



First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 265

Name in full William James Somerton Age 20

Address Ball Island, Conception Bay

Married Single Height _____ Weight _____

Color Fair Hair Brown Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks None

Nearest relative Father and Mother

Address Ball Island, C.B.

Dependents None

Occupation Surveyor Present Wage \$50 - per month

Previous service None

Decorations None

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment _____

I, William James 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 conditions of my service.

*W. J. Somerton
14 Aug 1914
RA. St. John's*

William James Somerton

Declared before me this 1st day
of October 1914

Em. Slope

Sept. 2nd

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

(To correspond with Entries on the Medical History Sheet.)
Applicable to all ranks.

Reg. No. 265

Name William James Somerton

Apparent age 20 years months. Height feet inches.

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

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



INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin - - - Somerton, Bell Island, St. John's East

Relationship Father & Mother

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. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries.
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>2/9/14</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>2nd September '14</u>									
<i>Embarked St. Helier for U.K. 3rd. Embarked for E.F. 20th. Disembarked 8th. Key and returned for leave 31st. Embarked for Gallipoli 13th.</i>									
<i>Admitted H.S. Galata P.M. Both legs severed 17th. Admitted Cairo 21st. Discharged to duty 20th with Battalion 1st. Embarked Port Sep 14th. Disembarked 4th Alexandria 23rd. Admitted 87th P.M. Both legs torn C.P. 2nd. Invalidated to England 7th.</i>									
<i>Admitted Wandsworth 5th. Attached F Coy. To R.F.D. for St. John's from 4th August 22nd. Arrives R.F.D. 6th. Discharged medically Sept 24th 17.</i>									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>24-1-17</u> (date of discharge) <u>2</u> years <u>145</u> days									
" " " Pension " " " " " " " "									

W. Domerton

265

P. 7. B. Q.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

STATEMENT of ACCOUNT of No. 265 Pte. W. Comerton

F Co'y. From 10.12.16 to 22.12.16. (Dates inclusive)

Classification (See Procedure).

A

(Substituting A.F. O. 1325) N.F.P./Ca.

Embarked per S.S. Scythia

From Gasgow

Date 22/12/16 Draft No. _____

CR.

Pay Book Col.	Particulars	days	£	s	d	Date	Pay Book Col.	Particulars	days	£	s	d	Date
8	Forfeited Pay						1	Pay	18	1	00	13	00
9	Allotments	18	16	7	80		2	Field Allowance		10	1	30	
10							3	Other allowances					
1/12	Total Stoppages £ d		7	80		1 12 0	4/5	Total Pay & Allces @ 34.86 2/7		14	30	2	18 9
13	Fines												
14	Clothing						3	Bal. Cr. Last Period					8 7
15	Arms & Accoutrements												
16	Barrack Damages					7							
17	Hospital Stoppages												
17a	Miscellaneous Stoppages					2 4							
19	Casual Payments												
20	1st Payment												
21	2nd "												
22	3rd "												
23	Final "					1 12 5							
24	Balance Dr. Last Period												
28	" due by Paymaster					3 7 4	27	Bal. due to Paymaster					3 7 4

CERTIFIED CORRECT.

E. Barnes

O.C. "R" Company.



Racecourse Regt.
Dec 21st 1916



No.

106/59

WESTERN UNION



ANGLO-AMERICAN DIRECT UNITED STATES CABLEGRAM

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WORDS		CHARGE		<i>At</i> _____		<i>To</i> _____ <i>By</i> _____	
VIA WESTERN UNION				THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.			

TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.

Nov. 5, 1915.

Casualty Cablegram.

To W.S.M. GOVERNOR,

ST. JOHNS (NEWFOUNDLAND)

ONE ONE SEVEN SEVEN GOWANS TWO SIX FIVE SOMERTON

PROGRESSING FAVOURABLY.

TIMEWELL.

**NOT TO BE
TELEGRAPHED.**

Having read the conditions printed on the back hereof, I request that the above telegram be forwarded by the Western Union Telegraph-Cable System, subject to the said conditions to which I agree.

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CABLEGRAM

No. 798,

Ph.8x 117 Pjn.Govt.St.Johns NF 21

SYNOPTICAL LDN.

WIRE IMMEDIATELY WHERE DIED 912 COLUMBUS

PARTICULARS AND ADDRESS 990 TAYLOR 1807

THISTLE 285 SOMERTON 616 MARTIN

COLONIAL SECRETARY

No. 121/73

WESTERN UNION

ANGLO-AMERICAN DIRECT UNITED STATES CABLEGRAM



Prefix _____ Code _____		SENT		FOR STAMPS	
WORDS	CHARGE	At _____	To _____	By _____	THIS FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ALL POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH STATIONS.
		VIA WESTERN UNION			

Nov. 16, 1915.

TO PREVENT MISTAKES PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY.
On Newfoundland Government Service

To COLONIAL SECRETARY

ST. JOHNS (NEWFOUNDLAND)

COLUMBUS DICORYNE TWENTYFIRST GENERAL HOSPITAL ALEXANDRIA

TAYLOR THISTLE ENTERIC SAME HOSPITAL SOMERTON BULLET

WOUND LEGS MARTIN BULLET TRAMPAL FIFTH CANADIAN HOSPITAL

ABBASSIA KEARNEY HORN FED MALTA INFARINA

TIMEWELL

Columbus- Died at, in- twenty first- General- Hospital- Alexandria-

Taylor- Thistle- enteric- same- hospital- Somerton- bullet-

wound- legs- Martin- bullet- wounded left leg- Fifth- Canadian-

Hospital- Abbassia- Kearney- in hospital at- Malta- have no

further information than that already furnished

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Somerton. W. J.

265

Ray Dent

COPY

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

STATEMENT of ACCOUNT of No. 265. The W. Somerton.

(Substituting A.F. O. 1625). N.F.P./36.

C. Company. From 10.12.16 To 22.12.16. (Dates inclusive).

Embarked per S.S. Scotia

From Glasgow. Date 23/12/16

DR. Classification (See Procedure).

Draft No. CR.

Date	Pay Book Col.	PARTICULARS	Rate	Dys	£	s	d	Date	Pay Book Col.	PARTICULARS	Rate	Dys	£	s	d				
	8	Forfeited Pay							1	Pay	100	13	13	00					
	9	Allotments	60	13	7	50			2	Field Allowance	10	13	1	30					
	10								3	Other Allowances									
	11/12	Total Stoppages			7	50	1	12	0	4/5	Total @ 4.86 2/3			14	30	2	18	9	
	13	Fines								6	Balance Credit Last Period						8	7	
	14	Clothing & Necessaries								6a	OTHER CREDITS:								
	15	Arms & Accoutrements									Ration Allowance,								
	16	Barrack Damages						7			/ /17 to / /17								
	17	Hospital Stoppages					2	4			= days @ /								
	17a	Miscellaneous Stoppages																	
	19	Casual Payments																	
	20	1st Payment																	
	21	2nd "																	
	22	3rd "																	
	23	Final "			1	12	5												
	24	Balance Debit Last Period																	
	28	" Due by Paymaster								27	Balance Due to Paymaster								
					3	7	4										3	7	4

Recourse app.
Dec 21st 1916.



CERTIFIED CORRECT.

Spd. C. Barnes 2nd Lt.
O.C. "F" Company.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances, (including clothing allowance), and all just demands up to the present date.

Name William Jas Someston (Sig. of Soldier).

Address Bell Island Mrs Richard Someston (Sig. of Witness).

April 8th., 1919

#265 Pte. William J. Somerton,
P.O. Box No. 78,
Abana Mines,

Bell Island, U.S.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your application I enclose cheque for
Seventy dollars (\$70.00), being amount of first payment due you
on account of the "War Service Gratuity."

Yours truly

Paymaster & O.i/c Records Capt.

11147

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

WAR SERVICE GRATUITY.

St. John's, Newfoundland.

Declaration required of Officers and men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who claims War Service Gratuity under Order-in-Council dated January 28th. 1919.

A complete reply must be given to every question in this Declaration. There must be no blanks and no dashes. If any question are not applicable, the words "NOT APPLICABLE" must be written out.

On completion this Declaration is to be returned to THE OFFICER I/C RECORDS, PAY & RECORD OFFICE, ST. JOHN'S.

Christian name *William James* 2. Surname *Somerton*.....

3. Rank. *Private*..... 4. Regtl. No. *265*.....

5. Address in full to which future payments of gratuity are to ~~for~~ be forwarded. *Wabana Mines, Bell Island, P.O. Box 78*.....

6. Date of enlistment in the Regiment. *September 1st 1914*.....

7. Name of dependent, if any, to whom Separation Allowance is being issued, or was being issued, immediately prior to your discharge. *Not applicable*.....

8. Relationship of such dependents. *Not applicable*.....

9. Address in full of such dependent. *Not applicable*.....

10. Is said dependent, now, or was said dependent at any time in receipt of Separation Allowance on account of another soldier? *Not applicable*

11. Were you on active service only in Nfld. If so, give dates, and particulars of such service. *I saw active service Overseas.*

12. Give total length of time which you served on active service, whether in Nfld, or Overseas. *From Oct. 4th 1914 to Jan'y 20th 1917 when I was discharged.*

13. Have you had more than one enlistment? If so, give particulars of discharge and re-enlistments, and under what regimental numbers.....

Not Applicable.....

14. Have you already received any payment of Post Discharge pay or War Service Gratuity? If so, state amount you and your dependents have already received and by whom paid. *I have received £100*.....

of post discharge pay, paid by Captain J M Howley Militia Dept. but have not received any war service gratuity.....

15. Have you been issued with a War Service Badge? *Yes*.....

16. Have you, during the present war, served in the Imperial Forces? *No*.....

17. Are you entitled to receive, or have you received any Gratuity in the nature of Post Discharge Pay from the Imperial Forces? If so, state amount received, or to which you are entitled. *Not Applicable*.....

18. Did you revert Overseas to a rank lower than the substantive rank held by you on your arrival in England? *Not Applicable*.....

(b). If so, was such reversion in consequence of misconduct or inefficiency? *Not Applicable*.....

19. Are you now serving in the Regt.? *No*..... If not give:- (a) Date of discharge. *Jan'y 20th 1917*..... (b) Reason for discharge. *I was*.....

discharged as no longer physically fit owing to wounds received in Action.....

20. Did you at any time serve at the front in an actual theatre of War? If so give particulars of places, and dates of such service.....

I served at Gallipoli from Sept 19th 15 to Oct 17th 15 & was wounded... I also saw actual service in France March 21st 16 July 1st 16 Again Wounded

21. (a) Are you receiving treatment from the Civil Re-Establishment Com.?

(b). If so, are you in receipt of full pay and allowances from that Committee. *Not receiving treatment, I am in receipt of Pensions only*.....

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Signature of Applicant: *William James Somerton*
 Place of Residence: *Wabana Mines, Bell Island*
 Declared before me at: *Bell Island*
 This *4th* day of *April* 19*19*.

C. G. Taylor

Signature of Barrister of the
 Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magis-
 trate, Notary Public, Justice of the
 Peace, or Commissioner of affidavits.

POST DISCHARGE PAY.			War Service	Net amount
Date paid	Paid Soldier	Paid Dependent	Gratuity	due
.....	<i>5 mos.</i>	<i>350.00</i>
.....
.....
Certified Correct.			Paymaster.	

FORM K



No. 330

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

I, W. J. Somerton, Regl. No. 265

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

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person).
		Mother of ^{W. J.} Somerton	Bella Island Mines	= 60
			Total Allotment, \$	= 60

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

(Sig.) Augustus P. ...
 Officer Commanding
 Company
 OCT 10 1914
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(Sig.) William J. Somerton
 (Rank) Pvt

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

No. 265

Name Tomerton W.

168/1

Date	Particulars	Ch.No.	168/1		Bal.
			Dr.	Cr.	
Dec 31	By Pay 9 days @ 1%				
Jan 6	" " 6 " " 1%			9 90	9 90
24	Bonus Clothing			6 60	16 50
	18 " " 1%			33 30	49 80
				12 95	62 75
Dec 31	To allot 9 days @ 60		5 40	25 00	8 7 75
	Bonus Clothing	142	37 95		8 3 35
July 6	To Pay	3	44 40		44 40
	War Service Gratuity 6 mos @ 7%			350 00	350 00
Dec 26	To Pay	7429	12 95		337 05
			87 15		249 90
Mar 1	To Pay	11147	70 00		179 90
Apr 1	" "	14041	70 00		109 90
May	" "	18524	70 00		39 90
June	" "	21799	89 90		- 0
			437 75	437 75	0

6/12/20

Signed A. J. Vany How

Wabana Minis
Bell Island
March 22nd/19

Captain J M Howley
Dear Sir:-

I am writing you to find out if it is possible for me to get the papers sent me, which I have to fill out, before I receive the money which is due me from the Regiment (ie) Post discharge pay, which I think the Government is paying monthly (70).

I would like to get the papers as soon as possible as I am in need of the money at the present time. Hoping to hear from you soon.

I am

Yours Sincerely
Tom Jas Somerton

#265 Pte Tom Jas Somerton
CA Coy 1st Newfoundland

Bell Island
April 4th /17

To Major Montgomery

Dear Sir

I beg to make application for the Imperial Silver War Badge for Soldiers honourably discharged from the first Newfoundland Regiment as the result of wounds or disability. I was discharged on Jan'y 10th /17 owing to wounds received in action on July 1st 1916.

Yours Truly
W. Somerton

W. Somerton
No 265 P. Bell Island
William Jas Somerton

Bell Island C.B.
Newfoundland

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Wabana Minis
Bell Island
April 4th/19

Captain J M Howley
Dear Sir:-

I am forwarding War
Service Gratuity papers which I have filled out
to the best of my knowledge & so far as I can
remember the dates. The papers are signed by
Mr C. F. Taylor, Justice of the Peace, I will be
very glad if you can forward me the first
months check as soon as possible.

I Remain
Yours Truly

William Jas Forrester

No.



1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

VOUCHER

In Acct. with #265 Pte. W.J. Somerton Voucher No. 28967
 Bell Island. Cheque No. 28967.

Reg'l A/c No. Name C.B. Folio No.

Date	Req'n No.	Invoice No.	Particulars.	Amount.
Mar. 16	332		Bonus 1 week @ \$1.85	\$12 95
			Civilian Clothes	25
				\$37 95

CERTIFICATION

Dissectⁿ Sheet No.
 Recap. Sheet No. 332
 Checked by

W. Bowley
 PAYMASTER

RECEIPT

March 16th 1917.

Received from the 1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT the sum of
 Thirty Seven Dollars
 and Ninety Five Cents in Payment as above stated.
 March 1917.

\$ 37.95

[Sig.] *William Jas Somerton*

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 87 ¹⁴/₁₀₀

Dec 26/19

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment
the sum of Eighty Seven Dollars.

~~on account~~
balance of Pay. I.D.P.

Wm Jas Somerton

Ch. No. 7429	Initials. EW
Pay Ledger. 168	Initials. aux
Gen. Ledger.....	Initials.....

Regtl. No. 265 Rank Pte

No. 26^r.

Rank

P.C.

Name

Pomperle - D

265

July 17th,

7.

Pte. W. Somerton,
Bell Island, C.B.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith cheque for £44.40, being the balance due you at date of Discharge. Kindly sign the special form attached, and return.

Yours truly,

Lieut.
D/Paymaster

W/V.

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March 16, 7

Mr. Wm J. Somerton,
Bell Island.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 13th, I enclose cheque for \$37.95 being amount due you for bonus and clothing at the time of your discharge.

I have not yet received statement of your account from London but ^{as} soon, as it comes to hand, balance will be adjusted with you.

Kindly sign and return the enclosed voucher.

Yours truly,

2nd Lieut. D/Paymaster.

Dispatching
Office
Stamp.



265

No 409

From

Registered Letter Addressed

Mr. J. M. ...
St. Paul ...

Arrival
Office
Stamp.

Received by

265

February 3rd

7.

Pte. William J. Semerton,
Bell Island, C.B.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith Certificate of Discharge,
dated January 24th 1918.

Yours very truly,



K-W.

2nd. Lieut. & D/Paymaster.

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Army Form B. 268.



Proceedings on Discharge.

(When forwarded for confirmation the documents named on page 4 should be enclosed.)

No. <u>265</u>	Army Rank <u>Private</u>
Name <u>Somerton William James.</u> <small>(The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)</small>	
Corps <u>1st Newfoundland Regiment</u>	
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c. <small>(If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve or Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, &c., or to General Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)</small>	
Date of discharge <u>24th January 1917</u>	
Place of discharge <u>St. Johns, Nfld.</u>	
1. Description at the time of discharge.	
Age <u>22</u> years _____ months Height <u>5</u> feet <u>8</u> inches Chest measurement { girth when fully expanded _____ ins. range of expansion _____ ins. Complexion _____ Eyes _____ Hair <u>Light Brown</u> Trade <u>Surveyors Assistant</u> Intended place of residence { <u>Bell Island</u> <u>Conception Bay</u> <u>Newfoundland</u> <small>(To be given as fully as practicable)</small>	Descriptive marks.
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of _____ _____ _____ <small>(The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the discharge certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the No. and date of the letter to be quoted.)</small>	
3. Military character:— _____	
4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations:— _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	
<small>To be filled in on the soldier quitting the Colours.</small> Certified that the above is an accurate copy of the character given by me on Army Form B. 2067* and that Army Form D. 489 was awarded in this case. <div style="text-align: right;">Initials of Commanding Officer.</div>	
Army Form B. 2088 has been issued to*	

This space to be left blank for the Chelsea Number.

Blank box for Chelsea Number.

Army Form B. 268.

Proceedings on Discharge.



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Corps <u>1st Newfoundland Regiment</u>	
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c. <small>(If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve or Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, &c., or to General Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)</small>	
Date of discharge	COPIES SENT TO <u>Mr. John</u> Memorandum No. <u>22/12/16</u> Dated <u>22/12/16</u> Descriptive marks.
Place of discharge	
1. Description at the time of discharge. Age <u>22</u> years <u>8</u> months Height <u>5</u> feet <u>8</u> inches Chest measurement { girth when fully expanded _____ ins. range of expansion _____ ins. Complexion _____ Eyes _____ Hair <u>Light Brown</u> Trade <u>Surveyor Assistant.</u> Intended place of residence <u>Bell Island</u> (To be given as fully as practicable) <u>Conception Bay Newfoundland</u>	
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of <u>Gunshot Wound</u> <u>14" Left Tibia. G.S.W. III with division of</u> <u>Sciatic nerve (left).</u>	
<small>(The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the discharge certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the No. and date of the letter to be quoted.)</small>	
3. Military character :— _____ _____	
4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations :— _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	
Certified that the above is an accurate copy of the character given by me on Army Form B. 2067* and that Army Form D. 489 was awarded in this case.	
Initials of Commanding Officer.	

To be filled in on the soldier quitting the Colours.

Army Form B. 2088 has been issued to*

Casualty Form—Active Service.

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Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland
 Regimental No. CR. 265 Rank Pte Name W. Somerton

Enlisted (a) Oct 2/14 Terms of Service (a) Duration of war Service reckons from (a) Oct 2/14

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. 213, Army Form A. 38, 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. 38, or other official documents.	
Date	From whom received					
		Embarked St. John's, NFLD.		3/10/14	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>COPY of Official Documents.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>No. _____</p> <p>Dated <u>22.12.16</u></p> </div>	
		Disembarked Alexandria		1/9/15.		
		Embarked for Gallipoli		13/9/15.		
17/10/15.	"Galeka"	G.S. Wound, Both Legs, serious, admitted A 36	H.S. "Galeka"	17/10/15.		Auth. A 14763. <i>[Signature]</i>
21/10/15.	5th. Can. Cairo	Admitted	5th. Can. Stat. Cairo.	21/10/15.		
<i>8/2/16</i>	<i>17th Genl</i>	<i>Des duty</i>	<i>Genl Alex</i>	<i>2/16</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	
<i>1/2/16</i>	<i>unit</i>	<i>with Battalion</i>	<i>unit</i>	<i>2/16</i>	<i>Normal post.</i>	
		Embk'd Port Suez		14.3.16		
		Disembk'd MARSELL S		22.3.16		
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>847A</i>	<i>GSW Bothley fac</i>	<i>unit</i>	<i>2.4.16</i>	<i>E 511968</i>	
	<i>1 Genl</i>	<i>Ino to Eng</i>	<i>unit</i>	<i>4.1.16</i>	<i>W 3003.</i>	

(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 given.
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

FOR O. 16 INFANTRY RECORDS
 G. H. Q. (P. 15)
 CAPTAIN.
[Signature]

Original

Medical Report on an Invalid.



3rd London General Hospital,
Station: WANDSWORTH, S.W.

Date: 2/12/16

1. Unit 1st Newfoundland
2. Regimental No. 265
3. Rank Plt.
4. Name Somerton W.J.

5. Age last birthday 22
6. Enlisted { on 1st Sept. 1914
at St. Johns - Newfoundland
7. Former Trade or Occupation { Surveyors assistant

COPY SENT TO
[Signature]
[Signature]
Letter No. _____
No. _____
Dated 22.12.16

8. Disability.

S.S.W. IX. 4. Left tibia
S.S.W. XII.
with division of Sciatic nerve (left).

Statement of Case.

Note. The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

9. Date of origin of disability. July 15th 1916
10. Place of origin of disability. France. (Beaumont Hamel)

11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case.

S.S.W. of left tibia with comminuted compound fracture of the bone. This has now united and is of good functional condition. S.S.W. of left thigh with partial division of sciatic nerve involving the external popliteal half. At operation a hard fibrous scar, involving the nerve for 1 1/2" of its length and nearly the whole of its breadth, except for a small unjured strand which was functional.

12. (a) Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability.

Active Service.

(b) If you consider it to have been caused by active service, climate, or ordinary military service, explain the specific conditions to which you attribute it (See notes on page 8).

S.S.W.

13. What is his present condition ?

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

The compound fracture is united & quite firm. The muscles of the left foot and leg are wasted and the patient has much pain which prevents him putting the foot to the ground. It will be a long time before he can earn a living.

14. If the disability is an injury, was it caused

- (a) In action ? *yes*
- (b) On field service ? *yes*
- (c) On duty ? *yes*
- (d) Off duty ?

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury ?

If so—(a) When ?

(b) Where ?

(c) Opinion ?

16. Was an operation performed ? If so, what ?

*Sequestrectomy 12 July 1916.
Nerve exposed, scar excised &
sutured 13/10/16.*

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined ?

18. In case of loss or decay of teeth. Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly* attributable to active service ?

19. Do you recommend

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or
- (b) Change to England ?

yes.

L. B. Chubb
Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith, except†

3rd London General Hospital,
Station WANDSWORTH, S.W.

Alfred George Gould

..... Officer in charge of Hospital.

Date *7/12/16*

Comdr, 3rd London Gen. Hospital.

*Loss of teeth on, or immediately after, active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.

† Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.

Opinion of the Medical Board.

NOTES.—(i.) Clear and decisive answers to the following questions are to be carefully filled in by the Board, as in the event of the man being invalided, it is essential that the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital should be in possession of the most reliable information to enable them to decide upon the man's claim to pension.

- (ii.) Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," &c., should be avoided.
- (iii.) The rates of pension vary directly according to whether the disability is attributed to (a) active service, (b) climate, or (c) ordinary military service. It is therefore essential when assigning the cause of the disability to differentiate between them (see Articles 1162 and 1165, Pay Warrant, 1918).
- (iv.) In answering question 20 the Board should be careful to discriminate between disease resulting from military conditions and disease to which the soldier would have been equally liable in civil life.
- (v.) A disability is to be regarded as due to climate when it is caused by military service abroad in climates where there is a special liability to contract the disease.

20. (a) State whether the disability is the result of (i.) active service, (ii.) climate, or (iii.) ordinary military service.

Active service

(b) If due to one of these causes, to what specific conditions do the Board attribute it?

g.s.w.

21. Has the disability been aggravated by

(a) Intemperance?

No

(b) Misconduct?

No

(c) Any of the conditions mentioned in question 20, and if so, which?

✓

22. Is the disability permanent?

Yes.

23. If not permanent, what is its probable minimum duration?

✓

To be stated in months.

24. To what extent is his capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general labour market lessened at present?

Total at present.

In defining the extent of his inability to earn a livelihood, estimate it at $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, or total incapacity.

24A. Is the man suffering from a disability which would obviously, as far as you can judge, cause him to be rejected by an Approved Society under the National Insurance Act?

✓

25. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?

vide 16.

26. Do the Board recommend

(a) Discharge as permanently unfit,

Yes

or

(b) Change to England?

Signatures:—

A. F. Oselle Major R.A.M.C. President.

3rd London General Hospital,
Station WANDSWORTH, S.W.

J. W. ...

Date: 8.XI.16

A. R. ... } Members.

Approved,
3rd London General Hospital,
Station WANDSWORTH, S.W.

A. F. Oselle Major R.A.M.C.

Date: 8.XI.16

Administrative Medical Officer.

SURGEON-COLONEL
for D.D.M.S.,
LONDON DISTRICT.

(On leaving Corps or Station where invalided.)

Transfer { Date _____
 Station _____ } Name of { Conveyance _____
 or { _____ } Vessel _____
 Embarkation { Date _____
 Port _____ } Officer in medical charge _____

Brief remarks on case during transit, and state on transfer for final disposal.

Re-transferred { Date _____
 Hospital or Station _____ } Officer in medical charge.

(At Station or Hospital where finally disposed of.)

Station and Hospital } _____
 Arrived from _____ Date _____

If admitted	If under treatment		Disease	How finally disposed of	Date of Discharge, &c.
	Date	From			

Detailed statement as to condition on discharge and whether discharged as an invalid, to corps, to station, or to depôt. In cases of discharge from the service it should be stated whether the answers to questions 22, 23 and 24 are concurred in.

Date of final Medical Board, or decision } _____

Administrative Medical Officer.

ARMY FORM B. 179.

MEDICAL REPORT ON AN INVALID.

58 VIC

Station *Apr*
 Corps *1st Newfoundland*
 Regimental No. *265*
 Rank *Pte.*
 Name *Somerton W. J.*
 Disability *G.S. W. { 1. Right side Division }
 { 2. Right side Division }
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 { 21. Right side Division }
 { 22. Right side Division }
 { 23. Right side Division }
 { 24. Right side Division }*
 Date *8/12/16*
 Hospital or Station transferred to for final disposal }
 Date of final disposal }
 How finally disposed of }

The original Report is invariably to accompany the discharge documents of invalids.
 Wt. W8339/2774 500M 9-15 M&C.Ld.
 Form B. 179.
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Descriptive Return of a Soldier discharged on account of Disability.

INSTRUCTIONS.—This form is to be completed in the case of every discharged soldier whose claim to pension, on account of disability, is to be submitted for the consideration of the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital.

Statement A should be completed in the Hospital at which the man is attending at the time of his examination by a Medical Board, and the soldier should be given a full opportunity of examining it, as, if awarded a pension, his subsequent identification depends on his confirming this declaration. The "Rank," "Station" and "Date" should be in his own handwriting. **COPY SENT TO** the Office of Records when received by him, and will be attached to the Proceedings of the man's Medical Board, to be completed by the Officer in Charge of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London, S.W.

Changes occurring in the description subsequent to the date of admission to pension should be noted in red ink.

A Name in full Somerton, William James
Regiment from which discharged 12 Newfoundland
Regimental Number 265
Intended address Belle Island, C/B, Newfoundland.

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Office of Records
Dated 22.12.16

Height on discharge 5 Feet 8 Inches
Colour of Hair on discharge Light brown Colour of Eyes Blueish grey
Figure on discharge Medium
Christian name of Father Richard
Christian name of Mother Elizabeth
Wife's Maiden name in full _____
Date and Place of Marriage _____
Christian names of Children _____



I declare that I am the soldier referred to above, and that all the particulars contained in the above Statement are, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

(Soldier's Signature in full) William James Somerton
(Rank) Private
Station Wandsworth
Date 4/12/16

I certify that the above-named soldier signed the foregoing declaration in my presence, and that the above description and details are, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

3rd London General Hospital, WANDSWORTH, S.W. Station
1.2.16 Lt Col Medical Officer i/o Hospital.
Date 4/12/16

B Period of Service and in what Corps ...	Regiment	Years	Days	All Service Abroad with Stations	
				Years	Days
				India	
				S. Africa	
Disallowed ...					
Service towards Pension ...					
Date inclusive to which pay has been issued				Sum due on account of advance of Pension }	
Sums due on account of public debts ...					

Rank on Discharge
Character (as on Certificate of discharge)
Where born, and on what date
Date and Place of first Enlistment
Trade on Enlistment
Cause of Discharge
Number of G.C. Badges
Wounds, and Actions in which received

Medals

Other distinguishing marks

I certify that the above details of service and other particulars are, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

Station _____ Officer in Charge
Date _____ Records.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Somerton OF Christian Name William James

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish..... County.....

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	at	191	at	191
Declared Age.....	20 years	days		days
Trade or Occupation....	Surveyor			
Height	feet	inches	feet	inches
Weight		lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded...	inches		inches
	Range of expansion..	inches		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)				
		Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at	St Johns N 7 La.	at	
	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	Newfoundland	265		
Transferred to..				
Became non-effective by.				
	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

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 years
 O.C. J. John
 No.
 Memorandum
 Dated 22.12.16



Table II.—Only for admissions to hospital or to the sick list in the case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters

Name of Hospital.	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number Days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
3rd London General Hospital, WANDSWORTH, S.W.	5	7	16				G. S. H. IX. 4. Left Tibia G. S. H. XII with division of Sciatic nerve (left)		Board held - see overleaf Disability - G. S. H. IX. 4. Left Tibia. G. S. H. XII with divisions of Sciatic nerve Fingers of left foot & leg are wasted, & he has much pain. Cause - G. S. H. on Active Service. Total - Inability to earn a livelihood at present.	<i>J. H. M. S. J.</i> - Capt RMC. 3rd London General Hospital, WANDSWORTH, S.W.

Notification by President of Medical Board of Approval of a Soldier's Discharge under Paragraph 392 (xvi.) King's Regulations.

(To be completed and dispatched on the day on which the discharge is approved.)



To the Officer i/c Records 58 Victoria St Sw.

The Soldier named below has appeared before an Army Medical Board at this station, and his discharge from the Service as "no longer physically fit for War Service" has **this day** been approved. (The discharge will be confirmed for a date 14 days after the date on this notification—see A.C.I. 1623 of 1916.)



Soldier's surname Somerton, Christian names William James
(in full)

Regt. No. and Rank 265 Pte. Regt. or Corps 1st Newfoundland
(If T.F. this should be stated)

His address on discharge will be Belle Island, C/B
Newfoundland

This information is for the Central Army Pension Issue Office only. The Soldier states that no allowance is being issued in respect of him.

*Insert "separation," "dependants," "family," or "no," as the case may be. The space must not be left blank.

Army Form D. 400A. and Army Form B. 179 for the above-named Soldier are forwarded herewith.

Station 3rd London General Hospital, WINDSOR, S.W.

Date 8/12/16

A. W. Woodley Major RAMC
President of Board
(Approving Officer).

A set of three forms will be made out for each soldier whose discharge is approved, and will be dispatched to the officers severally indicated.

Attention is drawn to the fact that Forms A, B and C of each set are not in identical terms.



3rd London General Hospital.

Wandsworth S.W.

2/12/16

From,

O. C.

3rd London General Hospital.

To,

O. C. Records,

58 Victoria St. S.W.

In conformity with instructions contained in A. C. I.
No. ¹⁵²⁹~~2015~~ of 1916., I beg to report that:-

265, Pte W. J. Somerton — 1st Newfoundland

will shortly be brought before a Medical Board, and will probably be discharged from the Army or re-Classified.

Norace Jagan Capt R.A.M.C.(T)

NEWFOUNDLAND.

CLAIM FOR PENSION

PENSION No. 37

EUROPEAN WAR.

NOTICE:—This Certificate is to be completed and returned IMMEDIATELY you receive it or payment of your pension will be delayed.

Name in full

I hereby solemnly declare that my name is William Gas Somerton and that I was

Fill in rank and force

a (rank) Private (1st. Nfld. Reg.) in (R.N.R.)

and that I am entitled to a Pension from the Colony of Newfoundland

Fill in place giving full postal address

I am residing at (Street and number) Waterford Hall

Town of St John's

and request my next pension cheque be sent to this address.

William Gas Somerton SIGNATURE or mark of Pensioner.

Witness Mrs. Cochrane

It is only during the months January and July that the following certificate MUST be completed.

This is to certify that the foregoing declaration and signature (or mark) were

made by the above named pensioner in my presence this 2nd. day

day of July 1917 and I believe

him to be the person he represents himself to be.

To be signed by a Police, Magistrate or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace, or Clergyman,

J. Edgar Signature.

Magister Comales Rank or position.

Waterford Bridge Rd Postal Address.

Add any Remarks

\$ _____



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 *William Summerton*

aged *Twenty years* conducted at *Bell Island*

Date: *Aug. 27* Recruiting Officer: *B. H. Nowell*

NO. OF TEST	FINDING
1	<i>No</i>
2	<i>No</i>
3	<i>Had Rheumatic Fever five years ago</i> <i>n.</i>
4	<i>Had bone of right small toe crushed</i> <i>n.</i>
5	<i>No</i>
6	<i>No</i>
7	<i>Yes</i>
8	<i>Yes</i>
9	<i>I have a bad pain back. Cannot sit up straight long.</i> <i>n.</i>
10	
11	<i>Normal Foreign Service</i>
12	<i>Normal</i>
13	<i>one tooth extracted</i>
14	<i>Normal</i>
15	<i>"</i>
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32	<i>"</i>
33	<i>No</i>
34	<i>5 ft 8 inches</i>
35	<i>125 lbs</i>
36	<i>Inspiration 30 Expiration 33 126 lbs.</i>
37	<i>Forty five dollars per month</i>
38	<i>Forty five dollars per month</i>
39	<i>Richard Summerton</i>
	<i>There isn't any person depending on me for support.</i>

Ful No 5

Signature of Medical Examiner:

W. R. [Signature] M. D.
Henry Macpherson M. D.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.


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Forms
B. 121.
29.

Number of Sheet 1

Regiment of Newfoundland

Signature of O. C. Company H. J. Carby

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay	
No.	<u>265</u>	<u>Sawerton, J.</u>	Age on <u>20</u> years <u></u> months	<u>Surveyor</u>		
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	<u>29/14</u>	Religion		
Joined	Date	Period of	{with Colours <u>1 1/2</u> years. {with Reserve <u>3 1/2</u> years.	Place of Birth		
Joined	Date			<u>bell Island</u>		

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>Stots Camp</u>	<u>20/15</u>	<u>Pte.</u>		<u>Failing to report for Fatigue 2nd Lt. Steele duty when warned Cpl. Nugent.</u>	<u>Cpl. Nugent.</u>	<u>3 days c.c.</u>	<u>21/15</u>	<u>Lieut. Raley</u>	<u>J. B. T. F. 2nd Lt.</u>
				<u>Discharged St. John's Med. Unfit 24/1/17.</u>					

To be carried over

Army Form B. 121.

2/1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Pte Tomerton William James

No. *265* is unlikely to be fit for Service with the

Expeditionary Force for *Six* months, on account of

G.S.W. Left India

G.S.W. Xii

I recommend that he be posted to the Depôt at St. John's,
Newfoundland.

Total Incapacity
4
4

W. S. M. O.

Capt. R.A.M.C. M.O.,

I/C. 2/1st Newfoundland Regt.

AYR. 21/12/16

Admitted 5 7 16

Army Form W. 3202.

ONLY FOR USE IN THE CASE OF SOLDIERS RETURNED FROM AN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, OR FROM GARRISONS ABROAD.

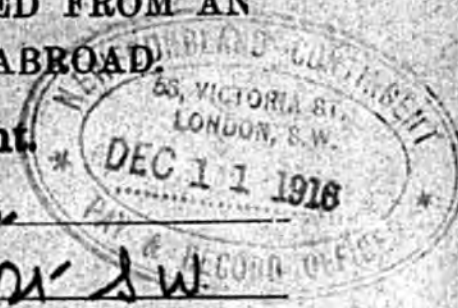
Duplicate SENT TO Infld Comd Regiment.

*The Officer Commanding Infld Comd Coy.

The Officer in Charge of Records 58 Victoria St SW

The Regimental Paymaster 58 Victoria St O.W.

Dated 22.12.16



With reference to No. 265. Plt Somerton W.J of the above Regiment, who appeared before a Medical Board and was approved by the D.D.M.S., London Command, on the 8 12 16 for discharge from the Service as permanently unfit, please note that this man has been sent to his home on warrant with orders to await instructions as to his final discharge; he has been given £1 (one pound) advance and a suit of plain clothes.

He proceeded to 58 Victoria St SW. on [date] 9. Dec



Norae Jagan Capt. R.A.M.C.(F) Officer Commanding Registrar, R.A.M.C.I. Hospital.

Place Wandsworth 3rd London General Hospital, WANDSWORTH, S.W.

Date 9/12/16

* In case of Territorial Force "Officer Commanding the Administrative Centre." Four copies to be made, and one copy sent to each Officer mentioned above, and one copy filed in the Office.

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16.92-191 75,000 1/16

Forms/W. 3201 (1/16)
Army Form W. 3201
(In pads of 50)



ONLY FOR USE IN THE CASE OF SOLDIERS RETURNED FROM AN
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, OR FROM GARRISONS ABROAD.

1st W. Field. (Regiment).

No. 265, Rank Pte, Name Somerton.

is discharged from Hospital with orders to proceed to ~~his home~~

(Address 59 Victoria St.)

S.W.

and there await further instructions as to his discharge from the
Service.

Place Wandsworth

Officer Commanding,

Norval Logan Capt. R.A.M.C.(F)

Registrar, R.A.M.C.T.,
General Hospital,

Date 9/12/16

3rd London General Hospital,
WANDSWORTH

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

To Copy for H.O. file

Date..... Ottawa 4, Ont.
Oct. 4, 1967.

Attention of

NAME ~~WOMERTON~~ William J.

SERVICE 265 ROY. NFID C.P.C. No. 260818
NUMBER REGT. WW1 W.V.A. No.

NAVY
ARMY
R.C.A.F.

The DEPARTMENT has received information from

.....~~S.P.M.E./C.P.C. Sir Humphrey Gilbert Bldg., Duckworth St., St. John's, NFID~~.....
(State authority and source of information of death) Sept. 28, 1967.

regarding the death of the above mentioned veteran.

Particulars are as follows:

Date of Death.....Sept. 25, 1967......
Cause of Death.....
Place of Death.....Veterans Pavilion......

Name and Address of next of kin (if known).....

Copies to: W.S.R.
V. I.
~~PAIX~~
~~DOX~~
H.O.

} Destroy form if advice of death already received.

W.B. Carron

for
Chief, Central Registry

Information to be obtained from a Soldier (Regular or Territorial) whom it is proposed to discharge or to transfer to the Reserve Section W or W(T) in substitution for a man fit for General Service.

No. 265

Rank Pte

Name (surname first) Somerton William James

Regiment 1st Newfoundland



1. State what special qualifications you have for employment in civil life.

I hold a second class firemans papers, & had 15 months experience in the General Store of the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company.

COPY SENT TO	
<i>[Signature]</i>	
<i>[Signature]</i>	
MEMORANDUM No.	
Dated	<i>22.12.16</i>

2. State the name and address of your last, or any other employer before enlistment, etc., the nature of employment and how long you were employed?

I worked about 2 years with Mr J. Cavannah, 40 Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Coy, Bell Island, Newfoundland, in the Mining Survey Department.

3. What is the nature and locality of the employment you desire?

I will accept any situation, where too much walking or standing is not required. ^{that I am able to fill.}

4. What is the name of your Approved Society? Loyal Orange Association

5. Have you been employed whilst with the Colours? If so, in what capacity?

I was employed mining.

Date Dec 8th/16

Signature William Jas Somerton

NOTE—This Army Form will be given to all patients in Hospital to complete who are suffering from a disability sufficiently serious to make discharge probable. In the event of the man being brought before a Medical Board for discharge, this Army Form will be produced to the Board, together with other documents laid down in para. 4 (ii), item 3, of Army Council Instruction No. of 1916.

When the soldier who is to be brought before a Medical Board is not a patient in Hospital, and in substitution cases, these instructions will be carried out by the man's C.O.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's, Nfld.

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JUN 23
1921

June 15th., 1921, 1917.

The accompanying King's Certificate, on his discharge,

(No. 152), is forwarded herewith to

Private William J. Somerton

in respect of his service as No. 865 Rank Pvte.

Name Wm J. Somerton Corps Royal Nfld. Regt

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received King's Certificate *H.G.*

Signature W.J. Somerton

Date June 21st / 21

Address Wabana Mines B.I.

1961

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

SEP 23 1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**

is/are forwarded herewith to

William J. Somerton

in respect of his service as No. 265 Rank Pte.

Name W.J. Somerton Royal Nfld. Regt.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory medal & British War medal

Signature William J. Somerton

Date October 13th /21

Address Wabana Minus. B.I. P.O. Box 78

[P.T.O.]

Wabana Mines
Bell Island
October 3rd/21

Officer in Charge Records

Dear Sir:-

OK
Enclosed please
find medals forwarded to me
by mistake, the medals are those
belonging to 1256 Sgt F. H. Somerton.
They came addressed to me, with
my No, Rank & name complete
Consequently I didn't discover the
mistake until I opened the letter.
Please forward my medals as
soon as possible if still at your office

Yours Truly
W J Somerton

^{Es}
No 265 - Pte W J Somerton
Wabana Mines B.I.

P.O. Box 78



Magistrate's Office.

Trinity

3 Oct

1921

To the Officer in Charge of Records
Militia Department
St Johns

Sir,

The Medals contained in Envelope addressed
to my son Frank Somerset belong to W. J. Somerset
of Bell Island C. B. The chances are that
Frank's Medals have been sent to him.
I enclose receipts for the other three and
return Medals belonging to W. J. Somerset.
Yours truly
F. Somerset

P.S. When Frank's Medals turn up, you can
send them to me,
F.S.

RECEIPT.

C.R. 265

FOR ISSUE OF RIBBAND OF VICTORY MEDAL/1914-1919.

I certify that I have received an issue of 2 inches
of Riband of British Victory Medal-1914-1919.

NO. 265 NAME W. J. Somerton
DATE Jan'y 5th/20
PLACE Bell Island

265 Receipt for Army Book 64
No. Name W. J. Somerton

To certify that I have received the AB 64 of the above
named soldier.

Date July 24th 1920 Name W. J. Somerton
Place Wabunan Mines B.I.

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

RECEIPT.

C.R. 265

I hereby certify that I have received the 1914-1915

STAR.

No 265 Name W. J. Somerton

Witness A. Proudfoot

Date Dec 13/19

Place Wabash Mines.

R.C.R. 265

RECEIPT FOR ISSUE OF
RIBAND OF BRITISH WAR MEDAL 1914-1919

I certify that I have received a issue of 3 inches
of Riband of British War Medal-1914-1919.

NAME *W. J. Somerton*

(Date) *Nov 18th / 19*

(Place) *Bell Island*

C.R. 265

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL COMPANY, LIMITED

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL

Wabana Mines
Bell Island
Dec 6th/19

Lt. Col. W. F. Rendell
Dear Sir:-

I beg to make application for the 1914 & 1915 Star for Soldiers who served in the Dardanelles in 1915, I went to the Dardanelles with the Newfoundland Regiment in Sept 1915 & was wounded there in Oct (1915) so I think I am entitled to the Star.

Yours Sincerely
W J Somerton

No 265 Pte W J Somerton
A Co 1st Newfoundland Regt.

Records
for attention
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Sent - J.

C.R. 265

RECEIPT FOR ISSUE OF
RIBAND OF 1914-15 STAR.

I certify that I have received an issue
of 3 inches of Riband of 1914-15 Star.

265 Name *William Somerton*.....

Date *March 28th / 19*.....
Place *Bell Island*.....

Please sign, and return to Dept. of Militia.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

C.R. 265

St. John's,

March 13th, 1919.

Riband of 1914-15 Star.

Please complete the following claim and return it to this Department. If possible, call at Room No.3 for your issue.

H. A. Readell
Chief Staff Officer.

CLAIM FOR ISSUE OF RIBAND
of 1914-15 STAR.

Department of Militia,
St. John's.

I hereby make claim for issue of Riband of 1914-15 Star.

I certify that I am entitled to this issue, having served on* *Gallipoli.*

from *September 19th* 1915 to *Oct 19th* 1915.

(Date) *March 23/19* (No) *265* (Rank) *Pte.* (Name) *William J. Sonneton*
(Place) *W. Abana Mines. Bell Island*

* Fill in theatre of war where you served in Gallipoli, Mudros, Lemnos, or Western ~~Frontier~~ Frontier.

Riband posted March 26/1919

Wabana Mines
Bell Island
March 23rd/19

C.R. 265

Major W F Rendell
Dear Sir

Re your form for Riband
of 1914, & 1915 Star I am filling in
form & sending it on to you, I would
be much obliged if you would send
me the Riband as I dont expect to
be in town for at least two or three
months. I am

Yours Truly
Dom Gas Somerton

No 265. Pte Dom Gas Somerton

C.R. 265

Extract from list of men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment discharged on various dates.

#265 Pte. Wm. J. Somerton, discharged Jan. 24th 1917,
Medically unfit

C.R. 265

Extract from Roll, of Officers N. C.O's and
men Discharged from the Royal Newfoundland
Regiment.

<u>Regt.</u>	<u>rank</u>	<u>name</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>reason.</u>
265	Pte.	Somerton Wm. J	22/1/17	Med. Unfit

C.R.

268

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal
Hfld. Regt., St. John's, Jan. 11th, 1917.

265 Pte. W. Somerton.

Discharged from Jan. 11th, 1917 as Med. Unfit.

C.R.

265

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Unit The Royal
Field Regt., St. John's, Jan. 9th, 1917.

265 Pte. W. Somerton.

This man returned by S.S. Scotlan" and attached to the
Strength from Jan. 6th, 1917.

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CASUALTIES.

FOR DISCHARGE

265, PTE. J. SOMERTON reports at the Record Office,
ex 3rd London General Hospital, and is
transferred to the Depot for DISPOSAL AND
REPATRIATION.

Pay & Record Office,
9th December 1916.



C.R. 265

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated July 31, 1916.

(Extract from Army Form B.213, from O.C. 1st Nfld. Regt.
dated 11/8/16.)

#265 Pte. W. Somerton. ✓

Wounded in Action 1/7/16.

C.R. 265

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated July 12, 1916.

#265 Pte. W. Somerton. ✓

Gunshot wound Leg. .

Admitted and Trans. to England ex 1st General Hospital

3rd July 1916.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated

July 8, 1916.

To

Mr. R. J. Semertich,

Bell Island.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,

London, officially reports **No. 265, Private William James Semertich, is dangerously ill at the Third London General Hospital, Wandsworth.**

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

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

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CASUALTIES.

O.C. 3rd. London General Hospital reports 7/7/18:-

DANGEROUSLY ILL. GUN SHOT WOUND OF LEGS:-

265, . . Somerton, . . Private Wm.

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Authority:- Army Form A.21a. from M.O.1/c 3rd.Ldn.Gen.Hosp.
received 8/7/18.

C.R. 265

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Signature of Sender _____ Address _____

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated July 7, 1916.

To Mr. Semerton,

Bell Island.

Regret to inform you No. 265, Private William J. Semerton, reported Wandsworth Hospital wounded legs, not serious.

J.R. BENNETT

Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 2651

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record
Office, London dated July 6, 1916.

#265 Pte. W. Somerton. ✓

Gunshot wound legs.

Admitted 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth
dated July 5, 1916.

C.R. 265

Extract from Casualties received from Pay & Record
Office, London, ~~Aug~~ July 5th, 1916.

Admitted to 3rd London General Hospital. July 5th.

265 Pte. Somerton, W.

G.S.W. Legs,

C.R. 265

Copy of Cablegram to Governor St. John's Nfld.
from P.&R.O. ~~67~~/16.

265, Somerton. ✓

At Wandsworth Gunshot Wound Legs.

C.R. 265-

Extract from Casualties...List No.H.A. 582

265 Pte. W. Somerton.

GSW Leg. Adm & Trans. ex 1 Gen H. 3rd July'161

1/RPLD.R.

MAR 28 1916

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that additional information has to-day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that

No. 265, Private William J. Somerton, who was previously reported at Alexandria, January 17th, suffering from a slight attack of conjunctivitis, was discharged to duty January 30th.

This information has been received by mail.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. R. J. Somerton,
Bell Island.

MAR 21 1916

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that additional information has to-day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that

No. 265, Private William J. Somerton, who was previously reported at Cairo, October 21st, suffering from bullet wounds in the legs, was admitted to the 17th General Hospital, Alexandria, January 17th, suffering from conjunctivitis - slight.

This information has been received by mail.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. J. Somerton,
Bell Island.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 265

SICK AND WOUNDED N.C.Os. AND MEN OF THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE - MEDITERRANEAN.

TERRITORIAL FORCE LONDON RECORD OFFICE.

LIST NO. H. 5762.

3386	Pte. Garvey P.	10/London R.	Pneumonia..... <u>DIED</u> in 17 GH.Alexandria 24th Jan.16.
399	Dmr. Carter F.A.	1/10 London R.	Synovitis Knee Sl..Adm.17 GH.Alexandria 24th Jan.16.
3219	Pte. Collins F.	-do-	Weak Ankles Sl. -do-
3162	,, White H.A.E.	-do-	Myalgia & Frequency of Micturition Sl. -do-
3090	,, Hopkins J.	1/11 Lond.R.	Cellulitis hand Sl. -do-
2485	,, Phelps E.	2/1 Lond.R.	Mumps Sl. -do-
1553	,, Wastell E.	10/Lond.R.	Wound L.Foot.....Dis.to Duty ex 17 GH.Alexandria 24th Jan.16.
5131	QMS. Gavin A.	2/2 Lond.R. (R.Fusers)	Dyspepsia Sl.....Adm.17 GH.Alexandria 26th Jan.16.
3301	Pte. Mullingor R.	1/11 Lond.R.	NYD.Fever Sl. -do-
2878	Bgr. Egan C.J.	-do-	Bronchitis Sl. -do-
3618	L/C. Bartlett J.	1/10 Lond.R.	Keratitis Sl. -do-
2667	Pte. Henbury L.	1/10 London R.	Pneumonia <u>DANGEROUS</u> .Adm.17 Gh.Alexandria 29th Jan.16.
2094	,, Bradshaw W.	-do-	Coryza Sl. -do-
978	,, Prince A.	-do-	Scald Foot.Sl. -do-
1579	L/C. Tibbits G.T.	1/11 Lond.R.	D.A.H.? Sl. -do-
2669	Pte. Hollyman W.	1/11 Lond.R.	Bunions Sl. -do-
2714	Cpl. Parfitt E.	-do-	Coryza.Sl. -do-
3031	Pte. Wright W.A.	1/10 Lond.R.	Diarrhoea &Adm.17 GH.Alexandria 30th Jan.16. Impetigo Sl.
4247	,, Rance A.	1/11 Lond.R.	Pleurisy.Sl. -do-
3316	,, Hunt J.	1/10 Lond.R.	Deafness Sl. -do-
1256	,, Clarke C.	-do-	Otitis Media Sl. -do-
1250	,, Hodge J.C.	2/3 Lond.R.	Psoriasis.....Dis.to Duty ex 17 GH.Alexandria 30th Jan.16.



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RIFLE BRIGADE T.F. (RECORD OFFICE LONDON)

LIST NO.H.5762.

935 Pte. Thomas W. 22/Rifle Bde. Broncho Pneumonia..DIED in 17 GH.Alexandria 24th Jan.16.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

LIST NO. H. 5762.

265 Pte. Somerton W. 1/Newfoundland. Conjunctivitis....Dis.to Duty ex 17 GH.Alexandria 30th Jan.16.

C.R. 265

Extract from War Office List No.H. 5481.

265 Pte, Somerton,

1st, Nfld. R. Conjunctivitis Slight, Adm. to 17 G.H.

Alexandria 17th, Jan. 1916.

REVENUE BOND

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—November 24, 1915

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that additional information has to-day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that No. 265, Private William James Somerton, who was previously reported suffering from bullet wounds in the legs, is now reported at the Fifth Canadian Hospital, Cairo, on the 21st October.

This information has been received by mail.

Yours faithfully,

J. R. Bennett

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. R. J. Somerton,
Bell Island.

C.R. 265

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&R.O.

Nov. 18th. 1915.

265, Pte N. J. Somerton. ✓

Severe G.S.W. both Legs. 5th. Can. Hosp. Cairo.

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~~November 16.~~ 195

Dear Sir.

I beg to inform you that additional information has to-day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that

the injuries sustained by No. 265, Private William James Somerton, of which you have already been notified, consist of bullet wounds in the legs.

I trust that news of his convalescence will soon be received.

Yours faithfully,

J. R. Bennett

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. R. J. Somerton,
Bell Island.

November 13, 1918.

Synoptical,
London.

Wire immediately where died 912 Colombe; particulars and
address 990 Taylor; 1207 Thistle; 265 Somerton; 616 Martin.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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C.R. 265-

Extract of Sick and Wounded N.O.C. and Men of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, No: H. 2931, dated Nov. 10th. 1915.

265 Pte. W. Somerton

1 Newfoundland..... B.W. Legs.. Amn. b. Unit. S.H. Abbasia
21 Oct. 1915.

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M
November 10, 1915.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, asking for further particulars regarding No. 265, Private William James Somerton, I beg to say that we have no further information at present.

Capt. Timewell, of the Newfoundland Record Office, London, has been instructed to furnish full information as soon as possible. Upon receipt of same I shall immediately notify you.

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

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Richard J. Somerton, Esq.
Wabana Lines,
Bell Island.

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Dated **November 8, 1915.**To **Mr. Somerton,
Bell Island.**

Beg to inform you that Record Office, London, today reports that 265 Private William James Somerton who was previously reported wounded severely, is now progressing favourably.

J. R. BENNETT,**Colonial Secretary.**

Halifax Nova Scotia
November 7/15

Hon. John R. Bennett
Colonial Secretary
St. Johns

Dear Sir:

I would like to find out
at which hospital, and how serious are the wounds
of #265 Private W^m James Someston, of the 4th Nova
Newfoundland contingent, wounded in active service at
Bordenelles.

We received your message of the 26th ult. informing
us of him being wounded, and his mother is quite
anxious to find out if he is improving, and to what
extent he was wounded.

If you can arrange to get me the information
ask for, I would be ever so much obliged, and
will defray expense of messages immediately
upon receipt of bill for same.

Yours. Very Respectfully
Richard J. Someston

C.R. 265

Extract of Telephone Message from British Red Cross Society, November 5th.
1915.

265 Pte. Somerton

Progressing favourably.

C.R. 265

Copy of Cablegram to Governor St. John's Nfld.
from P. & R. O. November 5th. 1915.

265, Somerton. ✓

Progressing favourably.

C.R. 265'

Extract of information received from the Red Cross Society 2-11-15
per Newfoundland War Contingents Association.

265 W. Somerton

Gunshot wound both legs 5th Canadian Hosp. 21-10-15.

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&.R.O.
November 2nd. 1915.

265, W Somerton. ✓

Information received from the Red Cross Society 2.11.15.
per Nfld. War Contingents Association.

Gunshot Wound Both Legs 5th Canadian Hospital 21.10.15.

C.R. 265-

Extract from List of Casualties to Oct. 31st. 1915
WOUNDED.

#265 PTE. N. J. SOMERTON

G.S.W. BOTH LEGS.

5th., CAN. HOSP. CAIRO.
BC.

C.R.

265

Extract from Casualties received from P & R Office, London,
Oct. 30th, 1915.

265 Pte. Somerton, W.

G.S.W. Both Legs serious. 17-10-15.

C.R. 265

Extract of Mediterranean Force casualties, NO: M. 10816, dated Oct.
26th. 1915.

Third ~~Division~~ Echelon, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, Alexandria
telegraphs 23rd. October, 1915. (M.F.C. 33176. Received 24th. October, 1955.)

Severely Wounded: No date given.

265 pte. W. Somerton.

Newfoundland Regiment.

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COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated **October 26, 1915.**

To **Mr. Somerton,**
Bell Island.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
London, officially reports **No. 265 Private**
William James Somerton has been severely wounded.

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

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 265

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Extract from Nominal Roll of 160. 1st Bn. Nfld. Regt.
Embarked at Devonport for Active Service 20-8-15.

265 Pte. W. Somerton.

Disembarked Alexandria, 31-8-15. Proceeded to Abbassia,
Cairo, same date. Embarked Alexandria for Gallipoli
13-9-15.

C.R. 265

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's per S.S.

"Florizel" Oct. 4, 1914.

265 Somerton Wm. Jas.

C.R.

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WM. JAS. SOMERTON was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on SEPT. 2nd. 1914.
Regimental No. 265 was allotted to Pte W. J. SOMERTON.

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.