

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1243

Name in full Leaten Simms Age 20

Address St. Anthony's 147

Married Single Height _____ Weight _____

Color Dark Hair Black Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks None

Nearest relative Mother (Mary Ann)

Address St. Anthony's

Dependents None

Occupation Shipboard Present Wage \$135.00 per year

Previous service _____

Decorations _____

General Remarks Recruited by Leaten Simms

Date of Enlistment Feb 27/15

I, Leaten Simms, do sincerely pro-

mise 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.

Leaten Simms

Declared before me this 27 day of March 1914

J. L. Simms
Lieut.

Age 22 years 0 months Height 5 feet 0 inches

Chest measurement (Girth when fully expanded 38 inches)
 Range of expansion 36-40 inches

Distinctive marks Color: Dark, Hair: Black, Eyes: Blue

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Mary Ann Sims, St. Anthony, Nfld.
 Relationship Mother

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) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

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

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

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 <u>27/2/15</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>27 February '15</u>									
<u>Killed in Action</u>									
<u>Embarked St. Stephens 22/75. Embarked 26/8/15 Disembarked Halifax and embarked for</u> <u>Paris 21-5-15. Embarked for Gallipoli 13/9/15 London Sable Bay 19/20/15</u> <u>Embarked and arrived 15/12/15 Proceeded to sea 16/12/15 Admitted to 2nd Bn. 20/12/15</u> <u>Embarked to England 26/12/15 Admitted to 1st Bn. 3-1-16 He found the attached report</u> <u>at 2-16 Embarked 10 B. 3. 13-4-16 joined Battalion 26. 4-16 with Battalion 4.7.16</u> <u>Nick Barber 23-1-17.</u>									
<u>Killed in Action 9/10-17.</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above									

Total Service towards Engagement to 9-10-17 (date of discharge) 2 years 225 days

C.R. 1243

Leaten Simms was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on **February 27th 1915**
Regimental No. **1243** was allotted to Pte **L.S. imms**

AUTHORITY:

Robert Duffin

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.

C.R. 1773

Extract from Home nal Roll Draft Bth Company Embarked
per J.S. Stephano April 22/18.

1243 Pte. Simms L.

Extract from Nominal Roll Co. 1st. Bn. Milt. Regt. **CR** 1243

Embarked, at Devonport for Active Service 20-8-15

Disembarked Alexandria, 31-8-15, Proceeded to Abbassie,
Cairo, same date, Embarked ~~xxx~~ Alexandria for Gallipoli
15-9-15.

1243 Pte. L. Simms.

PAY LIST

to

191 Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

No. 1243 Rank Private

Name Simms L.

Died (a) Intestate at France

on the 9th of October 1917

Deserted at

on the of 1917

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

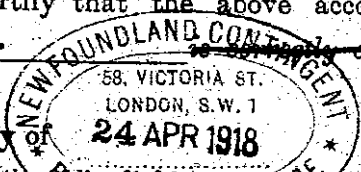
Form 1.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month <i>9¹⁰/17</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) £ s. d.				Pay days at from to			
	191				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	"				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>6</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
CHECKED <i>He</i> 22/4/18		£	<i>6</i>	<i>14</i>		£	<i>6</i>	<i>14</i>

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to 22/4/18 and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the

debtor balance of £



Dated at

this

day of

24 APR 1918

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A. D. Munnell Maj.
PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS
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 Paymaster with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.
- (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

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Jan'y 11th

Newfoundland Contingent
Pay & Record Office

No 1243 Pk St. James

West London General Hospital

The following telegram has
been received from St. Johns

" Sorry to hear you are
sick with condition
Mother "

On Active Service

**WITH THE BRITISH
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE**

Post & Record Office
R.F.A. Regt
Victoria London Eng

Dear Sir

I enclose to you with two a Post Office
order for £9.74
which if possible get exchanged for
me at the General Post Office and
kindly forward to my address

Yours Very Truly

1243

Pt. Austin Simms
1st Newfoundland Regt
~~General Post Office~~ Transport Bills
Somewhere in France

1730
4229/45

[Signature]

22, Gordon Street,

Ayr,

Ayrshire,

Scotland.

The Officer

i/c of Records,

Newfoundland Regiment,

58, Victoria Street,

L O N D O N. S.W.

Dear Sir,

I shall be very pleased if you will kindly inform me if 1243. Pte. Leaton Simms, B. Coy. 1st Newfoundland Regt., is still well and serving with his unit in France.

I have been asked by his people in Newfoundland if he is still safe as they have not heard from him for a long time, and, consequently, are anxious about him.

Thanking you in anticipation of a reply.

Yours truly,

Margaret Mc Gaffney
(Miss)

B. E. F.
7th November, 1916.

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Ans'd

J. A. A.

Bank of Montreal

TELEGRAMS
HOCHELAGA STOCK, LONDON.

CABLES
HOCHELAGA, LONDON

TELEPHONE NO
5900 LONDON WALL

47. Threadneedle St.

London, E.C. 28th Decr. 1916.

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Handed in by [unclear]

Dear Sir,

We have to-day received a cabled remittance in your favour from Canada and shall be glad to receive your instructions with reference thereto.

As a means of identification, please inform us what amount you expect to receive and the place from which it should come. Also please sign and return the enclosed card, after having had your signature certified by your Commanding Officer.

We shall then be in a position to forward the amount to you, if desired, at your risk, or can retain it until you call.

Yours faithfully,

W. Kerr
Assistant Manager.



Private Leaton Simms,

Newfoundland Regiment, France,

Capt. Timewell,

58, Victoria Street. S.W.

C.R. 1243

Copy of Cablegram to Governor St. John's. Nfld
from P.&R.O. 5/1/16..

1243, Pte Simms. ✓

Admitted Wandsworth, ~~Frestbite~~.

ORIGINAL

FIELD SERVICE.

Army 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 OR CORPS } Newfoundland Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } B. Coy.

Regimental No. 1243 Rank Private

Surname Simms. Christian Names L,

Died { Date 9/10/17. Place France or Belgium,

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d/ 12/10/17.

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.

COPY SENT TO
O.C. H.Q.
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.
21 DEC 1917

Burial { Place _____ Date _____
By whom reported _____

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

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.M.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.

Station and Date } G.H.Q. 3rd. Echelon 15/10/17. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } G. J. Boyd 2nd Lt. for Mjr., Adjutant-General's Office at the Base }
Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.

C.R. 4721

No. 1243 Pte. Simms. ✓

Extract of casualty list received from Pay & Record Office,

London, dated Oct. 20th. 17

"Killed in action, Oct. 9th."

St. Anthony
Dec. 28th 17

Capt. Timewell

Dear Sir:

A while ago we received notification of the death of Private Seaten Simms, of St. Anthony (1st. N.F.C.D. Reg.) # 1243 B. Co. Killed Oct. 9th

He was killed in action "Somewhere in France". He was in charge of horses bringing supplies to the front. We just received the most meagre information concerning him. Seaten's parents would like to know if there could be more particulars received concerning his death.

Trusting that you will kindly do so if possible I Remain

Yours Respectfully Yours:

W. Martin
(Methodist Minister) St. Anthony
Newfoundland

1st NEWFOUNDLAND REG. REG.
RECORDS OFFICE
Ref. No. <u>1109</u>
Rec'd <u>10 FEB 1918</u>
Act'd
Ans'd
Fils No.

The Newfoundland Contingent,
Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W.

From G.O.
1st Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regt.

To G.O. 1st Bn. Royal Newfoundland Regt.,
B.E.F.

Pay & Record Office.

14th February, 1918.

20th February, 1918.

2115. Sergt. W. PITCHER
Killed in Action 20/11/17.

EE.

1243. Pte. L. Simms. K. in A.
9/10/17.

(1) Ref. 2115. Sergt. W. Pitcher

Relatives are enquiring
for any further information as to
the death of the above-mentioned.
Can you furnish any information
to enable me to reply, please?

This N.C.O. was one of the
party killed by the shell which knocked
out about seven of our men whilst the
Battalion was proceeding through
Masnieres on the 21st of November - the
day following the attack. Please see
my reply to the enquiry re L/C Shiwak.
Sergt. Pitcher was one of the same party
and was buried by the R.A.M.G. close to
where he fell - near the Canal which runs
South of the Village.

(Sgd) E.A. Timewell.
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

Sergt. Pitcher was a very brave
man and fearless in the face of the
enemy, and did excellent work up to the
time of his death.

HA/JC.

(2) Ref. 1243. Pte. L. Simms.

The above named soldier met
his death by shell fire on the night of
Oct. 9th, 1917. He was attached to the
transport at the time and left our Rear
Headquarters with the transport under
Lt. S. Goodyear to take rations up to
the Battalion in the line after the
attack which took place that morning,
while passing through the ruined village
of LANGEMARKT they met with heavy shell
fire in the road, and a shell burst
amongst the party instantly killing
both Pte. Simms and Lt. Goodyear and
mortally wounding three others.

Pte. Simms was buried near
LANGEMARKT Church.

(Sgd) R.H. Tait,
Capt & Adjt.

for Lieut. Col.
Commndg. 1st Royal Newfoundland Regt.

1st March,

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3248/1/R.&C.

Rev. H. W. Martin,
Methodist Parsonage,
St. Anthony, Newfoundland.

Sir: 1243, Pte. Leaten Simms, deceased.

In reply to your letter of 28/12/17 (1409), enquiring for particulars regarding the death of the above-named man, of the 1st Battn, Royal Newfoundland Regiment: I enclose statements made by Ptes. Ivany and Hennebury, together with a copy of my No. 2459/69 exchanged with the Officer Commanding of Pte. Simms' Unit.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Major,

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

HA/JC

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To ensure that as far as may be possible none of the
 (677) next of kin of those who have fallen in the War shall fail to
 receive the Memorial Plaque, it is requested that on receipt
 of the enclosed Plaque this card be signed at the bottom
 and posted. No stamp is required.

*msd adam dunn
 St Anthony*

(2249) Wt 21551/AP6599 10/19 900M (20) D.St.

Received Plaque

H.C.J.

1243

'RECEIPT FOR 1914-15 STAR'

Received from the Department of Militia, St. John's, Nfld.
the '1914-15 Star'.

Signed Adam Simms.

Witness, M. A. Simms

Rank Private, No. 1243.

Date Jan 17th 1920.

Place Received St Anthony.

Casualty Form - Active Service

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland

Regimental No. 1243 Rank pte Name Simmons R

Enlisted (a) 27.2.15 Terms of Service (a) one year Service reckons from (a) 27.2.15

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. 26, 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. 26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked St. John's, NFLD.]		30/4/15.	
		Disembarked Alexandria		1/9/15.	
		Embarked for Gallipoli		13/9/15.	
22/12/15.	26 C.C.S.	Admitted, Frostbite	26th.C.C.S.	2/12/15.	G 5110.
14/12/15.	18th.Stat. Mudros.	do	18th.Stat. Mudros.	2/12/15.	E 2920.
22/1/16.	"Aquatania"	Invalided to England H.S."	"Aquatania"	26/12/15.	B 884.

Int

[Signature]
 Captain
 for Major,
 Officer i/c Records 11 & 12 Dist
 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., M.E.F.

(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.

[P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

W. P. Griffiths & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.
 (522) W1871/004 40m. 2/12-1 88 56

Number of Sheet 1
 Signature of O. C. Company Wm. A. Alexander

Regiment of 1st Newfoundland
 Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No.	Regimental Number and Name	Enlistment		Trade	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	By whom awarded	REMARKS
		Age on	months					
1243	<u>James J.</u>	Age on	<u>20</u> years	<u>Tradesman</u>				
		Place and Date of Enlistment	<u>27-9-15</u>	<u>Tradesman</u>				
		Period of	<u>2 2/3</u> years	<u>St Anthony</u>				
		(with Colours)	<u>3 1/2</u> years					
		(with Reserve)						
Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Case of Discharge	Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>Apr.</u>	<u>8/3/16</u>	<u>Sgt.</u>		<u>Absent from Tattoo of 27/6/16 to 9.30/17. 23/3/16.</u>	<u>Mr. Johnson</u> <u>Mr. J. J. J.</u> <u>Mr. Jackson</u>		<u>Major Whitehead</u>	<u>Report 15 days pay by No. 1</u>
				<u>W. J. J.</u>				
				<u>Killed in Action 9-10-17</u>				

To be carried over

Copies of Statements regarding the death of No. 1243

Pte. L. Simms.

- (1). On the night 9/10th Oct. I was one of the Transport men leading pack Cobs up to the Batt. with rations and water when a shell burst near us killing Lieut. Goodyear, Cpl Morgan, Pte. Lilly, Jones, & Simms. He was killed instantly and was I think, buried by some R.E.'s next morning.

(Sgd.) John J. Ivany.

- (2). On the night of the 9/10th Oct. I was with Pte. L. Simms and some others of the Transport men leading Pack Cobs with rations and water which were being brought up to the Batt. when a shell burst among us killing Lieut. Goodyear, Cpl. Morgan, Pte. Lilly, Jones, & Simms.
Pte. Simms was killed instantly.

(Sgd) J.A. Henneberry