

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1259

Name in full Morley Lopez Age 26

Address Port-aux-Basques

Married Height 5'1" Weight 145

Single Dark Hair Brown Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks Mole on forehead

Nearest relative Mother (Elizabeth)

Address Port-aux-Basques

Dependents None

Occupation Station Agent Present Wage \$600 per year

Previous service

Decorations

General Remarks Feb 24/15

Date of Enlistment

I, Morley Lopez 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.

Morley Lopez

Declared before me this 29th day
of March 1915

[Signature]
Lieut.

C.R. 1259

Morley Soper was attested for General service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ..February. 24th. 1915
Regimental No 1259 was allotted to Pte. Morley Soper

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

C.R. 1257

Extract from Memoir 1 all returned St. John's for Overseas,
per U.S. "Stephanos" April 22, 1915.

Signaller 1259 Soper M.

Extract from Nominal Roll Co. 1st. Bn. Nfld. Regt. **CR 1259**
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.

1259 Pte. M. Soper.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Soper OF Christian Name Morley

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish..... County.....

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on 13 day of Febry 1915	at Botalina	on	at
Declared Age.....	26 years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation.....	Station Agent			
Height	6 feet	1 inches	feet	inches
Weight	145 lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded... 31 inches			inches
	Range of expansion... 35 inches			inches
Physical Development.....				
Vaccination Marks {	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated	1907			
Vision	R. E.—V=	7	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 John's	at		
	on 24 day of Febry 1915	on	on	191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	1st Regt	1759		
Transferred to.....				
Became non-effective by.....				
	on	day of	191	on
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

PAY LIST.

to

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Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps **1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**

No. **1259**

Rank **Private**

Name **Worley J. Ford**

Died (a) at **Sea, N.M.S. Aquitania** on the **29th** of **December** 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. <i>October 29th 1915</i>	4	13	5
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay <i>61</i> days at <i>1.00</i> from <i>30/10/15</i> to <i>29/11/15</i>	12	10	8
	£ s. d.				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay			
	191				days at from to			
	"				<i>Field</i> Messing-allowance <i>61</i> days at <i>10⁺</i>			
	"				from <i>30/10/15</i> to <i>29/11/15</i> <i>\$ 6.10</i>	1	5	1
	<i>Allotment.</i> <i>61 days @ 65⁺ \$ 39.65</i>	8	2	11	Clothing and kit allowance			
	Consolidated stoppage				Amount produced by the sale of Necessaries			
					Personal Clothing and Effects from Form 2...			
					Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity.....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	10	6	3	Balance due to the Paymaster.....			
	£	18	9	2	£	18	9	2

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 18 9 2 is correctly chargeable against the Public^(b)

Dated at

this

day of **3**

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Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the debtor died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already so done. A.F.B. 1090 or Army Form O. 1815.
(b) Words in Italics to be struck out where there is no debtor balance.

C.R. 1257

Extract from Casualty List received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated January 17th, 1916.

#1259 Pte. M. Soper.

Pyrexia Serious. Admitted 54 C.C.S. M.E.F., 17th Dec. 1915.

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 } C Company.
or
CORPS }

Regtl. No. 1259 Rank Private

Name Seper, Morley.

Died { Date December 29th., 1915.
Place H.S. "Aquatania".
Cause of Death* pneumonia.

Nature and Date of Report Cablegram A.Q. 35, 3/1/16.

By whom made Medical Officer i/c "Aquatania".

* 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 Buried at sea.
Date 29/12/15.
By whom reported Medical Officer i/c H.S. "Aquatania".

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not known.
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not known.
(c) as a separate document Not known.

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-General's Office at the Base

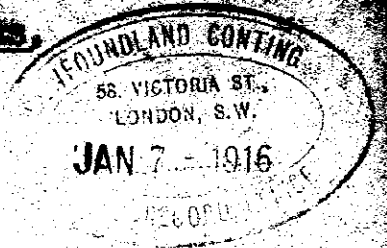
Captain for Major, Officer i/c Records 11 & 12 Districts 3rd. Echelon, Base, Egypt.

Station and Date ALEXANDRIA, 8/1/16.

TELETYPE MESSAGE FROM G.S. CASWALKER,

WAR OFFICE:

RECEIVED 7/1/16.



No. 1259, Pte. M. Soper died H.S. Aquitanie, ✓
29th December of bronchitis and pneumonia.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

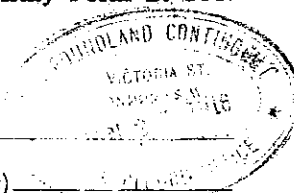
Regiment ~~or Corps~~ Newfoundland.

Regimental No. 1259. Rank Pte. Name Morley Soper,

Enlisted (a) 24/7/15. Terms of Service (a) One year. Service reckons from (a) _____

Date of promotion to present rank } _____ Date of appointment to lance rank } _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. } _____

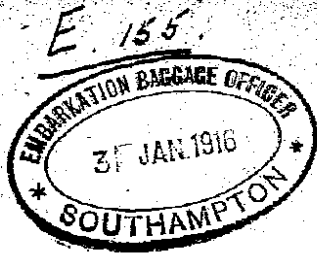
Extended _____ Re-engaged 15/8/15. Qualification (b) _____



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.		30/4/15.	
		Disembarked Alexandria		1/9/15.	
		Embarked for Gallipoli		13/9/15.	
30/12/15.	18 Stat. Mudros.	Admitted, N.Y.D.	18th Stat. Hosp. Mudros	18/12/15.	E 4681.
4/1/16.	"Aquatania"	Died, Pneumonia, Buried at Sea.	H.S. "Aquatania"	29/12/15.	E 5367.

(sd) W. L. S. Jackson,
 Captain,
 for Major,
 Officer i/c Records 11 & 12 Dists.,
 3rd Echelon, Base, Egypt.

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



M Warehouse,
Southampton Docks.

Jan 31 1916

The Officer in Charge,

K. Records
Canadian Forces
Shorncliffe

Please note that the undermentioned effects have been
Posted to you to-day ex. *A.S. Aquitania*
from *Mediterranean*

1259 Pte Lopez. M. 1st Newfoundland Regt.

- 1 1 Pay Book
- 1 1 Identity Disc
- 1 1 Pa Passes
- 1 1 Set Artificial Teeth
- 1 1 Pipe
- 1 1 New Testament
- 1 3 Paper covered Books
- 1 1 Photo.

K.A.S.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.



A.S.C.
Capt. A.S.C.

Embarkation Baggage Officer.

Port aux Basques

28/2/16

Dear Sir

That having received my Son's (Private
Thos Soper 1259, 1st Regt Regiment) Allotment
for the month of Feb. I have been notified
that said Allotment was discontinued.

It would be very much obliged, if you would
kindly give me some information re-
this matter at your earliest.

J. M. Howley Esq

Deputy Paymaster

1st Regt Regiment

St John

I am

Sir

Yours respectfully

Thos Soper. (Father)

Newfoundland Customs.

Port of Channel, N. F. 9th and 1916

Cap. Finewell

Dear Sir

Being apprized on the 10th ult by the Col. Secretary (Hon. J. H. Bennett) of the death of my son Pte Morley Soper No. 259 B. Co. 1st Wflld Regiment, who died on board the Hospital Ship Aqueduct on the 29th Dec last. As this is all the information I have. I would deem it an honor if you in your Capacity would give us (that is his mother and my self) a few more details concerning the death and burial of our dear and loved brave Soldier boy, or may be you can get some little thing of his belongings, which would be cherished by us as a precious prize. However I leave it in your hands as a British heart will go out in compassion for a British father for the loss of his only son and help, who figured with that Gale and mine on Carlow Hole.

Cap. Finewell

Paymaster, 1st Wflld Regiment

London

G. B.

Yours faithfully

J. Soper

RECEIVED	659
FEB 2	
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2, March, 6.

S. Soper Esq.,
Newfoundland Customs,
Channel, Newfoundland.

Dear Sir,-

With reference to your letter 9/2/16, from the information so far available your son, No. 1259 Pte. Morley Soper, was admitted to the 54th. Casualty Clearing Station, Suvla, 17/12/15, suffering from "Pyrexia severe." He was next reported as at 18th. Stationary Hospital, Mudros, his case presumably not then definitely diagnosed "N.Y.D." The next report received was on 7/1/16 that he had died on the Hospital Ship "Aquitania" from Bronchitis and Pneumonia, and was buried at sea 20/12/15. These are the only official reports received.

Lieut. H. Ross at present at 3rd. London General Hospital, in whose platoon your son was, has stated that he was one of the best men in the platoon, a man who could be relied on, and altogether a good soldier, his Conduct Sheet being quite clean.

With regard to your son's belongings, and balance of any pay &c. due, as you will doubtless appreciate certain legal formalities are entailed, in

addition

addition to which information has to be gathered which takes time. This among other estates is now in hand, and you will be again communicated with as circumstances dictate.

Permit me to join with others in offering my sympathy in your sad loss and tribute to the Great Struggle.

Yours sincerely,

Capt.

Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

H.T./N.M.

9th March

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Mr Thos. Spper,
Port-aux-Basques.

Dear Sir,-

Referring to your letter of February 29th. I beg
to state that your son's allotment was automatically cancelled
by his death.

Yours very truly,

J.M.H/B.M.W.


Deputy Paymaster.

The Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada.



ABSOLUTE SECURITY TO POLICYHOLDERS

DEPARTMENT

Reference No.

Date Rec'd.

" Ack'd.

" Ans'd.

File

Head Office, Toronto,

9th February, 1916.

J. M. Howley, Esq.,
Deputy Paymaster,
1st Newfoundland Regiment,
St. John's, Nfld.

Dear Sir:-

Re. Policy #42965-Soper.

We understand that #1259, Pte. Morley Soper of the 1st Newfoundland Regiment, attached to the 29th Division Mediterranean Forces, has died. We will be obliged if you would send us an official certificate of his death. At the same time let us know the name and address of his next of kin, and his place and date of birth as given in his attestation papers. We desire this latter information for the purposes of identification.

Yours truly,

J. G. Parker
Associate Actuary.

JTB/G.

10th March

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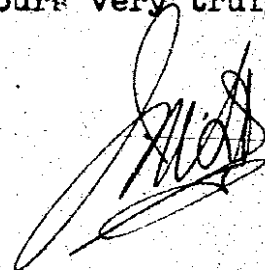
J.A. MacKenzie Esq,
Manager, Imperial Life Ass. Co.,
City.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose copy of Daily Orders 1st. Newfound-
land Regiment, January 8th 1916, showing death of No. 1259 Private
Morley Soper. This is the only certificate (beyond a telegraph
message) which has yet been received here concerning this casualty.

Kindly return the form to me when it has
served your purpose.

Yours very truly,



J.M.H/B.M.W.

Deputy Paymaster.

Enclosure.

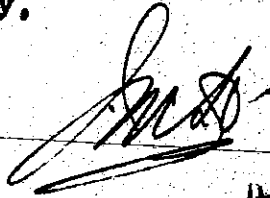
March 24th, 6.

Thomas Sopher Esq.,
Channel.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of March 18th, I beg to state that the information you require is not available. No Records are forwarded as to who witnessed a man's death, or who saw the body after death. We simply receive statements certified by the proper Officers, to the effect that the man has died or been killed.

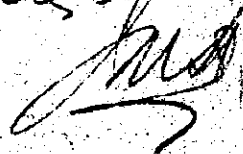
Yours truly,



J.L.H/A.W.

Deputy Paymaster.

P.S. Do you require the information for insurance purposes? If so, have the company write us.



Newfoundland Customs.

1259

Port of Chamuel 9th 1917 1917

Dear Sir

Am very sorry under the circumstances to have to write you this morning. Taking my mail from the post office I found a letter from you for my wife Mrs Elizabeth Cooper I opened it as I always do and found it contained allotment cheque No 2396

19.50 de ann 1st Oct 1917 for her. I took account of it

as I always do she being in poor health, but unfortunately with other envelopes threw it in the stove and of course was burnt up.

I thought it best to write you immediately and let you know what happened, so that you can if you please issue a duplicate. I assure you

this statement is correct, & should you need anything else that I can furnish I be gladly do so.

I M. H. v. l. G. G.

J. M. H. v. l. G. G.

St. John

Yours respectfully

J. Cooper

P.S. I am very sorry indeed that this chance happened. However I am
that you will make it alright. I have been upon the books about the matter
for the money was a very long one. J. Cooper

March 12th. 1918.

Thomas Soper, Esq.,
Chamell, Nfld.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$49.78, being the balance of the estate of the late Private Morley Soper, payable to you as Administrator. I also enclose Letters of Administration.

Yours faithfully,

Capt. & Paymaster &
Officer i/c Records.

Enclosures. 2.

JH/.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 49 ⁷⁸/₁₀₀

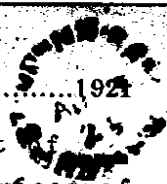
March 8th 1918

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment
the sum of Forty nine ⁷⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars.
~~on account~~ of Pay Estate
balance

Ch. No. 4776	Initials EW
Pay Ledger 45	Initials EW
Gen. Ledger	Initials EW

Regtl. No. Rank

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.



I beg to acknowledge receipt

Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. *1259* Rank *Plt*

Name *Forley Lopez*
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Elizabeth Lavin (Sgd.)

Mother Relationship.

Address *Fall inx Basques*

SEP 18 1921.

The accompanying Victory Medal and/or British War Medal

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mrs. Elizabeth Soper (Mother)

in respect of his service as No. 1259, Rank Pte.

Name Morley Soper

Royal Nfld. Regt.

~~Nfld. Constabulary~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory & B. War Medal

Signature Mrs. Elizabeth Soper

Date Oct 5th 1921

Address Carlton Place

[P.T.O.]

RECEIPT.

C.R. 1259

I hereby certify that I have received the 1914-1915

STAR.

No 1259 Name

Pl. M. Okey Soper

Witness.

J. Soper

Date

10th Dec 1919

Place

Port Au Basques

