

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 3908 Name Cecil Roberts Corps C of C

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Cecil Roberts</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Hermitage Cove</u>
<u>St Marys Bay</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>18</u> Years <u>6</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Fisherman</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? | 7. <u>No</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? | 8. <u>yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? | 9. <u>yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?.... | 10. { Name |
| | { Corps |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? | 11. <u>yes</u> |

I, Cecil Roberts.....do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

.....Roberts.....SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

F12-7-17 Brendan Summitt Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Cecil Roberts.....do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at St John on this 12 day of July.....191

.....[Signature]..... Signature of Attesting Officer

†CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the.....

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date.....191
Place..... } Approving Officer.

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

* If so, Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink as follows: vis: (Name)..... (Regiment).....

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Robert
 years *40* months. Height *5⁵* feet *4* inches.
 Girth when fully expanded *38* inches.
 Range of expansion *4* inches.

Distinctive marks

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin *Fredrick Roberts, 114*
Hermitage Ave. St. M. Relationship *Father*

Particulars as to Marriage

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Re-serve 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 <i>12-7-17</i>					
				Joined at <i>St John's</i> on <i>July 12th 17</i>					
				<i>Embarked St John's St. Helier to Halifax N.S. 5th 17</i>					
				<i>Embarked for St. 27-3-18</i>					<i>Disembarked France 29-3-18</i>
				<i>Joined Battalion France 4-4-18</i>					
				<i>Fitted in action 14-10-18.</i>					

Total Service forfeited as above.....

Total Service towards Engagement to *74-10-18* (date of discharge) *1* years *95* days

Q.R. 3408

Extract from Daily orders Part LI Unit The Royal WLI.
Barr., St. John's, July 23rd, 1917.

3906 Pts. C. Roberts.

Attested this day, posted H. Coy, and assigned number as
shown.

C.R. 3908

extract from original oil [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Co. for '8
for [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Aug. 1, 1917.

3908 Pte. C. Roberts.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Roberts or Christian Name Cecil

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Hermitage St Mary County St Mary

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>12</u> day of <u>July</u> 191 <u>7</u>		on day of 191	
	at <u>Headquarters</u>		at	
Declared Age	<u>18</u> years <u>6</u> days		years days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Fisherman</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>4</u> inches		feet. inches	
Weight	<u>110</u> lbs.		lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Grith when fully expanded <u>35</u> inches		inches	
	Range of Expansion <u>4</u> inches		inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm		Arm	
	Number		Number	
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V= <u>6/6</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>Lamm Peterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Major</u>			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St Johns</u>		at	
	on <u>12</u> day of <u>July</u> 191 <u>7</u>		on day of 191	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps. <u>1st Regt D</u>	Regtl. No. <u>3908</u>	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Transferred to	<u>Reg</u>			
Became non-effective by				
	on day of 191		on day of 191	
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

MEMORANDUM

No. 3908

From
MINISTER OF MILITIA,
ST. JOHN'S,
NEWFOUNDLAND

February 2, 1918.

To
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records,
The Royal 101st Regiment,
Pay & Record Office,
58 Victoria St.,
London S.W.1.

SUBJECT:
3908 Pte. Cecil Roberts.

REPLY 4275.

Dated 16th March, 1918

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

I am forwarding a letter from Mr. Fred Roberts of Hermitage, concerning the alleged non-receipt of letters and parcels by the above mentioned soldier. I shall be glad if you will take this up in the usual way with the Officer Commanding his battalion and make report in due course.

J. V. D. Smith
Minister of Militia.

No trace can be found of parcels referred to arriving at this Office, and as they were addressed to Ayr it is likely they would have gone there direct. No record of letters, unless registered, is kept at this Office.

The matter has been referred to O.C., 2nd Battalion, and copy of my 3829/279 exchanged with him is enclosed.

Parcel and registered letter enquiries should be started at Post Office of origin, please.

J. W. Anderson Lieut.

for Major
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records

DEPARTMENT	P.P.
Reference No.	2254
Date Rec'd.	17 MARCH 1918
" Ack'd.	
" Ans'd.	
File	

HA/JC

390
Pte Dec 23 1917

Dear sir

I am sury my son cant
get no letters from home
I sent 2 parcels to him
a sock and tobacco he diden
get nither on of them not
even a letter I send him a
letters since he went over to
Scotland he hquent heard
a word from home yet
I wish you would try and
find out were these letters
go it is more enewgement
to get letters to go if they
cant here from there friends

This from your truly ~~Frederick Roberts~~

Frederick Roberts

this is the adress I send to Cecil

Pte Cecil Roberts
No 3908 C Company
2/1st of 4 L D Regiment
Newton Park School
Ayr Scotland

R. 3908

Extract from Casualties No. C. 1751 dated 31-10-18.

#3908 Pte. C. Roberts.

Killed in action 14-10-18.

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 **Dept of Militia.**

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated **Nov. 3th, 1918**

To **Fredrick Roberts, Hermitage House, F.B.**

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London, officially reports **No. 2908. Private Cecil Roberts killed in action Oct 14th.**

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J.R. Bennett

Minister of Militia.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:

This Message is not to be delivered until Receiving Office notifies that Message to **Church of England**

has been received and acted upon

Minister of Militia

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAMS

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 10 Sent by J Rec'd by _____ Check 12/5 No. _____

Place from Hermitage 5

To J. R. Bennett

Min. Militia



Any news concerning death
of 3908 pte. Cecil
Roberts please inform me

Fred Roberts.

*was
p. 1/2
[Signature]*

CP 3908

Hermitage
Feb. 22nd, 1919

To H.E. Sir Alexander Harris, C.M.G.
St. John's,

Dear Sir:-

Please pardon me for taking the liberty of writing you on the undermentioned subject. I beg to inform you that I have received no money from the Deceased Private Cecil Roberts allotment since December and I take it for granted that it will be the last cheque I will receive. But as the returned soldiers are being paid a War Bonus, I think it only fair that I should receive a similar amount considering the loss of my son who was killed in action on Oct 14th, 1918. If I had another son I wouldn't mind but being the only I had, it makes it all the harder for me in gaining a livelihood.

Trusting that the above request is not too insignificant for your consideration, no doubt a word from you to the Hon J.R. Bennett will have some effect.

Your obedient servant

(Sgd.) Fredrick Roberts

R

Hermitage
May 8

Dear Sir,

Private Cecil Roberts of Hermitage was killed in action in, I think, the month of October, 1918, and as relations of other soldiers have received Memorials in the form of Certificates from the Authorities his father Frederick Roberts would be glad to have one too if he is entitled to it. As his father is not here just now I cannot send Private Roberts number but I have no doubt you will be able to manage without it.

Some time ago I sent a Bank book the property of the late James Parsons, who was killed in Germany, to the property Military Authorities to have the few dollars therein taken out of the Bank for his mother. I have not heard if the Authorities have received the book or not yet. Kindly enquire about it.

and oblige,

Yours truly,

W.R. Cooney

P.P. Since writing the above I have heard that Cecil Roberts was killed in action.

May 20th, 1919

The Honourable
Colonial Secretary

Sir:-

We have received communication from the Rev. W.R. Courage of Hermitage re, No. 3908, Pte. Cecil Roberts who was killed in action on 14th of Oct. 1918, requesting that a Memorial Card should be sent to his next of kin Mr. Frederick Roberts of Hermitage. I should be glad if you will give this matter your attention, please

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Militia.

R



C.R. 3908

Y.

26th May, 1919.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant with respect to the Memorial Card for the next of kin of No. 3908, Pte Cecil Roberts, who was killed in action on the 14th October, 1918.

As you are no doubt aware, these Cards are prepared in order of the fatality, and as the casualty referred to was amongst some of the last to be recorded, it is probable that the Card will not be ready to leave Messrs. Ayre and Sons, for delivery to the next of kin, for some weeks yet. I may say that this Department is constantly in touch with the said Firm and urges them to use all possible despatch in the preparation and issue of these cards, and I feel safe in saying that within a short time the work will be completed. It is to be regretted that considerable delay has occurred in the issue of these Cards, but as I have already pointed out to you, the delay has been such as over which we would have no control.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Colonial Secretary

The Minister of Militia,
City.

April 19. 19

Secretary,
Board of Pension Commissioners.
City.

Re #3908, Pte. Cecil Roberts

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of Jan. 14.
1919 I beg to state that the amount paid in con-
tinuance of this soldier's allotment is \$46.80
(Forty-Six Dollars and Eighty cents) .

Yours faithfully,

Capt.
Quynaster & Co 1/c Records.

To the Honorable
Secretary of War
Washington D.C.

Feb 2
1919

Dear sir
will you please to send
me the roll of Honor for
the Honor of my son which
was kill in battle October 14
1918 his name Pte Cecil Robert
No 3908 he was my only
son he ~~was~~ died bravely
fighting for his King and
Country it was all the
help I had I have no
one to help me out of
hope you will try to
get a pension for me
I give all I had it was
a hard loss to me I hope
you will try and do your
best for me your truly
Cecil Robert

October 11, 1919

Fred. Roberts,
Hermitage,
F.B.

Dear Sir:



I enclose cheque for
57.63, balance of estate of late Pte. C. Roberts
due you as Administrator of his estate.

I am also enclosing Letters
of Administration.


Yours truly,

Major
Paymaster

LM-
Enc. 2

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 3908 Rank Private
Name Samuel Roberts
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

 Frederick W Roberts (Sgd.)
Father Relationship.

Address Hermitage

SEP 23. 1921.

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

Mr. Frederick Roberts (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 3908 Rank Pte

Name Cecil Roberts Royal Nfld. Regt.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory Medal and/or British War Medal

Signature Mr Frederick W Roberts (Father)

Date October 20

Address Hermitage

[P.T.O.]

Receipt for Army Book 64

NO. 3905 Name C. Roberts

To Certify what I have received the AB 64 of the above
named Soldier.

Name Fredrick Roberts

Date August 21st 1920

Place Hermitage, N F

N.B. For completion and return to the Department of Militia
insert in corner of envelope "AB 64"



Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Regiment of 1st. Newfoundland
 Number of Sheet Christ.
 Signature of O. C. Company [Signature]

Good Conduct Badges, Service pay or proficiency pay

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade
No.	<u>3908 Roberts Cecil</u>	Age on	<u>18</u> years <u>6</u> months	<u>Fisherman</u>
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	<u>St. Johns</u>	Religion
Joined	Date	Period of } with Colonel, <u>9.5</u> years. with Reserve, <u>36.5</u> years.	<u>12-7-17</u>	<u>C. of. E.</u>
Joined	Date			Place of Birth

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Causes of Break down

OFFENCE

Names of Witnesses

Punishment awarded

Date of award or date of discharge with trial

By whom awarded

REMARKS

Killed in Action 14/18

To be carried over

Records
Date of death
3908 Pte. C. Roberts
Kinnaird Oct 14/1918

Hermitage
Hermitage Rd,
W.F.L.
Feb 28th 1920.

Lt. Col W. Rendell,
Off of Militia,

Dear Sir, I beg to acknowledge receipt of "Memorial Scroll" in commemoration of the death of my son, Cecil Roberts, and I much appreciate the thoughtfulness that prompted the sending of the same. I have noted that the parents of boys from this vicinity, who made the "Supreme Sacrifice," have also received a certificate from the W.F.L. authorities - a sort of tribute, of and "In Memoriam" scroll from the Dominion. I have somehow been overlooked in this matter, and I would greatly appreciate it, if you would kindly look into the matter, and ascertain whether or not a similar one was mailed me. It is hardly necessary to remind you what such tokens mean to a parent, who has lost his only son.

I remain,

Very sincerely yours
Fred Roberts

W. Rendell