

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No.

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your name?..... Ernest C Templeton
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born?..... Abbeyfeix, Limerick County, Ireland
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?..... (Father) James P Templeton
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?..... Donagh County, Limerick Ireland
5. What is the date of your birth?..... 8 Aug 1890
6. What is your Trade or Calling?..... Banker
7. Are you married?..... No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?..... Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?..... No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?.. If so, state particulars of former Service. 60th Rifles
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

Ernest C Templeton (Signature of Man).
 J. M. M. (Signature of Witness).

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Ernest C Templeton, 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 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: Sept 23 1914. Ernest C Templeton (Signature of Recruit)
 J. M. M. (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Ernest C Templeton, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as my 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: Sept 23 1914. Ernest C Templeton (Signature of Recruit)
 J. M. M. (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 Worcester this 23 day of Sept 1914.

J. M. M. (Signature of Justice)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

J. M. M. (Approving Officer)

F Coy. 60th

Description of Ernest G Templeton on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 24 years 1 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. 5 1/2 ins.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36 ins.
Range of expansion 3 ins.

body covered mole

Complexion Fair

Eyes gray

Hair Light Brown

Religious denominations. { Church of England ✓
Presbyterian
Wesleyan
Baptist or Congregationalist
Other Protestants
(Denomination to be stated.)
Roman Catholic
Jewish

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 he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him* Fit for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date Sept 20 1914.

Place Valcartier

W. P. Dillon Major M.C.
Medical Officer.

*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.

Ernest G Templeton 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 this Attestation.

Chas. [Signature] (Signature of Officer)

Date 23 Sept 1914.

[Signature] Lt. Col.
O.C. 11th Batt

REGIMENTAL DOCUMENTS

NAME *Templeton, Ernest G.*

REGT. NO. *21666*

UNIT *11th Bn*

H. Q. FILE NO.

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DATE RECEIVED

TO WHOM FORWARDED

DATE FORWARDED

M. F. W. 2505
REFERENCE

NON-EFFECTIVE BY

DEATH

Category

DISCHARGE

Category

DESERTION

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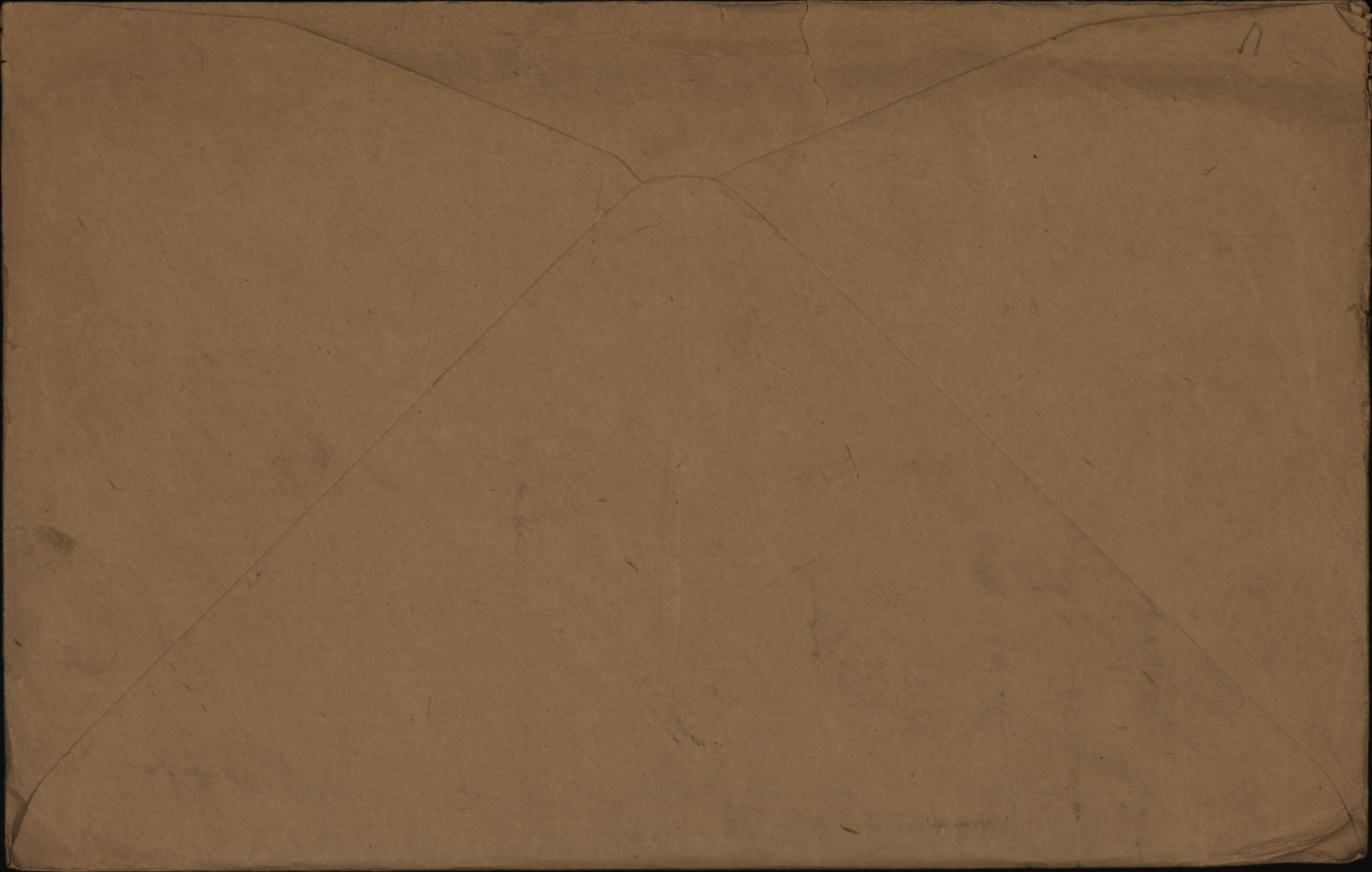
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CARD NO.

SURNAME.

Templeton

CHRISTIAN NAMES

*Ernest C.**D.*

FOLL.

ASH

REGL. No.

21666-

RANK

Pte.

UNIT

*~~11th~~ 5th**Bn.*

FORMER CORPS

60th Rifles

NEXT OF KIN.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAMES IN FULL

Templeton, James B.

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER

Father

ADDRESS

Omagh Co., Tyrone, Ire.

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Ireland

DATE

Abbeyleix, Queens Co. Aug 8th 1890.

PLACE OF ATTESTATION

Valcartier, Y. Q.

DATE

*Sept. 23rd 1914**Trans Co 5th Bath. 31-1-15 Auth**Pt II Orders,*

L. L. 10437. M. & D. 7253.

of 7/10/14 ⁴/₁₅

M. F. W. 22. 100M.—11-16. H. Q. 1772-39-339.

From Quebec per

S.S. Royal Edward 4-10-14

MARRIED

SINGLE

WIDOWER

TRADE OR CALLING

Banker

RELIGION

Yes
Church of England

DESCRIPTION.

APPARENT AGE

24

YEARS

1

MONTHS

HEIGHT

5

FEET

5 1/2

INCHES

CHEST MEASUREMENT

36

INCHES

EXPANSION

3

INCHES

COMPLEXION

Fair

EYES

Grey

HAIR

L. Brown

DISTINGUISHING MARKS

Body covered with moles.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

PLACE

Valcartier, P.Q.

DATE

Sept 10th 1914

Present address. Not stated

REG'T'L. No. 21666

NAME

Templeton Ernest Co

H. Q. FILE NO. 649

RANK AND CORPS

Pte 5th Bn (Form 11th Bn)

FOLLOWS NO.

CABLE

NO.

DATE

NATURE OF CASUALTY

FOLLOWS

M5546 8-6-17
27B 20/9a
Rec'd 31-8-17

Accidentally killed May 25/17
" " " " "

LIST NO

HOSPITAL

DATE OF
ADMISSION

REMARKS

A672

Rep. from Base

25.5.17

Accidentally Killed

No. 21666

RANK

Private

NAME

Templeton. E. C.

T. O. S.

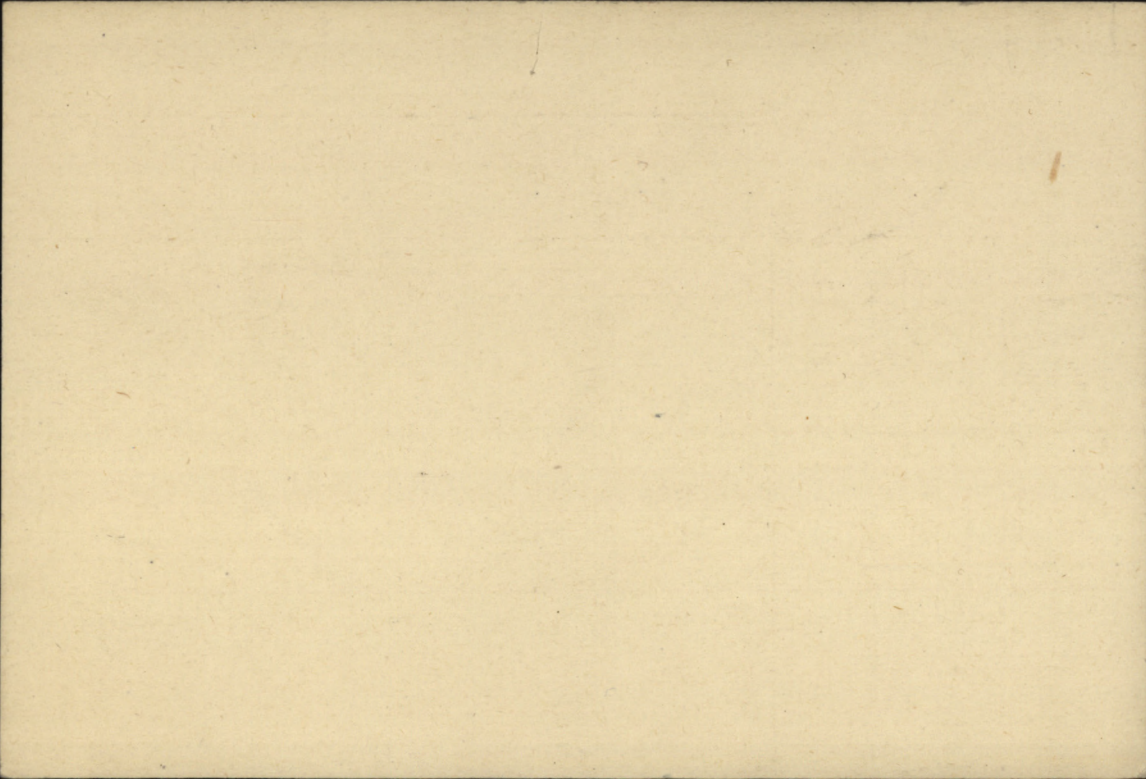
UNIT

60th Rifles of Canada
(1/8 Contingent.)

M. D. #10

			PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, ETC.	
PAID FROM	PAID TO	SIG. OR REC'T	PARTICULARS	AUTHORITY
1914	1914			
Aug. 12	Aug. 26	✓		
Aug. 27 th	Sept 21 st	✓	Now shown on 11 th Br ^y ^{paylist}	Sept paylist
Sept 22	Oct 31	✓		

UNIT SAILED
OCT 3 1914



Em: 638

Number..... 21666..... Rank..... Pte.....

Surname..... T. E. M. P. L. E. T. O. N.....

Christian Names..... Ernest C.....

Unit..... 5th Bn Con. Inf. Theatre of War..... France.....

Dates of Service..... 1915-1918..... "D"

Remarks.....

Latest Address; Rev. J. B. Templeton "Father"

Methodist Manse.....

Roll No. B.

Castlederg, Co. Tyrone
(Castlederg) Ireland

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Templeton ^{Ernest} Pte E.C. #21666 5 Bu T. 189
Name & Address of ex-tee

No. Will Eligible for 1914-15 Star Pte. 5th Bn. H. A. D. I.

(see next below) a party
entitled to M. & D.

MEDALS
&
DEC.

Name & Address of Next of Kin

Father Rev. J. B. Templeton
Methodist Manse, Callidery

69 45
P & S.

(Serial no. 754223) C. Tyrone Ireland

Name & Address of Female Next of Kin

Unmarried

Mother Mrs. Annie Kathleen Templeton
(same address)

C OF S.

Dep MAY 17 1920 67717.

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Scroll Desp. 27 1/2 Reqn. No. Z 2183

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Surname **Templeton** Christian Name or Names **E.C.** Reg. No. **21666**
 Rank **Pte** Unit **5th Bn** Co. Troop Batty.
 Hospital Date of Admission

Transferred

Hosp.

Hosp.

Hosp.

Hosp.

Diagnosis

(1) Later Diagnosis (if changed)

(2)

(3)

Additional Diagnosis: if more than one state present

Acc. Killed 25-5-17 ^o _✓

DISPOSITION

Date

~~C.I. 9-6-17~~ A672 R.F. Base.

REMARKS

A.M.D. 2 Dept.
Bch. of D.G.M.S. O.M.F.C. London

EPITOME OF HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

Hospital

Adm.

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FROM:- OFFICER I/C R.11.

TO:- OFFICER I/C R.111.

REPORT OF ACCIDENTAL OR SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS.

(Extract from (A.F.W.3428) dated
(Pro Forma 16

1. Number, Rank, Name, & Unit. *2166 Cpl Templeton J.C.
5th Batta*
2. Date of Casualty. *25-5-17*
3. Location, Nature, and Severity of Wounds. *Killed*
4. Whether likely to render unfit for further service. *—*
5. Particulars as to how, and by whom caused; giving the Rank, Name etc., of Witnesses of the accident, and if due to a grenade, detonator or bomb. *see back of form*
6. Whether the man is considered to blame. *no*
7. What action has been taken. *none stated*
8. Final classification as reported by Army H.Q. *Killed*
9. Casualty was reported as. *Killed*
10. Place and date of Court of Enquiry (if hold) *✓*

DATE. *22-10-17*.....

P. Pickering
For Officer i/c Records.2.

*no 4
no 7
no 4*

NOF. 23/10/17

paras

FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE

On May 25th a party of my men were
 moving live bombs under Lt. Welch, who
 was ^{Butler Bombing Officer} Officer, and Corporal
 Templeton who was ^{Butler Bombing No. 1} Butler Bombing No. 1
 A Mills No. 5 was thrown, & failed to
 explode. Corp. Templeton apparently
 thinking it was a light picked it
 up & commenced to walk back

The grenade exploded killing Corp.
 Templeton & wounding Lieut Welch &
 Pte Bickerton.

6. Whether the man is considered to have

7. What action has been taken

8. Final classification as reported by Army E.C.

9. Casualty was reported as

10. Place and date of Court of Inquiry; if held

For Officer in Charge

DATE

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps

11th Battalion C.I.F.

Regimental No.

21666

Rank

Plt

Name

Ernest B. Templeton

Enlisted (a)

Sep 23

Terms of Service (a)

One Year

Service reckons from (a)

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

Extended

Re-engaged

Qualification (b)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B, 213, Army Form A, 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B, 213, Army Form A, 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Taken on 5 th Bn from	Larkstree	1 ² / ₁₅	B.O. 31. 1. 15
		11 th Bn			
13/11/15	Oc 5 th Bn	Arrived in France	St Nazaire	15/2/15	Oc 5 th Bn
		Granted 8 days leave	Field	10/11/15	B213
27/11/15	"	ret'd from leave	"	21/11/15	B213
8/3/16	Cannecras	see file 101/Inf/5/9 for change in name.			
27/5/16	Oc 5 th Bn	To Ague Gren. School	"	4/5/16	B213
19.8.16	"	Ret'd to Duty	"	12.8.16	B213.
9.9.16	"	To 2nd Bde Gren Sch. (Instructor-)	"	4.9.16	B213.
16.12.16	"	Granted 10 days leave to England	Field	12.12.16	B213. P.I. O. 96 d/29/12/16
30.12.16	"	Ret'd from leave	Field	28.12.16	"
12.5.17	"	Ret'd to Regt Duty	"	9.5.17	B213
16.5.17	"	Accidentally killed.	Field	25.5.17	B213 P. II. O. No. 67 d/4.6.17

LIEUT.
FOR LT COL.

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
11-6-17	GOC 1st Army	Killed accidentally	In the field	25 ⁵ /17	AGW 3428 d/11-6-17

C O P Y.

June 4th, 1917.

I was one of a party of 70 receiving bombing instruction under Lieut. Welch at HOUDAIN, on May 25th, 1917.

Each man was to throw one live bomb in turn. Whilst waiting my turn, I saw a bomb thrown which did not explode. Cpl. Templeton who was the Battalion Bombing N.C.O. waited a few seconds, and then went forward, looked at the bomb, and apparently satisfied that it was all right, picked it up, and walked back towards the point from which it was thrown.

When he had gone a few yards, the bomb exploded, killing Cpl. Templeton, and wounding Lieut. Welch and Pte. Bickerton. I believe that it was accidental, and no one was in any way to blame.

WITNESS. Pte. G.W.Claxton, 907394.

WITNESS. Pte. John O'Connell. 622951.

RB/

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C O P Y.

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Record File R.L.....

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D.A.A.G.

First Army.

No.999/19.

14-6-17.

FIRST ARMY "A".

Reference our Casualty Wire A.B.775, dated
25-5-17. also A.B.157, dated 11-6-17.

Herewith usual reports in duplicate and
statement of evidence regarding the accidental wounding of

Lieut. William Welch, 5th C. I., Bn.

No.907513, Pte. A.G.Bickerton, do.

and accidental death of

No.21666, Cpl.E.C.Templeton, do.

(Sgd) - A.C.Macdonell,

Brigadier-General,
Commanding 1st Canadian Division.

June 11th, 1917.

RB/

NAME TEMPLETON, Ernest C.

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Regimental No. 21666

Name and address of next-of-kin

Unit 5th Battalion

James B. Templeton (Father)

Date of enlistment Sept. 23rd, 1914

Omagh, Co. Tyrone,

Place of birth Ireland

Ireland

Married (yes or no) No

Date and place discharged 25-5-17
Accidentally Killed.

Amount of pay assigned monthly \$ nil

Reason for discharge Accidentally Killed.
29-6-17

To whom payable

Character on discharge



Entered on N.I. Card Index...
Checked by H. J. Lilloston

Date	PAY			Field Allowance			Other Credits	Total Credits	Voucher		Cash Payments	Assigned pay	Other Charges	Total Debits	Remarks, Casualties, etc.	
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Jan 1	Jan 31	31	100	3100	31	10	310	1700	5110		40555		330	4885	Forfeit 3 Days pay L.P.C. 31/15.	
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Statement of
OCT 8 1917
Account rendered

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Settled

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					557		5570	445		42124		330	42459	

Balance \$19258

21666 Pte Templeton E6

DATE	PAY		FIELD ALLOWANCE		WORKING OR SPECIAL PAY		ASSIGNED PAY CREDITS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL CREDITS	ACQUITTANCE ROLLS				CASH PAYMENTS				ASSIGNED PAY	OTHER CHARGES	TOTAL DEBITS	BALANCE		PAY WITHHELD OR DEFERRED	PAY AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE	REMARKS		
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Jan 31			34	10				34 10		2205 4/3	2335 21/3	1874 10 ²² 19/2		4 36	4 36	4 36				19 18	400 19						
Apr 30	10		33					33				79 5 ²² 15/4				4 36				4 36	428 53						
May 31			34	10				34 10	104 9/4					8 42		5 24				13 96	448 94						
June -			-					-	-	245 14/5				6 25						6 25	442 42						
Aug. 20/17								850	850												451 22	Checked					
Sept 18																					643 03	714 4408					
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a killed 25/5/17 CLAB42 9/6/17
 Trans B/L 30/1/17
 150/ Sub on Def Pay 30.11.17
 Dr 714 AR 297 to 5.5.17
 List 1 to 4/39 d 24/11/17
 CK 3993 d 12.2.18
 L 348 to 29/13

Rank and Name

TEMPLETON,

Ernest C.

42891

Regimental No.

21666

Name and Address of Next-of-kin

James B. Templeton, (Father)

Unit

11th Battalion

Date of enlistment

Sep. 23rd, 1914

Omagh, Co. Tyrone,

Place of birth

Ireland

Ireland.

Married (Yes or No)

No

Date and place of discharge

If in Permanent Force

Reason for discharge

Character on discharge

N/E. R.B. No. 3063

File R.L. 257.1384

Category D.O.C.

Promotions or appointments

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents
Date	From whom received				
2-2-15	C. 11 th Bn	Transf. to 5 th Batt.	Londahar.	31-1-15	P. 2 D.O.
19-6-15	W.O.	Adm ⁿ . No 1 Can ⁿ . Field Ambce Trans to Red Stn		29-5-15	bas. Rep. 86 sheet 2
20-11-15	"	Granted 8 days Leave of Abs. ^{Lumbago} Froued from		10-11-15	P. 2 D.O. 38.
27-11-15	S. A. G.	With Unit		21-11-15	R L 20.
4-6-17	5 th Bn	Accidentally Killed	Field	25.5.17	RTU 67 TC-LA 67249-6-17

REMARKS
Taken from Official Documents

Place of birth
Married (Yes or No)

If in Permanent Force

Promotions or appointments

Report

Date
From whom received

Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.

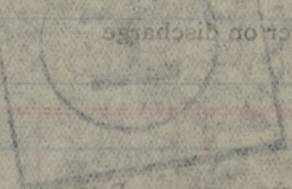
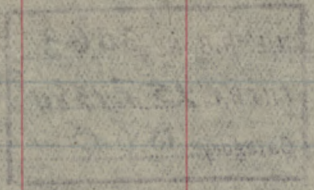
Place
Date

Name and Address of next of kin
Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.

Report

From whom received

Date



REMARKS
Taken from Official Documents

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REPORT ON ACCIDENTAL OR SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES.

To be rendered in accordance with instructions on the back of this form.

<p>1. Number, Rank, Name, and Unit of injured man. 21666 Cpl. Templeton, E.C. 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion.</p>	<p>Date of Casualty. 25th May, 1917.</p>
<p>2. Nature, Location, and Severity of injury. (N.B. Field Ambulance to be notified at once if wound is believed to be self-inflicted.) Killed.</p>	

3. Short statement of the circumstances of the case. (Signed statements of witnesses to be attached to this form.)

On May, 25th, a party of 70 men were throwing live grenades under Lt. Welch, who was Battalion Bombing Officer, and Cpl. Templeton, who was Battalion Bombing N.C.O.. A Mills No. 5 was thrown and failed to explode. Cpl. Templeton, apparently thinking it was all right, picked the grenade up, and commenced to walk back with it. The grenade exploded, killing Cpl. Templeton, and wounding Lieut. Welch and Pte. Bickerton.

4. Commanding Officer's opinion as to whether the man was:—

(a) In the performance of military duty, **YES**

(b) To blame, **NO**

(c) Whether any other person was to blame. **NO**

Date 6-6-17 **P. Tudor Major**
Commanding **5th Can Inf Bn**

5. (a) Opinion of G.O.C. Brigade.
(b) Disciplinary action taken or proposed, whether against injured man or another.

Date _____ **J. W. Lewis**
Commanding Brigade.

6. To FIRST Army "A."

Forwarded with reference to my Casualty Wire No. AB 775 dated 26-5-17
also AB 157 dated 11-6-17.

Date 11-6-17 Cmdg. A. G. Macdonell Brigadier-Gen'l
1st Canadian Division.

7. To D.A.G.,
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.

Forwarded for record. This casualty should be reported as _____

Date _____ Army.

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REPORT ON ACCIDENTAL OR SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES

To be rendered in accordance with instructions on the back of this form.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. These forms are to be completed in all cases of accidental or self-inflicted injuries, involving a soldier's absence from duty, whether due to the man's own act, or that of a comrade, or to other extraneous circumstances.

2. Where several casualties occur as the result of one accident, one form is to be completed for each Officer or other rank injured, but only one set of statements from the witnesses of the accident need be attached.

3. Full statements are to be taken by an Officer from the witnesses of the accident. These statements will be signed by the witnesses making them, and by the Officer who takes them, and will be forwarded with this Form. Where it is intended to take disciplinary action, copies of these statements should be retained by the Unit for use in lieu of a summary of evidence.

4. Where it is possible to obtain it, a statement from the injured man will also be forwarded. This, however, should not be used as evidence against him in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings.

Special Instructions as to Evidence in Cases of Self-Inflicted Wounds.

5. In these cases the statements mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above should bring out all material points, *e.g.*, statements to the effect that the witness was with the accused standing on the fire step (or sitting in a dug-out); that the accused was cleaning his rifle; position of safety catch, magazine, etc., if known; muzzle of rifle on toe of foot; hand on muzzle; that accused pulled trigger; that the rifle was afterwards examined and an empty cartridge case was found in chamber; that accused was seen to be wounded; what accused said ("I have shot myself," "I did not know it was loaded," etc.).

6. A soldier is specially trained in the safe use of his rifle and revolver, and evidence of any neglect of the ordinary precautions as to their handling in such cases usually has considerable bearing on the question of negligence. In cases of wilful self-wounding the fullest possible evidence should be obtained; unless the evidence is conclusive this charge should not be used. The charge will therefore usually be laid under Sec. 40 Army Act—"Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in wounding himself through negligently handling a rifle," and an alternative charge to this effect should be made, even if the accused is to be tried under Section 18 for wilful maiming.