

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2561

Name *Augustus Toms*

Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your name? 1. *Augustus Toms*
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. *King's Point*
St. John's Bay
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. *Yes*
- 4. What is your age? 4. *23* Years *4* 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, *Augustus Toms* 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.

2. ap. 20/16 *Augustus Toms* SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

..... *A. D. Budge* Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Augustus Toms* 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 *22* day of *ap* 191*6*

Signature of Attesting Officer *A. D. Budge 2nd Lieut*

† 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 *2nd Lieut*

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 191*6*

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 above, and re-enlisted in the (Regiment) on the (date)

Name Walter K. T. ...
 Apparent age 73 years 4 months Height 5 feet
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38 1/2 inches
 Range of expansion 3 1/4 inches
 Distinctive marks

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Walter T. ...
... | 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) Present address.	(d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

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>20-4-16</u>									
Joined at <u>St Johns</u> on <u>April 20th 16</u>									
<u>Embarked St Johns St Helena for Oct 19 16</u>									<u>Embarked for Port 11-10-16</u>
<u>Disembarked 22-10-16</u>									
<u>Colt. 4th Buff. 1-2-17</u>									
<u>20th of Nov 1-2-17</u>									
<u>British Grenadier</u>									
<u>Station house 11 Bray 2 miles N W of Bray</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Discharged on 1-2-17 (date of discharge) 289 days

C.R. 2561

Augustus Toms was attested for General Service with
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on April 20th 1916
Regimental No. 2561 was allotted to Pte A. Toms.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th 1919

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname James

OR

Christian Name Augustus

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on 30 day of June 1916	at 21 Julius St	on day of 191	at
Declared Age	35 years 4 mo 4 days		years	days
Trade or Occupation	Fisherman			
Height	5 feet 8 inches		feet	inches
Weight	151 0 lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded	38 1/2 inches		inches
	Range of expansion	3 1/2 inches		inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
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)		(b)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection				
Approved by (Signature)	<i>Samuel Paterson</i>			
(Rank)	Major			
Enlisted	at 3 ^d Johns	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.
	on 20 th day of April 1916		on day of 191	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	1 st Newfor Reg	2561		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
(Signature)	on day of 191		on day of 191	
(Rank)				

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

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
11/7/16	1 st Inoculation <i>SP</i>
21. 7. 16	<i>A. S. Sicilia TAB</i> <i>ms. 110. 1141</i>
16. 8. 16	Successful Vaccination <i>11. 41</i>
7-10-16	3 rd Inoculation Para 1. <i>1141</i>
6-10-16	Fit for Foreign Service <i>11. 41</i>

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

This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. ^{M. 2. (1)}
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In the spaces below should be entered the findings in the routine of examination set forth in the Appendix. Care should be exercised that each finding be entered after the number below which corresponds to the number of that test.

Examination of

Augustus Loms

aged

23

conducted at

G.L.B.

Date:

Apr 20/15

Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST

FINDING

1 *no*

2 *no*

3 *no*

4 *no*

5 *no*

6 *no*

7 *yes*

8 *yes*

9 *no*

10 *n*

11 *n*

12 *n*

13 *n*

14 *n*

15 *n*

16 *n*

17 *n*

18 *n*

19 *b/b.*

20 *n*

21 *n*

22 *n*

23 *n*

24 *n*

25 *n*

26 *n*

27 *n*

28 *n*

29 *n*

30 *n*

31 *n*

32 *n*

33 *yes scars left arm 5 yrs.*

34 *5-8*

35 *150*

36 *35-38 1/2*

37 *\$4.00*

38 *parents Louis Loms Kings Mt Green Bay*

39 *wore*

40 *nil*

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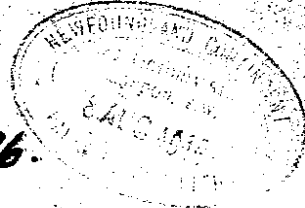
Signature of Medical Examiner:

L. Peters

FORM K

No. 2267

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1ST. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

8.11.16

ALLOTMENTS

I, Augustus Jones, Regl. No. 2561

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of Dollars and 50 Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person ^{and} _{or} Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person ^{and} _{or} Persons concerned, viz.:

Allotment begins May 15th

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
<u>2204</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Esau Jones</u>	<u>Kings Point Green Bay</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Commencing 21/7/16.</u>				
Total Allotment, \$				

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, countersigned by the Officer Commanding Company and handed to the Paymaster as authority to make the required payments on application.

Sig. [Signature]
for Officer Commanding
St. John's N.F. Company
May 6 1916

Sig. Augustus Jones
(Rank) Pte.

NON-PROFITABLE ACCOUNT

Regiment or corps No. *2561* Rank *Private* Name *James N.*
 Died (a) *intestate* at *France* on the *12* of *February* 191*7*
 Deserted at on the of 191*7*

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>1.2.17</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>5</i> ✓
	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			
	101				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	"				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Consolidated stoppage				Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>9</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>5</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	<i>9</i>	<i>14</i>		£	<i>9</i>	<i>14</i>
			<i>5</i>				<i>5</i>	

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ *9 14 5* is correctly chargeable against the Public (b)

Dated at *London* this *11* day of *February* 191*7*

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Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will must 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.

C.R. 2561

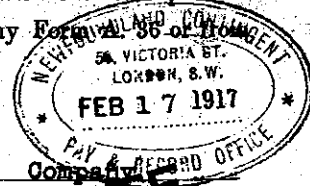
Extract from Nominal Roll Draft (All Ranks) to 1st
Bn. B.E.F. Embarked Southampton.

2561 Pte. A. Tomms.

11-10-1.6

FIELD SERVICE.

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. 218 or Army Form B. 219 or other official documentary sources.



REGIMENT or CORPS } 1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGT. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company }

Regtl. No. 2561 Rank Private

Name TOMS, A.

SENT TO O.C. H.Q. ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D. RECEIVED FEB 27 1917

Date February 1st., 1917.

Died Place 2/2 London Casualty Clearing Station, France.

Cause of Death* Died of Wounds received in Action.

Nature and Date of Report T. Message, 1/2/17.

By whom made O.C., 2/2 London C.C.S.

* 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 do

By whom reported

State whether he leaves a will or not (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not to hand. (b) in Small Book (if at Base) do (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-Generals Office at the Base J. M. Banchell Capt. for Lt. Col., Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1, 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date 3rd. Echelon, 9/2/17.

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I request that the following Telegram may be forwarded according to the foregoing Conditions, by which I agree to abide.

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Edw. M. ...

Signature of Sender _____

Address _____

Line Number	Recd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated 3rd February, 1917.

To Mr. Esau Toms,
King's Point, N.D.B.

Regret to inform you that Record Office,
London, officially reports No. 2561 Private
Augustus Toms at Casualty Clearing Station February
first Gunshot Wound Buttock.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immediately wire you and trust that next report will be of his convalescence.

J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAMS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

No. 21 Sent by King's Point Rec'd by 5 Check 10/5 No.

Place from Colbecky
To

FFB 5 1911

Kindly advise if
further information
from my son very
anxious.
Evan Jones

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Extract from Casualties received from P & R Officers London,
Feb. 8th, 1917.

2561 Toms.

Casualty Clearing Station Feb. 1st, gunshot wound Buttock.

C.R. 2561

Extract from Casualties received from P & R Office, London,
Feb. 6th, 1917.

2561 Pte. Toms.

Died of wounds G.S.W. buttock, 2nd L. Cas.C. Station. France,
Feb. 1st, 1917.

Counter No. _____

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender Ed M. Stoney Address _____

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated February 7, 1917.

To Mr. Esau Toms,
King's Point, N.D.B.

Regret to inform you that Record Office, London today reports that your son, No. 2561, Private August Toms, died as a result of gunshot wound in buttock at Second London Casualty Clearing Station, France, February first.

J.R. BENNETT
Colonial Secretary.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:
This message is not to be sent until Receiving Office notifies that message to Rev. Woolfrey has been delivered and acted upon.
FOR TYPEWRITER

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February 8, 1917.

Dear Sir,

It was with the greatest regret that the Government received a message from the Record Office, London, intimating that your son, Private Augustus Toms, had died of wounds at the 2nd London Casualty Clearing Station in France on the 1st February.

Permit me to express to you on behalf of the Government, as well as for myself, sincere sympathy at your time of sorrow. But though we feel the parting and though the heart is heavy with its loss, yet it is a glorious thing to think that your gallant boy early responded to the Call of Duty and made his stand for the establishment of Righteousness, Truth and Liberty upon the earth. We are all proud of our brave and noble boys but no less do we esteem the unselfish fathers and mothers who so willingly gave their boys when the Call of Duty came. Though your boy has laid down his earthly weapons he wears the soldier's Crown of Victory and his name is inscribed upon the glorious Roll of Honour and will be held in fragrant memory by all his fellowcountrymen. When the end of this war comes and an honourable and abiding Peace will have been established, it will be your proud thought that you dear boy did to the utmost of his ability to bring about such result.

I trust that the Great Father of us all may give you of his love and comfort at this time.

Believe me to be,
Yours sympathetically,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Beau Toms,
King's Pt., N.D.E.

G.R. 2571

Extract of Daily Orders part 11, from Unit 1st. Bfld.
Regiment, 3rd Echelon, B...F., February 17, 1917.

#2561 Pte. A. Toms. C. Co.,

Died 1/2/17. at 2/2 London Casualty Clearing
Station.

Buried Grovestown British Military Cemetery; Map $\frac{1}{40,000}$
Sheet 62 D, Square F 25, c 3.9.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Certified True Copy

Regiment or Corps Newfoundland

Regimental No. 2561

Rank Pte.

Name Toms, Augustus

Enlisted (a) 20/4/16

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				
		Embarked Southampton		11/10/16	
		Disembarked Rouen		12/10/16	
		Joined Battalion		22/10/16	
			With batt.	23/1/17	
1/2/17	OC.	Died of wounds 2 p/ondon CC's		1/2/17	Telegram No R. 64981

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

April 14, 1981.

Egan Toms,
King's Point,
Twillingate Dist.

Dear Sir:

I enclose cheque for
\$63.50, representing balance due estate of late
Pta. Augustus C. Toms, payable to you as Administrator
of same.

I am also enclosing
herewith Letters of Administration .

Yours truly,

Major
Faymaster.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4, London, E.C. 4, England.
 (ISSUE) W 5017/2124 1000m 4/100m B1 5/6 38.

Regiment of 1st New Brunswick
 Signature of O. C. Company W. J. ...
 Number of Sheet 1

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No. <u>23761</u>	Regimental Number and Name <u>1st New Brunswick</u>
Age on <u>23</u> years <u>4</u> months	Enlistment
Place and Date of Enlistment <u>St. John's 20-4-12</u>	Trade <u>Coaler</u>
Period of <u>289 days</u> with Colours <u>12</u> years <u>4</u> months <u>12</u> days with Reserve	Religion <u>M.</u>
	Place of Birth <u>New Brunswick</u>

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Case of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Base of award or amount depending on trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
				<u>Drunk of 1/2</u>	<u>1 2</u>				

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.

C.R. 2561
Kings Point
Green Bay
March 30/31

Mr. F. Rendell

Dear Sir

I now enclose a receipt
of the Post Cards of
the Grave of no. 2561
Re A. Jones.

for which I am very
thankful.

yours truly

Esau Jones

C.R. 2561

Dec. 11th, 1919.

Esau Toms, Esq.,
King's Point, N.D.B.

Dear Sir:-

Information has been received from the Pay and Record Office, London, with reference to the grave-site of your late son #2561, Pte. A. Toms of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, as follows:-

#2561, Pte. A. Toms was buried at
Grove Town British Cemetery, Meaulte,
Plot 2, Row N, Grave 2."

Again assuring you of my deepest sympathy in the great loss that you have sustained, and in the renewed sorrow which the receipt of this news must entail.

I beg to remain, Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

S/Lieut.

Casualty Officer .