

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1342

Name in full Frederick Charles Somerton Age 26

Address Trinity

Married Single Height _____ Weight _____

Color Light Hair Black Eyes Grey

Other distinguishing marks Scar on thumb of left hand

Nearest relative Mother (Baroline)

Address Trinity

Dependents None

Occupation School Teacher Present Wage \$400⁰⁰ per year

Previous service _____

Decorations _____

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment March 29/15

I, Fred. Charles Somerton, 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 condition of my service.

*Received by
J. B. Somerton
18th.*

Fred. Charles Somerton

Declared before me this _____ day
of April 1915

J. [Signature]
[Signature]

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 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>1st 01/15</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>Mar. 29/15</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Died at Sea</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Embarked St John's S.S. Stephens for Lt. 22nd Regt</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>They and returned for Spain 31.8-15</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Embarked for Gallipoli 13-9-15</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Landed Suvla Bay night of 19-20 September 1915</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Wounded 25-11-15</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Admitted S.H.C.V.S. 20-11-15</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Died of Wounds H.S. Portland Castle 25-11-15</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Died at Sea</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Service forfeited as above | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Service towards Engagement to <u>25-11-15</u> ^{DEATH} (date of discharge) — years <u>2</u> days | | | | | | | | | |
| " " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " " | | | | | | | | | |

C.R. 1342

Extract from Nominal Roll of 60. 1st Bn. Nfld. Regt.

Embarked at Devenport for Active Service 20-8-15.

1342 Pte. F. Somerton

Disembarked Alexandria, 31-8-15, Proceeded to Abbassia,

Cairo, same date. Embarked Alexandria for Gallipoli

13-9-15.

No earthly V.C. will decorate
our hero, we know that his
reward will be the "crown that
fades not away."

He has died & so I die,
& although it would have been
joy unrepeatable to have welcomed
him home again, we know that
some day we shall meet where
partings are no more.

Kindly convey to the Govern-
ment our grateful acknowledg-
ment & deep appreciation.

Yours most sincerely

L. A. Somerton

Trinity

Dec. 8th 1915

Dear Mr. Bennett-

I beg to acknowledge
in the gratitude of my heart
the kind sympathy you have
extended to me and my husband
on your own behalf, and that
of the Government in this
hour of our deep affliction.

It is hard so fondly to hope
that our soldier-boy would
have been restored to us

but. He who wept at the grave
of Lazarus, has also said, "Take
up Thy cross, & follow me," &
our response, though feeble
is "Thy Will be done".

When the call to arms
sounded, manfully & readily
did he respond, & when
the occasion demanded
he faced death as
bravely & unflinchingly, as
ever he did of old,
and when Righteousness,
Justice or Truth shall have
triumphed, & Peace shall
once more reign, although

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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 Lieut. M. Sturley Address _____

| Line Number | Rcd | By | Sent | by | Check |
|-------------|-----|-------------------------|------|----|-------|
| | | <u>for sep. of Sec.</u> | | | |

Dated December 4, 1915.
To Rev. H. V. Whitehouse,
Trinity.

Regret to inform you that Record Office First Newfoundland Regiment London today reports that No. 1342, Private Frederick Charles Somerton, son of Magistrate Somerton, died on board GUILDFORD CASTLE on November twentyfifth of gunshot wound in head, causing fracture of skull, and was buried at sea.

Kindly inform relatives.

J.R. BENNETT.
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

FOR TYPEWRITER

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Counter No. _____

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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: Lucy M. Somerton Address: _____

| Line Number | Recd | By | Sent | by | Check |
|-------------|------|----|------|----|-------|
| | | | | | |

Dated December 4, 1915.

To Mrs. Caroline Somerton,
Trinity.

Regret to inform you that Record Office of First Newfoundland Regiment, London, today reports that No. 1342, Private Frederick Charles Somerton, died on board GUILDFORD CASTLE November twentyfifth from gunshot wound in head, causing fracture of skull and was buried at sea.

J.R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

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COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated **November 24, 1915.**
To **Mrs. Caroline Somerton,
Trinity.**

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
London, officially reports No. 1342, Private
Frederick Charles Somerton, dangerously wounded on
November twentieth.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immedi-
ately wire you and trust that the next report will
be of his convalescence.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 1342

Extract from Casualties received from Pay & Record Office, London,
dated December 23, 1915.

1342 Pte. F.C. Somerton.

G.S.W. Head. Dangerously ~~D~~ transferred ex 54 C.C.S. Silva 21
November 1915.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

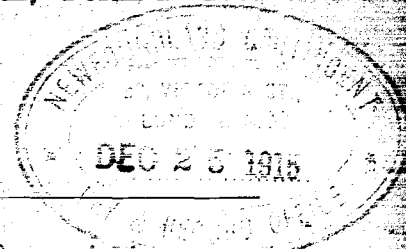
Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland

Regimental No. 1342 Rank Pte. Name P. Somerton

Enlisted (a) 10/4/15 Terms of Service (a) Duration of War Service reckons from (a) 10/4/15

Date of promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position on }
present rank } to lance rank } 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. 218, 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. 218, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents. |
|--------|--------------------|--|-------|------|--|
| Date | From whom received | | | | |

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|----------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| | | Embarked St. John's, Nfld. | | 30/4/15 | |
| | | Disembarked Alexandria | | 1/9/15 | |
| | | Embarked for Gallipoli | | 13/9/15 | |
| 22/11/15 | 54th C.C.S. | Gunshot W., Head dangerous. | Dardanelles | 20/11/15 | Auth. Cgram. D.7. |
| 30/11/15 | "Guildford Castle" | Died of Wounds Buried at Sea | HS. "Guildford Castle" | 25/11/15 | " Cgram. W.3317 |

(Sgd.) H. Parkhouse, Captain,
Officer i/c Records, T.F. 6,
3rd Echelon, 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, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

July 3rd. 1917.

Fred Somerton, Esq. J.P.?

Trinity.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$24.10,
being the balance of the estate of your late son,
No. 1348, F. Somerton. You will note that the
cheque is payable to yourself and Mrs Somerton.

It will therefore be necessary for both
of you to endorse it, before being cashed.

Yours truly,

Lieut.
Deputy Paymaster.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

The Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

.....1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 1347 Rank Plt
Name Fred C Somerton
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

C. A. Somerton(Sgd.)



..... Relationship.

Address

Spivey

RECEIPT.

C.R. 1342

I hereby certify that I have received the 1914-1915

STAR.

(Signature) H. L. Lounsbury

No 1342 Name H. L. Lounsbury

Witness H. L. Lounsbury

Date 6 Dec. 1919

Place Spincy

Fold Here

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

Fold Here

December 6, 1915.

Dear Madam,

It was with great regret that the Government received a message from the Record Office, London, intimating that your son, Private Frederick Charles Somerton, had died on board the steamer GUILDFORD CASTLE on November 25th from the effect of a gunshot wound in the head, which caused fracture of the skull.

I desire, at this time of sorrow, to express the most sincere sympathy on behalf of the Government, as well as for myself, with you and Magistrate Somerton in the loss of your brave son. The heart still feels the pang of parting, though it is no doubt some comfort to think that he gave his life for his King and Country, and in defence of the highest principles, those of Righteousness and Justice and Truth. We are proud to have such brave and loyal men, but we are no less proud that we have such unselfish and noble fathers and mothers who so willingly gave their boys when the call of duty came. Your gallant son faced the foe with the greatest courage and bore his part manfully, and though he has now laid down his weapons, he has put on the soldier's crown of victory. His name will be inscribed upon the Roll of Honour and ever be held in fragrant memory by all his countrymen and when this cruel war is ended and Justice shall have been done to the nations that have been overborne, and the oppressors shall have been crushed to the dust, then we shall be able to look up and proclaim Victory, and you and your good husband will know that, in that Victory, your dear son had no small share.

With profound sympathy, believe me to be

Your most obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. Caroline Somerton,
Trinity.

WILL.

Sep. 20th 1919

In the event of my death
I give the whole of my
property and effects
to my father,

Fredrick Somerton Esq.

Stipendary Magistrate

Trinity, Newfoundland

(Signature)

F. C. Somerton No 1342

Soldier, "on active service."

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

COPY OF WILL

OF

No. 1342, Private F, Somerton,

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my Father, Frederick Somerton, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, Trinity, Newfoundland.

Signature,

Fred. C. Somerton, No. 1342,

Rank and Regt. Private,

Soldier on active service.

Sep. 20th 1915

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY