckons from (a) *7.2.15*

Date of promotion to present rank

Date of appointment to lance rank

Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os.

Extended *Duration War*

Re-engaged *15.8.15*

Qualification (b)

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| Report | | 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. |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Date | From whom received | | | | |
| | | <i>Bombas St John's Nfld</i> | | <i>20.3.15</i> | |
| | | <i>Bombas Alexandria</i> | | <i>1.9.15</i> | |
| | | <i>Bombas by Gallipoli</i> | | <i>15.9.15</i> | |
| <i>24.12.15</i> | <i>S4 C.C.S.</i> | <i>Adm Grouchitis</i> | <i>S4 C.C.S.</i> | <i>8.12.15</i> | <i>C 5179</i> |
| <i>7.1.16</i> | <i>S Can Cairo</i> | <i>do</i> | <i>S Can Hosp Cairo</i> | <i>27.12.15</i> | <i>C 5385</i> |
| <i>29.1.16</i> | <i>Unit</i> | <i>With Battalion</i> | <i>Unit</i> | <i>26.1.16</i> | <i>B 213</i> |
| | | <i>Bombas Port Juey</i> | | <i>14.5.16</i> | |
| | | <i>Bombas Marseilles</i> | | <i>22.3.16</i> | |
| | <i>Unit</i> | <i>With Battalion</i> | <i>France</i> | <i>4.7.16</i> | <i>B 213</i> |
| <i>26.2.17</i> | <i>OC Unit</i> | <i>Killed in action</i> | <i>Somme France</i> | <i>23.1.17</i> | |
| | | | | <i>25.2.17</i> | <i>B 213</i> |

Sgt J. W. Burchell Capt
Co. No. 1 Regular Infantry Section
3rd 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, Shoemaker, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps etc.

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WILL.

In the event of my death
I give the whole of
my Property and effects to
My Father.

William Reader
Bonaville
Newfoundland

Per Alexander Reader
1 St. N. F. S. D. R.

Feb. 4th 1916.

1125th Reader. A.

SEP 20 1921 1921.

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

Mr. William S. Reader (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 1135 Rank Pte.

Name Alexander Reader Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received

Victory & British War Medals

Signature

Wm S Reader

Date

Sep 27 1921

Address

Jonasville

[P.T.O.]

C.R. 1135

Bonavista, N.F.

April 20th 1918.

ANSWERED
APR 25 1918
Hon. W. R. Bennett,
Minister of Militia,
St. John's, N.F.

Dear Sir:

My son, James H. Reader, is anxious to volunteer his services in the cause of the Empire, and if all the people of the country had done their duty, I would have no objections.

As you know I have already given one son, Alexander, who made the supreme sacrifice.

For your information I have two other married sons, George and Lindsay living in the United States, who have pledged themselves to go when called upon, and perhaps so far as I am now aware have been called to the colours.

Under the circumstances, therefore, I do not feel like granting permission to James.

There are many families in the country who have given no one. Some of them with fine strapping fellows who would make good soldiers and I think something should be done to compel them to give some of them to come to the colours, and not expect those who have not withheld them to supply men to fill the gaps in the Regiment.

I would be obliged if you will give this matter your attention, and let me know if in the event of Conseription, whether James would have to go.

Yours very truly,

William S Reader

C.R. 1135

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft embarked for
Overseas per S.S. Stephano March 26th 1915.

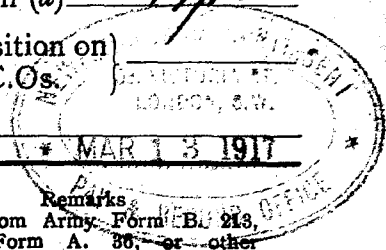
No. 7. Platoon.

1135 Pte. A. Reader.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland
 Regimental No. CR. 1135 Rank Pte Name Reades A
 Enlisted (a) Feb 17/15 Terms of Service (a) 1 year Service reckons from (a) Feb 17/15
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. _____
 Extended Discharge of the engaged Aug 10/15 Qualification (b) _____

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|----------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| Date | From whom received | | | | |
| | | Embarked St. John's, NFLD. | | 20/3/15. | |
| | | Disembarked Alexandria | | 1/9/15. | |
| | | Embarked for Gallipoli | | 13/9/15. | |
| 24/12/15. | 54 C.C.S. | Admitted, Bronchitis | 54th. C.C.S. | 8/12/15. | C 5179. |
| 7/1/16. | 5th. Can. Cairo. | do | 5th. Can. Hosp., Cairo. | 27/12/15. | C 5385. |
| <u>29/1/16</u> | <u>unit with Battalion</u> | | | <u>26/1/16</u> | <u>B 213</u> |
| | | Embarked Port Suez | | 14.3.16 | |
| | | Disembarked Marseilles | | 22.3.16 | |
| | <u>unit with Battalion</u> | | | <u>4.7.16</u> | <u>B 213</u> |
| | | | | <u>23.1.17</u> | |
| 26/2/17 | <u>6.C. Unit</u> | <u>Killed in Action</u> | <u>Somme France</u> | <u>25/2/17</u> | <u>B 213</u> |

RECEIVED TO G.O. H.Q. CANNS, N.F.L.D. Receipt 2540/18 MAR 22 1917

J.M. Burchell CAPTAIN
 for Officer i/c No. 1 Regiment Infantry
 General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon

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

1135 Pte. A. Reader.

Disembarked Alexandria 31-8-15 Proceeded to Abbassia,
Gaire, same date, Embarked Alexandria for Gallipoli
18-9-15.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Extract of Casualty List received from P.& R.O.

January 22nd. 1916.

1135, Pte. A. Reader.

1 Newfoundland Bronchitis. Dis. to Abbassia Rest Camp ex 5

Gen. S.H. 4th January 1916.

CP 1136

Extract of Sick and Wounded N.C.Os. and Men of the Mediterranean
Expeditionary Force, dated Feb. 2nd 1916.

List No: H. 5310.

1135 Pte. F. Reader

1 Newfoundland Pyrexia.....To Egypt per H.S.

Dilton ex 27 G.H. W.Madros 23rd Dec, 1915.

C.R. 1135

Donativity
May 9/20

This is to Certify that I have
Received the 1914-1915 Star
for the late Mr Alexander Reader.

R

Sydney S. Reader
Governor

#1135

m. s.

BONAVISTA.

APRIL 29/21.

L.T. Col Rendell.
Militia Dep't
St John's.

C.R.

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Dear Sir;

In perusing some of my deceased Brothers letters etc a few days ago I came across the following extract on a letter dated Jan. 1917. this was just before he was killed,

I have about Two Hundred and Fifty and Three hundred Dollars at the Pay & Record Office in London that has accumulated their since I left England for the Dardanelles.

And since thinking this over I've wondered what became of this amount, I know from experience that a soldier when he goes to France does not draw all his pay, therefore my brothers statement re this money is correct.

I would like to know what as become of this money and would be glad if you could furnish me with any information leading to it.

Trusting to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

I remain

Yours Very Truly

A. J. Reader

P. S.

I have my brothers pay book stating the No of pays he received while in France.

ISS R/F Alex Reader 1135 No
15-7-7 = 26-17
Dec 16