



# THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION, OF

No. 1580 Name Ernest Simms Co. R.  
Corps

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

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>Ernest Simms</u>                  |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>Hermitage Cove</u><br><u>N.F.</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>yes</u>                           |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>18</u> Years <u>      </u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Freeman</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, Ernest Simms 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.

Ernest Simms SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

James W. H. ... Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Ernest Simms 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's on this 1 day of June 1918

James W. H. ... 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.....1918

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).....

# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name Ernest Simms

Apparent age 14 years 0 months Height 5 feet 8 inches

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36 inches  
Range of expansion 3 inches

Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin John Simms Hermitage  
Love St. B. | 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.	
(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 Reserve 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 <u>1-6-18</u>									
Joined at <u>St. Louis</u> on <u>June 1-1918</u>									
<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Parachute</u>	<u>Corp.</u>	<u>8-6-18</u>						
<u>Admitted</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Corp.</u>	<u>10-6-18</u>						
<u>Died of Pneumonia</u>					<u>General</u>	<u>14-6-18</u>			
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 14-6-18 [date of discharge] 14 years 14 days

Pensions " " " " " " " " " " " "

C.R. 3380

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11, from Unit The Royal Nfld.  
Regt. St. John's, dated June 5th, 1918.

#5580 Pte. E. Simms.

Attested for General Service with the Royal Nfld. Regt.  
from 1.6.18

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Simms OF Christian Name Ernest

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish St. John's, St. John's County Newfoundland

	SPECIAL RESERVE		REGULAR ARMY	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	1918	June		191
at	St. John's			
Declared Age	18	years		days
Trade or Occupation	Fisherman			
Height	5	feet	8	inches
Weight	135	lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded		36	inches
	Range of Expansion		3	inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
	/			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.	6/18	R.E.	V
	L.E.	6/18	L.E.	V
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease				
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection				
Approved by (Signature)				
(Rank)				
Enlisted	at	St. John's	at	
	on	1918	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Royal Nfld. Regiment	Corps.	Regtl. No.
		5550		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on	day of	on	day of
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Table II.—Only for admission to hospital or to the sick

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number Days in Hospital	Remarks bearing syphilis, admission of treatment
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year			
General Hospital. St. Johns.	10	6	18	14	6	18	Influenza with Toxemia and Bronchial Pneumonia.	4.	

in case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of future use. In case of and re-admissions to hospitals will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars sent out of hospital, transfers, etc., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.

Signature of Medical Officer

This man showed marked Toxemia symptoms from the first with heart failure. Died.

*L. Keegan*

[P.T.O.]

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Medical Examination Held at

Head quarters June 1/15

1. Name Ernest Simms Age (a) Declared 18 (b) Apparent

2. Do you know of anything wrong with you? no

What severe illnesses have you had? none

Ryan Brown  
Sharp Darts  
marks

1550

3. Height 5' 8" Weight 135  
4. Eyesight (a) Left 6/8 (b) Right 6/8  
5. Physical Defects (Examine after strenuous exercise) ~

6. Examination of Lungs ~  
Measurement (a) Expiration 33 (b) Inspiration 36

7. Examination of Heart ~

8. Examination of Urine ✓

9. Examination of Mouth--(Defective Speech)

Teeth  
Throat  
Nose  
Ears--(Otorrhea)  
(Deafness)

10. Have you been successfully vaccinated, and when? no

11. Name and address of next of kin Father John Hammett Cove

REMARKS--

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Geo. Burden  
Resident

Medical Examiners.

C.F.

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address Dept of Militia.

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

*Dated* June 18th, 1918

*To* John Sims, Hermitage Cove, Hermitage Bay

Regret to inform you No. 580, Private Ernest Sims  
dangerously ill at General Hospital.

L.S. Rendell, Lieut. Col  
Chief Staff Officer.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 5580

**THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
**HEADQUARTERS**

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

June 15th, 1918 *191*

From Officer Commanding,  
Depot

To D. O. C., Newfoundland,  
Militia Department

Sir:-

#5580 Pte. Ernest Simms

I have been advised by Dr Burden that above noted man died last night of pneumonia, at the General Hospital.

Mr. J. C. Oke, undertaker, has been advised to have remains coffined and embalmed and to await instructions as to disposal of body.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

*W. H. L.*  
Ass't Adjutant  
Depot The Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
St. John's, Nfld.

*Casualty Officer  
In attention*

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Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address apt of Militia.

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated June 5th, 1918

To John Simms, Hermitage Cove, Hermitage Bay

regret to inform you No. 5580, Private Ernest Simms died at General Hospital, St. John's of pneumonia June 14th Please advise your wishes as to disposal of body, coffined and embalmed.

F. Mondell, Lieut. Col  
Chief Staff Officer.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:

THIS MESSAGE IS NOT TO BE DELIVERED UNTIL RECEIVING CIVILIAN NOTICES THE MESSAGE TO CHURCH OF ENGLAND MINISTER OF SCHOOL TEACHER HERMITAGE COVE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON.

FOR TYPEWRITER

# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAMS

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. 2

Sent by D

Rec'd by D

Check III

No. 267

Place from Hermitage

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To Chief Staff Officer

of Rendell's Bay

Do best to have Arnests Body  
sent tomorrow per Bonaventure  
Connect Toyota.

John Swims

C.R. Country No.

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Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_ Address **St. John's, Nfld.**

Line Number	Red	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated **June 17th 1918.**

To **Mr. John Simms,  
Hermitage.**

**BODY YOUR SON ERNEST STILL HERE UNABLE SEND  
PORTAUXBASQUES AS REQUESTED NOW AWAITING RETURN  
OF FOGOTA TO PLACENTIA**

**CHIEF STAFF OFFICER,  
for MINISTER OF MILITIA.**

**FOR TYPEWRITER**

COPY of Letter No. 1468

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Headquarters

St. John's, Nfld.

June 20th. 19

From Officer Commanding  
Depot

To Paymaster and Officer i/c Records,  
Dept. of Militia.

Strength Decreases by Deaths.

Undernoted you will find list of men on regimental strength who have died within the past few days. Under separate cover I am sending complete documents on file at Depot in connection with them and have noted herewith Credit Balances due on their respective Company Pay Accounts to dates of their being struck off Regimental Strength, which we now transfer to your Department for transmission to their next of kin. Kindly sign receipts attached to documents and return to this office.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of death</u>	<u>Cr. Bal.</u>	<u>Allotment</u>
5580 Pte.	Simms, Ernest	14-6-18	15.40	None.

(Sgd) C.C. DULEY, Lt.  
Asst. Adjut.  
Depot the Royal Nfld. Regt.  
St. John's, Nfld.

O. G. Depot  
for attention please  
Major A. Montgomerie  
1st N. Y. D.

July 9, 1918.

The Rectory  
Hermitage  
July 1<sup>st</sup> 18

Staff-Officer Rendell,  
Headquarters 1<sup>st</sup> N. Y. Regt.  
St John's

Dear Sir,

My<sup>self</sup> John Semmes who lost his son Ernest, a volunteer, of Pneumonia, would be glad to know if he was dressed in the clothes he wore away from home when he was put in his coffin and if anyone knows anything about his purse.

In addition to the money in his purse his father says he had a \$5 gold piece which he thinks he had secured in a pocket in his shirt.

Any information that you can give regarding the above will be gratefully received by the parents of the deceased,  
Yours truly,  
V. R. Courage

July 11th, 1918

Dear Sir/-

In reply to yours of the 1-7-18, would say that if Pte. Ernest Simms was confined in civilian clothes, it was the clothes he had with him when he enlisted. All personal effects are handed over to undertaker, who usually places them in parcel in box that contains coffin, so that they may be secured by the relatives.

Regarding \$5.00 gold piece you speak of, I know nothing about it, but feel assured that if same were on his person when he died it would have been passed over to Orderly Room, where I would have trace of it.

A watch and chain belonging to deceased has been sent to Captain Howley, Officer i/c Records, for transmission to his next of kin.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Rev. W. R. Courage,

Hermitage

July 23, 1918

Mr. John Simms,  
Hermitage Cove,  
Hermitage Bay.

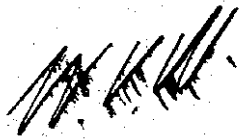
Dear Mr. Simms:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you by "Register Post" one Watch and Chain, which belonged to your son the late No. 5580 Pte. Ernest Simms of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Trusting that you will received same in good condition,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

  
Lieut.  
for Lieut. Col. C.S.O.



C.R. 5580

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ST. JOHN'S Jan. 2nd 1910  
NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. John Simms,  
Hermitage Cove., H.B.

Dear Sir:-

The Army Council have requested that they may be furnished with particulars of the Graves of all Officers Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of His Majesty's Forces raised in any part of the British Empire, who died in the Overseas Dominions during the present War. I should be glad, therefore, if you will inform me of the following particulars concerning No. 5580, Pte. Ernest Simms:-

- 1.....Location of Grave (for example: Methodist Cemetery, Carbonear)
- 2..... Whether the grave has been temporarily or permanently marked; that is, what kind of Headstone, if any, has been erected.

A reply to this letter at your earliest convenience would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

*W. I. Rendell* Lieut. Col.

Chief Staff Officer.

The Rectory  
Hermitage

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1922

Lieut. Col. Rendell,  
St John's

Dear Sir,

In reply to the enclosed  
communication to Mr John  
Simms I may say that Private  
Ernest Simms is buried in

1 The Ch. of Eng. Cemetery, Hermitage.

2 A fine monument has been ordered  
by his father & will be erected in the  
Spring,

yours truly,

W.R. Bowage

(W.R.)

**ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE**

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

***The Royal Nfld. Regt.***

***Dept. of Militia,***

***ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.***

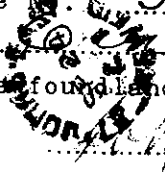
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Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of  
the late No. 5580 Rank Pte.  
Name Ernest Simon  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.



Ernest Simon (Sgd.)

Father Relationship.

Address Hermitage

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Forms B 121. 39.

Regiment of Royal New Zealand Cavalry Number of Sheet One  
 Signature of O. C. Company [Signature]

Good Conduct Badges, Service pay or proficiency pay

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Grade
No.	<u>Ernest [Signature]</u>	Age on	years	months
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	<u>16 18</u>	<u>12th Dec 1914</u>
Joined	Date	Period of	with Colours	years
Joined	Date		with Reserve	years
				Place of Birth
				<u>Hermitage Can HB</u>

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Drinks

OFFENCE	Name of Witnesses	Punishment awarded

Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS

"Miss Laconia General Hoop 14 78  
[Signature]

To be carried over.

Office of the Archivist for Militia Records.

November 20th. 1925.

Mr. John Simms,  
Hermitage Cove.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise that I am forwarding by S.S. Portia,  
the headstone for the grave of your late son, E. Simms, No. 5580,  
Royal Nfld. Regiment.

Will you kindly take delivery of this stone, and see  
to its erection.

Yours truly,

Archivist.