

# First Newfoundland Regiment

## ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1538

Name in full Matthew Rossiter Age 19  
Address Cape Breton  
~~Married~~  
Single Height 5ft 8 in Weight 130  
Color Fair Hair Brown Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks

Nearest relative Father Joseph  
Address Cape Breton

Dependents

Occupation Fisherman Present Wage £305 per year

Previous service

Decorations

General Remarks

Date of Enlistment May 11<sup>th</sup> 1915

I, Matthew Rossiter, 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.

Matthew Rossiter

Declared before me this 15 day  
of May 1915

[Signature]

Apparent age 23 years 0 months. Height 5 feet 10 inches.  
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded \_\_\_\_\_ inches.  
 Range of expansion \_\_\_\_\_ inches.  
 Distinctive marks **Color: Fair, Hair: Brown, Eyes: Blue.**

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin **Joseph Reesiter, Cape Broyle, Wld.**  
 | 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 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 <b>May 11/15</b>									
Joined at <b>St. John's</b> on <b>May 11/15</b> Embarked for U.K. <b>17/6/15.</b>									
Embarked for B.E.F. <b>8/4/16</b> joined Batt. in the Field <b>4/5/16.</b>									
<b>Killed in Action Beaumont Hamel 4/7/16</b> Auth. War Office									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to <b>1-7-16</b> (date of discharge)									

C.R. 1538

**Matthew Rossiter** was attested for General Service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on .... **May 11th, 1915**  
Regimental No. **1538** was allotted to Pte **Matthew Rossiter**

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

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Extract from Nominal Roll Debarked St. John's for Overseas, per  
S.S. "Galgarian" June, 19. 1915. "F"

1538 Pte. Rossiter E.

to be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists entering Regular Army.

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Passiter OF Christian Name Matthew

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Cape Breton County N.S. Scot.

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>14<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>5</u>	at <u>St. John's</u>	on	day of 191
Declared Age	<u>19</u> years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation	<u>Fisherman</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>8</u> inches	feet	inches
Weight		<u>130</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			
	Number			
When Vaccinated	<u>1914 Not effective</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>Leut.</u>			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St. John's</u>	at		
	on <u>11<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>5</u>	on	day of	191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1<sup>st</sup> N.S. Scot.</u>	<u>1538</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of	191	on
			day of	191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.: Examinations for Read or Foreign Service, Extension, Reassignment, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
<p>May 20 June 7<sup>th</sup> 18 26<sup>th</sup> 15</p>	<p>First Inoculation 500 Millson 2<sup>nd</sup> 1000 Vaccinated at sea §</p>

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
<p>St Johns Nfld</p>					



Regimental Number 1576

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 Matthew Rossiter

Witness Chas. H. Aye Capt.

Dated at Winston-on-Lake

April 5th 1916

C.R. 1538

Extract of Nominal Roll Draft ( All Ranks) to 1st Bn.,  
B.E.F. Embarked Southampton.

1538 Pte. M. Rossiter.

8-4-16.

C.R. 1538

Extract of Casualty received from Pay & Record  
Office, London, dated August 5, 1917.

#1538 Pte. M. Rosciter.

"Missing."

R 74

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated

July 31, 1916.

to Mr. Joseph Rossiter,  
Cape Broyle.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,  
London, officially reports ~~No. 1538, Private Matthew~~  
Rossiter, as missing.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immedi-  
ately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

# 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
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Dated 7th October, 1916.

To Mr. Joseph Rossiter,  
Cape Broyle.

Regret to inform you Record Office London today advises that No. 1538 Private Matthew Rossiter previously reported Missing was Killed in Action July first.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 1538

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,

London, dated October 20, 1916.

The following Casualty in the 1st. Nfld. Regt. with the  
British Expeditionary Force is reported under various  
date:-

#1538 Pte. M. Rossiter. ✓

Previously reported Missing now ~~is~~ reported Killed.

**FIELD REPORT**

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. 20 or from other official documentary sources.



REGIMENT } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } B Company  
 or CORPS }

Regtl. No. 1538 Rank Private

Name Rossiter, M.

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 16/9/16.  
 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

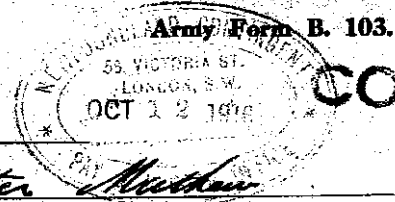
All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

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 } Fred [Signature] Major for Officer i/o Records Reg. Inf. Sect. No. Srd. Koshlon, G.H.Q., D.E.F.

Station and Date 7/10/16.



COPY.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland

Regimental No. 1338 Rank Pte Name Rossiter Matthew

Enlisted (a) 11.3.15 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. 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				
	<u>Matric</u>	<u>Les Ambiti Rouen</u> <u>Joined Battalion</u>	<u>8.4.16</u> <u>France</u>	<u>4.5.16</u>	<u>B 213</u>
	<u>Matric</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>1.7.16</u>	<u>B 213</u>
	<u>O.C 71st</u> <u>Battalion</u>	<u>Killed in Action</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>1.7.16</u>	<u>Letter of 29/9/16</u> <u>Fred. J. Bush</u> <u>Major</u> <u>O/C Inf Record 4th</u> <u>grat Echelon</u>

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

REGIMENT

NON-DEBTOR ACCOUNT

Regiment or corps

150 Newfoundland

No. 1538

Rank

Private

Name

M. Pogister

Died (a) Intestate

at France

on the

of

July

1916

Deserted at

on the

of

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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	14	1	55
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay 18 days at 1/10 from 14/16 to 1/7/16			
	15. 4 6	7	7		Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay			
	27. 4 191	7	7		days at from to			
	29. 4 "	7	7		Messing allowance			
	9 5 "	10	6		from to			
	31. 5 "	10	6		Kit allowance			
	70. 6 "	10	6		Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
		7	14	10	Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Allotment 7 days @ 60	4	6		Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	6	10	10	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£18	18	7		£18	18	7

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

Dated at this day of 1916 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.

July 6th. 1947.

Mr. Joseph Hassiter,  
Cape Broyl.e.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$46.83,  
being the balance of the estate of your late son,  
No. 1538, Matthew Hassiter.

Yours truly,

Lieut.  
Deputy Paymaster.

**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,

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St. John's.

June 1927

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of  
the late No. 1538 Rank *PL*  
Name *Matthew Rossiter*  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

*Joseph Rossiter* (Sgd.)

*Father* Relationship.

Address

*Cape Broyle*



SEP 23 1921.

The accompanying Victory Medal and/or British War Medal

is/are forwarded herewith to

**Mr. Joseph Rossiter (Bather)**

in respect of his service as No. **1538** Rank **Pte.**

Name **Matthew Rossiter** ~~Royal Nfld. Regt.~~  
~~Nfld. Forestry Corps.~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received *Victory medal & British War Medal*

Signature *Joseph Rossiter*

Date *Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1921*

Address *Cape Broyle*

[P.T.O.]

Cape Boyle  
April 5-1920

C.R. 1538

W A Keatell  
Chief Staff Officer

Dear Sir

Please send to  
the Magistif the King and  
tell him I was very thank  
full for the memory he  
sent me

I remain yours  
Obedient Servant  
Joseph Rossetta  
Cape Boyle

1538

APRIL 8th 1920.

MR. JOSEPH ROSSITER,  
CAPE BROYLE.

Dear Sir:

I beg to return Cemetery Register Form herewith. The particulars given in space (A) will be engraved on the stone, but apart from this three lines have been reserved at the foot of stone for a Personal Inscription or Text not exceeding sixty six letters, less the number of spaces between the words. I should be glad if you would again fill in this space, sign, and return Form to this Department as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Colonel,  
Chief Staff Officer.

1538

APRIL 16th 1920.

The Secretary,  
Board of Pension Commissioners.

Dear Sir:

1538 Pte. M. Rossiter.

Mr. Joseph Rossiter, father of the above mentioned soldier, has written concerning Pension matters stating that his allotment cheque was stopped in December, and that he has not received any pension. I have told Mr. Rossiter that you would take this matter up direct with him, and I should be glad if you would do so. Pte. Rossiter was killed in Action 1st July 1916.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Colonel,  
Chief Staff Officer.

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Number of Sheet 1

W. P. Griffin & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.  
 (543) W1381/604 40cm 3/16c-1 68 56

Regiment of 1st Grenadier

Signature of O. C. Company [Signature]

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No.	Regimental Number and Name				Enlistment		Trade	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award of badge or other distinguishing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
	Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	Age on	19 years - months						
1838	Rowley Matthew				19	years - months	William					
	Joined	Date	Date	Period of	with Colours	1 5/2 years	Roman Catholic					
	Joined	Date	Date	{ with Reserve	1 5/2 years		Place of Birth					
	Joined	Date	Date		1 5/2 years		Armenian					
	Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE							
Stokes	14. 8. 15	Pvt			Neglect of duty as told only L. C. Cabill				2 days C.C.	14. 8. 15	Capt. Ayr	
Stanton	7-12-15				Breaching discipline in barracks after lights out.			W. G. Murphy	2 days C.C.	8-12-15	Capt. Ayr	
					Killed in action							
					To be carried over							