CAN-RAILWAY CON-CORPS

ORIGINAL.

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 596

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your name? — Couson Norman Mitchell
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? — Winnipeg Manitoba Can
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? — father C.N. Mitchell
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? — 310 Furby, Corner Winnipeg
5. What is the date of your birth? — December 11th 1889
6. What is your Trade or Calling? — Civil Engineer
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? — 2nd Field Troop Can Engrs Winnipeg
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

C.N. Mitchell (Signature of Man).

A.A. Anderson (Signature of Witness).

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Couson Norman Mitchell, 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.

C.N. Mitchell (Signature of Recruit)

Date JAN 21 1915 1914. A.A. Anderson (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Couson Norman Mitchell, 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.

C.N. Mitchell (Signature of Recruit)

Date JAN 21 1915 1914. A.A. Anderson (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 Ottawa this 21 day of January 1914.

(Signature of Justice)

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

(Approving Officer)

Major, R. C. E.
O. C. 2nd Signal Company,
Canada.

200 M.—8-14.
H.Q. 177-1-13.

Description of Coulson Norman Mitchell on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 24 years 11 months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height 5 ft. 9¼ ins.

Chest measurement: Girth when fully expanded 39½ ins.; Range of expansion 5½ ins.

Complexion Medium

Eyes light blue

Hair Brown

Religious denominations:
- Church of England –
- Presbyterian yes
- Wesleyan –
- Baptist or Congregationalist –
- Other Protestants (Denomination to be stated.) –
- Roman Catholic –
- Jewish –

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).

3 vaccination scars left arm
Scar right thigh.

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 November 19th 1914. L. A. Benoit Capt C.A.M.C.

Place Ottawa. 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.

Coulson Norman Mitchell 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.

R. A. T. Bogart (Signature of Officer) Major, R.C.E.

Date APR 3 1915 1914. O. C. 2nd Signal Company, Canada.

Transfer approved.
C. A. Ramsay June 17th 1915.

CANADIAN OVERSEAS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION CORPS

Rank | Name: MITCHELL, Colson Norman | Reg'l No. 596 R—122.

Unit: Can. Rly. Constrn. Corps. | If in perm. Corps, What Unit? | Married or Single: Single.

Place and Date of Enlistment: Ottawa, 21st Jan., 1915. | Place of Birth: Canada.

Name and Address, Next-of-Kin: C.N. Mitchell, 310 Furby Street, Winnipeg.

Relationship: Father.

Assigned Pay Monthly $ | Payable to | Relationship

Separation Allowance $ | Payable to | Relationship

Discharge, Date and Place | Reason | Character: a 7 B 103

Report Date	Report From whom received	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
		Embkd for England from Canada per "SS Herschell" from	St John	14.6.15	
		arrived England	Longmoor Camp	25.6.15	
26.8.15	D.A.A.G. Emb Port #1	Embkd Overseas	France	Southampton	25.8.15	Nom Roll
24.9.15	O/C O.H.Q.C.	Wkg pay $1.00 per day	Belgium	24.9.15	inclusive Part II 14 & Pt II 8 &
5.10.15	" " "	Proceeded to England	" "	5.10.15	Pt II 156.
17.11.15	" "	Trans to Can Dft to take up Commission	Shorncliffe		R.L. 5-828 17½.
21.10.15	Gen McDougal	Transferred to H.Q. Sub Staff D.A.A.G's Branch is Billeted	Can Training Div Shorncliffe	21.10.15	Extract Routine order 3125
22.10.15	O/C C.O.R.C.C.	Tran to H.Q. Sub Staff D.A.A.G's Branch is struck off strength of this unit	Shorncliffe	21.10.15	Pt II 171.

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				
		S.R.10.			
24.11.15	7th H.Q.S.S.	Lce Sergeant	Shorncliffe	24.11.15	R.O.
18.2.16	7th C.A.C. & D.D.	Attached to C.C.D. & E.D.	Bath.	17.2.16	Pt 2 A
2.5.16	— do —	Having been appointed to a commission and posted to the Princess Pat's Canadian Light Infantry and attached to C.E.F.D. for duty pending arrangements to be made to proceed to his depot, from 1/5/16	Bath	1.5.16	auth Div O. 7188 29/4/16 Pt 2 A 4 II Para 2 30/4/16) 9th R.D.067

Captain Coulson Norman Mitchell, M.C., 4th Bn. Canadian Engineers.

A.O. 96
1919
continued

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the night of 8th–9th October, 1918, at the Canal de L'Escaut, north-east of Cambrai.

He led a small party ahead of the first wave of infantry in order to examine the various bridges on the line of approach and, if possible, to prevent their demolition.

On reaching the canal he found the bridge already blown up. Under a heavy barrage he crossed to the next bridge, where he cut a number of "lead" wires. Then in total darkness, and unaware of the position or strength of the enemy at the bridgehead, he dashed across the main bridge over the canal. This bridge was found to be heavily charged for demolition, and whilst Captain Mitchell, assisted by his non-commissioned officer, was cutting the wires, the enemy attempted to rush the bridge in order to blow the charges, whereupon he at once dashed to the assistance of his sentry, who had been wounded, killed three of the enemy, captured 12, and maintained the bridgehead until reinforced.

Then under heavy fire he continued his task of cutting wires and removing charges, which he well knew might at any moment have been fired by the enemy.

It was entirely due to his valour and decisive action that this important bridge across the canal was saved from destruction.

Army Form B. 103. Regimental Number.....

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps.....

Rank Capt. Surname Mitchell Christian Name C. N. V.C. M.C.

Religion..... Age on Enlistment..... years..... months

Enlisted (*a*)..... Terms of Service (*a*)..... Service reckons from (*a*).....

Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....

Extended {..... / .....} Re-engaged {..... / .....} Qualification (*b*).....

or Corps Trade and rate.....

Occupation..... Signature of Officer

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
19. 10. 18.	4 Bn C.F.	1/4 Mays Leave Embarked U.K.		16. 10. 18.	B213 A11320 of 5. 11. 18.
9. 11. 18	do	Reported from Discharged		1. 11. 18.	B213
11. 11. 18.	Lon Gazette	To be Temp. Capt.		24. 5. 18.	Lon Gazette 31003
24. 3. 19	A.G. Cdns	S.O.S. 4th Bn C.F.	1-4-19		PII 35 of 5. 12. 18.
		on being retained in England			(H.Q. Cdns. A.G. 1a. 4389
					of 27. 3. 19. & Canadian G.H.Q.
					D.A. 996 of 29. 3. 19. & A.A.G.
					6 Cdn. Lee. G.H.Q. 3rd Ech.
					Ref K.E.H. 0360. PII 15
		Awarded Capt for Lt.-Col., A. A. G. Canadian Section, G. H. Q. 3rd Echelon, B. E.			

(*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*) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

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Report		Record of promotions, re[illegible]ions, transfers, casualties, &c., 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213. Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
4/4/19		L.O.S. draft on embarkation to Canada Cpl Hamilton For MAJOR General, Adjutant General, Canadians.			
26/4/19	M.H.Q. Ottawa	T.O.S. C.E.F. in Canada on General Demobilization	M.D. No. 10	15/4/19	C.E.F. R.O. No. 1921-19
2/5/19	M.H.Q. Ottawa	S.O.S. C.E.F. in Canada on General Demobilization	M.D. No. 10	28/4/19	C.E.F. R.O. No. 1935-19

D Ferguson
Lieut.
for Director Personal Services

(641)—Wt. W1751-1403.—500,000.—5-15.—C. & G. Forms B. 103/1.

Lieut

W.S.B. Class F.

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps Can. Eng. Training Depot. VC. M.C.

Regimental No. 596 Rank ~~Sapper~~ Lieut Name Mitchell Coulson Towns

Enlisted (a) 21/1/15 Terms of Service (a) duration of war Service reckons from (a) 21/1/15

Date of promotion to present rank 28/4/16 Date of appointment to lance rank Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os.

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b) Civil Engineer

J. Bunbury Major

FOR LT.-COL. I/c RECORDS; C.E.F.

Report: Date	Report: 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.
2.2.16	C	To receive 10/- per day working Pay	Fwd		B 213

28.4.'16. Appointed Temp'y Lieutenant. Posted to Gen. List of Officers and attached to C.E.T.D. Authy. Shorncliffe A.O. 2188/29.4.16.

Lt-Col
Director of R. & O.

15/6/16	D.A.G. Base	To be Temp Lieut & attached C.E.T.D. for Cm. Proceeded to C.E. o/seas	28/4/16 Lon Gaz 18/5/16	A.O. 2188 (C.T.D.) K.A.37

J. Bunbury Major

FOR LT.-COL. I/c RECORDS; C.E.F.

(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.

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Date	From whom received	casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 218, 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.
1/5/16	W.O.	Awarded Bronze Medal for gallantry & devotion to duty in the field		1-7-16.	Int X 1690. dd-1-7-16 (C.S. 4 a) 121 Draft 1487 Lond 555 dd-24-6-16 Pt-2 Order 19 14-7-16
10/11/16	O.C. Unit	Went home from 6/11/16	Italy	6-11-16	B213 Pt-2 G 63 18/11/16
18/11/16	do	Rejd from Leave	do	18-11-16	B213 Pt-2 O. 65. 24/11/16
13/7/17	C.G.	Awarded Military Cross for Gallantry & devotion to duty in Field			5 supp. R.G. No 2940 page 1546. dd-13/7/17 Pt-2 O. 14. 28/7/17
30/6/17	O.C.	Leave 26/6/17 to 6/7/17			B213 Pt-2 O. 47. 14/7/17
7/7/17	do	Rejd from Leave	Italy	6/7/17	B213 O.C. 232. 14/7/17
31/10/17	do	Went home 7/10/17 to 17/10/17			B213. Pt- 80. 16/11/17
—	do	Rejd home	Italy	23/10/17	B213
9/2/18	O.C.	Leave rec'd 29/1/18 to 12/2/18			B213 Pt- 11
2/3/18	O.C.	Rejd Unit	Italy	13/2/18	B213
14/7/18	A.C.M.	To hospital Capt. wounded	7/Capt.	23/9/17	Lond 196. Pt-46 Head Quarters 3 Suppl. 30818
	W.O.	Reported sick SOS Corps posted to 4 Base Depot U.S. 4 Bn CE	CE	10/7/18	26/7/18 S/240/281 Pt- 67. 16/10/18

Rank and Name MITCHELL Coulson Norman M.C. Temp Lieutenant

Regimental No. 596 Sgt.

Unit C.O.R.C.C.

Date of enlistment 21st January 1915.

Place of birth Winnipeg Man. Can.

Married (Yes or No) No.

If in Permanent Force

Promotions or appointments

Name and Address of Next-of-Kin

C.N. Mitchell, (Father)
310 Furby Street,
Winnipeg.

Date and place of discharge

Reason for discharge

Character on discharge

Report Date	Report From whom received	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
					Lon Gazette, 18.5.16.
29/4/16	Com. Can.	To be temporary Lieutenant posted to Gen. List. Attd C.E.T.D.		28/4/16	D.O. 2188. C.T.D. C.E.T.P. R.O. 702. Pt II 6nd 103
10 6 16	C.E.T.D	Proceeded on Conducting duty O/S.		8 6 16	DO 2479 CTD. Pt II ord 115 CE. Pt II ord. 137. Pt II ord 144 CE.T.D.
15-6-16	D.A.G. Base	Proceeded opcas to C.E.			K.A 37.
15.6.16	G.O.C. CTD	Returned to the station from O/S Conducting duty		13.6.16	Pt II ord 1444. C.E.T.D. DO 3112. ~~Pt II ord~~ Pt II ord 135. (C.E.T.D)
4.7.16.	do	proceeded O/S for 1st Tunnelling Coy		1.7.16	DO 3484 Pt II ord 19. 1st Tun Co
18-11-16	1st Tun Co.	Rejoined from leave		18-11-16	Pt II ord 65 (1st Tun Co)
		Granted leave & abs. from		6-11-16	Pt II ord 63.
13-2-17	W.O.	Awarded the Military Cross.			Lon Gaz 13-2-17. Pt II ord 14 (1st Tun Co)
14.7.17	1st Tun Coy	Granted leave from 26-6-17 to		6.7.17	Pt II ord 47.
10.11.17	do	rejoined Granted leave from 7.10.17 to		23.10.17 17.10.17	Pt II 0/80
18.2.18	do	Granted leave to Nice from 29.1.18 to		12.2.18	Pt II 0/11.
14.7.18	G.H.Q.	To be Capt vice Capt. R.A. Spencer MC (sick)		23.9.17	ACR list 196
29-7-18	W.O	To be A Capt.		23-9-17	Lon Gaz 30818

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				
		On Strength 1st Bn C E			W/R 1 Bn C E ✓
16-10-18	1. Tun. Co.	S.O.S. 1681 & posted to 4 Bn C.E.		10.7.18	O.B. 567.
11. 10. 18	4th Bn C.E.	T.O.S. on posting from 1 Tun Coy.		11.7.18	Pte to 2/c.
		to 1st Reinforcement Bn. Corps		31.5.18	4 Bn CE
6. 11. 18	4 Bn C.E.	Granted 14 days Leave to Nfld		16.10.18	C.R.O. 3
31.1.19	W.O.	Awarded the Victoria Cross			
7.4.19	4 Bn C.E.	Granted 4 days Leave to U.K.		18.3.19	
3.4.19	4 Bn. C.E.	S.O.S. on being returned in England & posted to C.E.R.D.		1.4.19	
3.4.19	C.E.R.D.	T.O.S. on posting from Year Service Unit		2.4.19	
24.4.19	do	S.O.S. on transfer to C.E.T. in Canada		14.4.19	
		Sailed for Canada		14.4.19	Sailing 4/9
		For particulars of Deed for which V.C. was awarded see this Officer's "Other Rank" sheet.			

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Army Form B. 103. Regimental Number.....

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 4th Battalion Canadian Engineers

Rank Capt.: Surname C.N.Mitchell. V.C. M.C. Christian Name.....

Religion..... Age on Enlistment.....years.....months

Enlisted (*a*)..... Terms of Service (*a*)..... Service reckons from (*a*).....

Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....

Extended {.....} Re-engaged {.....} Qualification (*b*).....

{.....} {.....} or Corps Trade and rate.....

Occupation..... Signature of Officer

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
30 1-19.	Lon:Gazette.	Embarked ~~Disembarked~~ Awarded the VICTORIA CROSS, for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the night of 8th-9th Oct:1918, at the Canal de L'Escaut, north-east of Cambria. He led a small party ahead of the first wave of Infantry in order to examine the various bridges on the line of approach and, if possible to prevent their demolition. On reaching the canal he found the bridge already blown up. Under a heavy barrage he crossed to the next bridge, where he cut a number of "Lead" wires. Then in total darkness, and unaware of the position or strength of the enemy at the bridgehead, he dashed across the main bridge over the canal. This bridge was found to be heavily charged for demolition, and whilst Capt Mitchell, assisted by his N.C.O. was cutting the wires, the enemy attempted to rush the bridge in order to blow the charges, whereupon he at once dashed to the assistance (over)			

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(*b*) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.

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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., 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 of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B 213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		of his sentry, who had been wounded, killed three of the enemy, captured 12, and maintained the bridgehead until reinforced. Then under heavy fire he continued his task of cutting wires and removing charges, which he well knew might at any moment have been fired by the enemy. It was entirely due to his valour and decisive action that this important bridge across the canal was saved from destruction. London Gazette No 31152. Dated 30-1-19 Pt 2. D.O. 10. of 11.3.19.			

V.C. 10 10.8. 28-4-19
Demob 12
190. 193-6
2-5-19
Gaz. 7.9.#29940 Sup.
(Also auth for Bars 5 96
DO 1190 of 29.4.19.
10.8.16.

NAME Mitchell Coulson Norman M.C. Gaz. 7.9.#31155.

RANK & No. ~~Pte~~ Temp Lieut.

CORPS Canadian Overseas Railway Construction Corps

ENLISTMENT, PLACE Ottawa, Ont. DATE Jan 21st/15 8

FORMER CORPS Can. Engineers.

COUNTRY OF BIRTH Canada (Winnipeg, Man)

NEXT OF KIN Mitchell. C. N. (father)

ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN 310 Furby St. Winnipeg Man.

DISCHARGE, PLACE DATE

R/C. 21-4-19 309/12 Capt

L. L. 71518—M. & D. 5271.

M. F. A. 22.—50m—12-14.
H. Q. 772—39—8-39.

Name Mitchell-Coulson Norman	C.E.F. Rank (V.C., M.C.)	C.E.F. Unit	Militia Rank	Militia Unit
File No. 602-13-96	Capt.	C.E.	Lieut	C.M.

M.D. No 10	Date		Reference
Appointed Lieut C.E.	28-4-16	Struck off C.E.F. 28-4-19	1933
Promoted Capt " "	24-5-18	Reason Demobiliz ation	
		Struck off C.E.F.	
Transferred		Reason	
TRANSFERRED TO R.O.		Transfer to R.O., C.E.F. 29-4-19	1989
G.O. 26 . 22		Transfer to Active List on appt. as	
Sailed		Date	
		Transfer to R.O., C.E.F.	
O.M.F.C. to C.E.F.		Transfer to Active List on appt. as	
		Transfer to R.O., C.E.F. 8-10	
Active Operations 47 mos C.E.	France		

(OVER)

1914-15 Star

Number ..... Rank C.A.P.T.

Surname M.I.T.C.H.E.L.L.

Christian Names C.O.U.L.S.O.N. N.O.R.M.A.N.

Unit ..... Theatre of War FRANCE.

Date of Service 14.6.15. 25.8.15. 14.4.19

Remarks .....

Latest Address Suite 255 Guelph Apts
Winnipeg
Man.

Roll No. B Page 3316

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C.E.F

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS

DEATH NOTIFICATION
AVIS DE DÉCÈS

TO:
À:

DATE 20/4/78

NAME Mitchell (Gilbert)
Norman
NOM

Service No.
Matricule No capt army WWI
Lt col army active

CPC No. 8023939
CCP No

WVA No. ——
AAC No

Information Received from:
Information reçue de: letter from brothers Marler, Lees, Watson, Poteron, Jarvet & Roberge

Date of Death
Date du Décès 17/11/78

Place
Endroit Died at his home.

Distribution: WSR-DASG
VI - ASS
DO - BD
HO - BC

Pour le chef,
Yvon Lafrenière
for Chief, Central Registry Division.
Dépôt central des dossiers.

DVA 24 (Rev. 2/70) BIL.

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Certificate of Service

W. 10-31.
JAM.

ISSUED TO OFFICERS AND NURSING SISTERS

This is to Certify that (Rank) Captain.

(Name in full) Coulson Norman MITCHELL, V.C., M.C.

Enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Railway Construction Corps. as No. 596 (Sapper)

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, on the Twenty-First

day of January 191 5 AND WAS APPOINTED to COMMISSIONED RANK

in The General List attached Canadian Engineers Training Depot.

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE on the Twenty-Eighth. day

of April 191 6.

He SERVED in CANADA, ENGLAND & FRANCE, with the Canadian Overseas Railway Construction Corps, General List Att. C.E.T.D., 1st Tunnelling Coy., Canadian Engineers, 4th Bn.C.E. and D.D. No. 10.

and was STRUCK OFF THE STRENGTH on the Twenty-Eighth. day

of April 191 9 by reason of General Demobilization.

Dated at Ottawa, this Eleventh day

of November 191 9.

Awarded the Victoria Cross, London Gazette No. 31155.
Dated 31-1-19.
Awarded the Military Cross, London Gazette No. 29940.
Dated 13-2-17.

J. Leabmore
for Director of Personal Services. Lieut.

M. F. W. 2618a.
30m.—4-19.
1772-39-1428.

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Captain Coulson Norman MITCHELL VC, MC

1. Born at Winnipeg, Man., December 11, 1889.

2. Enlisted at Ottawa, Ont., January 21, 1915 and allotted regimental number 596.

3. Proceeded to Britain with the Canadian Overseas Railway Construction Corps, June 14, 1915.

4. Landed in France, August 25, 1915.

5. Returned to Britain, October 5, 1915.

6. Appointed Lieutenant, April 28, 1916.

7. Returned to France, July 1, 1916 for service with 1st Tunnelling Company, Canadian Engineers.

8. Promoted Captain, September 23, 1917.

9. Posted to the 4th Battalion, Canadian Engineers, July 10, 1918.

10. Returned to Britain, April 1, 1919 and served with Canadian Engineers Regimental Depot.

11. Returned to Canada, April 21, 1919.

12. Retired at Winnipeg, Man., April 28, 1919.

13. Service Awards and Decorations: Victoria Cross
Military Cross
1914-15 Star
British War Medal
Victory Medal

Head
Canadian Forces Records Centre

Ottawa, March 12, 1979

Reference item 170.

Captain MITCHELL, Coulson Norman.
1st. Tunnelling Company,
Canadian Engineers.

VICTORIA CROSS.
Authority London Gazette.
#31155 Dated 31-1-1919.

MILITARY CROSS.
Authority London Gazette.
#29940 Dated 13-2-1917.

DEED OF ACTION.

Covering the Award of the VICTORIA CROSS.

"For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the night of 8th-9th October, 1918, at the CANAL de L'ESCAUT, northeast of CAMBRAI. He led a small party ahead of the first wave of infantry in order to examine the various bridges on the line of approach, and, if possible, to prevent their demolition. On reaching the canal he found the bridge already blown up. Under a heavy barrage he crossed to the next bridge where he cut a number of "lead"wires. Then, in total darkness, and unaware of the position or strength of the enemy at the bridge-head, he dashed across the main bridge over the canal. This bridge was found to be heavily charged for demolition, and whilst Captain MITCHELL assisted by his N.C.O. was cutting the wires, the enemy attempted to rush the bridge in order to blow up the charges, whereupon he at once dashed to the assistance of his sentry, who had been wounded, killed three of the enemy, captured 12, and maintained the bridgehead until reinforced. Then under heavy fire he continued his task of cutting wires and removing charges, which he well knew might at any moment have been fired by the enemy. It was entirely due to his valour and decisive action that this important bridge across the canal was saved from destruction."

DEED OF ACTION.

Covering the Award of the MILITARY CROSS.

"For conspicuous gallantry in action. He displayed great courage and skill in countermining against enemy galleries. On one occasion he was cut off from our own lines for twelve hours. He has previously done fine work."

The original personnel record of

Coulson N. Mitchell VC
Service #

has been removed by the National Archives for conservation. This file contains photocopies of all of documents contained in the original. If you need to consult the original document please contact military archivists Paul Marsden at 996-7712 or Andrew Horrall at 995-8002.

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Name MITCHELL, Coulson Norman,

From Canada : No. ..... Rank ..... Unit

Rank	Authority	Unit
Lieut		

ASSIGNED PAY

Authority A-2-M Dol 50. Effect 1-7-18

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Month	Cheque No.	Assigned Pay	Amount Separation Allce.	Total A.P. and S.A.	REMARKS
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JUNE					
JULY	9635	50		50	
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OCT.	15290	50		50	
NOV.	19234	50		50	
DEC.	21137	50		50	
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MARCH					
APRIL					
MAY					
JUNE					
JULY					

MEDICAL EXAMINATION UPON LEAVING THE SERVICE OF OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS WHO HAVE NO DISABILITY.

Officers and Other Ranks leaving the service for reasons other than medical unfitness are to be reported on this form. Where there is evidence of any undetermined or progressive disability, this form will not be used, but the case will be referred to a Medical Board for completion of M.F.B. 227.

No. ..... Rank Capt ..... Surname Mitchell V.C.
(Given name in full) Coulson Norman

Unit or Corps 4th C.E. Bn. ..... Birthplace Winnipeg

(Examination of Officer or Other Rank (stripped) to be made by one Medical Officer.)

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Physique Good ..... Weight 160 ..... lbs. Height 5 ft. 11 in. Colour of Eyes Blue

Nutrition Good

Pulse 74

Condition of arteries Normal

Vision Rt. Normal Left Normal

Hearing (conversational voice) Rt. 20 ft.

Left 20 ft.

Identification marks, scars, or deformities. (Give cause and date of origin).

Small scar, dorsum R. elbow.

Opinion as to general health and physical condition Fit.

2. Has Officer or Other Rank ever suffered from, or has he now, any affection of the following systems? (Answer "Yes" or "No") (Subjective evidence may be sufficient in certain cases.)

Nervous System No ..... Genito Urinary System No ..... Cardio-Vascular System No

Special Senses No ..... Integumentary System No ..... Respiratory System No

Disturbance of Mentality No ..... Muscular System No ..... Digestive System No

Osseous and Joint System No ..... Any other general condition No

3. If the answer to any part of Section 2 above is "Yes," here give full particulars, with cause and date of origin; and also a description of the present condition.

EXAMINATIONS

THIS SECTION FOR USE OVERSEAS—

Examined at London (Overseas)

Date 1st April 1919 Signed Hague Capt. R.A.M.C. M.O.

I hereby certify that I have read, or have heard read, the above description of my present condition; that I find it correctly stated; and that I have not withheld any information concerning any other affections from which I suffered, either prior to or during service.

Signature C. R. Mitchell

(If not satisfied, M.F.B. 227 will be completed by Medical Board.)

THIS SECTION FOR USE IN CANADA—

Examined at .....(Canada)

Date ..... Signed ..... M.O.

I hereby certify that I have read, or have heard read, the above description of my present condition; that I find it correctly stated; and that I have not withheld any information concerning any other affections from which I suffered, either prior to or during service.

Signature .....

(If not satisfied, M.F.B. 227 will be completed by a Medical Board.)

(This space to be used, if necessary, in connection with Section 3, overleaf, only.)

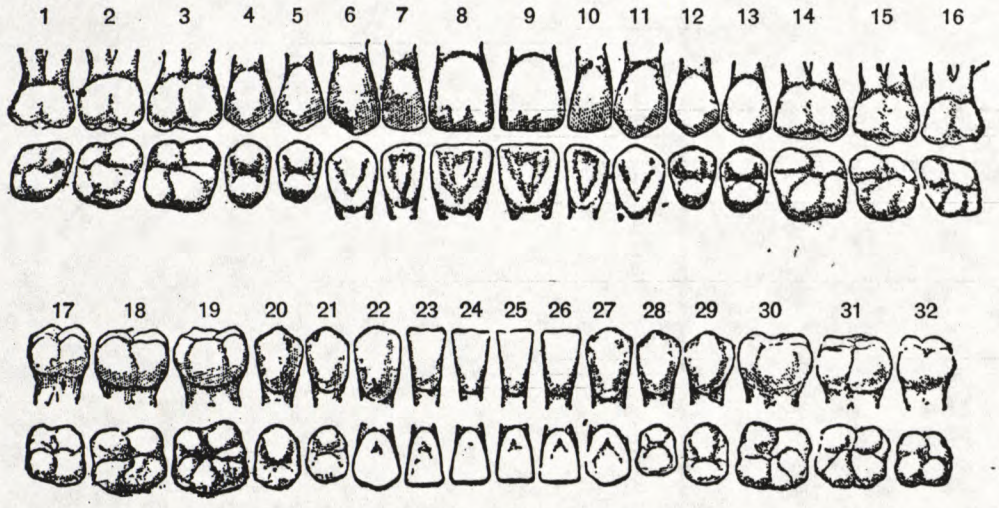
CANADIAN ARMY DENTAL CORPS, O.M.F.C.

DENTAL CERTIFICATE FOR DEMOBILIZATION

NAME OF SOLDIER (Block letters) MITCHELL. C. ~~H~~ N.

REGIMENT 4th Sc. Co. Bn RANK Capt. No.

Date of Examination in England 1.4.19 | Date of Examination in France



DIRECTIONS TO DENTAL OFFICERS

1. This form will be made out for each individual at the time of demobilization in England or France.
2. Figures as per chart will be used to designate teeth concerned.
3. In reference to Partial Dentures the numbers of teeth thereon will be stated.

PRESENT DENTAL REQUIREMENTS

1. FILLINGS 1. 15. 21
2. EXTRACTIONS —
3. CROWNS —
4. DENTURES
   - (*a*) Full Upper —
   - (*b*) Part Upper —
   - (*c*) Full Lower —
   - (*d*) Part Lower —

HAS HE EVER REFUSED DENTAL TREATMENT? no

HAS HE EVER RECEIVED DENTAL TREATMENT? (Reply by "*Yes*" where applicable to any or all of *a*, *b* or *c*.)

- (*a*) In Canada —
- (*b*) In England —
- (*c*) In France yes

Demobilisation Group 19 (1) 14
Dispersal Area 14. War Service Badge
Class "A" No. 2 M-51

PROCEEDINGS OF AN OFFICER OR NURSING SISTER STRUCK OFF STRENGTH OF THE CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

10-3-31
13-3-47.

1. RANK	Capt
2. NAME	MITCHELL. Coulson. Norman. V.C. M.C.
3. UNIT	C.E.
4. DATE STRUCK OFF STRENGTH	PLACE
5. REASON	SOS 627. Canada 28/4/19 627. RO 1935-19 For (demobilization)
6. AUTHORITY	
7. PROPOSED RESIDENCE	Suite 25B Queens Apts Winnipeg

This folder should contain the following documents:

1. Declaration Paper, M. F. W. 51, or Attestation Paper, M. F. W. 23.
2. Casualty Form, A. F. B. 103 or M. F. W. 54.
3. Medical History Sheet, M. F. B. 313 or A. F. B. 178.
4. Proceedings of Medical Boards, A. F. A. 179 or M. F. B. 227.
5. Medical Report M. F. W. 129.
6. Dental History Sheet, M. F. B. 465.
7. Last Pay Certificate, M. F. W. 44.
8. Certificate as to Missing Documents.

1. Triplicate Declaration Paper (M.F.W. 51), or
   Triplicate Attestation Paper (M.F.W. 23).
2. Casualty Form (A.F.B. 103).
3. Medical History Sheet (M.F.B.313 or A.F.B.178)
4. Proceedings of Med Board (M F B.227 or M.F.W.129)
5. Dental Certificate (C.A.D.C. 5009a).
6. Proceedings re Striking off Strength (M.F.W. 2591).
7. Last Pay Certificate (P. 41)
8. War Service Gratuity Form (M.F.W. 2595).
9. Sundry Documents. Dispersal Certificate

M. F. W. 2591.
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