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ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 808260.

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CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION. (ANSWERS.)

Canada 3 years

- 1. What is your surname? *Watson*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *William Robert*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Nightingale Alta Canada*
- 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Great Yarmouth Norfolk England*
- 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Mrs W. Watson*
- 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Hopton Great Yarmouth England*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Mother*
- 5. What is the date of your birth? *July 28th 1891*
- 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? *No*
If so, state particulars of former 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.

I, *William Robert Watson*, 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.

W. R. Watson (Signature of Recruit)

Date *January 22* 1916 *H. J. Robie* (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *William Robert Watson*, 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.

W. R. Watson (Signature of Recruit)

Date *January 22* 1916 *H. J. Robie* (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 *Calgary* this *22* day of *January* 1916

H. J. Robie (Signature of Justice)

Description of William Robert Watson on Enlistment.

Apparent Age.....25 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 1/4 ins.

Chest measurement. { Girth when fully expanded.....39 ins.
 Range of expansion.....3 ins.

Complexion.....Fair

Eyes.....Grey

Hair.....Light brown

Small scar in middle of forehead

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

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.....Jan 22nd.....1916.

Place.....Calgary.....

[Signature]
 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.

.....William Robert Watson.....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.

[Signature] (Signature of Officer)

Date.....January 24.....1916.

137th O. BN., C. E. F.

REGIMENTAL DOCUMENTS

NAME *Watson William Robert*

REGT. NO. *508260*

UNIT

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REG'TL. No. 808260.

NAME Watson William Robert.

H. Q. FILE NO. 649

RANK AND CORPS L/cpl. 31st Bn. Form 137th Bn.

FOLLOWS
NO.

FOLLOWS

CABLE

NO.	DATE	NATURE OF CASUALTY
¹⁻⁵ 5126	5-5-18	Adm 5 Fld Amb Apr 28 th 1918 "G.S.W. face"
⁶⁻⁶ H151	1-6-18	Rep. missing May 22nd 1918
¹⁵⁻⁴ H6327	19-9-18	Prev. rept. Miss now K. in action May 22 nd mod.

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NATURE OF CASUALTY

LIST No.	HOSPITAL	DATE OF ADMISSION	REMARKS
A204-1	#5 Can Fld Amb.	28-4-18	SW face Sgt.
A213-1	Disc. to Duty.	9-5-18	" " " "
A227-1	Rep. from Base	22-5-18	missing (2/cpl as per A.L. A230-2)
A221-1.	Prev. miss now.		
	Killed in Action	22-5-18.	

SURNAME.

Watson.

CARD NO. ✓

CHRISTIAN NAMES

William, Robert.

FOLL.

REGL. NO.

808 260

RANK

Pte.

UNIT

137th.

B'n.

FORMER CORPS

Nil.

NEXT OF KIN.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAMES IN FULL

Watson, Mrs. M.

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER

Mother

ADDRESS

*Napton, St. Yarmouth, Norfolk,
Eng.*

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

England.

St. Yarmouth, Norfolk.

DATE

July 28, 1891

PLACE OF ATTESTATION

Calgary, Alta.

DATE

Jan: 22, 1916

*O/S 22/8/16 523
22*

MARRIED

SINGLE

yes.

WIDOWER

TRADE OR CALLING

Farmer.

RELIGION

C. of Eng.

DESCRIPTION.

APPARENT AGE

25

YEARS

—

MONTHS

HEIGHT

5

FEET

10 1/4

INCHES

CHEST MEASUREMENT

39

INCHES

EXPANSION

3

INCHES

COMPLEXION

Fair

EYES

Grey

HAIR

L. Brown.

DISTINGUISHING MARKS

Small scar in middle of forehead.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

PLACE

Calgary.

DATE

Jan: 22, 1916

Present Address: - Nightingale, Alta.

Name **WATSON** William Robert ~~The~~ **L/Cpl.**
 Rank ~~L/Cpl.~~
 Reg. No. 808260.
 Unit 31st. Br. Inf. W. M. Mirid Watson. 25-W-3567.
 Next of Kin Gopton, Great. Sarnmouth. Eng.

Date	Movement	Place	Casualty	List No.	Notified N/K O	W.O. List
1918 28-11-18	3rd Canfield Amb. Co	S.W. Face (C&V)	do	A224	H126	17497
9-5-18	his. to unit		do	A213		30096
22-5-18	Missing after action.			A227	H151	1765.
	(31st Br. Inf. 11 O # 35 d 28/5/18)					
	Correct Rank should read Lance Corporal. A 230					
22/5	How Reported killed in action.			A221	H327	3395.
	(11 O # 87 d/ 15/9/18)					
					1819	249

No. 808260 RANK

Plt

NAME

Watson W. R.

T. O. S. 22-1-16

UNIT

137th Battalion

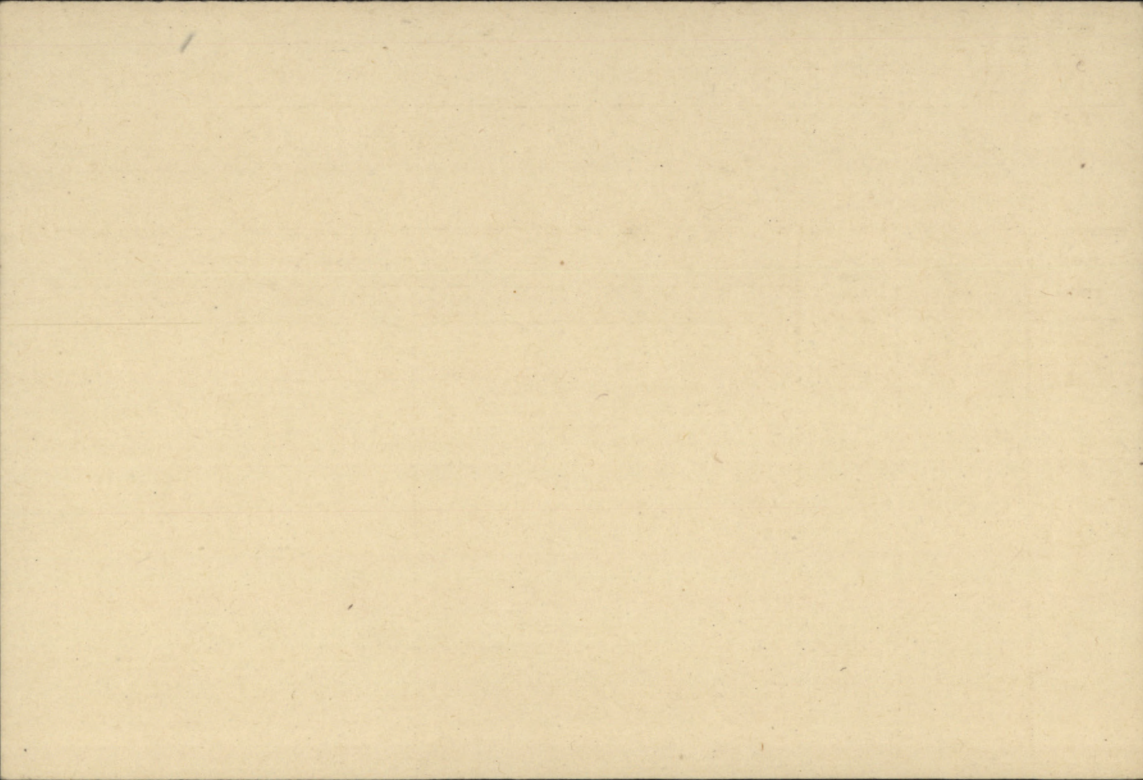
D.O. 21-24-1-16

M. D. 13

			PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, ETC.	
PAID FROM	PAID TO	SIG. OR REC'T	PARTICULARS	AUTHORITY
1916	1916			
Jan. 22	Jan. 31	✓		
Feb.		✓		
Mar.		✓		
Apr.		n.		
May		✓		
June		✓		
July		✓		
Aug.		n.		

UNIT SAILED

AUG 22 1916



✓ ✓ ✓ *L/Pl - 6*
Watson, Wm, R. ~~Ste.~~ No. 808260 C.E.F. *31st Bn*

Med. and Dec. Mother Mrs. Maria Watson,
Manor Farm,
Hopton Gt. Yarmouth,

P. and S. Father William, Watson,
Address as above.

(Ser. # 805583)

Memorial Cross Mother Mrs. Maria Watson,
Address as above.

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Number 808260 ✓

Rank Lt/Col ✓ B

W.R.

Surname WATSON ✓

Christian Name William Robert ✓ ✓

Units 31st Bn Lancs Theatre of War France ✓

Date of Service 24/4/17 ✓

Remarks Mother ✓ D

Latest Address Mrs. Maria Watson
Manor Farm

Roll No. B. Page 12813 Hopton St.
Yarmouth, England

200m-2-21.M.

DESP. JUN 15 1922

REGN. NO. 4//39415

SURNAME

CHRISTIAN NAME OR NAMES

REG. NO.

WATSON.

W.R.

808260.

RANK

UNIT

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TROOP

BATTY.

L/Cpl.

Alta. 31.

HOSPITAL

DATE OF ADMISSION

5. C.F. Amb.

28-4-18.

1. HOSP.

2. HOSP.

3. HOSP.

4. HOSP.

DIAGNOSIS S.W. Face. Slit.
Rw.

1.

2.

3. R.F.B. Missing - 22.5.18. ~~R.~~

Now. Killed in Action. 22.5.18. R.

DISPOSITION

DATE

C.L. 4-5-18. A204

Dis. to duty - 9.5.18.

REMARKS

15.5.18 @ 2130

31.5.18 @ 227

4.6.18 @ 230.2

18.9.18 @ 34.

note. Ref. to int. on a 227. Rank used asc. to be L/cpl.

A.M.D. 2 Dept.

Beh. of D.G.M.S. O.M.F.C. London

EPITOME OF HOSPITAL TREATMENT

HOSPITAL

ADM.

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FORM OF WILL



I, William Robert Watson. (Name in full)

Regimental Number 808260 serving in 137th O. Bn. C.E.F.

of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my last Will.

bequeath

~~I devise~~ all my real estate unto

Maria Watson.
Manor Farm,
Hopton, Gt. Yarmouth.

Name and Address
of person or
persons to whom
it is to go.

absolutely, and my personal estate I bequeath to

Maria Watson.
Manor Farm.
Hopton, Gt. Yarmouth.

Name and Address
of person or
persons to receive
personal estate*
(See note).

NOTE

This space for the appointment of Executor if necessary.

IMPORTANT In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
NOTE this 1st. day of December A.D. 1916

This must be signed and Dated by THE SOLDIER HIMSELF.

Pte. William R. Watson. Signature of Soldier.

*N.B. Personal estate includes pay, effects, money in bank, insurance policy, in fact everything except real estate.

Signed and acknowledged by the Testator as and for his last Will in the presence of us both present at the same time, who in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses.

Signature of First Witness O. D. Loudin.

Address of Witness 121, 14th Ave., E. Calgary, Alta. Canada.

THE TWO WITNESSES

Occupation of Witness Bookkeeper.

MUST SIGN HERE

Signature of Second Witness J. Franklin.

Address of Witness 2404 - 30th St. W. Calgary, Alta. Canada.

Occupation of Witness Optician.

I hereby certify that this document is a true copy of an original document now in possession of this office.
APR 14 1919
F. S. Husband, Capt.
for Director Military Estates.

FORM OF WILL



Vertical text on the left side, possibly a name or address, written in a cursive or handwritten style.

Main body of the document containing faint, mostly illegible text, likely representing the terms of a will or a legal form.

Small text at the bottom right corner, possibly a page number or reference code.

Fill in Only.—Unit, Number, Rank and Name.

M. F. W. 54.
150M. 10-15.
H.Q. 1772-39-920.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Unit, Regiment or Corps 137th O. BN., C. E. F.

Regimental No. 808260 Rank Private Name William Robert Watson.
C. E. F.

Enlisted (a) 22.1.16 Terms of Service (a) 2 1/2 Service reckons from (a) 22.1.16
Duration of War and 1 1/2 months

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) Farmer

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				

Embarked, Canada Halifax 21.8.16. H.M.S. Olympic

Arrived, England Liverpool 30.8.16.

^{10.}
1.17 42 Seaford Transfd to 21st Reserve Bn Seaford 10.1.17 Pt. II D.O. #9. d/10.1.17
R.6-136
137th Bn.
(Alberta)
Adjutant
137th BATTALION CAN. INF.

CERTIFIED CORRECT
10/9/17
16 MAY 1917
CAN. RECORDS, LONDON

Taken on Strength of Seaford 10.1.17 Pt. II D.O. 1, d/10-1-17
21st. Res Bn. Alberta
from 137th Bn. C. I.
Adj. Lt. d
21st Res. Bn. Albert

21ST RES. BN. PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FOR SERVICE WITH 31ST BRAMSHOTT. 21 APR 17 Pt. II D.O. No. 101 21 APR 17
Madern
for Capt. & Adjutant.
21st. Reserve Battalion.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) e.g. Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

(P.T.O.)

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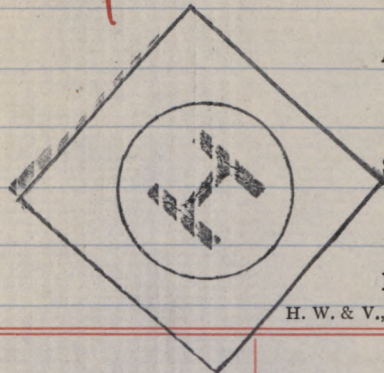
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Date	From whom received				
22/4/17.	O.C. CBD.	Arrived CBD. Rein f.	CBD.	22/4/17.	N.R. P20 No 25 d/25 4/17
24/4/17.	"	Left for UNIT.	Field.	24/4/17.	N.R.
17.5.17	O.C. 31st	Bn Arrived UNIT.	"	5.5.17	B.213
29.12.17	"	14 days leave		14.12.17	" P20
2.2.18	"	Awarded good Con. badge		27.1.18	" P20 10-13.2.18
2.3.18	"	To be Lt/Cpl.		14.1.18	" " 16. d 11/3/18
28.4.18	5 C.P.A.	Sh. W. face sch. adm.	5 C.P.A.	28.4.18	28496.
9.5.18	"	To duty.		9.5.18	7728.
11.5.18	31 Bn	Rejoined unit	Field	9.5.18	6213.
14.5.18	"	Missing	"	22.5.18	Letter K.D. 17-1237.
					" d/25-6-18 + K.I. 18-13438
					P20 47 d 1/7/18.

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Major for Lt.-Col., A.A.G.
Canadian Section G.H.Q 3rd Echelon B.E.F.

A.G.R. Rank Name **WATSON, William Robert** Reg'l No. **808260**
 Unit **137th Bn.** If in perm. Corps, }
 What Unit? } Married or Single **Single.**
 Place and Date of Enlistment **Calgary, 22nd Jan., 1916.** Place of Birth **Great Yarmouth,**
Norfolk, England.
 Name and Address, Next-of-Kin **Mirid Watson,**
Hopton, Great Yarmouth, England. Relationship **Mother.**
 Assigned Pay Monthly \$ Payable to Relationship
 Separation Allowance \$ Payable to Relationship
 Discharge, Date and Place Reason Character

Handwritten: mX 10/12/18



Stamp: N/E. R.B. No. 7086
 File R.L. 25-W-3567
 Category KA.
 30-9-18.

H. W. & V., Ltd.—7165-16.

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.				
<i>C.</i>		Arrived in England H.M.T.	2817	30.12.16	
10 I 17	137 Bn	SOS to 21 RES Bn	SEA	10.1.17	Pt. 2 DO 9
10.1.17	21 Res Bn	T.O.S. fr 137 th. Bn.	Sea	10-1-17	Pt 11, D, O.1.
21.4.17	" "	S.O.S to 31 st Bn of seas	Bramshott	21.4.17	" " " 101. (31 st Bn. P.ii. 25. 25-47)
13.2.18	31 st Bn	Awarded Good Conduct Badge	Field	22.1.18	" " 10
11.3.18	" "	Appntd Lt/Cpl	"	14.1.18	" " 16.
4.5.18	AR(31)	wounded.	Go	28.4.18	CLA 204
31-5-18	AR. (31)	Missing reported from Base	"	22-5-18	CLA 227
1.7.18.	31 st Bn.	Missing after action. L/C + S.O.S.	L/C	22.5.18	Pt. II 47.

W.F. 103 CHECKED
 9 - MAY 1917

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ASSIGNED PAY.

#1544 4⁶/₁₈

—PAID IN CANADA.—

To whom *Mrs. M. Watson*Address *Manor Farm**Hopton**Great Yarmouth*

Rate

\$15⁰⁰

Date to Commence

Mother

By whom assigned

Watson, W. R.

Regtl. No.

808260

Rank

*Plt Lt**(Army C.O. 14
6.6.18)*

Corps, &c.

31st Bn.

Month.	Cheque No.	Amt.	Amt. Debited	REMARKS.
1917 Oct.				<i>Missing 22.5.18 Ch^a 227. 31.5.18.</i>
Nov.				
Dec.				
1918 Jan.				
Feb.				
March				
April				
May		<u>15 00</u>		<i>paid by Pay II C.</i>
June				
July				
Aug.				
Sept.				
Oct.				
Nov.				
Dec.				
1919 Jan.				
Feb.				
March				

*N. G.
M. J.
Lieut.*

ASSIGNED PAY.

Month.	Cheque No.	Amt.	Amt. Debited.	REMARKS.
1916.				
April				
May				
June				
July				
Aug.				
Sept.				
Oct.				
Nov.				
Dec.				
1917.				
Jan.				
Feb.				
March				
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July				
Aug.				
Sept.				
Oct.				
Nov.				
Dec.				
1918.				
Jan.				
Feb.				
March				
April				
May				
June				

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MILITIA AND DEFENCE ASSIGNED PAY.

Ref. No. N.R.

To whom Mrs. M. Watson,

Address Manor Farm,

Hopton.

Great Yarmouth.

Rate \$15.00

Eng. ✓

Date to Commence Aug. 1st; 1916


By whom assigned Watson, William R.

Regtl. No. 808260

Rank Private

Corps, &c. 137th Battalion

PAYMENTS.

Month.	Year.	Cheque No.	Amt.	Pay Sheet Deduction.	REMARKS.
Jan.	1916				
Feb.					
Mar.					
April					
May					
June					
July					
Aug.					
Sept		186521	30	X	
Oct.		223213	15	X	
Nov.	✓ 60 ⁰⁰	241466	15	X	
Dec.		296957	15	X	
Jan.	1917	342671	15	X	
Feb.		382300	15	X	
Mar.		430876	15	X	
April			120		
May					
June					
July					
Aug.					

A.P. checked & found correct. H. Sparrow
22/5/17

ASSIGNED PAY.

By whom assigned *Watson. W. R.*

Regtl. No. *808260. Pl. 137^H Bu.*

Month.	Year.	Cheque No.	Amount.	Pay Sheet.	REMARKS.
Sept.	1917				
Oct.					
Nov.					
Dec.					
Jan.	1918				
Feb.					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
Aug.					
Sept.					
Oct.					
Nov.					
Dec.					
Jan.	1919				
Feb.					
March					

