

Recruiting Sargeant

Great Big Sea

1. Two recruiting sargeants came to the CLP
For the sons of the merchants to join the blue fatigues
So all hands enlisted, 500 young men
Enlist you Newfoundlanders and come follow me

2. They crossed the broad Atlantic in the brave Florazel
On the sands of Suva, they entered into hell
And on those bloody beaches the first of them fell
Enlist you Newfoundlanders and come follow me

R: So it's over the mountains and over the sea
Come brave Newfoundlanders and join the blue fatigues
We'll fight the Hun in Flanders and at Gallipoli
Enlist you Newfoundlanders and come follow me

3. The call came from London for the last July drive
Have the trenches with the regiments prepare themselves to die
The roll call next morning, just handful survived
Enlist you Newfoundlanders and come follow me

R: So it's over...

4. The stone and the water streaks still cry for the day
When the pride of the city went marching away
A thousand men slaughtered to hear the King say
Enlist you Newfoundlanders and come follow me

R: So it's over... (2x)