

SPRUNG, Cuthbert Laurance

Born 22 June, 1887, Somerville Twp. Methodist. Died 1945 and buried in Norland Pine Grove. Served WW1 Sapper 726106, 109th Overseas Bttn., also 4 yrs 45th Militia Reg't.



1901 Victoria North census
Somerville Twp (N-3 p11 line
121) Cuthbert was age 13, adopted
son of Isaac Allison Sprung bn 1
Oct 1833 and Elizabeth Ann born
18 Sept 1842. No other family
listed.

Enlisted
Jan 25 - 1916

ATTESTATION PAPER. No. 726106
109th OVERSEAS BATTALION, C. E. F.
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. Folio. **DUPLICATE**

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.
(ANSWERS).

1. What is your surname? *Sprung*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *Cuthbert*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Norland*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Dep Somerville, Co. Victoria*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Mrs S. Bentley*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Norland*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Aunt*
5. What is the date of your birth? *June 22nd 1887*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Farmer*
7. Are you married? *No*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? *Yes*
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *No*
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? *4 years 45th Regt*
If so state particulars of that service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *Yes*

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

Cuthbert Sprung do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date: *Jan 3rd 1916* *Cuthbert Sprung* (Signature of Recruit)
A. W. Gray (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

Cuthbert Sprung 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, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date: *Jan 3rd 1916* *Cuthbert Sprung* (Signature of Recruit)
A. W. Gray (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

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 *C. Aberson* this *31st* day of *January* 1916.

C. Aberson (Signature of Justice)

M. F. W. 29
300 M-9-15
N. O. 1972-29-511

Description of Buthbert Sprung on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 29 years months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.

Height 5 ft. 10 ins.

Chart chest under back back
 Girth when fully expanded 36 1/2 ins.
 Range of expansion 4 1/2 ins.

Complexion fair

Eyes blue

Hair brown

Religious denominations
 Church of England
 Presbyterian
 Methodist Methodist
 Baptist or Congregationalist
 Roman Catholic
 Jewish
 Other Denominations
(Specification to be stated)

Scar on top of right foot about top of big toe 2 inches in length

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and decides that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force.

Date JAN 31 1916 1916

Place Calabar

J. W. C. Mack Medics Officer
 109th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

Note:—Should the Medical Officer consider the recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Buthbert Sprung having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of the Attestation.

Date FEB 7 1916 1916
J. W. C. Mack Lt. Col. (Signature of Officer)
 O. C. 109th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.

Isaac Sprung married Elizabeth Ann Courtemanch in May 1861. Both of these families lived in Laxton Twp. near Norland.

They moved to a farm on what was then called the Monck Road about 1 to 1.5 miles east of Norland in Somerville Twp. Isaac built a 2 story house that still stands – home of Hilda Chynoweth & family.

The Sprung's first child was born 6 December 1864 and named Frances Alberta Sprung. Frances Alberta soon grew up and evidently liked men as a teenager! She had 2 children out-of-wedlock. One died young. The other, a boy, was raised by her parents. His name was Cuthbert Sprung.

Frances Alberta left home and wound up in Ragged Rapids – a boom-town lumbering settlement in Dalton Twp. near Victoria Falls on the Black River – about 1890.

There, she met and married (?) John Cooper. No marriage certificate has ever been found. She does not appear on the 1891 census. She gave birth to Eliza Ann, 8 May 1891. John Cooper was listed at home with his parents!

Nevertheless, Frances A. lived with John Cooper for the rest of their lives and had 7 children.