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# ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 195539

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Folio.

## QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your surname? ..... Cowan .....
- 1a. What are your Christian names? ..... Richard Oliver .....
- 1b. What is your present address? ..... Trent River Ont. Canada. .....
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? ..... Trent River Ont. Canada. .....
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? ..... Victoria Cowan .....
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? ..... Trent River Ont. Canada. .....
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? ..... Mother .....
5. What is the date of your birth? ..... 11 Jan. 1893 .....
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? ..... Yes .....
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? ..... 1 year 45 Regt. .....
- 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 } Yes .....
- CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? }

## DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Richard Oliver Cowan ....., 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 20/1 ..... 1916      R. Cowan ..... (Signature of Recruit)  
W. W. Livingstone ..... (Signature of Witness)

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Richard Oliver Cowan ....., 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 20/1 ..... 1916      R. Cowan ..... (Signature of Recruit)  
W. W. Livingstone ..... (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 Peterborough ..... this 20th ..... day of January ..... 1916.

W. J. Johnson ..... (Signature of Justice)

**Description of Richard Oliver Cowan on Enlistment:**

Apparent Age 23 years      months.  
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height 5 ft. 8 ins.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 38 ins.  
 Range of expansion 2 ins.

Complexion Dark

Eyes Brown

Hair Dk. Brown

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

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.)

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

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

Date Jan. 5 1916.

Place Havelock, Ont.

*J. H. Eastwood*  
*Major 57 Regt*  
 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.**

Richard Oliver Cowan 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.

*J. J. Johnson* (Signature of Officer)

Date January 20<sup>th</sup> 1916

- Proceedings of Court of Inquiry or on men reported Missing on Active Service.....
- Attestation Papers.....
- Declaration of change of name.....
- Authority for special enlistments.....
- Documents of re-enlisted men.....
- Regimental Conduct Sheet.....
- Compulsory Stoppages.....
- Casualty Forms.....
- Proceedings on discharge.....
- Corps History Sheet.....
- Date and No. of Deposit Receipt for Purchase Money and Amount.....
- Parchment Certificate.....
- Medical Report for Invalids.....
- Medical History Sheet.....
- Proceedings of Regt. Court Martial.....
- Copies of Convictions by Civil Power.....
- Company Conduct Sheet.....
- Clothing Transfer Certificate.....
- Inventory of Kit.....
- Last Pay Certificate.....

DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS

R. O. No.....  
H. Q. No.....

Name *Cowan Richard Oliver*

Regt. No. *195537* Rank.....

Corps *93rd Co Bu CE 4* 40860

*Killed in action*

*97*



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14-14  
10-14*

*M. J. 307/100*

*[Handwritten signature]*



REGT'L NO 195539.

NAME Cowan Richard Oliver

H. Q. FILE NO. 649-

RANK AND CORPS Pte.

18th Bn (Form 93rd Bn)

FOLLOWS

No.

CABLE

No.

DATE

NATURE OF CASUALTY

FOLLOWS

M 3055 28-4-17

Killed in action April 9th 1917 ✓

G. F. B. 2090A

Killed in action France (Demy Ridge)

Rouen France 28-4-17

9th April 1917 (noted 28-6-17)

LIST No

HOSPITAL

DATE OF  
ADMISSION

REMARKS

a493<sup>19</sup> Rep. from base killed in action 9-4-17

649-C-11166

CARD NO.

D

SURNAME.

Cowan.

CHRISTIAN NAMES

Richard Oliver.

FOLL.

REGL. NO.

195539.

RANK

Pt

UNIT

93rd

Bn.

FORMER CORPS

45th Regt.

NEXT OF KIN

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAMES IN FULL

Cowan Mrs Victoria

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER

mother.

ADDRESS

Trent River, Ont. c/o Adam Day P.R. No. 1.  
Campbellford. Ont

L. 29-11-17.

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

DATE

PLACE OF ATTESTATION

Peterboro

DATE

1-20-16.

07815-7-16  $\frac{475}{5}$

MARRIED

SINGLE *yes.*

WIDOWER

TRADE OR CALLING

RELIGION

DESCRIPTION.

APPARENT AGE

YEARS

MONTHS

HEIGHT

FEET

INCHES

CHEST MEASUREMENT

INCHES

EXPANSION

INCHES

COMPLEXION

EYES

HAIR

DISTINGUISHING MARKS

MEDICAL EXAMINATION. PLACE

DATE

*Sailed from Halifax, Tex. S. S. Empress of Britain  
15.7.16.*



COWAN, Richard Oliver, Pte. No. 195539, 18th Bn.

*not elig. for star.*

MEDALS &  
DECORATIONS

Mrs. Victoria Cowan (Mother) 17207  
R.R. No. 1, c/o Adam Hay,  
Campbellford, Ont.

Scroll Desp. *1 1/2* Reqn. No. *2258*

PLAQUE &  
SCROLL

Mother, as above. Plaque Desp. Reqn. No. *8970*

*AUG 25 1921*

*Serial No. 756953*

MEMORIAL  
CROSS

Mother, as above.

*Desp. AUG 7 1920 (M/817520.)*

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M.

46.

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Number

195539

Rank

Private

Surname

COWAN

Christian Name

Richard Oliver

Units

18th Div. (Am. Inf.)

Theatre of War

France

Date of Service

16-9-16

Remarks

(M) Mrs Victoria Cowan

Latest Address

R.R. No 1. of Adam Hay.

Campbellford, Ont.

Roll No.

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(This form to be filled in by all ranks on voyage to Canada.)

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RANK SURNAME INITIALS UNIT  
.....

al address.....  
(Street) (City or Town) (Province)

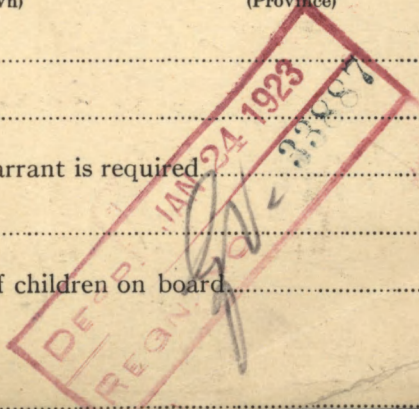
one person to be notified of arrival.....  
.....

Station Military District to which a furlough warrant is required.....  
..... Railway.....

d, is your wife on board..... Number of children on board.....

destination.....

(Sgd.).....



Surname	Christian Name or Names	Reg. No.
Cowan	R.O.	195539
Rank	Unit	Co. Troop Batty.
Pte	18th Bn	
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

Killed in Action 9-4-17

DISPOSITION

Date

C.L.28-4-17 A493

REMARKS

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A.M.D. 2 DEPT.  
 Beh. of D.G.M.S. O.M.F.C. London.

Handwritten initials

# EPITOME OF HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

Hospital

Adm.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.



A.G.R.

Rank

*Pte*

Name

COWAN, Richard Oliver

Reg'l No.

195539

Unit

93rd Bn.

If in perm. Corps, }  
What Unit? }

Peterboro,

Married or Single

~~Married~~  
SINGLE

Place and Date of Enlistment

20th Jan., 1916.

Place of Birth Trent River, Ont.,  
Canada.

Name and Address, Next-of-Kin

Victoria Cowan,

Trent River, Ont., Canada.

Relationship

Mother.

Assigned Pay Monthly \$

Payable to

Relationship

Separation Allowance \$

Payable to

Relationship

Discharge, Date and Place

Reason

Character

H. W. &amp; 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.				
		Arrived in England, S. S. Empress of Britain.		25th July 1916.	
		15.9.16 93rd Bn Tr'f'd to 18th Bn	Otterpool	15.9.16	Pt II. DO234
27/9/16	18 <sup>th</sup> B'n	T.O.S. from 93 <sup>rd</sup> B'n	Field	16/9/16	Part II 42.
28-4-17	do	Killed in Action	do	9-4-17	6 L.A. 493
28-4-17	do	Killed in Action	do	9-4-17	Pt II D.O. 29.

A.F.B. 103 CHECKED  
19 SEP 1916

N.W.





#195539 ORIGINAL MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET.

ORIGINAL

Surname Gowan Christian Name Richard Oliver

Examined { on 6 day of Jan. 1916  
 at Peterson  
 Birthplace { City or Town New River, Ont.  
 County Canada

Approved by J. H. Eastwood  
 Rank Major 57 Regt M.O.

Apparent age 28 2e years  
 Trade or occupation Farmer  
 Height 5 Feet 8 Inches.  
 Weight 150 Lbs.  
 Chest measurement { Minimum 36 inches.  
 Maximum expansion 38 inches.  
 Physical development Good  
 Small-Pox Marks  
 Vaccination Marks { Arm Right Left  
 Number Nil

Date	Fit or Unfit	EXAMINED FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT,
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.

When Vaccinated last  
 (a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease Varicose veins left leg

Date	Result	VACCINATIONS.
<u>Apr 13/16</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>J. H. Eastwood</u>
		M.O.
		M.O.

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection  
Hospital operation

Date	Result	ANTI-TYPHOID INOCULATIONS, ETC.
<u>Feb 6/16</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>J. H. Eastwood</u>
<u>Feb 23/16</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>J. H. Eastwood</u>
		M.O.

Enlisted on 20 day of January 1916 at Peterson

	CORPS.	REG'TL NUMBER.	HABITS.	DATE.
Joined on enlistment				
Transferred to.. ..	<u>18th Bn</u>	<u>195539</u>		

EXAMINED OR DISCHARGED BY A MEDICAL BOARD.

STATION.	DATE.	DISEASE.	RESULT.

N. B.—This sheet to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in the Regulations for Army Medical Service, on the man becoming non-effective ; the date and cause being stated on next page.



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

M. F. W. 54. (A. F. B. 103.)

250M.—1-16.

H. Q. 1772-39-920.

# Casualty Form—Active Service.

195539 Unit, Regiment or Corps 93<sup>rd</sup> Battalion C.E.F.  
 Regimental No. 12539 Rank Pte Name Richard Oliver Lowan  
 Enlisted (a) Jan 20/16 Terms of Service (a) C. of W. Service reckons from (a) Jan 20th 1916.  
 Date of promotion to present rank. } X Date of appointment to lance rank } X Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. } X  
 Extended X Re-engaged X Qualification (b) Farmer

CERTIFIED CORRECT.  
 20 SEP 1916  
 CAN. RECORDS, LONDON.

Report Date	From whom received	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.
		Embarked.	Halifax	15/7/16.	
		Disembarked.	Liverpool.	25/7/16.	
		Transferred to 18 <sup>th</sup> Batta.		15/9/16	<u>J. R. Munro</u> CAPT. ADJUTANT, 93rd O. S. BATT'N, C.E.F.
16-9-16	Can Base Depot	Arr from 93 Can Res Bn England & taken on strength of, 18 Can Bn.	Can Base Depot	16.9.16	Nom Roll Pt II Ord 42 d-27.9.16 B.213
7-10-16	18 BN	Joined unit	In the Fld	3.10.16	
18-4-17	18 Bn	KILLED IN ACTION	In the Fld	9.4.17	Letter 18-4-17 DCS.285 Pt II Ord 29, 28/4/17.

OVER

(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.]

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				
11-4-17	Can Corps Registrations Officer	<u>Burial Report</u> Buried at A. 10. G. 1. 7, Sheet THELUS, N. W. (in Zwy crater) Grave Serial No. CB-1.		9-4-17	Nom. Roll 11/4/17 (Can Sect. No. KI. 16/2217) DES. 285, 23/4/17.
					<p><i>Whogau</i> Capt. for Lt.-Col., A. A. G. Canadian Section, G. H. Q. 3rd Echelon, B. E. F.</p>

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#195539

DUPLICATE

MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET.

Surname Cowan Christian Name Richard Owen

Examined { on 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1915  
 at Retusson  
 Birthplace { City or Town Bentham Mt  
 County Curran  
 Apparent age 23 years  
 Trade or occupation Farmer  
 Height 5 Feet 8 Inches  
 Weight 150 Lbs.  
 Chest measurement { Minimum 36 inches  
 Maximum expansion 38 inches  
 Physical development Good  
 Small-Pox Marks  
 Vaccination Marks { Arm Right Left  
 Number nil  
 When Vaccinated last  
 (a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease Varicose veins left leg  
 hernia operation  
 (b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection

Approved by J.H. Eastwood  
 Rank Major 57 Regt. M.O.

Date	Fit or Unfit	EXAMINED FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT,
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.

Date	Result	VACCINATIONS,
April 13/16	J.H. Eastwood	M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.

Date	Result	ANTI-TYPHOID INOCULATIONS, ETC.
April 16/16	J.H. Eastwood	M.O.
May 21/16	J.H. Eastwood	M.O.
		M.O.

Enlisted on 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1916 at Retusson

	CORPS.	REG'TL NUMBER.	HABITS.	DATE.
Joined on enlistment	93rd. Bn.	195539		
Transferred to..	187th. Batt			

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STATION.	DATE.	DISEASE.	RESULT.

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 150M.—8-15.  
 H. Q. 1772-39-439.





To be made out in duplicate.

H.Q. 54-21-23-53

MILITARY DEFENCE  
NOV -6 1917  
H.Q. O.M.F. CANADA

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY OF AN OFFICER OR MAN ENLISTED IN C. E. F.

INSTRUCTIONS.

- (a) This form is only required for men joining units for Overseas Service and must be completed immediately the man is warned for draft overseas.
- (b) Care must be taken to see that a man is allotted his correct Regimental Number. No numbers must be duplicated and once it has been allotted to a man, even if he is subsequently discharged, the same number must never be allotted to another man.
- (c) All questions, etc., must be answered.
- (d) One copy of the form is to be forwarded by Officer Commanding unit for each Officer and man to Officer Commanding Division or District at least seven days before man leaves his station to proceed overseas, for transmission to Accountant and Paymaster General, Ottawa.
- (e) Duplicate copy is to be forwarded direct to Officer in charge of Records, C.E.F. London, immediately after arrival in England.

(1) Name of Overseas Unit which Soldier joins 3rd. O.S. Bn. C.E.F.

(2) Regimental Number 195539

(3) Full Name of Soldier Richard Oliver Cowan

(4) Place of Birth Trent River Ont. Can.

(5) Are you married, or not? No

(6) If married, state,  
(a) Full name of your wife 9/4/17

(b) Present Postal Address

(7) Are you a widower?

(8) Have you any children?

If so, give number of boys and girls

Also their names and ages

REGISTERED GEN. SERG. 7  
ACCOUNTANT GEN'L'S DEPT.  
13 JUN 1917  
O.M.F. OF CANADA

R.C.

NOV 6 1916

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(9) Is your Father alive? ~~Yes~~ No

If so, state name and address

(10) Is your Mother alive? Yes

If so, state name and address Victoria Cowan

Trent River Ont. Can.

(11) If your Mother is a widow? Yes

Are you her sole support, or not? Yes

(12) If sole support of widowed mother, state what amount you have given her per month prior to your enlistment, also reason she has no other support than yourself.

\$ 15.00 Only Single Son at Home

(13) If you have no wife, father, mother or children, state the name and relationship with full postal address of your next of kin, to whom you would desire any communication to be sent concerning you.

Mother

(14) If you have a wife, or children, or a widowed mother who depends on you as her sole support, have you applied to the Paymaster of your unit for Separation Allowance? If not, this must be done.

Yes

(15) Are you insured? No

If so, in what Company?

Have you made arrangements for payment of your Insurance premium?

If not, and it is a monthly premium, you can assign the amount in addition to any other assignment you wish to make.

J. Johnson - H. C. L.  
Officer Commanding.

Date May 23rd. /16





M X.

30/1/20  
J. H. M.

Handwritten text in red ink, possibly a signature or name, written in a cursive style. The text is oriented vertically and appears to read "M. J. ...".