



First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 393

Name in full Harry Coombs Age 21
Address Bell Island Conception Bay

Married Single Height _____ Weight _____
Color Tan Hair Light Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks _____
Nearest relative Sister - Mrs Mary Howe
Address Carbonear

Dependents None
Occupation Laborer Present Wage 1.40 per week

Previous service None
Decorations _____

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment _____

I, Harry Coombs, 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.

Harry Coombs
mark

Declared before me this 1 day
of October 1914

Arthur Kelly

Sep 5

*Warrant of Enlistment
for Harry Coombs
+ Thomas
1913
R. Sheppard
12th Lt
Aug 13th 1913
St. John's
Alekschok*

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

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

Reg.No.393

Name Harry Coombs

Apparent age 21 years months. Height feet inches.

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

Distinctive marks Color: Fair, Hair: Light, Eyes: Blue

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Mrs. Harry Howe, Carbonear, Newfoundland

| Relationship Sister

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 Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. O. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>5/9/14</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>5th September '14</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to (date of discharge) years days									
" " " Pension " (") "									



This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (1)
N. F. 1914

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 *Coombes Henry*

659.

aged *21*

conducted at *C. L. B. Annan*

Date: *19/1/14*

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 *n.* $\frac{6}{18}$ $\frac{6}{18}$
- 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 *no.*
- 34 *5' 3"*
- 35 *29 1/2 - 32. 108*
- 36 *87 20 per week*
- 37 *Sister - Mary Coombes - Carbones.*
- 38 *n.*
- 39 *n.*

Dot test - N

O.K.
Ann

FUT 393

Cluny Macpherson M.D.
Signature of Medical Examiner:

C.R. 393

Sept. 30th., 1920.

James Gushue Esq.,
Postage Stamp Dept.,
General Post Office.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith please find copies of messages sent by this Department to the Postmistress, Carbonear, in relation to registered letter R 9067, and her reply.

Kindly endeavour to have this letter located as speedily as possible and report any progress achieved.

Yours faithfully,

Asst. Officer i/c Records,

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. *343* Name. *Coombes*

To Certify that I have received the AB 64 of the above
named Soldier.

Date. *July 30/20*

Place. *Bell Isld*

Name. *Jessie Snow*

N.B. For completion and return to the Department of Militia
insert in corner of envelope "AB 64"

C.R. 393

EXTRACT FROM TELEGRAM FROM RURALITY LONDON DATED JULY 7TH, 1920

IN ANSWER TO YOUR TELEGRAM 6TH JUNE COOMBS
PAY CREDITED TO JUNE 16TH DEBIT BALANCE £2:11 STATEMENT
OF ACCOUNT SENT BY MAIL JUNE 19th

agwaichuna
port-au-port-
april 15th 1/20

C.R. 393

Dear Sir

Received the scroll of memorial
in remembrance of our darling boy
who gave himself in the Great War

No 393 plé Harry Coombs

Mrs Joseph Pike
~~Port~~

Mrs Joseph Pike

agwaichuna

port-au-port-
ned

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5 April, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I have your communication under date 2nd instant, and hasten to reply, so that your mind may be set at rest concerning the affairs of the young man Henry Coombes, who was reported missing on January 1st, and afterwards reported killed in action, October 7th. The allotment paper of this soldier was made in favour of Mrs. Mary Howe, Carbonear, and as she was therein named as next of kin, notice of his death was transmitted to her through the clergyman at that place. Unfortunately, Mrs. Howe could not be found. Owing to the fact of your claiming that you had been the boy's foster father, and had reared him from ten years up, we sent a message to you informing you of his death.

As regards appreciation or gratitude to those who sent this young man forward to die for his country, the only way we can express such is through the letter of sympathy that was sent to his stepsister, Miss Jessie Sheppard, Bell Island, and which would have gone to his allottee in the ordinary course of events, but was subsequently sent her as his next of kin.

Upon enquiry at the Pay and Record Office here, I find that they have not received a statement of the late Private

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Coombe's account from the Pay and Record Office, London, up to the present time. They inform me that it is usually six months after a man is reported killed that his accounts are adjusted, and they are, therefore, expecting within the next week or two to receive this account, and you will then be informed as to exactly how it stands with respect to his finances.

As regards his country's appreciation of the great sacrifice he made, and those who are connected with him, I can assure you that it is not alone a privilege, but an honour at all times to do service to those who have so unselfishly answered their country's call.

I shall be glad to hear from you at any time with respect to the affairs of Private Coombes, and will endeavour to give you every possible satisfaction.

Yours truly,

Mr. Joseph Pike,
West Mines,
Bell Island.

Colonial Secretary.



1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

P. O. BOX No 1242

TELEPHONE No. 361

CABLES AND TELEGRAMS TO
"PAYDEPT."
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE
ADDRESSED TO THE
PAYMASTER

PAY DEPARTMENT

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

April 4th, 1917

Hon. J. R. Bennett,
Colonial Secretary.

Sir:

In accordance with your request this morning, I enclose letter of Rev. John Stead, dated October 12th. 1916 regarding the next of kin of Private Harry Coombs.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

2nd Lieut. D/Paymaster.

The Parsonage
Bell Island
Oct. 12 / 1916.

Hon^{ble} J. R. Bennett
Colonial Secretary.

Sir,

For your information may I give you the following particulars re next of kin of the late Harry Coombs 1st Regt. Queens.
Harry's father was drowned when he (Harry) was an infant. His mother married Edward Sheppard, and Harry was adopted by Mrs Joseph Pike, daughter of Ed. Sheppard, at the death of his mother. Mrs Pike also took to care for ^{she has lived with her now,} Harry's three step-sisters viz, Jessie Sheppard aged 14 yrs, Sarah 11 yrs & Flora 9 years.

A sister of Harry's - Laura by name - was married at Sydney. She has been dead for three years. No one here seems to know her husband's name.

Mary Howe, of whom you were enquiring, is as far as Mrs. Pike knows another sister of Harry's; but she is not sure, as Harry never spoke of her.

Harry left no allotment, as far as Mrs Pike knows, and as the little step-sisters are entirely dependant on her & Mrs Pike, I think anything that may be to his credit at the time of his death should be given to them.

Yours truly
(Rw) Jno Stead

Bell Island C.B. off 2/19

Honourable J. K. Bennett
Colonial Secretary
St. Johns N.F.

Dear Sir:

Would you kindly let me know why it is that I haven't heard anything concerning the young man Henry Coombe # 393 who was amongst the missing of July 1st. I took this boy to live with me at the age of ten and three of his sisters and nearest relations are under my care and protection to the present day and will be for some years. I was wondering why the colony of Newfoundland cannot do better than let such matters go without the least attention.

When this boy was leaving home we absolutely refused to take part of his Regimental pay. Indeed we sent ^{what} he needed beside. So the fact that he didn't make an allotment doesn't mean that his sisters are independent far from it and little did he think when leaving home that in the event of his being killed the ones so much to him should not even receive thanks from the country for which he died.

Would you kindly look the matter up and let me know just how it lies. Thinking you in anticipation I remain
Yours respectfully

Hon. J. K. Bennett
Colonial Secretary

Joseph Pike
West Mines, Bell Island C.B.



C.R. 593

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March 19th, 1917

Mrs. Mary ^{Howe} ~~Stowe~~,
Carbonear.

*Returned to
mother to
locate.*

Dear Madam,-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward you a small parcel of effects, belonging to your late brother, Pte. H. Coombs, who was killed in Action July 1st 1916. The parcel is being forwarded by registered mail to-day, and is supposed to contain the items listed on the enclosed form.

I would ask you to kindly check off the items against the enclosed form, and if found correct, please sign receipt appended to list, and return same to me at your earliest convenience.

Assuring you my deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and in the added sorrow which the receipt of ~~this matter~~ these effects must entail.

Sincerely yours,

2nd. Lieut. & D/Paymaster.

C.R. 393

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,

London, dated October 20, 1916.

The following Casualty in the 1st. Wfld. Regt. with the
British Expeditionary Force is reported under various
dates:-

#393 Pte, H? Coombs. ✓

Previously reported Missing, Now reported Killed.

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ADDRESSED TO THE
PAYMASTER

PAY DEPARTMENT

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

23rd October 1916

The Honourable,
Colonial Secretary,
City.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge yours of October 16th,
enclosing letter from Rev. John Stead, regarding the Next of
Kin of the late Harry Coombs.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Sgt. Lieut. & D/Paymaster.

G.

16th October, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, in which you furnish me with particulars respecting the next of kin of the late Private Harry Coombs, of the First Newfoundland Regiment.

The officials in this Department were put to considerable trouble by reason of the difficulty in obtaining definite information regarding the next of kin of this man, and the particulars which you now furnish will be very useful to us in the future.

I shall also communicate the details which are given in your letter to the Deputy Paymaster for record in his office.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Rev. John Stead,
The Parsonage,
Bell Island.

Colonial Secretary.

16th October, 1916.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith letter under date 11th instant from Rev. John Stead, of Bell Island, which gives certain particulars regarding the next of kin of the late Private Harry Coombs.

No doubt the information contained in this letter will be of service to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

2nd Lieut. J. M. Howley,
Deputy Paymaster
City.

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Form 5

Newfoundland Postal Telegraphs

Office Stamp and Date
001

Prefix _____ SERVICE MESSAGE

Time received 10:45 by _____ Time sent _____ by _____

From _____

To
Casualty Clerk C

NOVAL.

*Yours 7th Rev. Matthews carbony
held. but rev. Mr. Matthews says
not for there thinks may be
for Bell Island*

Postal

*Serviced to Bell Is to
find out.*

Pt Harry boombs

R

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Newfoundland Postal Telegraphs

Office Stamp and Date

Prefix _____ **SERVICE MESSAGE**

Time received _____ by _____ Time sent _____ by _____

From

Postal

To

Casualty Clerk

OVAL.

Bell Island. aster for Christian name of Coombs and place he belongs.

393 Harry Coombs Carboneau

Pt Harry Coombs

R

2000

W-7-4-16.

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Newfoundland Postal Telegraphs

Office Stamp and Date

Via SERVICE MESSAGE

Time received by Time sent by

From

To

Postal Casualty Clerk

OVAL.

Tell old notices
p/te 393 Harry Coombs
has three stepsisters
living there. Understand
he has no nearer relatives alive.

Pt Harry Coombs

R

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TRACER.

DEPARTMENT OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

TO BE SUBSTITUTED ON FILES FOR ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS DURING TEMPORARY REMOVAL.

FROM—

Rev John Stead Bell Esq.

DATE—

11 Oct/16

ENCLOSURES—

SUBJECT—

*N. of K. of
Pt Harry booms*

REFERRED TO

Dep Pmaster

UNDER DATE

14 Oct/16
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Newfoundland Postal Telegraphs

Office Stamp and Date

Prefix _____ **SERVICE MESSAGE**

Time received 9 41 by _____ Time sent _____ by _____

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From

To

Casualty Clerk,
C.

yours of 7th Mrs. Mary
Howe Carbonear undelivered
unknown there

Mrs Jessie Sheppard
Stephens Bell
393 Coombs
Postal

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.**Cable Connection with all the World****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.

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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)

Signature of Sender _____

Address _____

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated 7th October, 1916.

To Mrs. Mary Howe,

Carbonear.

Regret to inform you Record Office London today advises that No. 393 Private Harry Coombs previously reported Missing was Killed in Action July first.

J.R.BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

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To Mr. Joseph Pike,
~~Carbonez~~ *Bell Island*

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J.R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

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Signature of Sender _____

Address _____

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated 7th October, 1916.

To

Rev. F. R. Matthews,

Carbonear.

Regret to inform you Record Office London today advises that No. 393 Private Harry Coombs, brother of Mrs. Mary Howe, previously reported Missing was Killed in Action July first. Kindly inform relatives.

J.R.BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 393

Copy of Cablegram to Governor St. John's Hfld from P. & R. O. 7/10/18.

393, Pte Coombs. ✓

Previously reported Missing now reported Killed in Action July 1st.

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Bell Island.
Aug 4/6

Hon. John R. Bennett
Colonial Sec.

Dear Sir

In regard to Pte Harry Coombs
No 393 Mfd. Regt. any information
concerning him, will be forwarded
to me Joseph, Pike, Bell Island.
I have known him and he always
lived with me.

Yours truly
Joseph, Pike

393 Coombs

G.

8th August, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, respecting any information in relation to No. 393, Private Harry Coombs. I may say that in the attestation papers relating to this man, which were furnished this Department, the name of Mrs. Mary Howe was given as the next-of-kin, and any letters or telegrams in relation to him have been addressed to her at Carbonear. It appears, however, that the Postal officials at Carbonear have not been able to deliver the correspondence to her as she is unknown there. At your request, therefore, any further information concerning Private Coombs will be sent to you at Bell Island.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Joseph Pike,
Bell Island.

C.R. 393

393 H. COOMBES.

EXTRACT OF CASUALTY RECEIVED FROM THE PAW & RECORD OFFICE
LONDON DATED 5.8.16.

"MISSING".

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✓

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated
31st July, 1916.

To ~~Mrs. Mary Howe,~~
Carbonear.

*Mr Joseph Pike
Bell Island*

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
London, officially reports No. 393 Private
Harry Coombs as Missing.

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

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 393

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated July 21, 1916.
(Extract from Army Form B. 215 from G.O. B.M. Regt.
dated 1/7/16.)

#393 Pte. H. Coombs, B. Co.,

Missing 1/7/16. ✓

C.R. ~~44~~

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Copy of Cablegram to Governor St. John's Nfld.

from P.&.R.O. 11/7/16.

393, Coombs, ✓

At Wandsworth Gunshot Wound Chest Severe.

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

CR.

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

393 Pte. H. Coombes.

C.R. 393

Extract from Memoir of Bill Harkness at, John's per B.S.
"Michael"

Oct. 4, 1914.

393 Coombs Harry.

C.R. 393

Harry Coombes was attested for General service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on .. Sept. 5th., 1914.
Regimental No 393 was allotted to Pte. Harry Coombes

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

ORIGINAL

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.



Regiment or Corps Newfoundland
 Regimental No. C.R. 393 Rank Pte Name Coombes, H.
 Enlisted (a) 1/10/14 Terms of Service (a) 1 year Service reckons from (a) enlistment
 Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
 to lance rank } during War } roll of N.C.Os. }
 Extended _____ Re-engaged Aug 13/15 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 St. John's, NFLD.		10.3.14	
		Disembarked Alexandria		1.9.15	
		Embarked for Gallipoli		13.9.15	
		Emb'kd Port Suez		14.3.16	
		Disemb'kd MARSEILLES		22.3.16	
	Unit	Missing	France	1/7/16 B 213	
	<i>J.M.</i>	<i>OC 2nd Bn.</i> <i>Gen. Guards</i> Killed in Action	France	1/7/16 Letter d/ 22/9/16	

Newfoundland
 FOR O.I.C. INFANTRY RECORDS
 C.H.Q. 9th ECHELON

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

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

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(533) W13871/004 400m 3/15a-1 23 56
Forms
B. 121.
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Number of Sheet 1

Regiment of Newfoundland

Signature of O. C. Company Capt. Alexander

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay
No. <u>398</u>	<u>Coombes A</u>	Age on <u>22</u> years <u>11</u> months			
Joined _____ Date _____		Place and Date of Enlistment) <u>1/10/14</u>	Religion <u>Church of Eng.</u>		
Joined _____ Date _____		5/9/14 { with Colours <u>1.300</u> years.	Place of Birth <u>Harrison Grace N.F.</u>		
Joined _____ Date _____		Period of { with Reserve <u>365</u> years.			

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness.	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>St. John's</u>	<u>1915</u> <u>19th June</u>	<u>P2^c</u>		<u>Absent from tattoo till midn: 20</u>	<u>cf. Mercer</u>	<u>2 days C.C.</u>	<u>21.6.15</u>	<u>Capt. Alexander</u>	<u>Forgoits 2 days pay R.10.</u>
				<u>Missing 1 1/2.</u>					

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.



The Great War Veterans' Association of Newfoundland.



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TELEPHONE 609
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DOMINION COMMAND

G.W.V.A. BUILDING

St. John's

NEWFOUNDLAND

OFFICE OF
SECRETARY-TREASURER

IN REPLY REFER
TO RAH-ME.

July 2nd. 1929.

Major J. M. Howley,
Militia Archivist,
General Post Office,
CITY.

Dear Sir:

Will you please inform me if you have any medals on hand for Private Henry Coombes of Carbonear, who was killed in action on the 1st. of July, 1916. His regimental number was 393 and his sister Mrs. Mary Rogers of Bond Street has enquired for his medals.

We will be glad to hear form you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

DOMINION SECRETARY.

H. Coombs

393

P. R. O.

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. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.



REGIMENT } ~~NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT~~ Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company }
 or
 CORPS }

B Company

Regtl. No. 303 Rank Private

Name Coombes, H.

Died { Date July 1st., 1916.
 Place France.
 Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Letter, 22/9/16.

By whom made O.C., 2nd. Batt. Grenadier Guards.

* 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 22/9/16.
 By whom reported O.C., 2nd. Gren. Guards.

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) No.
 (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not to hand.
 (c) as a separate document do

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Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base

Fraser

Major for Officer i/c Records Regs Inf. Sect. No. 1, 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date 7/10/16.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Coombs Christian Name Harry

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish..... County.....

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined		191		191
Declared Age... ..	21 years days		years days	
Trade or Occupation....	Laborer			
Height	feet	inches	feet	inches
Weight		lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded...		inches	
	Range of expansion..		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)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)				
(Rank)				
Enlisted	at St Johns		at	
	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	1st Nfld	393		
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
<i>600.</i> 1914	<u>T. V.</u> 2
21.4.15	Vac.
13.8.15	<i>Fit for foreign service</i>
21.8.15	<u>Ch. V.</u>
30.8.15	2

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

DUPLICATE
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REGIMENT } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT Squadron, Troop, Battery } B Company
or } CORPS }

Regtl. No. 393 Rank Private

Name Coombes, H.

Died { Date July 1st., 1916.
Place France.
Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Letter, 29/9/16.

By whom made O.C., 2nd. Batt. Grenadier Guards.

* 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 22/9/16.
By whom reported O.C., 2nd. Gren. Guards.

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Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base

Frederick Bull

Major for Officer i/c Records Regt. Inf. Sect. No. 1. 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date 7/10/16.

PAY LIST.

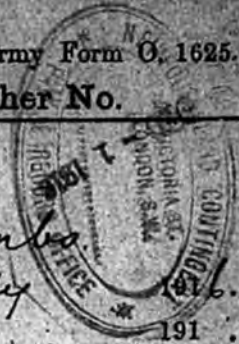
to *1st July*

191*6* Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *1st New Zealand*
 No. *393* Rank *Private*
 Died (a) *in action* at *France*
 Deserted at

Name *Blomb*
 on the *1st* of *July*
 on the of 191*6*



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>12 May 16</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9 1/2</i>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay <i>50</i> days at <i>1st</i> from <i>1st</i> to <i>17/16</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1/2</i>
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	<i>Egypt 21. 7 1916</i>	<i>11</i>		<i>6</i>	Messing allowance days at from to			
	<i>28 2 "</i>	<i>11</i>		<i>6</i>	Kit allowance			
	<i>13 3 "</i>	<i>15</i>		<i>6</i>	Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	<i>France 31. 5 "</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>6</i>	Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	<i>76. 6 "</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>17</i>	Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	<i>Allotment</i>							
	Consolidated stoppage							
	<i>Carton supplies</i>							
	<i>Luva</i>			<i>1/2</i>				
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>157</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>10 1/2</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		<i>61</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>61</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>10</i>

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.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENTINVENTORY of EFFECTS ofNo. 393 Pte. H. Combs deceased.EXTRACT from A.F. B. 2090A, dated _____:CAUSE of DEATH Kin ADATE 1/7/16 PLACE FranceWILL: (a) in Pay Book NO

(b) in Small Book _____

(c) Separate document _____

NEXT of KIN: Mrs Mary HoweRelationship SisterAddress Carbonear

Particulars

1 Envelope

1 A.B. 50.

3 Photos.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 2031/5

From
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.
55, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.
8th March, 1917.

To
Deputy Paymaster,
1st Newfoundland Regt.,
Headquarters,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

HT/NW

SUBJECT: No. 385, PTE. H. COOMBS,
Deceased.

393

Reference Nos.

REPLY

Dated April 5th, 1917 191

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Enclosed letter 30/1/17 from
Mr. Joseph Pike, Bell Island, C.B.,
together with memoranda from
Somerset House and the War Office,
for necessary attention, please.

Pte. Coomb's Effects were
forwarded per Shipment No. 2,
1/12/16, and his non-effective
account on the same date,

R. C. Munnell
Major,
Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Received and noted.

M. Bowley
It.
Deputy Paymaster

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	2078
Rec'd.	MAY - 1 1917
Ans'd.	
File	

2335



DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY
Posted 15 MAR 1917



2031/5

Deputy Paymaster,
1st Newfoundland Regt.,
Headquarters,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

[Handwritten signature]

8th March, 1917.

HT/NW

323
No. 593, PTE. H. COOMBS,
Deceased.

REPLY.

April 5th. 1917.

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[Handwritten signature]

Lieut.
Deputy Paymaster.

Major,
Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

Registered No. 1946/1

[In any reply the above number
should be quoted.]

Army Form A. 2019.

Newfoundland Contingent,
Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
London. S. W.
6th, March 1917

Cancelled
SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the
30/1/17, relative to the estate of 383,
Pte. H. Coombs and to acquaint you in reply that
your son's effects were sent to Newfoundland
1/12/16, and also statement of his account.
You should apply to the Department of the
Minister of Justice, St. John's, for any balance
that may be due to your son's estate, please.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

Mr. Joseph Pike,
Wabana Mines,
Bell Island,
Newfoundland.

Major,
Paymaster & O i/c Records.

Combs. H.

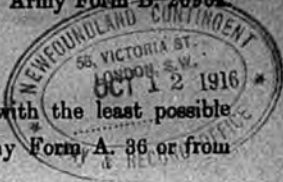
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Ray Dept

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Army Form B-2090

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REGIMENT or CORPS } Newfoundland } Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } B. Camp

Regtl. No. 393 Rank Private

Name Loombs A.

Died Date July 1st 1916

Place France

Cause of Death Killed in Action

Nature and Date of Report Letter 28.9.16

By whom made O.C. 1st Batt Grenadier Guards

* 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 22.9.16

By whom reported O.C. 1st Gren Gds

State whether he leaves a will or not (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) No (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not to hand (c) as a separate document do

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Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base Fred J Bull Major Gen

Station and Date 7.10.16

O/c Records Reg. Inf Sect. No. 1 3rd Echelon. Lt. A. B. E. F.

PAY LIST

10 1st July

1916

Number 20

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT

Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland

No. 393 Rank private

Name R. Oscombe

Died in action at France

on the 1st of July

1916

Deserted at

on the of

1916

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 12/5/16	50	8	9 1/2
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay 50 days at £1.10 from 13/6/16 to 1/7/16			
					Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay	11	6	1
					days at from to			
	Egypt	81	2	6	Measing allowance days at			
		28	3	1	from to			
		15	3	15	Kit allowances			
	France	31	5	10	Amount produced by the sale of Egyptian			
		28	6	10	For			
				3 17	Amount			
	Canteen Supplies				int			
	Suvla				Deferred			
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	57	17	24	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	51	14				

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to 23 NOV 1916 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 it is correctly chargeable against the Public



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

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps **1st Newfoundland**
 No. **393** Rank **private** Name **H. Coombs**
 Died ^(a) *intestate* in action 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 12/5/16.....	50	8	9½
	Cash issues				Pay 50 days at \$1.10 from 13/5 to 1/7/16			
	(Date of each issue to be stated)				\$55.00	11	6	½
		Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay			days at from _____ to _____			
	Egypt 21 2 1916 ¹ ⁶				Messing allowance days at			
	28 3 1916 ¹ ⁸				from _____ to _____			
	13 3 " " ¹⁵				Kit allowance			
	France 31 5 " " ¹⁰				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from			
	28 6 " " ¹⁰				Form			
		3	17		7½ Amount of			
					inter			
	Canteen Supplies				Deferred			
	Suvaa							
	Consolidated stoppage							
		57	17	2½	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£ 61	14	2½				
		£ 61	14	10				

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the _____ is correctly chargeable against the Public^(b).



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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 should be annexed hereto, or already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1615.
 (b) Words in italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

PAY LIST.

to 1st July

1916. Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland

No. 393

Rank private

Name H. Coombs

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		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay			
					days at from _____ to			
Egypt	21 2 1916 "	1		6	Messing allowance days at			
	28 3 1916 "	1		8	from _____ to			
	13 3 " "		15		Kit allowance			
France	31 5 " "		10	6	Amount produced by the sale of Effects from			
	26 6 " "		10	6	Form 2			
		3	17		7½ Amount of Savings Bank balance, including			
	Canteen Supplies				interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Suvaa				Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Consolidated stoppage				Balance due to the Paymaster			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	57	17	2½				
		£	61	14		£	61	14
				10				10

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SQUIRES & WINTER
BARRISTERS AT LAW
SOLICITORS AND NOTARIES

HON. R. A. SQUIRES, K.C., LL.B.
A MASTER OF THE SUPREME COURT
MR. J. A. WINTER

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"SQUIRE NEWFOUNDLAND"
CODES A.B.C., 5TH EDITION
WESTERN UNION

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA BUILDING
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

September 1, 1917.

Lieutenant Howley,
Paymaster Newfoundland Regiment.

Dear Sir:

Herewith we enclose you original Letters of Administration to the estate of Henry Coombs, deceased volunteer, granted to Mary Rogers, of St. John's, Married woman, sister of the deceased. Kindly make cheque for the entire balance due Henry Coombs payable to the order of Mary Rogers, Administratrix Henry Coombs deceased, and send the cheque to this office together with these original Letters of Administration.

Might we suggest that when you make payment on Letters of Administration you make a record on your books of the date of the Letters of Administration.

Yours truly,

Squires & Winter
per E. B.

D/1
Enc.

P.S. -- Pte. Coombs' number is 393.