



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT <sup>13544</sup>

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 3544 Name Neville Samson Corps Loft

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your name? ..... 1. Neville Samson
- 2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. Flat Island  
Benavista Bay
- 3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
- 4. What is your age? ..... 4. 19 Years - Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. fisherman
- 6. Are you Married? ..... 6. No
- 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,\* which? ..... 7. No
- 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ..... 8. Yes
- 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ..... 9. Yes
- 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. Yes

I, Neville Samson 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.

16-3-17 Neville Samson SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Harold Mitchell Signature of Witness.

Neville Samson OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.  
I, Neville Samson 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 on this 16 day of Mar 1917  
Signature of Attesting Officer Chas R. Aylesworth

†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, viz:—(Name).....re-enlisted in the (Regiment).....on the (Date).....



C.R.

3544

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal  
Nfld. Regt., St. John's, March 16th, 1917.

3544 Pte. Neville Samson.

Attached to the Strength March 16th, 1917.

C.R. 3544

Extract from Nominal Roll, embarked St. John's for Overseas 91-5-17

#3544 Pte. N. Samsch.

C.R. 3544

Extract from Nominal Roll Draft No. 22: 111 Other Ranks from 2/1st  
Newfoundland Regt., Ayr, 1/1st Nfld. Regt., B.E.F. Embarked  
Southampton 6/11/17.

3544 Pte. Samson, N.

MP.

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

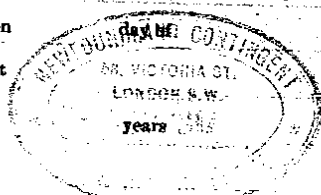
Surname Samson OF Christian Name Neville

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	at	on	at
Examined	16 <sup>th</sup> day of March 1917	St Johns	1917	
Declared Age	19 years			
Trade or Occupation	Fisherman			
Height	5 feet 8½ inches			
Weight	138½ lbs.			
Chest Measurement	Grith when fully expanded	38 inches		
	Range of Expansion	4 inches		
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
When Vaccinated	never			
Vision	R. E.—V=	6/6	R. E.—V=	
	L. E.—V=	6/6	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)	W.E. Proemier			
(Rank)	Lieut.			
	Medical Officer.			
Enlisted	at	St Johns	at	
	on	10 <sup>th</sup> day of March 1917	on	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.		Corps.	
	Regtl. No.	3544	Regtl. No.	
Transferred to	Wistfield Regt			
Became non-effective by				
(Signature)	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Rank)				





**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps

No. **3544**

Rank **Pte.**

Name **Saneson. M.**

Died <sup>(a)</sup> **Dulestote** at **France**

on the **3<sup>rd</sup>** of **Dec**

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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 ... <b>3.12.14</b> ...	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
	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 .....			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2 .....			
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	<b>No 1225/16/PA</b>				Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	<b>1 20 JAN 1919</b>							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		<b>£3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>£3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>

**CHECKED.**  
*P. J. A.*

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, ~~and that the debtor balance of £~~ **NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT** ~~is correctly chargeable against the Public<sup>(a)</sup>.~~ **NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,**

Dated at this day of **15 JAN 1919** 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 the 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. 3844

Extract of Casualty received from Pay & Record  
Office, London, dated January 1, 1918.

#3544 Pte. N. Samson. ✓

Missing 5/12/17.

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS. Counter No. \_\_\_\_\_



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**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	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated Jan 1st, 1918

To Mr. Thos. E. Samson, Flat Islands, B.B.

Regret to inform you that Record Office  
London, officially reports  
No 3544, Pte. Neville Samson as missing Dec 3rd.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

~~Colonial Secretary~~

Minister of Militia

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

3544  
Counter No.

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Signature of Sender

Address **Dept of Militia.**

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check
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Dated **April 5th, 1918.**

To **Church of England Minister of School Teacher, Flat Islds, B. B. I.**

Regret to inform you Record Office reports to-day No.

3544, Private Neville Samsen, previously reported missing now reported killed in action, buried at Sazanvilles Cemetery near Cambrai. Authority official German list forwarded through Geneva Red Cross Society 14th March. Please inform next of kin.

J.R. Bennett

Acting Minister of Militia

FOR TYPEWRITER

3544  
September 17, 1918.

Mrs. Thomas E. Sanson,  
Flat Island, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Sanson:-

I am writing to inform you that I am forwarding through "Register Post" one Envelope, containing the effects of your son, the late W. E. Sanson of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and in the renewed sorrow which the receipt of same must entail.

Yours faithfully,

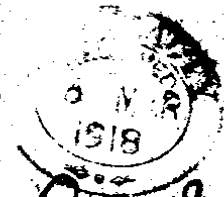
Lieut.

C. HULLY OFFICER.

Enc'l 1.

Admiralty  
London. S.W.

Flat Island  
Bonavista Bay  
Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 1918



My son Neville Samson  
No. 3544 of Newfoundland Regiment has  
been missing since December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1917.  
failing to locate him by making  
enquiries with our Newfoundland  
Authorities, it may be that my son  
is alive in some German prison, and  
your exertions to find him may meet  
with success and consequently  
dispell great anxiety

Yours very sincerely  
Thomas E. Samson

Return Address

Thomas E. Samson  
Flat Island  
Bonavista Bay  
Newfoundland

DEPARTMENT	/ Rdo.
Reference No.	2992
Date Recd.	25 MAR 1918
" Ack'd.	
" Ans'd.	12/3/18.
File	3044 Samson.

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12th March,

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Thomas E. Samson, Esq.,  
Flat Island, B.B.,  
Newfoundland.

Sir: 3544, Pte. Neville Samson.

With reference to your letter of 26/1/18 (2392) addressed to the Admiralty, which was subsequently passed to the War Office to this Office to be dealt with:

I regret to inform you that there is no further news of your son (who was posted as missing 3/12/17) although every effort has been made to trace him through the War Office, through the Red Cross Society, and in the Prison Camps of Germany. Very often the first indication of a man being a prisoner is received by the man's relatives, in which case it would of course be necessary for them to inform the Department of Militia at St. John's, so that a supply of food and clothing could be sent from London to the prisoner.

I enclose a pamphlet showing the steps taken by the authorities when a Soldier is reported missing. I sincerely hope that you will yet have news of your son.

I am,

Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

HA/JC

January 9, 19.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the telegram from Mr. Thos. Samson, which you forwarded to me. In accordance with your request I have wired the Pay & Record Office London, asking Major Timewell for any possible information that he may have.

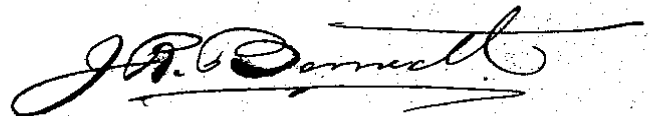
Out of the forty men who were posted as missing December 3rd., fifteen have been reported as Prisoners of War in Germany. This warrents us in entertaining hope of the remainder.

On receipt of a reply to my wire, I will immediately communicate with you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Minister of Militia.

Gen. W.F.Coaker,

City.

May 6, 1919

Mr. Theo. H. Sanson,  
Flat Island, B.E.

Dear Sir:

I enclose cheque for ~~\$31.02~~ amount  
of balance of estate of late Pte. H. Sanson, due you  
as Administrator.

I also enclose Letters of Administra-  
tion.

Yours truly,

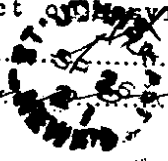
LM/  
Encl. 2-

Capt.  
Paymaster.

Dept. of Militia,  
St. John's.

.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of  
the late No. 3544 Rank Sgt.  
Name Geville Samson  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.  
Thomas E. Samson (Sgd.)  
Father Relationship.  
Address Flat Island, Bonaville Bay



1921.

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

Mr. Thomas E. Samson (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 3544 Rank Pte.

Name Neville Samson Royal Nfld. Regt.  
Nfld. Forestry Corps

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received By: Walker

Signature Thomas E. Samson

Date Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

Address Flat Island Bonaville Bay

[P.T.O.]

Casualty Form Active Service

Regiment *C.R. 35*

Rank *Pvt* Regiment or Corps *Newfoundland* Christian Name *Heavill*  
 Surname *Langton*  
 Religion *R.C.* Age on Enlistment *19* years *7* months  
 Enlisted (a) *16.3.17* Terms of Service (a) *duration* Service reckons from (a) *16.3.17*  
 Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....  
 Extended { *7* } Re-engaged { ..... } Qualification (b) .....  
 Occupation *Labourer* or Corps Trade and Rate .....  
 Signature of Officer *James Langton*

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
			Embarked <i>Newfoundland</i>		<i>6/1/17</i>
			Disembarked <i>Reims</i>		<i>7/1/17</i>
	<i>of unit</i>	<i>Missing</i>	<i>1st Battalion</i>	<i>14.11.17</i>	<i>OB 213 7/1/17</i>
			<i>DEC 1917</i>		

(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) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.  
 W. 11814-M1188 1000m 1/17 (27227) S P & Co, Ltd. Forms B.103/4 E.1354. [P.T.O.]



Department Militia

Flat Island  
March 6 1920

Dear Sir

C.R. 3544

Received the memorial of  
my dear son March 2<sup>nd</sup> and many  
thanks to you

Mr Thomas Eduard Samson  
Flat Island  
Purvis Bay