



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 2779 Name Peter Somerton Corps .....

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment

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|---|--|
| 1. What is your name? .....   | 1. <u>Peter Somerton</u> .....                             |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....   | 2. <u>Portugal Cove</u> .....                              |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....   | 3. <u>Yes</u> .....  |
| 4. What is your age? .....  | 4. <u>18</u> Years <u>1 1/2</u> Months .....               |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....   | 5. <u>Clerk</u> .....                                      |
| 6. Are you Married? .....   | 6. <u>No</u> .....   |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....                                    | 7. <u>No</u> .....   |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....   | 8. <u>Yes</u> .....  |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....  | 9. <u>Yes</u> .....  |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? .....  | 10. Name .....<br>Corps .....<br>DURATION OF THE WAR ..... |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the Regulations of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? ..... | 11. <u>Yes</u> .....                                       |

I, Peter Somerton 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.

8. May 1916 Peter Somerton SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Charles Aye Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Peter Somerton 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 20th day of May 1916.

Signature of Attesting Officer Charles Aye Capt.

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

Date ..... 191 .....  
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 follows, viz:—(Name) ..... re-enlisted in the (Regiment) ..... on the (Date) .....



2779



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| 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. <u>Yes</u> .....                         |

I, Peter Somerton 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.

26. May 1916 Peter Somerton SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Chas. N. Aye Signature of Witness.

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I, Peter Somerton 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.

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 I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been <sup>fully answered</sup> 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 26th day of May 1916.  
Chas. N. Aye Capt. Signature of Attesting Officer

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 Place..... }

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This Form is to be used in connection with Pamph. M. E. (1)  
N. F. 1915

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 *Peter Somerton*  
aged *18* conducted at *C. P. B.*

Date: *May 19/16* Recruiting Officer:

NO OF TEST

FINDING

- 1 *no*
- 2 *no*
- 3 *no*
- 4 *no*
- 5 *no*
- 6 *no*
- 7 *yes*
- 8 *yes*
- 9 *no* *no*
- 10 *n*
- 11 *n*
- 12 *n*
- 13 *n*
- 14 *n*
- 15 *n*
- 16 *n*
- 17 *n*
- 18 *n*
- 19 *6/6 Both*
- 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'-8"*
- 35 *131 lbs*
- 36 *33 1/2" - 39"*
- 37 *450 per year*
- 38 *Parents* *M<sup>r</sup> Richard Somerton Portugal Cone*
- 39 *none*

*2779*

Signature of Medical Examiner:

*Geo Burden*  
Lieut.

*JW*

Cables and Telegrams :  
"SYNOPTICAL," London.

Telephone :  
VICTORIA 147.

Communications to be addressed to the  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS,  
and the following No. quoted :

N. F. P/38A.

DUPLICATE.

# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

## MEMORANDUM.

No. 19107/615/P&A

C.R. 2779

From  
**PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,**  
58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.  
22nd November 1918

To  
The Hon. the Minister of Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

**SUBJECT :**

2779, Pte. P. Somerton (Deceased)  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Reference Nos.

**REPLY**

Dated January 20th. 1919 191

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Kindly note that the  
Regimental Number of the above  
named Soldier was quoted in error  
in this Office memo. No. 18227/597  
8/11/18, as 2867, instead of as  
above, please.

*H. A. M. Russell*  
Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. I/O Records,

Noted, please.

Minister of Militia.

FM/S

Cables and Telegrams :  
"SYNOPTICAL," London.

N. F. P/38.

**ORIGINAL.**

Telephone :  
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WF/MN. 8th. November, 1918.

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**SUBJECT :**

2779  
2867. PRIVATE. PETER. SOMERTON..

Reference Nos.

**REPLY**

Dated December 17th. 1918 191

Please return **ORIGINAL** and retain **DUPLICATE.**

With reference to the following letter from Mrs. Richard Somerton, Wabana Mines, Bell Island, Newfoundland, 30/9/18, (9354);-

"I would like very much to know if there is anything due me from my Son the late Pte. Peter Somerton who died of wounds received in action on December 4th 1917, I understand that a Soldier do not receive his full pay when on active service in France, now as my Son was in France for 12 months, I think there must be something on his account in the Pay & Record Office, I may say that I have not received any back pay since my son was killed. I would like to know Sir as soon as possible how my Son's account stands."

Non-effective account was mailed to you with N.F.P/55 No.15810/164/P&A, 3/10/18.

Kindly convey the desired information to Mrs. Somerton, please.

*A. G. Minwell* Major.  
Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.,

Non-effective account has been received and the estate is at present in the hands of the Minister of Justice, for purposes of administration.

Mrs Somerton has been communicated with as requested.

*J. A. Dinnell*

Minister of Militia.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
5 - JAN 1919	
ACK'D	ANS'D
NOV. 1918	
BRANCH	
Comd	
P & A	
R & C	
B & F	
<i>[Signature]</i>	

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Despatching  
Office  
Stamp



No. 240

From Militia Dept

Registered Letter Addressed--

Richard Somerton  
Portugal Cove X

Arrival  
Office  
Stamp

Received by A M.

NOTE.—This Form must be assorted up, each separately as a letter.

May 14 18

Dear Mr. Somerton:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you, one package of effects, which belonged to your son the late #2770 Pte. P. Somerton of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am enclosing herewith, receipt. Will you kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

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

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Captain.

Mr. Richard Somerton,  
Portugal Cove.

Enc'l 1.

No. of Paper 1023

**PERSONAL EFFECTS.**

Name Donnerston R. No. 2779  
 Rank 1st Lt Regiment 2nd Inf.

Article	Where stored	Notified by
1 Cotton bag Containing:- Letters		
Photos		
1 Ring		
2 Pocket Books		
1 Relig Book	Final disposal	
2 Ties		
1 Pocket Knife		
1 Butler		
1 Cap Badge		
1 Com. b.		
1 Note Case.		

Remarks: Cap Report - DOW 4-12-17  
 Next of Kin: Richard Donnerston  
Portugal Cove

C.R. 2779

April 5th, 18.

Mr. Richard Sumerton,  
Belle Island.

Sir:-

The following description of Grave Site,  
has been received from the Pay & Record  
Office, London, of:-

"#2779 Pte.P. Sumerton. (Report  
"Manancourt. 5.61) Place of  
"Grave Rocquigny Road British  
"Cemetery, 5 1/2 miles West, of  
"Gouzeaucourt. Reported by  
"Graves Registration Units."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*W. J. Readell*

Major Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 2779

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated January 29, 1918.

Reply to P.&R.O. No. 937/2 to O.C. 21st C.C.S., France,  
regarding the death of:

#2779 Pte. P. Somerton.

"No. 2779 Pte. P. Somerton, 1st Nfld. was admitted 4/12/17  
"with G.S.W. Abdomen (penetrating). He died the same  
"day and was buried by the C. of E. Chaplain in the  
Military Cemetery here. Grave No. 8/B.2. Map referenc  
of Cemetery 57.CV.2A.84.

✓

-C.R. 2779

C.R.

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record  
Office, London, dated December 18, 1917.

The following Casualty in the 1/1st Newfound Regiment,  
with the British Expeditionary Force, is reported under  
various dates:-

#2779 Pte. P. Somerton. ✓

Died of Wounds.

C.R. 2779

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated December 16, 1917.

#2779 Pte. P. Somerton. ✓

Died of Wounds 4/12/17.

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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)**

Signature of Sender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated

December 12, 1917.

To

Rev. John Stead,

Bell Island.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports No.2779, Private Peter Somerton, son of Richard Somerton, Bell Island, died of wounds December fourth at Twentyfirst Casualty Clearing Station, France, nature of wounds not reported. Please inform relatives.

R.A. SQUIRES

Colonial Secretary

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender *John Somerton* Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated December 12, 1917.  
To Mr. Richard Somerton,  
Bell Island.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports No. 2779, Private Peter Somerton died of wounds on December fourth at Twentyfirst Casualty Clearing Station, France, nature of wounds not reported.

R.A. SQUIRES  
Colonial Secretary.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR  
This message is not to be sent until receiving office notifies that message to Rev. John Stead, Bell Island, has been delivered and acted upon.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 2779

#2779 Pte. Peter Somerton. ✓

Extraxt of Casualty List received December 12, 1917.  
Reported by Officer Commanding 21st Casualty Clearing  
Station, France. Died of Wounds (Nature of Wounds not  
yet reported) December 4th.

C.R. 2779

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record  
London, dated May 11, 1917.

#2779 Pte. B. Somerton,

Neurasthenia mild.

Dis. to duty ex 6 Sty. H. Frevent 3rd May 1917.

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Counter No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Sender Richard Somerton Address \_\_\_\_\_

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated April 13, 1917.

Mr. Richard Somerton,  
Bell Island.

Replying my enquiry Record Office, London,  
today reports No. 2779, Private Peter Somerton,  
at present with First Battalion.

J.R. BENNETT  
Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

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G.

11th April, 1917.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, I beg to say that, as a general rule, the officials at the Pay and Record Office, London, do not send forward frequent reports respecting men, whose injuries or illness are not serious, and I think we might be safe in concluding that your son has probably recovered ere this. I have, however, to-day cabled Major Timewell, requesting him to report at once as to the present condition of your son, No. 2779, Private Peter Somerton, and on receipt of his reply, I shall immediately wire you.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Richard J. Somerton,  
Bell Island.

TRANSLATION OF CODE MESSAGE SENT TO  
SYNOPTICAL, LONDON, ON THE  
11TH APRIL, 1917.

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Report by telegraph present condition of  
2638 Stone 2779 Semerton Relatives anxious  
for news of 2967 Dunphy 2284 Layman 695  
Gear What is extent of injuries sustained by  
1853 Hancock full stop Have you any informa-  
tion personal effects of 1124 Lannigan.

(4)

My dear Sir you know we  
are anxious about our  
3<sup>rd</sup> boy a month without  
a word well Sir I am  
not writing this with  
any envy in my heart -  
For you may bet I am the  
right type and made off  
the right stuff if has made  
any mistake I shall take  
it back Believe me  
to be your Obedient Servant

Rd J Somerton  
Bell Island

Lornley of Portugal Cove

St Johns Bell Island  
Mr J R Bennett April 10<sup>th</sup> /17  
Acting premier

Dear Sir

Just a  
word to ask you if you can  
give me any information  
of my son 2779 Ple Peter  
Somerton you was shell  
shocked on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 1917  
I received a message from  
you on March 13<sup>th</sup> telling  
me the sad news you also  
kindly told me you will  
write me if you would get  
any other information  
which we would be glad  
to receive

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3:

communicated with as  
our Record Staff in England  
are giving good pay Salary  
to keep the record off our  
Boys who are fighting the  
Battle as you know Sir  
I gave my three brave boys  
and give them with the  
right spirit off a  
Newfoundlander which  
I have two home at present  
one an invalid on two  
crotches and the other  
a true British sailor in  
Royal Naval Reserve  
who is with us for a  
short while

(2)

Dear Sir

I understood we had a  
Record Office and Staff <sup>of my</sup>  
off about 20 or 22 men  
Dear Sir if appears to me  
that they are not keeping  
a very good record off our  
Boys and requires a little  
waking up I also think  
that we should receive  
a word every two weeks at  
least as we can get  
news from the western front  
every day I think we should  
get a word or two as I said  
two weeks at least  
Well Sir when we sent our  
Boys we expect they would  
be looked after and we  
should be ~~looked~~

C.R. 2779

Extract from War Office List, No.H.A.8710

NFLD.CONTINGENT.

#2779 Pte. P. Somerton.

Neurasthenia mild.

Admitted 6th Sty.Hosp. Prevent 18th ~~March~~ April 1917.

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Line  
Number \_\_\_\_\_

Rcd \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_

Dated

March 13, 1917.

To

Mr. Richard Somerton,

~~Portugal Cove.~~

*Bill Red*

Regret to inform you that Record Office,

London, officially reports No. 2779, Private

Peter Somerton, was admitted to Ninth General Hospital,

Rouen, March fifth, suffering from shell shock received

February twentyfifth.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immedi-

ately wire you and trust that next report will be

of his convalescence.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 2779

Extract from Casualties received from P.&.R. Office London,  
Mar. 13th, 1917.

Ninth General Hospital, Rouen, February 25th.

2779 Somerton.

Shellshock.

C.R. 2779

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

2779 Pte. P. Somerton.

30-11-16.

C.R. 2779

2779 Pte. Somerton P.

2779 Pte. Somerton P.

C.R. 2779

Peter Somerton was attested for General service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on May 19th 1916  
Regimental No **2779** was allotted to Pte. **Peter Somerton.**

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.

P. Samerton

C.R.

2779

Per O



ACK: dated	/ /	No. IN
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18227/527/106 of No.  
 The Hon. the Minister of Militia,  
 New St. John's,  
 Newfoundland.

BP/ME. 8th. November, 8.

Dec. 17th 1918,

2777  
 SER. PRIVATE. PETER. SOMERTON.

Non-effective account had been received and the estate is at present in the hands of the Minister of Justice, for purposes of administration. Mrs. Somerton has been communicated with as requested.

With reference to the following letter from Mrs. Richard Somerton, Wabana Mines, Bell Island, Newfoundland, 30/9/18, (9354):-

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(sd) J. R. Bennett,  
 Minister of Militia.

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 5/1/19

Non-effective account was mailed to you with N.P.P/55 No.15810/164/P&A, 3/10/18.

Kindly convey the desired information to Mrs. Somerton, please.

Major.  
 Chief Paymaster & O.I/c Records.,

DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY  
Posted.....

18227/527/Ests.

The Hon. the Minister of Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

*OK*

WP/M.

8th. November,

8.

Dec. 23rd. 1918.

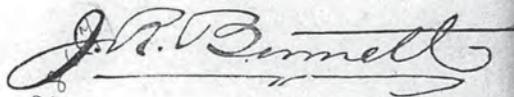
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Minister of Militia.

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Major.  
Chief Paymaster & i/c Records.,



WILL. 756

Name

P. Somerton

Regtl. No.

2779

Rank

1st

Regiment

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

Date of:—

8/3/17

Receipt ...

20/3/18

Transfer ...

Final disposal and  
to whom sent ...

1650/1/R.&.C.

1st February,

8

Richard Somerton, Esq.,  
Wabana Mines,  
Bell Island, C.B., Nfld.

Sir: 2779, Pte. P. Somerton, deceased.

With reference to your letter of 19/1/18 (423): I beg to state that your wishes regarding the parcels addressed to your late son have been noted. If any should reach this Office they will be re-addressed to 3867, Pte. C. Somerton.

Regarding your request for particulars about Pte. P. Somerton's death: I enclose copy of my letter No. 937/2 written to the Officer Commanding, 21st Casualty Clearing Station, France, where your son died, with his reply thereon.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Major,

HA/JC

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

Bell Island  
December 19<sup>th</sup>/17

Major Timewell

Dear Sir- If there are any  
Parcels at the Pay & record office  
or the dead letter office for #2779  
Pte Peter Somerton, who died of  
wounds at the 21<sup>st</sup> Casualty  
Clearing Station on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, please  
forward them to his brother No  
3867 Pte Charlie Somerton at  
Russell Street, Shool, Coyr, Scotland.  
I would also like to know, if  
you have any information of  
how my son died, we never heard  
he was wounded until, we received  
the information that he had  
died of wounds at the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Casualty Clearing Station on  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. It would comfort his  
mother very much, if she knew

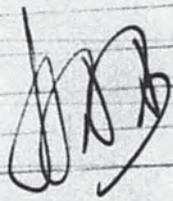
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how he died, or where he was  
wounded. Major if you can  
give us any information, please  
do so and oblige

Yours Sincerely

Richard Somerton  
Wabana Mine  
Bell Island  
C.B.

S.A.

NEWFOUNDLAND CMT. DIST.
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et. nos. 1650/1


937/2/R.&C.

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MEMORANDUM.

**From**  
PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS,  
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,  
58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.  
ENGLAND.

**From** OC 21 CCS

**To**  
Officer Commanding,  
21st Cas. Clearing Stn,  
France.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

**To** Paymaster & Officer  
of Records.

29 JAN 1918

ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office,

18th January, 1918

2779 PTE. P. SOMERTON, deceased  
1st Newfoundland Regiment.

No 2779 Pte P Somerton

I have received a letter (423) from the father of the above-named man who died of wounds at your C.C.S. on 4/12/17. Mr. Somerton is anxious to know any particulars regarding the death of his son. Will you please be good enough to say how he died and state the nature of his wounds and any information you may be able to give? Possibly you can also state the site of his grave?

1st Newfoundland was admitted 4-12-17 with 4 bullet abdomen (penetrating) he died the same day and was buried by the Church of England Chaplain in the Military Cemetery here. grave No 8/B2

*A. S. Anderson* Major  
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Map reference of cemetery  
57 C V 2 a 84

HA/JC

W. Waters  
20 Col  
6021 CCS

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
Ref. Nos. IN	9854
Rec'd	28 OCT 1918
Ack'd	Ans'd
Cl. Nos. OUT	18227/597

Wabana Mines

Bell Island

September 30<sup>th</sup>/18

Major Timewell

Dear Sir:

I would like very much to know if there is anything due me from my son the late Pte Peter Somerton who died of wounds received in action on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 1917, I understand that a soldier do not receive his full pay when on active service in France, now as my son was in France for 12 months, I think there must be something on his account in the pay & record office, I may say that I have not received any back pay since my son was killed I would like to know sir as soon as possible how my son's account stands.

Thanking you in advance  
I remain

Yours Truly

Mrs Richard Somerton

My Sons No 4 Coy

No ~~2064~~ Pte Peter Somerton

A Coy 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Newfoundland Regt

2449

P/36

17878/1

~~6-2-17-11~~

4th November

8

Madam,

30/9/18

9354

2867, Pte. Peter Somerton, Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Madam,

Mrs. Richard Somerton,

Wabana Mines,

Bell Island, Newfoundland.

**Duplicate**

No. **13654/1**

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

N.F.P./70.

From Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W. 1.

To: Officer Commanding,  
**1st Newfoundland Regt.**  
**B. E. F.**

Subject: 11th December 1917

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Subject: 2779, Pte. P. Somerton

With reference to the following telegram (7511) from the Hon. Minister of Militia, received

7/12/17

Pay to 2779, Somerton, £1:0:0  
Xmas Gift from Dominion Fire Brigade

Draft £ 1:0:0 is enclosed for payment to this Soldier.

Kindly obtain his receipt hereon.

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Receipt hereunder.

Officer Comdg. \_\_\_\_\_ Battrn  
1st Newfoundland Regiment

Received the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ on account of  
cable remittance from Newfoundland.

\_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

*1 dec  
186*

*[Handwritten signature]*

13654/1

1st Newfoundland Regt  
B. E. F.

11th December 7

2779, Pte. P. Somerton

7511

7 12 17  
pay to 2779, Somerton £1:0:0  
Xmas gift from Dominion Fire Brigade

£1:0:0

✓  
head

you to 186.

no [signature]

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

# MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Somerville

Christian Name Peter

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>19</u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>6</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>	
	at <u>St John's 29.</u>		at _____	
Declared Age	<u>18</u> years <u>1 1/2</u> mo days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Black</u>		_____	
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>8</u> inches		_____ feet _____ inches	
Weight	<u>131</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>39</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>8 1/2</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks	Arm	_____	_____	_____
	Number	_____	_____	_____
When Vaccinated	_____		_____	
Vision	R.E.—V=	<u>6/6</u>	R.E.—V=	_____
	L.E.—V=	<u>6/6</u>	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)	<u>Linnell Robinson</u>		_____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	
Enlisted	at <u>St John's</u>		at _____	
	on <u>19</u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>6</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Newfd Regt.</u>	<u>2779</u>	_____	_____
Transferred to	_____		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____		_____	
(Signature)	on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>	
(Rank)	_____		_____	

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Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm		Right	Left
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V= <u>6/6</u>		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)	<u>Samuel Peterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Major</u>		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St John's</u>		at _____	
	on <u>17</u> day of <u>May</u> , 191 <u>6</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1st Newfld Regt.</u>	<u>2779</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191 <u>1</u>	
(Signature)				
(Rank)				



# FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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.

ORIGINAL



REGIMENT OR CORPS } Newfoundland Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } A. CO  
 Regimental No. 2779, Rank Private.

Surname Somerton. Christian Names \_\_\_\_\_ P. \_\_\_\_\_

Died { Date 4/12/17. Place France.

Cause of Death\* Died of Wounds received in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d/9/12/17.

By whom made O.C. UNIT.

DUPLICATE

COPY SENT TO  
O.C. H.Q.  
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.  
10/30/17  
 N.F.P. 38. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATED 21 DEC 1917

\* 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.

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

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.

Station and Date } G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } 2nd. Lt. for Major,  
15/12/17. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.

Office Copy  
**OFFICE COPY.**

Army Form O. 1625.

**PAY LIST.**

to

191 . Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps

**ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**

No. **2449**

Rank **Private**

Name **Somerton, P.**

Died <sup>(a)</sup> **Willhoys** at **France.**

on the **4<sup>th</sup>** of **December** 191**9.**

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 .....	4	12	14	20 11 4
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) £ s. d.				Pay days at from to				
					Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to				
					Messing allowance days at from to				
					Kit allowance .....				
					Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2 .....				
	Consolidated stoppage .....								
	Balance due by the Paymaster	20	11	4	Balance due to the Paymaster .....				
		£20	11	4		£20	11	4	

COPY SENT	
TO	DATE
M. OF M.	3 10/8
O.C. 1ST. BN.	
2ND. BN.	

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to 26/9/18 and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED.  
26.9.18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ \_\_\_\_\_ is correctly chargeable against the Public.

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.

ACKT dated	7 / 1	No. IN
Received	1 / 1	
REPLY dated	1 / 1	_____
Received	1 / 1	
LAST Ref. No.	597	_____
NEXT " "		_____

19107/613/P&A

The Hon. the Minister of Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

22nd November 8

Jan. 20/19,

2779, Pte. P. Somerton (Deceased)  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Noted, please.

Kindly note that the  
Regimental Number of the above  
named Soldier was quoted in error  
in this Office memo. No. 18227/597  
8/11/18, as 2867, instead of as  
above, please.

(sd) J. R. Bennett,  
Minister of Militia.

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10/2/19

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c <sup>Major,</sup> Records,

FM/S

Cables and Telegrams :  
"SYNOPTICAL" London.

Telephone :  
VICTORIA 147.

Communications to be addressed to the  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS,  
and the following No. quoted :

N. F. P/38.

ORIGINAL.

**NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.**

**MEMORANDUM.**

No. 19107/613/P&A

C.R. 2779

From  
**PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,**  
58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.  
22nd November 1918

To  
The Hon. the Minister of Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

**SUBJECT :**

2779, Pte. P. Somerton (Deceased)  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Reference Nos.

**REPLY**

Dated January 20th. 1919 191

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Kindly note that the  
Regimental Number of the above  
named Soldier was quoted in error  
in this Office memo. No. 18227/597  
8/11/18, as 2867, instead of as  
above, please.

*A. A. Munro*  
Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. i/o Records,

Noted, please.

*J. H. Bennett*  
Minister of Militia.

FM/S



DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY  
26 DEC 1918  
Posted.....

19107/613/P&A

*DR*

The Hon. the Minister

St. John's,

Newfoundland

January 20th 1919

22nd November 1918

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*J. R. V. Bennett*

Minister of Militia

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records,

FM/S

2779

Somerton, P.

2779

Ray Dept

**DUPLICATE MAIL COPY**

Army Form O. 1025.

PAY ST.

191 . Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps **ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**

No. **479** Rank **Private**

Name **Somerston, P.**  
on the **4<sup>th</sup>** of **December** 191**7**.

Regimental No. **456** at **Source.**

on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 191 .

Stationed at \_\_\_\_\_

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

\_\_\_\_\_  
{ Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
Battery or Company.

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.**

[Form 1.]

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month <b>4. 12. 17</b> .....	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>
Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) £ s. d. 191       "       "       "				Pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at _____ from _____ to _____			
				Messing allowance days at _____ from _____ to _____			
				Kit allowance .....			
				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2 .....			
				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including			
Consolidated stoppage .....							
Balance due by the Paymaster <b>20 11 4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
	<b>£20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>£20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>

This account is in accordance with advices received at the Pay & Record Office to **26/9/18** and may therefore be subject to amendments if and as may be revealed by subsequent advices.

CHECKED.

**26. 9. 18**

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ \_\_\_\_\_ is not chargeable against the \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_



191 .

**Chief Paymaster & Officer in Charge**

- (a) Here state whether the soldier has left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to the \_\_\_\_\_ Form B. 1030 or Army Form O. 1315.
- (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

**DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY**

Army Form O. 1625.

**PAY ST.**

191 . Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps **ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.**

No. **479.** Rank **Private**

Name **Somerston, P.**

Address **Wellho. 456 at 50ance.**

on the **4<sup>th</sup>** of **December.** 191**4.**

Tested at

on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 191**4.**

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{ *Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
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	* £ 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			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		<b>£20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>£20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>

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**CHECKED.**  
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**26.9.18**

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, ~~and that the debtor balances of £ \_\_\_\_\_ are correctly chargeable against the Public.~~

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 191**4.**



*[Signature]*  
**CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS.**

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- (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

ORIGINAL.

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

No. 2449 Rank Private

Name Somerton, P.

Died (a) will no. 456 at France.

on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 1914.

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 .... 4...12...14..	20	11	4
	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 .....			
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage .....							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	20	11	4	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		£20	11	4		£20	11	4

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CHECKED. 26.9.18

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Dated at this day of

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT 26 SEP 1918

191 . CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE RECORDS. Paymaster.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

COPY OF WILL

of

No. 2779, Pte. P. Somerton.

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In the event of my death I give the whole of my property to my Mother, Mrs. Richard Somerton, Wabana Mines, Bell Island, Newfoundland.

(Sd) P. Somerton, No. 2779,

Private. Royal Newfoundland Regt.,

March 8th, 1917.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,

*J. F. Marshall* Capt  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C. RECORDS.



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**WILL**

**Soldier's**

**Regl. No.** 2779

**Surname** Somerton

**Christian Names** P.

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

**Corps** \_\_\_\_\_

*Richard Somerton A  
Bell Island*

756

In the event of my  
 death I give the whole  
 of my property to my  
 mother

Mrs Richard Somerton  
 Wabona mines  
 Bell Island

Newfoundland

Signature R Somerton 2779

Rank and Regt. Pte. NFLD Regt

Date March 8/3/19

20 MAR 1919



**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

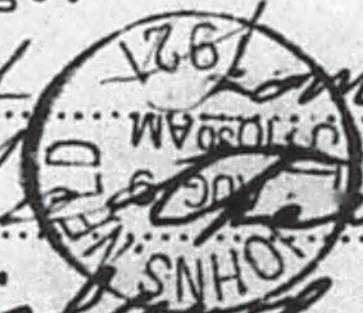
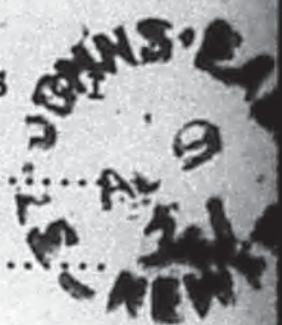
I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services  
the late No. 2779 Rank Private

Name Peter Dometon

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Richard Dometon (Sgd.)

Bellinland Relationship.  
Address.....



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To the Officer in Charge of Records,

***Royal Nfld. Regt.***

***Dept. of Militia,***

***ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.***

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

P.T.O.

SEP 23 1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**  
is/are forwarded herewith to

**Mr. Richard Somerton (Father)**

in respect of his service as No. **2779** Rank **Pte.**

Name **Peter Somerton** **Royal Nfld. Regt.**

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received **Two Medals**

Signature **Richard Somerton**

Date **Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1921.**

Address **Bell Island.**

[P.T.O.]

C.R.

2779

Extract from Nominal Roll of Mfld. Regt. Draft No 124  
from 2nd Bn. Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F. Embarked South-  
ampton, 30-11-16.

2779 Pte. P. Somerton.

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 2/1 Newfoundland Regt. **C.R.**  
 Rank Plt Surname Somerton Christian Name Pieter **2205**

Religion C of E Age on Enlistment 18 years 1 1/2 months.

Enlisted (a) Self Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 19/5/16

Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_

Extended { \_\_\_\_\_ } Re-engaged { \_\_\_\_\_ } Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate 17 DEC 1917

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked <u>Shampton</u>		<u>30 NOV 1916</u>	
		Disembarked <u>Beven</u>		<u>1-DEC 1916</u>	
	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Joined Battalion</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>12/12/16</u>	<u>B213</u>
	<u>B.C. Unit</u>	<u>Wounded in Action</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>25/2/17</u>	<u>B213</u>
<u>24.4.17</u>	<u>13 Nov 7 A</u>	<u>Ad. Newcastle</u>	<u>In the Field</u>	<u>10.4.17</u>	<u>S.A. 3122</u>
<u>7.5.17</u>	<u>6 Stab. Hosp.</u>	<u>Ad. do</u>	<u>Trevent</u>	<u>18.4.17</u>	<u>HA 8710</u>
<u>12.5.17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Discharged to duty</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>3.5.17</u>	<u>HA 9191</u>
<u>12.5.17</u>	<u>or Unit</u>	<u>Joined Battalion</u>	<u>In the Field</u>	<u>7 MAY 1917</u>	<u>B213</u>
<u>9/12/17</u>	<u>Platoon</u>	<u>Died of wounds</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>4/12/17</u>	<u>B213</u>

(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) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

[P.T.O.]

*M.B.*  
*Manning*  
 10401  
 Infantry Serl  
 R.E.A. and Reserve

DUPLICATE

C.R. 2779

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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 OR CORPS } Newfoundland Squadron, Troop, } A. CO.  
OR CORPS } Battery or Company }

Regimental No. 2779. Rank Private.

Surname Somerton. Christian Names P.

Died { Date 4/12/17. Place France.

Cause of Death\* Died of Wounds received in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213 d/9/12/17.

By whom made O.C. UNIT.

\* 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.

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

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.

Station and Date } G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } J. Heary  
Date } 13/12/17. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } 2nd Lt. for Major  
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C.R. 2779

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March 8th. 1917.

Certified true copy.

2-2-18.

G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon. Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.

B.E.F.

*[Signature]*  
Major,

Wabana Trinis  
Bell Island  
February 18<sup>th</sup>/20

St. J. W. F. Rendell

Dear Sir -

C.R. 2779

My Father, Mr Richard Somerton has  
requested me to write you, that he has received the  
Scroll in Commemoration of his Son Pte Peter Somerton  
& that he has also received the Message attached to Scroll  
From His Majesty The King

Yours Truly  
William J Somerton