

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 576

Name in full Robert Ronald Simms Age 19

Address St. John's

~~Married~~ Single Height 5'6" Weight 135 lbs.

Color Brown Hair Brown Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks None

Nearest relative Father

Address St. John's

Dependents None

Occupation None Present Wage 1.25 per day

Previous service None

Decorations None

General Remarks None

Date of Enlistment Sept 22 1914

I, Robert Ronald Simms, 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 conditions of my service.

Robert Ronald Simms
14 Aug 1914

R. Simms
Robert Ronald Simms

Declared before me this third day
of October 1914

R. Russell

Sept 22

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the *Medical History Report*
Reg. No. 573

Name Robert Ronald Simms

Apparent age 19 years months. Height 5 feet 6 inches.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded inches.
Range of expansion inches.

Distinctive marks Hair: Light, Eyes: Blue

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Adam Simms, St. Anthony, Nfld.

| 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.		(d) Verified from certificate.
(c) Present address.		(d) Signature of Officer verifying entry from certificate.		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	

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 Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					years	days	years	days	
				Service towards limited engagement reacons from <u>22/9/14</u>					
				Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>22nd September '14</u>					
				<i>Missing</i>					
				<i>Embarked 1st Regt for 6th 3rd Embarked 16/7/15</i>					
				<i>Embarked Alex and embarked for Cairo 31st Embarked for Gallipoli 13-9-15. Landed Suez Bay night of 19-20 Sept 1915.</i>					
				<i>Embarked and arrived Alex 15th. Proceeded to Suez 16/9/15.</i>					
				<i>Embarked Port Suez 14/9 Embarked Alexandria 20/9-16</i>					
				<i>Missing 1-7-16</i>					
				Total Service forfeited as above					

Total Service towards Engagement to 1-7-16 (date of discharge) 1 years 283 days

C.R. 576

Robert Ronald Simms was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on .Sept. 22nd/14....
Regimental No. ~~576~~ was allotted to Pte Robert R. Simms.

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AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.

C.R.

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Extract from Original Bill submitted to John's per C.C.
"Original" Oct. 4, 1914.

576 Simms Robt.R.

Extract from Nominal Roll ^A Co. 1st. Bn. Mfld. Regt. 576
Embarked, at Devonport for Active Service 20-8-15

Disembarked Alexandria, 31-8-15, Proceeded to Abbassia,
Cairo, same date, Embarked ~~for~~ Alexandria for Gallipoli
13-9-15.

576 Pte. R. Simms.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Simms OF Christian Name Robert Ronald

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish _____ County _____

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.			
	on	day of	191	on	day of	191
Examined	at			at		
Declared Age		19 years	days		years	days
Trade or Occupation		Fisherman				
Height		5 feet	0 inches		feet	inches
Weight		130	lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement	{	Girth when fully expanded	inches		inches	
		Range of expansion	inches		inches	
Physical Development						
Vaccination Marks	{	Right	Left	Right	Left	
		Arm				
		Number				
When Vaccinated						
Vision	{	R. E.—V=		R. E.—V=		
		L. E.—V=		L. E.—V=		
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	{	(a)		(a)		
		(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause Rejection		(b)		
Approved by (Signature)						
(Rank)						
			Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at	St John's St.		at		
	on	day of	191	on	day of	191
Joined on Enlistment	{	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.	
		1st Field Reg.	576			
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 Field or Foreign Service; Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
<p>19-4-15 15-8-15</p>	<p>I. V. Fac. Fit for Foreign Service</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

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COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated

31st July, 1916.

To Mr. Adam Simms,
St. Anthony.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
London, officially reports No. 576 Private Robert R.
Simms as Missing.

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

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

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Rosebank Cott
Hawick

14 Sept 18

12th Sept 1916

Dear Sir

Please could you
give me any information
regarding
No 576

~~Mr~~ Pte Roland Simms

A. Coy

1st N. F. L. D. Regt.

We have not heard from him
since July 1916, Mr Simms,
Newfoundland, asked me to
write & ask if he had received
any money through the Pay
& Record Office. I have
enclosed, addressed envelope

yours truly
Ella. Harley

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland

Regiment No. **CR 576** Rank Pte Name R. Simms

Enlisted (a) Oct 2/14 Terms of Service (a) Duration of war Service reckons from (a) Oct 2/14

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. 212, 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				
		Embarked St. John's, NFLD.		3.10.14	
		Disembarked Alexandria		1.9.15	
		Embarked for Gallipoli		13.9.15	
		Embarked Port Suez		14.3.16	
		Embarked Gallipoli			
		Missing			
11.7.16	Unit	Missing	France	1 JUL 1916	B 215

COY SUFF 70
C.O. H.Q.
ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D.
DATED 9 JUL 1917

Roscoe
Lieut.
MAJOR FOR
O-1/c No. 1 Reg. Infantry Section
C.H.C. 3rd Bn

(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. (P.T.O.)
(b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

PAY LIST. 557 to 1st July 1916 Voucher No. _____

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *1st New South Wales*
 No. *576* Rank *Private* Name *P. R. Rimm*
 Died (s) *Intestate* at *France* on the *1st* of *July* 191 *6*
 Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191 _____

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			
	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)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	20	7	0	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	20	7		£	20	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^(b).

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____ 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 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.

26th September, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter, without date, in reference to the report which has been received from a wounded soldier in Hospital in London to the effect that your sons, George and Roland Simms, who have been officially reported missing, are in Hospital in London.

I would point out that upon receipt of a telegram from Mr. W. H. Simms, of St. Anthony, on the 11th instant, drawing my attention to a similar report, I immediately communicated, by cable, with the Record Office, London, and requested that the rumor be investigated. The reply from the Record Office, which I communicated to Mr. W. H. Simms on the 15th instant, I regret to say stated that there is no truth in the report.

I may say that the Record Office Officials in London are endeavouring to obtain all possible information respecting the men reported missing, and immediately upon receipt of any news respecting either of your sons, the same will be at once communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Adam Simms.

November 23rd, 1916.

Dear Sir,

For some time past the Imperial Government have been making enquiries in relation to those men of the First Newfoundland Regiment who have been reported missing since the action of the 1st July. I very much regret to state, however, that from the correspondence which has taken place, a copy of which I enclose, it is evident that none of them are Prisoners of War in Germany, and the authorities are, therefore, reluctantly forced to the conclusion that all these gallant men, whose names are given in the enclosed list, and one of whom was very dear to you, were killed in that fateful action on the 1st of July.

I desire to express to you on behalf of the Government, as well as for myself, the sincerest sympathy in this time of sorrow. We feel the loss of our loved ones, but it will, no doubt, be some consolation to you to think that he, for whom you now mourn, willingly answered the call of King and Country, did his part nobly, and fell, facing the foe, in defence of the principles of Righteousness, Truth and Liberty. Though he has laid down the earthly weapons of warfare, he now wears the Soldier's Crown of Victory, and his name will be inscribed upon the Glorious Roll of Honor, and be held in fragrant memory by all his fellow-countrymen. When the victory is won, and Peace again reigns upon the earth, it will be a comforting thought to you that in this glorious achievement he bore no small part.

I trust that you may have the Grace and consolation of the Great Father of us all at this time.

With sincere sympathy,

Believe me to be,

Your obedient servant,

Mr. Adam Simms,
St. Anthony

Colonial Secretary.

July 9th. 1917.

Mr. Adam Simas,

St. Anthony.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$114.03,
being the balance of the estate of your late son,
No. 576, R. Simas.

Yours truly,

Lieut.
Deputy Paymaster,

J.M.H./J.H.

Magistrate's Office.

St Anthony July 27, 1919

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To John Bennett Esq
Colonial Secretary

Hon Sir

At the request of the people of
this place I am writing this to ask you if a free passage ^{to St Johns} can
be granted to Mrs Adam Simms of this place her Two sons was
killed in action in France her husband is only a poor man and
there is some important business to be attended to in St Johns
in connection with her sons affairs and either the mother or
father of the boys will have to go but they are not able to pay
the travelling expenses can you do anything to help
I know this an unusual request and there may be some difficulty
in the way of your granting this as others may claim the same privilege
but after ^{all} the number of Mothers that have lost Two sons killed in
action thank God are small I can assure that if the Government
could grant this request the people of this coast would consider it
kind act on their part and our people would feel sure that
our Government are not forgetting those who fell fighting so
bravely

Yours truly

Maak Simms

J.P

GR. 576

July 21st, 1949

Mr. Noah Simms, J.P.,
St. Anthony.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of July 21st, addressed to the Colonial Secretary has been passed to this Department; and in reply thereto I beg to say that the nature of the business for which Mrs. Simms wishes to come to St. Johns is not very clearly stated in your letter, but apparently it is private affairs. It is regretted that no authority exists in this Department for the expenditure of Government monies in this connection, and your request cannot be acceded to although the position is fully appreciated. Would it not be possible for Mrs. Simms to conduct her affairs by mail; if her business has to do with her sons' military affairs, this Department would be only too pleased to do anything it can to assist her. I should be glad to hear further from you in this connection

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

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C.R. 576

December 6th 1919.

Manager,

Bank of Montreal.

Re. 576 Pte. R.R. Simms, Deceased.
1243 Pte. Leyton Simms Deceased.

Dear Sir:

I was in conversation with you over the 'phone to-day in connection with the above mentioned estates. Letters of Administration were issued by the Department of Justice in the case of No. 576 Pte. R. Simms, and on this authority the balance of his estate was settled. No letters of Administration were issued in the case of No. 1243 Pte. Leyton Simms, but permission was received from the Department of Justice to pay the balance of his estate as well. Mr. Adam Simms, of St. Anthony, who is the father of these two boys will present this letter to you, and I shall be glad if you will pay to him the balances in your Saving's Bank at the credit of these two boys. Unfortunately he has left his letters of Administration in St. Anthony.

No. 576 Pte. R.R. Simms was killed in action on the 1st of July 1916 and his estate was settled on the 24th of June 1917. No. 1243 Pte. Leyton Simms was killed on October 29th 1917 and the estate settled on the 5th December 1918.

Your kind attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Dec. 9th, 1919. X

Mr. J.H. Scammel,
C/O Evening Advocate

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your telephone enquiry concerning No. 778 Pte. R.R. Simms and No. 1243 Private L. Simms, both of whom were killed in action, I beg to state for your information that the estate of the former was paid to his father, Mr. Adam Simms on the 24th of June, 1917, and the estate of the latter was paid to him on Dec. 8th, 1918.

I had pleasure of a visit from R. and Mrs. Simms on Saturday, and I think they are satisfied that their cases have been fully dealt with.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

See 1243

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

OFFICER i/c RECORDS,

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA,

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.



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To ensure that as far as may be possible none of the 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.

Mrs Adam Sumner
St Anthony

(2249) Wt 21551/416599 10/19 900M (20) D.S.L.

Received Plaque O.K.

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'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. 576.

Date Jan 17th 1920.

Place Received St Anthony.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Number of Sheets

Signature of O. O. Company

Regiment of

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

Printed and Sold by Gale & Polden, Ltd., Wellington Works, Aldershot. 2/6 per 100.20,712-a.

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade		Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award of order disposing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
No.	Name	Age on	months	Trade	Religion					
576	Amnis R	19	1914	Postman	CofE					
Joined	Date	with Colours	years.	Period of	with Reserve	years.	OFFENCE			
Joined	Date									
Joined	Date									
Joined	Date									
Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness							
Sgt George	24 Dec 1914	Pte		Absent from 9:30 am to 11:45 pm awarded until 26/12/14						
Sgt George	19/15	Pte		Breaking Guard 7:30pm to 9:30pm Absent from tattoo to midnight 18/1/15						
Sgt George	17 Jan 1915	Pte		Absent from tattoo to 7:30 am 24/2/15						
Edinburgh	Feb 1915	Pte		Absent from concert party parade.						
Edinburgh	14/3/15	Pte		Absent from tattoo until midnight 14/3/15.						
Stots Camp	11/9/15	Pte		Missing / At						
				To be corrected						
							3 days CB	24/12/14	Sgt Col Burton	3 days 3 days pay under R.C. Code.
							3 days CB	9/1/15	Capt Carby	Code.
							6 days CB	18/1/15	Capt Carby	Code. 3 days 3 days pay under R.C. Code.
							4 days CB	24/2/15	Capt Carby	Code.
							3 days C.B.	15/3/15	Capt. Carby	R.C.C.
							3 days C.C.	15/3/15	Capt. Carby	3 days 3 days pay R.W. J.E. 121.