



# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.



## ATTESTATION OF

No. 1770 Name <sup>Cpl</sup> Herbert Adams Corps 1

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? ..... Herbert Adams
2. What is your full Address? ..... { 26 Belvedere St  
St John's
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... Yes
4. What is your Age? ..... 18 Years 3 Months.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... Farmer
6. Are you Married? ..... No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,\* which? ..... No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ..... Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ..... Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ..... { Name Herbert Adams  
Corps 1
11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? ..... Yes

I, Herbert Adams 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 made.

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Herbert Adams 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, according to the conditions of my service.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

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

on this 17 day of August 1915.  
Signature of the Attesting Officer. W. M. [Signature]

† Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the:

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 1915 Place \_\_\_\_\_ Approving Officer. \_\_\_\_\_

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.

‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

\* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.— (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ re-enlisted in the (Regiment) \_\_\_\_\_ on the (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

Name Otto Herbert Adams  
Apparent age 18 years 3 months. Height 5 feet 7 inches.  
Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 35 inches.  
Range of expansion 3 inches.  
Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Thomas Daniel Adams  
76 Belvidere St | Relationship Father

Particulars as to Marriage.

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.  
(c) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names.	Date and Place of Birth.

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank.	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from _____									
Joined at _____ on _____									

Total Service forfeited as above ... ..

Total Service towards Engagement to \_\_\_\_\_ (date of discharge) \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ days  
" " " Pension " ( " ) " "



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Orphan
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. Yes
4. What is your Age? ..... 4. 18 Years ..... 5 Months.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. farmer
6. Are you Married? ..... 6. No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,\* which? ..... 7. No
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Herbert Adams SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
August 11/15 Montgomerie Signature of Witness.

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Christian Names.	Date and Place of Birth.

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					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>11-8-15</u>									
Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>August 11/15</u>									
<u>Embarked St. John's train to Quebec 27<sup>10</sup> '15</u> <u>Embarked Southampton 14-6-16</u> <u>Disembarked Rouen 13-6-16</u> <u>Joined Battalion in the field 30-6-16</u> <u>With Battalion 4-7-16 with Battalion 23-1-17</u>									
<u>changed with direction leaving the trenches while under shell fire. He was found guilty and was sentenced to suffer death by being shot. This sentence was commuted to one of 10 years 75cts to be suspended, suspension to date 21-5-17 but the case will be brought forward for further consideration on 21-5-1917.</u>									
<u>Killed in Action</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above ... ..									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>9-10-17</u> (date of discharge) <u>2</u> years <u>60</u> days									
" " " Pension " " " " " " " "									

Regimental Number 1770

Company G.

THE  
1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

I hereby enlist for service at home or abroad in the King's  
Forces under the following conditions :

For the duration of the present war, or until my  
discharge.

Subject to the Army Act, the King's Regulations,  
and to such ordinances as may apply or may  
be made to apply to the British Regular Army.

Subject to the Newfoundland Volunteer Act,  
5 George V., Chapter IV.

Signed

*H. X. Adams*  
mark.

Witness

*H. Howsell*  
(2nd Lieut)

Dated at

*Acyr*  
*May 24<sup>th</sup> 1916.*

C.R. 1770

Extract of Daily Orders part 11, by Lieut.Col.A.L.Hadow,  
C.M.G. Commanding Newfoundland Regiment, 8/6/17.

COURT MARTIAL.

#1770 Pte. H.Adams,A.Coy was tried by F.G.C.M. on 18 May,  
1917 charged with desertion leaving the trenches while under  
shell fire.He was found guilty and was sentenced to suffer  
death by being shot.This sentence was commuted to one of 10  
years P.S. to be suspended, suspension to date 31/5/17, but the  
case will be brough forward for further consideration on 31st  
August 1917.Auth: 3rd Army C.M. 6932 and 88 Bde. No.C.M.157.

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ORIGINAL

# Department of Militia C.R. 1770

## MEMORANDUM



No. 304/1770.

From  
**MINISTER OF MILITIA,**  
**ST. JOHN'S,**  
**NEWFOUNDLAND**

To Chief Staff Officer,  
 Newfoundland Contingent,  
 c/o Office of the High Commissioner  
 for Newfoundland,  
 58 Victoria Street,  
 London, S.W.1., England.

March 29th 1920. 191

**SUBJECT:**

#1770 Pte. H. Adams  
 Deceased.

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REPLY

Dated 10th. May, 1920.

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

The above named man enlisted on the 11th August, 1915, proceeded overseas on 27th Oct., 1915, was drafted to France on 20/6/16.

He was sentenced by Field General Court Martial on 23rd May, 1917, to be shot for desertion and sentence of death was commuted to ten years penal servitude by General Commanding 3rd Army, who directed that sentence be suspended. G.O.C. 88th Infantry Brigade ordered that the sentence be brought forward for reconsideration on 31st August 1917. The sentence was reconsidered and ordered to be brought forward for further reconsideration on Nov. 30th 1917.

In the meantime, this man was reported Missing on 9/10/17 and later presumed Killed in Action or Died of Wounds on that date (Auth. Burial Report D.A.A.G. 18/12/17 by Lieut. Massey 50th Div. Burial Officer, forwarded on A.F.B. 2090A by G.R.Q. 3rd Echelon B.E.F.)

I shall be glad if you will refer this case to the War Office for final disposal, please.

Army Form W 3104 is enclosed herewith please for necessary action.

Reference obverse:  
 This matter was referred to the Adjutant General to the Forces and the following quoted reply received, please,-

" War Office.  
 " 7/5/20.  
 " Sir,  
 " With reference to your letter  
 " of the 23rd ultimo, No.702/44, I am  
 " commanded by the Army Council to  
 " return herewith Army Form W3104  
 " in the case of No.1770.Pte.H.Adams  
 " (deceased) Royal Newfoundland Regt  
 " and to inform you that no action  
 " is necessary beyond filing the form  
 " with the man's documents.  
 " I am, Sir  
 " your obedient Servant,  
 " (Sgd) B.Blutill."

*B. Gordon*  
 Secretary.

*W. F. Rudell*

Lieut. Colonel,  
 Chief Staff Officer,  
 for Minister of Militia.

JL/MN

Ref. Nos. 414	20 APR 1920	Ans	ACTED UP
Rec'd			BRANCH DATE
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			T & C.
			I.E.
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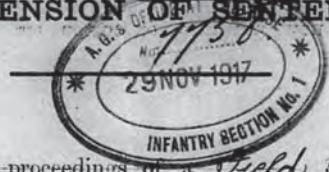
HEADQUARTERS,  
88th INFANTRY BDE.  
No. CM 157  
Date 5-6-1917

A.A. & Q.M.G..  
29th DIVISION.  
No. ....  
Date .....

Third Army C. M. 6932

Army Form W. 3104.

ARMY (SUSPENSION OF SENTENCES) ACT, 1917.



A.A. & Q.M.G.  
8th CORPS.  
C.M. 1556  
Date 5-6-17

Reference  
I forward the proceedings of a Field General

Court Martial in the case of No 1470. Pte. H. Adams, 1st Newfoundland Regt  
who was sentenced on 23/5/17 to Death for Desertion

I have directed that he be not committed to prison, and I request that you  
will issue orders as to his disposal.

Deaths

Confirming Officer.

Quit A or B whichever does not apply

I direct that the sentence of Death (which  
I hereby commute to 10 yrs P.S. †) be suspended.

† Here insert commutation or remission, if any.

I direct that the sentence of Death (which  
I hereby confirm †) be put into execution.

W. H. Murray General Commanding Third Army  
8/31/17 Superior Authority under the Act.

The sentence will be brought forward for reconsideration on 31st August 17



D. T. Lupton Brigadier General  
Commanding, 88th Infantry Brigade.  
Competent Authority under the Act.

I have reconsidered the sentence (~~and hereby remit it~~) (and direct  
that it be brought forward for further re-consideration on 30th Nov 1917).

H. Nelson Reut. Colonel  
Commanding 88th Infantry Brigade.  
Competent Authority under the Act.

A. P. ... 9/10/17



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Army Form B. 2090A.

FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } Newfoundland. Squadron, Troop, }  
OR CORPS } Battery or Company } A. No.

Regimental No. 1770 Rank Private.

Surname Adams. Christian Names H.O.

Died { Date on or after 9/10/17. Place France.

Cause of Death Killed in action or died of wounds received in action.

Nature and Date of Report D. A. A. G. (2). 3/12/17. Burial report.

By whom made Lt. Massey 50th. Divn. B.O.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not received  
(c) as a separate document Not received

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon.

Station and Date } 28/12/17.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section }  
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base }

[Signature]  
and Lt. for Major,  
Officer i/c No.1 Infantry Section.

C.R. 1770

Extract from Nominal Roll of the N214. Regt. Draft  
No. 6 from 2nd Bn., Depot, to 1st Bn., B.S.F. Embarked  
Southampton, 14-6-16.

14-6-16

1770 Pte. O.H.Adams.

Feb 25 1919

St John

n 7.

C.R. 1770

Lieut Col Kendall.

Dear Sir.

Owing to the serious illness of my husband which ended fatally. I am sorry to have delayed in thanking you for the scroll and for the letter from his Majesty the King. I am thanking you for both trusting you will excuse ~~some~~ this as the cause for the delay.

Sincerely Yours

Mrs Thomas Adams

C.R. 1770

N. F. P/38A.

Cables and Telegrams :  
"SYNOPTICAL," London.

DUPLICATE.

Telephone :  
VICTORIA 147.

# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Communications to be addressed to the  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS,  
and the following No. quoted :

## MEMORANDUM.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

From  
**PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,**  
58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.

To **The Hon. the Minister of Militia**  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

WF/BO 21st January 1919.

**SUBJECT :**  
1770 PTE. O.H. ADAMS D'CD.  
Reference No. ROYAL N.F.L.D. REGIMENT.

**REPLY**  
Dated February 18th 1919  
Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

Reference exchange of telegrams:  
(1)  
"Despatched 24/12/18(11185"  
"Synoptical London."  
"1650 Blyde - states that - 1770 -  
"Adams - made - will - in France -  
"after - July 1st - 1918 - in  
"favour of - Mother - signed by -  
"Captain - Emerson - enquire into -  
"Report by telegram"  
Sgd. Military"  
(2)  
"Despatched 7/1/19(252)  
"Synoptical London."  
"599 With reference - my telegram  
"24th Dec - 1770 - Adams - expedite  
"please reply to - fullstop."  
Sgd. Military  
(3)  
"Despatched 14/1/19(24)  
"Military St. John's."  
"Reference your telegram 24th -  
"December - 1770 - Adams - will -  
"dated - July 23 - 1918 - in  
"favour of - Mother."  
Sgd. Synoptical"

Exchange of telegrams on  
obverse is confirmed. Receipt  
of copy of Will referred to is  
acknowledged, which has been  
passed to the Department of  
Justice for administration of  
the estate.  
Minister of Militia.

Copy of Will referred to is  
enclosed for information, please.

  
Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c.Rds.



C.R.

1770

# DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA  
AND QUOTE NO.

1770

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,

April 4th 1918.

From- C.S.O.

To- Paymaster.

#1770, Pte. O.H. Adams.

Please note that the mother of this soldier has requested that when his effects are received by this department, they should not be sent to her direct, but to her daughter, Miss Adams, at the same address.

Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

CR. 1770  
Extract from Telegram from Synoptical to Military dated Jan. 17/19.

IN ANSWER TO YOUR TELEGRAM DEC. 24th., 1770 ADAMS WILL DATED  
JULY 23rd., 1916 IN FAVOUR OF MOTHER.

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C.R.#

St John's R FLD

Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>

Cornel Bendel 1919

Dear Sir

I would like for you to try and get my poor sons money if possible this looks to me and a great many others the foolishest thing that ever any thing could be from the King to the Private that that boy belongs to me if he did not belong to me I could not claim his money the man that holds that boys money and wont give it to me he a fears, to me to be a robber and that is no lie he is my realy son and I got the papers to show for it and also his real

father why should the have any  
objections in giving me his  
money with out a will you  
told me that the money was  
come in the office for me  
and why cant I get it, if ther  
was any will made you know  
Cornel it would be sent on  
here when the money was  
sent. he made his statment  
to me and you know Cornel  
ther is no one for him to will  
it to only me or his father  
good heavens Cornel why  
not one of us get it when it  
is there for us here I am  
with my whole family down  
with the ~~Blue~~ and no money  
comminy in to Ray Doctor  
Bill or any thing else my poor  
childs blood money to keep it  
a way from me this appears to me  
that I got to beg it from ye I dont  
mean you Cornel but the man  
that holds it



I know<sup>(3)</sup> that you have done  
your part as far as I know  
but I am really ashamed  
to face you any more for  
it looks like begging it  
now my poor Husband  
as sick as he is he had to  
try and go to work this  
week and had to give up  
this afternoon now I may  
have to wait for twelve  
months more if I don't try  
and put this affair true  
so I want an answer as  
soon as you can give it  
to me before Friday  
afternoon I don't know  
how soon we will be all  
going to hospital the Dr  
want to send three of  
the family to & tomorrow  
now please excuse me

for sending you this message  
but I cannot help it as  
I am pined true sickness  
to to so yours truly

Mrs Thomas Adams  
81 Le Marchant Rd  
city

C.R. 1770

Extract from telegram from Military to Synoptical Jan. 14.1919

With reference to my telegram J any. 7th., 1770 Adams

Can a reply be given yet please.

C.R. 1770

Extract from telegram sent to Synoptical London,  
Jan.7th, 1919.

With reference my telegram of Dec.24th,/18 1770  
Adams please expedite reply.(stop)

Telephone :  
VICTORIA 147.

# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Communications to be addressed to the  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS,  
and the following No. quoted :

## MEMORANDUM.

No. 16537/519/P&A **C.R. 1770**

From  
**PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,**  
58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.

To  
The Hon. the Minister of  
Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

FM/WF 14th, October 1918

**SUBJECT :**

1770, PTE. O. H. ADAMS, DECEASED,  
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Reference Nos.

**REPLY**

Dated November 25th, 1918

Please return **ORIGINAL** and retain **DUPLICATE.**

With reference to this office No. 12679/444/P&A, 6/8/18, and your reply 27/8/18, 1770, (8336): The following further communication from Mrs. Adams 16/9/18 (8688) is quoted,-

Non-effective account has been received and is receiving attention.

Minister of Militia.

"I received letter in answer  
"to the one I sent long ago  
"telling me that Lieut. Massey  
"said that he forwarded my  
"poor dear son's field book on  
"to the Pay & Record Office.  
"Would you be kind enough  
"to forward that book on to  
"me and also his money that  
"is left over. I think I am  
"entitled to his full pay now  
"as his poor old father and me  
"are suffering from serious  
"complaints as he has asthma  
"and tumours and his bit of  
"money now is really needed.  
"The Head authorities here are  
"looking out for their own  
"trouble and not for my grief  
"nor trouble, nor want. My  
"poor dear son would have  
"been a good help now if he  
"had been left home to me. A  
"poor boy enlisted and he only  
"16 years and 6 months old,  
"so you see it was a terrible  
"thing to take away a poor  
"child away from his home dear  
"friend so please do your very  
"best for me, as I am very sick  
"I cant tell you anything more,  
"getting attended by Doctor  
"Cowperthwaite so I must end  
"up by wishing you good bye  
"and dont forget to answer  
"and dont forget the book and  
"do your very best for me."

ASST. M. M.

As a special case in view of the large number of non-effective accounts still outstanding a separate account for the deceased Soldier is enclosed. It is not thought desirable to create a precedent in complying with Mrs. Adams request regarding his A. B. 64, which is being retained by this office as customary. The handing over of such Pay Books after the cessation of Hostilities and demobilization is a matter for your future consideration.

RECEIVED  
MAY 1946  
OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF OF BUREAU OF  
MILITARY PAY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NEWFOUNDLAND

OFFICE OF THE  
CHIEF OF BUREAU OF  
MILITARY PAY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*R. A. D. [Signature]*

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

C.P. 1770

Aug. 29th 18

Mrs. Thomas Adams,

31 LeMarchant Rd

Dear Mrs. Adams:-

A copy of your letter of May 30th addressed to the Chief Paymaster, London, together with subsequent correspondence covering further enquiries concerning the effects of No. 1770, Private O.H. Adams has been received.

From the further enquiries made, it seems evident that the effects forwarded to you were found on the body of this soldier; and Lieut. Massey took his pay book, which was forwarded to the Pay Office, London, off this body.

The 50th Divisional Salvage and Burial Officer, G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon states that he does not think there is any doubt that the body was that of Private O.H. Adams.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

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LONDON, S.W.

To

The Hon. the Minister of  
Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

FM/WF

6th, August 1918

### SUBJECT:

1770, PTE. O. H. ADAMS, DECEASED,

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Reference Nos.

### REPLY

Dated August 27, 1918.

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Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

The enclosed copies of  
correspondence exchanged with the  
D. A. G., 3rd. Echelon, following  
an enquiry from the mother of  
the above deceased Soldier. Mrs.  
Thos. Adams, 31, LeMarchant Road,  
St. John's, Newfoundland,  
30/5/18 (5682) are forwarded to  
you for your information and  
attention, please.

*J.M.*  
Captain,  
Asst. Paymaster,  
For Chief Paymaster & O i/c Recds.

The necessary information  
has been conveyed to Mrs. Adams  
in reply to her inquiry to you  
of May 30th.

Lieut. Colonel,  
Chief Staff Officer.



MINUTES OF CORRESPONDENCE (CONT):

ENCLOSURES.

FROM:

D.A.G.,  
Effects Branch, (Men),  
G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon.

50th Divisional Burial  
Office.

D. 8. 23/7/1918.

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There were no identification discs on the body when found by Mr Massey's party and it is opined that these were removed by the individuals who had originally interred the body.

No burial return was rendered by Mr Massey, he apparently not considering it advisable under the circumstances as above stated.

Personally I do not think there is any doubt that the body was that of Pte. Adams, O.H.

A.G.'s Branch. (Sd) D.W. SMITH,  
Effects (Men). Lieutenant,  
26/7/1918. 50th Divl. ~~Savage~~ & Burial Officer.

The Officer i/c Newfoundland Records,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster. LONDON.

Forwarded for your information, please. The A.B. 64 referred to was received here and passed to the Officer i/c No. 1. Infantry Section of the 13th, November 1917 for transmission to the Regimental Paymaster.

(Sd) F.E. DOWSE BRENNAN,  
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FROM: Chief Paymaster & O 1/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria Street, S.W. (1).  
TO: O 1/c Effects Branch (Men),  
B.E. F., France.  
July 2nd. 1918.

DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY  
Posted.....

PAY & RECORD OFFICE

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ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

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(Sd) H.A. TIMEWELL,  
Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O 1/c Records.,

(2)

FROM: The D.A.G.,  
Effects Branch, (Men),  
TO: The Burial Officer,  
50th Division,  
In the Field.  
G. H. Q., 3rd. Echelon.  
16th, July 1918.

Reference Minute 1 can it be stated definitely that the articles forwarded on account of the above-mentioned under your A.F.W. 3190 dated 6/11/17 were actually recovered from the body of the Deceased, or if not in what circumstances they were found? Any additional information which will enable a satisfactory reply to be made to the enquirer will be useful.

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Captain,

Staff Captain,

for D. A. G.

C.R. 1770

June 10, 1918.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

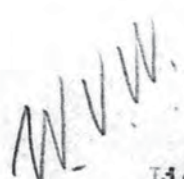
I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you one Kit Bag, which belonged to your son #1770 Pte. O.H. Adams of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement and in the renewed sorrow which the receipt of these effects must entail.

I am enclosing herewith, receipt, will you kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

  
Lieut.

or Lieut. Col. C.S.O.

Mr. Thomas D. Adams,  
31 LeMarchant Road,  
City.

Enc'l 1.

Despatching  
Office  
Stamp



No. 211

From Genl Dept

Registered Letter Addressed--

Thos B. Adams  
311. La Recherche 194

Received by

J. J. [Signature]

Arrival  
Office  
Stamp

PERSONAL EFFECTS

Received from Militia Department

Packages of effects of the late

Signed Mrs Adams

Date May the 17<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir.

I received O. Sd.  
Adams parcel.

now I want to know if those things  
 were taken from my sons person  
 or from his kit bag out of the depot or  
 station. I want you to send <sup>me word</sup>  
 as quickly as you can. or if possible to send  
 it to lieutenant Massey in France.  
 and I do not believe that the belt is his,  
 because the last report I received  
 in July he was not on the ambulance  
 service. I cannot ask you anything  
 more about it.

My Dear Adams

The parcel sent you from  
this office was all that he received from  
the Pay + Record office London; and in the  
same condition ~~and~~ that it reached this  
Department is.

I am exceedingly sorry not -  
to be able to give you any further  
particulars as I am not in possession  
of any of the facts myself.



May 14, 1918

Dear Mr. Adams:-

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I am,

Yours sincerely,

Captain.

Mr. Thomas Daniel Adams,  
31 LeMarchant Road,  
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May 22, 1918.

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No. of Paper 1120

**PERSONAL EFFECTS.**

Name Adams J.H. No. 1770

Rank Pte. Regiment THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Article	Where stored	Notified by
<u>Stop Bag.</u>		
	Final disposal	

Shipped from Depot.

Remarks :- W.A. on D.F.W.  
Next of Kin: Father.  
J.D. Adams

No. of Paper 992

**PERSONAL EFFECTS.**

Name Adams, O.H. No. 1770

Rank 1st Lt. Regiment 1st Regt. C.A.

Article	Where stored	Notified by
<p>1 Cotton bag Containing:- Notion Photos. 2 Pkt. Books 2 Relig Books 1 Pocket Wallet Post Cards 1 Quicker Book 1 Belt</p>		
	Final disposal	

Remarks :- Casualty Advice :- DofW 9-10-17  
 Next of Kin :- Miss D. Adams  
26 Belvidere St.  
St Johns

C.R. 1770

April 4th 1918.

From- C.S.O.

To- Paymaster.

#1770, Pte. O.H. Adams.

Please note that the mother of this soldier has requested that when his effects are received by this department they should not be sent to her direct but to her daughter Miss Adams at the same address.

Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 1770

April 4th 1918.

Mrs Thomas Adams,  
31 LeMarchant Rd.

Dear Mrs Adams,

With further reference to your enquiry concerning the above soldier and your conversation with me some few days ago I have the honour to inform you that a reply has now been received from the Record Office, London, stating that a letter has been received from the Officer Commanding 1st Battalion, to the effect that no further information can be given concerning this soldier

Yours faithfully,



Major,

Chief Staff Officer.

WFR JMF.

Response

2763/76/C.  
The Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.I.

O.C.

1st Battalion,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
HT/DM. B.E.F.

Pay & Record Office.

20th February, 8.

1770. Pte. G.H. Adams, deceased.

- Copies of letters from:-
- (1) Mrs. T.V. Adams, 16/1/18 (1416)
  - (2) Minister of Militia, 1770. 16/1/18.

enclosed for any information available to form replies please.

Meanwhile there appears to be practically no doubt that Pte. Adams is dead, and Mrs. Adams has been written to accordingly.

Through the War Office, the 50th Divisional Burial Officer reported on 18/12/17 that he was buried and was "killed in action or died of wounds."

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

Answer.

28/2/18.

Ref. Minute I -  
it is regretted that  
no further in -  
formation can  
be given on this  
matter.

(Signed)

J. S. Woodruffe  
Lieut-Col.

Commanding (1st Bn)  
Royal Nfld. Regt.

C.R. 1770

C O P Y.



31, Lemarchant Road,  
**DUPLICATE**  
**MAIL COPY**  
January 16th 1918.  
**Posted 21 FEB 1918**

Major Timewell,

Dear Sir,

I am sending to you to know if you have found any tidings of Private Herbert Adams No. 1770. Reported to be either killed in action or died of wounds.

How can they report him killed except they have found his body. I tell you Major this is a very trying thing on my heart. My mind is always wondering as you know, if he is captured by the enemy or did he get lost in what we call Bogs of Rivers, if they were fighting as it was reported over bridges and Bogs it is more that likely that's where he's too. I cannot see how they could send out a poor boy that was so badly shell shocked has lots of the boys that's returned home told me he was.

No later that this present last August that he was put into the dipo as a Regimental Polace that was all he could do, and not only that but he have been treated badly by the Officers in France through that effect it shows like its true when he never received only two of his parcels I sent him out of so many.

I call this War on out rages murder from the beginning. I would like for you if its possible to try and hunt the Hospitals as much as you can if its in your power and the Salvation Army Huts as you know some where back of the fighting line.

My poor dear boy is not able to write himself has you know this is a great hinderance to him if he is in any Hospitals or Satatenorys. I have been speaking to returned soldiers that have been reported killed for seven or eight months and their friends in mourning for them and to-day there are here walking the streets of St. John's, so you see that I can't give up hopes until the body is found and the tokens that on him sent back to me. The tokens I means is his brother's photo, and a girl's photo also the girl's ring and his wrist watch and other items as well that I have sent him from my own hands, when you finds one thing you will find all. My mind tells me that he is still alive some where, he was a boy that had a wonderful roving mind.

Please answer this for I would more than like for you to answer before I dies so I think I have told you all. Now dear Major please try and do your best for a poor broken hearted Mother by so doing you will oblige.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) Mrs. Thomas D. Adams.

I was aquinted of you by Major Rendell he told me to write you and see what you knew concerning my boy.



Cables and Telegrams :  
"SYNOPTICAL," London.

Telephone :  
VICTORIA 147.

Communications to be addressed to the  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS,  
and the following No. quoted :



N. F. P/38A.

DUPLICATE.

# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

## MEMORANDUM.

No. 2764/117/C.

C.R. 1770

From  
**PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,**  
58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.

To The Hon. The Minister of  
Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

HT/DM. 19th February, 1918.

### SUBJECT :

No. 1770. Pte. O.H. ADAMS, deceased.

Reference Nos.

### REPLY

Dated April 27th,

1918

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#### Copies of letters:-

From Mrs. T.W. Adams, 16/1/18.  
(1416).  
To Mrs. T.W. Adams, 18/2/18.  
2666/1/ R & C.  
enclosed please.

A copy of Mrs. Adam's letter is being sent to the O.C. 1st Bn. for report, together with a copy of your No. 1770 (1748) received this date.

With regard to the concluding paragraph of Mrs. Adam's letter, I may perhaps advert to my previous references to the subject of direct correspondence with people in Newfoundland and this Office, whilst of course there is no desire here to shirk what may be unavoidable in this respect, it is thought that such a process may lead to complications and misunderstanding.

All important information is submitted to you as available.

Of course as in the case of your inquiry per your No. 1770 above referred to, and opening up as it does, another possible phase of the case, investigation will be made and reported upon.

Meanwhile however there appears to be no cause to doubt that Adams is dead.

Naturally it may be difficult to avoid direct inquiries of which I receive an appreciable number, but may I submit the question of the desirability of encouraging them, please?

*A. S. Munnell* Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

Attached copies of letters received and noted.

With reference to the remark in the letter sent by Mrs. Adams to you, that she was told by Major Rendell to write you to see what you knew concerning this soldier, I may say that it is not a correct statement.

Mrs Adams was in the office a few days ago and was asked about this remark, and she stated that it was not correct, but that she hoped that it would mean that her letter would have prompt attention by putting in such a sentence.

I am very anxious to have only direct correspondence between this Dept. and your Office on matters Regimental; and my Staff Officers fully appreciate the value of using only the recognised channels of communication.

*Spase copy*

18th February, 8

2666/1/R.&C.

Mrs. Thomas D. Adams,  
31, Lemarchant Road,  
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Madam: 1770, Pte. O.H. Adams, deceased.

I have received your letter bearing date 16/1/18 (1416) with regard to your son, the late Pte. O.H. Adams, and I deeply regret to inform you that there can be little doubt but that he is dead. The official statement which reached this Office through the War Office and was transmitted to the Minister of Militia said that his burial was reported by Lieut. Massey, 50th Divisional Burial Officer with the British Expeditionary Force. The statement further said that your son was "killed in action or died of wounds". He was previously reported as missing on 9/10/17, and Lieut. Massey's report was made on 18/12/17, over two months afterwards. It may be presumed therefore that Pte. Adams' body was recovered and given a Christian burial on the battlefield. His body must have borne marks of wounds which would lead to the statement that he was "killed in action or died of wounds". There can be little doubt that it was your son's body which was buried, as the burial party would not report it as "1770 Pte. O.H. Adams", giving both the name and number correctly, unless they were satisfied that the evidence was strong enough to identify him. In addition, the burial party recognized him as belonging to the Newfoundland Regiment.

So great is the confusion wrought in a big battle in these times that months often elapse before the bodies of fallen soldiers can be recovered from the battlefield. The report "missing" after a big battle means that a man cannot be accounted for, and he may be either a prisoner or killed or, in very rare cases may again turn up. The fact of your son's body being buried, of course, lays all doubt at rest in this connection. In due course it is hoped that the exact site of Pte. Adams' grave will be known and a cross will be erected, particulars of which will be communicated to you through the Department of Militia, St. John's, when available.

While it is hard, I know, to assuage a Mother's grief, will you allow me to say this: that Pte. Adams laid down his life in the noblest manner, dying himself that others might live in Freedom and Lawfulness?

The following personal effects have now reached this Office and are being sent to Newfoundland at the first safe opportunity

- Letter )
- Photographs ) in
- Post Cards ) Canvas Bag
- 1 Book, Poetry )
- 1 French Dictionary )

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I am,

Madam,

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HA/JC

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

DUPLICATE

1770.

DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY  
Posted 14 APR 1918

R. 1770



January 16, 8

Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
Pay & Record Office,  
58 Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.(1).

6/3/18

1770 Pte. O. H. Adams.

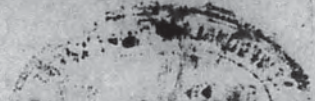
The above mentioned soldier was reported in your cable of 31, Dec., as killed in action or died of wounds, on or after 9<sup>th</sup>, October. The mother of this soldier has called at this department and stated with assurance that it is very likely that Pte. Adams deserted either by giving himself up to enemy or by leaving the Battalion and clearing out of the fighting area.

She suggested that enquiries be made from men in hospital who were with the Battalion on 9, Oct., which might bring out some more definite information. She also states that it is possible that news of him might be found on enquiring at the Salvation Army Huts stationed near our Batt. She feels confident that he has not been killed and going on previous remarks of Pte. Adams, she is assured that he had deserted before the action of 9, Oct., commenced. Will you

I enclose copy of my No. 2763/73/C exchanged with O. C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion please, and (for your information) copy of my No. 2666/1 to Mrs. Thomas D. Adams, of 18/2/18.

(Sd) H. A. T. Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY  
Posted



please give this matter your attention  
and if possible collect any facts con-  
cerning this soldier from men in hospit-  
al or with the first Battalion. I think  
this matter should be represented to the  
Officer Commanding 1st Batt., in order  
that he might also take the matter up.

Acting Minister Of Militia.

1416  
18/2/18

C O P Y.

31, Lemarchant Road,

January 16th, 1918.

Major Timewell,

Dear Sir,

I am sending to you to know if you have found any tidings of Private Herbert Adams No. 1770. Reported to be either killed in action or died of wounds.

How can they report him killed except they have found his body. I tell you Major this is a very trying thing on my heart. My mind is always wondering as you know, if he is captured by the enemy or did he get lost in what we call Bogs of Rivers, if they were fighting as it was reported over bridges and Bogs it is more that likely that's where he's too. I cannot see how they could send out a poor boy that was so badly shell shocked has lots of the boys that's returned home told me he was.

No later that this present last August that he was put into the dipo as a Regimental Polace that was all he could do, and not only that but he have been treated badly by the Officers in France through that effect it shows like its true when he never received only two of his parcels I sent him out of so many.

I call this War on out rages murder from the beginning. I would like for you if its possible to try and hunt the Hospitals as much as you can if its in your power and the Salvation Army Huts as you know some where back of the fighting line.

My poor dear boy is not able to write himself has you know this is a great hinderance to him if he is in any Hospitals or Satatenorys. I have been speaking to returned soldiers that have been reported killed for seven or eight months and their friends in mourning for them and to-day there are here walking the streets of St. John's, so you see that I can't give up hopes until the body is found and the tokens that on him sent back to me. The tokens I means is his brother's photo, and a girl's photo also the girl's ring and his wrist watch and other items as well that I have sent him from my own hands, when you finds one thing you will find all. My mind tells me that he is still alive some where, he was a boy that had a wonderful roving mind.

Please answer this for I would more than like for you to answer before I dies so I think I have told you all. Now dear Major please try and do your best for a poor broken hearted Mother by so doing you will oblige.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) Mrs. Thomas D. Adams.

X I was aquinted of you by Major Rendell he told me to write you and see what you knew concerning my boy.



## Department of Militia

## MEMORANDUM

No. 1770.

C.R. 1770

From  
**MINISTER OF MILITIA,**  
 ST. JOHN'S,  
 NEWFOUNDLAND

To Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records,  
 Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
 Pay & Record Office,  
 58 Victoria Street,  
 London, S.W.(1).

January 16, 1918

SUBJECT:

1770 Pte. O.H. Adams.

REPLY

3628

Dated

6/2/18

191

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

The above mentioned soldier was reported in your cable of 31, Dec., as killed in action or died of wounds, on or after 9th, October. The mother of this soldier has called at this department and stated with assurance that it is very likely that Pte. Adams deserted either by giving himself up to enemy or by leaving the Battalion and clearing out of the fighting area.

She suggested that enquiries be made from men in hospital who were with the Battalion on 9, Oct., which might bring out some more definite information. She also states that it is possible that news of him might be found on enquiring at the Salvation Army Huts, stationed near our Battalion. She feels confident that he has not been killed, and going on previous remarks of Pte. Adams, she is assured that he has deserted before the action of 9, Oct., commenced. Will you

I enclose copy of my  
 no. 2763/73 C exchanged  
 with O.G. 1st. Bn. please,  
 and (for your information)  
 copy of my no 2666/1 to  
 Mr Thomas D. Adams of  
 18/2/18.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

*H. H. Maxwell*  
 CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS

please give this matter your attention and if possible collect any facts concerning this soldier from men in hospital or with the first Battalion. I think this matter should be represented to the Officer Commanding 1st Batt., in order that he might also take the matter up.

*J. T. B. Bennett*  
Acting Minister Of Militia.

1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	✓ 1748
Rec'd.	19 FEB 1918
Acc'd.	.....
Ans'd.	.....
File No.	.....

BRANCH	
<i>Rds</i>	
ACTED UPON	
BY	.....
DATE	.....

C.R. 1770

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated January 10, 1918.

#1770 Pte. H.O. Adams. ✓

Killed in Action or Died of Wounds on or shortly after  
9/10/17. Previously reported Missing.

Auth:- Recovery of Body reported by Lieut. Massey 50  
Divn. B.O. 18/12/17.

# Department of Militia

~~DUPLICATE~~  
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## MEMORANDUM

C.R. 1770

No. 1770

From  
**MINISTER OF MILITIA,**  
ST. JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND  
December 10, 1917

To Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records,  
1st Newfoundland Regiment,  
Pay & Record Office  
58 Victoria Street  
LONDON, S.W.(1).

SUBJECT:

REPLY

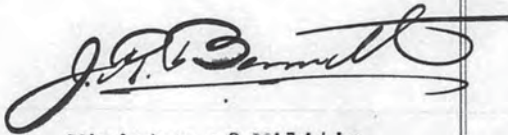
1770, O.H. Adams.

Dated 10 JAN 1918 191

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE 432

The relatives of the above mentioned soldier are very anxious for news concerning him, as he has been reported missing Oct., 9th. It is understood of course that any information received is immediately telegraphed to this department, but they press for communication to be sent over in the hope that information may come more quickly.

*This man was reported killed in action or died of wounds 9/10/17 as telegraphed 11/1/18 (see Casualty report No. 2/1918), please*

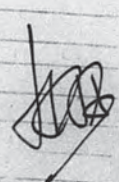


Minister of Militia.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.  
*A. C. Bennett Maj.*  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
PAY & RECORDS  
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G & I  
P.S.



C.R. 1770

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,  
London, dated January 8, 1918.

The following casualties in the 1/1st Nfld. Regt. with  
The British Expeditionary Force, is reported under  
various date:-

#1770 Pte. O.H. Adams. ✓

Previously reported missing and now reported Killed in  
Action or Died of Wounds.

1770.

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,

Pay & Record Office,

58, Victoria Street,  
London S.W. (1).

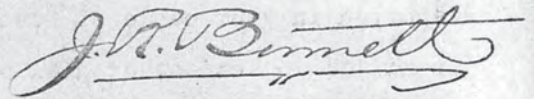
January 16, 8

1770, Pte O. H. Adams.

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matter your attention and if possible collect any facts concerning this soldier from men in hospital or with the first Battalion. I think this matter should be represented to the Officer Commanding 1st Batt., in order that he might also take the matter up.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. R. Bennett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Acting Minister of Militia.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

JAN 2 - 1918

191

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I regret to inform you that a report has been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that

No. 1770, Pte. Otto, H. Adams,

has been posted ~~as~~ killed in Action or Died of Wounds on or after 9th Oct.

Should any further information be received concerning him, the same will be at once communicated to you.

Yours faithfully.

Mr. Thomas D. Adams,  
31 LeMarchant Rd.,  
CITY

Colonial Secretary.  
Minister of Militia

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~



C.R. 1770

Extract of Casualties received from the Pay and Record  
Office, London, dated Jan.1st 1918.

Previously reported Missing 9/10/17, Now reported Killed  
in Action or Died of Wounds on or after above date

1770 Pte.O.H.Adams.

Authority:-Burial Report D.A.A.G.(2) 18/12/17.  
By Lt.Masset 50 Div.Burial Officer,  
Forwarded on A.F. B.2090A by G.H.Q.  
3rd Echelon. Received P & R 0.1/1/18.

C.R.

1770

Extract of Casualty received from Pay & Record Office  
London, dated January 1.1918.

#1770 Pte. O.H. Adams. ✓

Previously reported Missing 9/10/17.

Now reported Killed in action or Died of Wounds on or after  
above date. Authy:- Burial Report D. . .G.(2) 18/12/17  
By Lt. Messer 50 Div. Burial Officer. Forwarded on A.F.B.  
2090 by G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon. Received P & R.O. 1/1/18.

C.R. 1770

Wednesday

Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

Cornel Rendall

Dear Sir,

I am writing to let you know that Private O J Adams 1770 went to France on the last day of June<sup>1916</sup> that lefts him 16 Months in France so there is no mistake a bout it he must have been longer than 20 Months in France by that account it seems that the Gray you have spoken of to me only tell me that he have been only 10 Months in France. if he have been killed or Missing before the 9 day of October we never got no news untill the 5 day

of Dec 1917 if any thing happend  
before that time I would  
not have got any letters the  
last letter I got from him  
was Dated August 6<sup>th</sup> 1917  
why I am sending you this  
correct message because I  
was not quite sure untill  
I found out by his enlisted  
papers when you asked me  
a few questions I was not  
quite sure to answer you  
now I am asking you please  
to send for Private O T Adams  
1770 Field Book and get it  
for me Major Timewell  
wrote and told me it was  
in the Pay and Record Office  
in London I think it is better  
for me to have it than where  
it is now Mr Bendell I am  
expecting my commount of  
money this week and please  
send up the last statement

to his Father as he is anxious  
to see how he was found he  
is very quarrelsome and expects to  
give up work.

Your truly

Mrs Thomas Adams

31 Le Marchant Rd

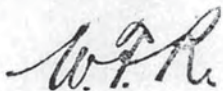
Chief Paymaster & C.i/c Records,  
1st Newfoundland Regiment,  
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58 Victoria Street

December 10, 7

LONDON, S.W.(1).

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Minister of Militia.

November 14, 1917.

Sir:-

I beg to say that I am in receipt of your letter of even date, and I note your request.

I shall write to the authorities on the other side immediatly, and ask that the fullest information be given, with regard to your son's disease.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Major.

for C.S.O.

T. D. Adams Esq.,  
31 LeMarchant Rd.,  
City.

City

C.R. 1770

Nov 13

Magor Rendell

Dear Sir

I am just sending you  
this little note to know  
if you would cablegram  
its know if there is any  
tidings of my poor missing  
boy O F Adams No 1770  
living or dead for I must  
tell you that it is not all  
the trouble I shall have  
for I cannot explain to you  
the condition of mind  
my poor Wife got this present  
time and if you can do  
any thing regarding informat-  
ion of the poor boy to so



as soon as possible. before  
any other trouble occurs  
I thought it better to send  
and ask you first as you know  
better than I do please let  
me know as soon as  
possible.

Mr Thomas D Adams  
31 Le Marchant Rd  
City

And I shall be more  
than thankful to you  
for your information

C.R. #4693

1770 PTE. OTTO H. ADAMS.

EXTRACT OF CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED NOVEMBER 6, 1917.  
MISSING OCTOBER 9.

✓

November 6, 7.

Sir,

\_\_\_\_\_191

Dear

I regret to have to inform you that a report has this day been received from the Record Office, Private to ~~Mr. Adams~~ <sup>Mr. Adams</sup> Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that—

\_\_\_\_\_missing October 9th.

has been posted as—

Should any further information be received concerning him, such information will be at once communicated to you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Thos. D. Adams,  
31 LeMarchant Rd.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 1770

DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY

Posted 5 - JUL 1917



6163/78

Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland Regiment,  
Headquarters,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

25th June, 7.

HT/NW

No.1770, PTE. O.H. ADAMS

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As will be seen by reference to 1st Bn. Daily Orders, Part II, Para. 205, of 8/6/17, this soldier is under sentence of Court Martial and the results of attempting to explain this to his Mother in writing might cause unnecessary pain and misunderstanding. It is therefore suggested that you may be good enough to direct that an Officer ask Mrs. Adams to call on him and that he should explain the case as he thinks fit.

I may add that a copy of Mrs. Adams' letter has been sent to the O.C. 1st Bn. and if any comment is received from him thereon it will be forwarded to you in due course.

I may also refer to the fact that at the time of posting my reply to Mrs. Adams and my letter to her son, copies of which are also enclosed, the circumstances of Pte. Adams' case were not known here.

Major,

Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

DUPLICATE.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 6163/78

CR 1770

From

PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

58, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

25th June, 1917.

To

Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland Regiment,  
Headquarters,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

HT/NW

**SUBJECT:** No. 1770, PTE. O.H. ADAMS

**REPLY**

Dated

1917

Reference Nos.

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Letter No. 6163/78.

Mrs. Adams had previously called here and been given information to the effect that her son was in France and in good health, from last reports.

*W. J. ...*  
Major,

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

COPY

31, Le Marchant Road,

April 26, 1817.

Mjr. Timewell.

Dear Sir:-

I must thank you for your kindness for telegraming to Pte. Otto Herbert Adams 1770 Rgt. to find out about his letters and parcels for me. I have never got no reply from himself yet but I would like to push you a little to write or telegram to him personally and acquaint to write as soone as he possible can for we are all anxious awfully anxious to hear from him I hope you wont be put out with me Sir for writing you those few words to know if you can find out any particulars more about him please let me know and if you cannot do it without charge please send and let me know and I will send you the cost. I am only a poor woman but I dont mind what it costs as long as I can hear a word from my poor boy he is only seventeen (17) and he is to young to be out he should have been taking out their as yet I am afraid that he will be the <sup>Curel</sup>~~cause~~ of my life fretting and grieving I cannot help it. I am sending a letter to him with this please forward it on as soone as possible.

I remain,

Yours truly

(Sd.) MRS. ADAMS.

2835

4/6/17-

COPY.

14th June, 7.

5753/2

Mrs. Adams,  
31, Le Marchant Road,  
St. John's, Nfld.

Madam,

With reference to your letter 26/5/17: from the latest information received in this office it would appear that your son, No. 1770, Pte. O.H. Adams, is well and is still serving with his Unit - 1/1 Newfoundland Regiment, B.E.F.

I am, however, writing to him asking him to let you know how he is.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

COPY.

14th June, 7.

No. 1770, Pte. O.H. Adams,

1/1 Newfoundland Regiment,

B. E. F.

5807/1

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from your Mother stating that she has not heard from you for a long time and that she is extremely anxious about you.

I have acknowledged her letter and told her that so far as is known here you are well and serving with your Unit, but that I am writing you asking you to let her know how you are, which I am sure you will lose no time in doing.

for Paymaster & O. i/c Records.



C.R. 1770

**Otto H. Adams** was attested for General Service  
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on .. ~~August~~ **11th. 1915**  
Regimental No. **1770** was allotted to Pte **O.H. Adams**

AUTHORITY:

Record Officer

Dept. of MILITIA,

March 25th. 1919.

C.R. 1770

Extract from Nominal Roll Entrained St. John's  
for Overseas 27/10/15.

1770 Pte. H. Adams.

C.R.

1770

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft which embarked for  
B.E.F. on or about 20 June 1916.

#1770 Pte .O.H. Adams .

O. H. Adams.

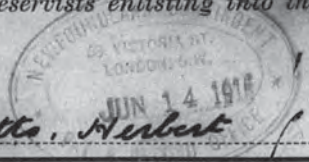
C.R.

1710.

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To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

# MEDICAL HISTORY



Surname Adams

OF

Christian Name Oliver Herbert

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish \_\_\_\_\_ County Wilt

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>10</u> day of <u>Aug</u> 191 <u>5</u> at <u>St John Wilt</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191____ at _____	
Declared Age	<u>18</u> years _____ days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Farmer</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>7</u> inches	_____ feet	_____ inches
Weight	<u>115</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>35</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>3</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated	<u>720</u>			
Vision	R. E.—V	<u>4/6</u>	R. E.—V	
	L. E.—V	<u>6/6</u>	L. E.—V	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Samuel Peterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Capt.</u>			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St John</u> on <u>18</u> day of <u>Aug</u> 191 <u>5</u>		at _____ on _____ day of _____ 191____	
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Wilt Regt</u>	<u>17</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on _____ day of _____ 191____		on _____ day of _____ 191____	
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

**Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c. : Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.**

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
12. 10. 15	1 <sup>st</sup> Inoculation
19. 11. 15	Vacc. R. P. Graham. Lt. Rame.
23. 10. 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Inoculation

**TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.**

Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation.	Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation
<i>St. Johns Field</i>					



1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

I, Herbert Adams, Regl. No. 1770, hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of          Dollars and          Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons concerned, viz :

Allotment begins.....

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
<u>1607</u>	<u>Mothers</u>	<u>Fanny Adams</u>	<u>26 Belvedere St St Johns</u>	<u>600</u>
Total Allotment, \$				

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, counter-signed by the Officer Commanding Company and handed to the Paymaster as authority to make the required payments on application.

(Sig.).....

Officer Commanding  
Company

(Sig.) Herbert Adams  
for & made

(Rank) Private

Mun. James Lewis

## Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

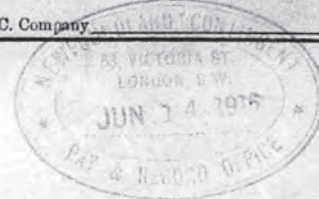
Army Form B. 121.

W. P. Griffith &amp; Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C.

Forms  
B. 121.  
59.Regiment of *1st Newfoundland*Number of Sheet *1*

Signature of O. C. Company

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay
No.	<i>A. Adams</i>	Age on	<i>18 years 3 months</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	<i>St Johns Aug. 11. 1915</i>	Religion	
Joined	Date	Period of	with Colours years.	<i>C of E.</i>	
Joined	Date				
Joined	Date			<i>St Johns</i>	



Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness.	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<i>Gales</i>	<i>1915 Nov 8</i>	<i>Pte</i>		<i>Refusing to obey the order of a N.C.O</i>	<i>Sgt Mackley</i>	<i>3 days CB</i>	<i>1915 Nov 19</i>	<i>Capt. Montgomery</i>	<i>61</i>
<i>Pen School</i>	<i>14/4/16</i>	<i>Pte</i>		<i>Absent from parade</i>	<i>Corporal Penny</i>	<i>1 Day CB</i>	<i>15/4/16</i>	<i>Capt. E. S. Hye</i>	<i>65</i>
<i>Racecourse.</i>	<i>5/6/16</i>	<i>Pte</i>		<i>Absent from morning parade.</i>	<i>Sgt. P. Blackhall</i>	<i>2 days CB.</i>	<i>5/6/16</i>	<i>Major. Usher</i>	<i>1</i>

To be carried over



**FIELD SERVICE.**

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT OR CORPS } Newfoundland. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } \_\_\_\_\_



Regimental No. 1770 Rank Private.

Surname Adams. Christian Names H.O.

Died { Date on or after 9/10/17. Place France.

Cause of Death \* Killed in Action or Died of Wounds received in Action. ENT TO O.C. H.Q. ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.

Nature and Date of Report D.A.M.A.G.(2).D/18/12/17. Burial report. N.F.P.38. NO.

By whom made Lt. Massey 50th. Divn. B.O.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
DATED 14 FEB 1918

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not received (c) as a separate document Not received

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon.

Station and Date } 28/12/17.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature] 2nd Lt. for Major,  
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base. } Officer i/c No.1 Infantry Section.

EXTRACT FROM TELEGRAM

"Despatched 14/1/19 (24):

"Military, St. John's."

"Reference your telegram 24th- December- 1770- Adams- will- dated- July 23-  
"1916- in favour of- Mother-

(Sgd) SYNOPTICAL."  
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Dep. Bagg

Atack outward  
Telgram

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Telgram

N.F.P./88.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM full text  
~~extract~~ from MINISTER OF MILITIA No. C.G.64/82

Dated 24/12/18 ( 11185 ), Received 25/12/18

Decoded by R.A.P. Checked by H.H.B

Branch R.&.C. Acted upon (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged per No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated / /

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*JPH*

N.F.P./38.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

TELEGRAM <sup>full-text</sup><sub>extract</sub> from MINISTER OF MILITIA No. G4/7/168

Dated 7 / 1 / 19 ( 252 ), Received 8 / 1 / 19

Decoded by J.L. Checked by F.C.

Branch Pay Acted upon (Initial)

Acknowledged per No.  dated / /

599.

With reference- my telegram 24th Dec- 1770- Adams-  
expedite please reply to- fullstop

"MILITARY"

WILL.

660

23<sup>rd</sup> July 1916

In the event of my death  
I give the whole of my  
property and effects to my  
mother Mrs Fanny Adams

49 Lennox Road  
St Johns Newfoundland

W H Adams

Private No 1770

1/1 Newfoundland

Regiment

Witness  
Mr H. Emerson

Inoculation 1<sup>st</sup> 12.10.15.  
2<sup>nd</sup> 23.10.15.  
Vaccination 19.11.15.



Copy of Will

of

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23/rd July 1916.

Witness. Sgd. O. H. Adams.  
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*Crosby*

*As*

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE,

REG. NOS. 8688

REC. 10 OCT 1918

CHKD. AMT

REG. NOS.

16337/579. 14/10/18

September 16/1918

St Johns

Newfoundland

Major Timewell

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in answer to the one I  
sent long ago telling  
me that Lieut Massey  
said the he forward m  
poor dear sons field bo  
on to the pay and record  
office would you be kind  
enough to forward that  
book on to me and also  
his money that is left  
over I think I am title  
to his full pay now as  
his poor old Father  
and me are suffering  
from serious complain  
as he have asma a

Tumors and his bit of money now is really needed is the head. authorities here are looking out for their own trouble and not for my grief nor trouble or want my poor dear son would have been a good help now if he had been left home to me a poor boy enlisted and he only 16 years and 6 months old so you see it was a terrible thing to take away a poor child away from his home dear friend so please do your very best for me, as I am very sick I cant tell

you anything more getting tended by Dr Coperwate so I must end up by wishing you good by and dont forget to answer and dont forget the book and do your very best for me

I remain

yours truly  
Mrs Adams  
31 Lemarchan  
t, Rodd  
St Johns  
Newfoundland

Rev O. H. Adams #7 #7

17.70

31 Lemarchant Road

January 16<sup>th</sup>

1/18

Major Timewell

Dear Sir. I am sending to you to know if you have found any tidings of <sup>Private</sup> Herbert Adams etc 1770. Reported to be either killed in action or died of wounds. How can they report him killed except they have found his Body. I tell you Major this is a very trying thing on my part. My mind is always wondering as you know. if he is captured by the Enemy or did he get lost in what we call Bogs of Rivers. If they were fighting as it was reported over Bridges and Bogs it is more than likely that's where he is too. I cannot see how they could send out a poor Boy that was so badly shellshocked has lots of the Boys that's returned have told me he was. No later than this Present lost August that he was put in to the dipso ~~that~~ as a Regimental Police that was all he could do. and not only that but he have been treated badly by the Officers in France through that effect it shows like its true when he never received only two of his parcels I sent him out of so many

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I call this war on out rages murder.  
from the beginning. I would like for you  
if its possible to try and hunt the Hospitales  
as much as you can if its in your Power  
and the Salvation Army stays as you  
know some where Back of the firing line  
My Poor Dear Boy is not able to write  
him self - has you know this is a great  
hindrence to him if he is in any Hospitales  
or Satatenorys. I have been speaking to  
Returned Soldiers that have been reponied  
killed for seven and eight months and  
their Friends in mourning for them, and  
to Day there are here walking the Streets  
of St Johns. So you see that I cant give up  
hopes untill the Body is found and the tokens  
that are on him sent Back to me. the tokens  
I means is his Brothers Photo and a girls  
Photo also the girls Ring and his wrist watch.

and other times as well that I have sent  
 him from my own hands. when you  
 finds one thing you will find all. My  
 mind tells me that he is still alive  
 some where. he was a Boy that had a  
 wonderful roving mind. Please answer  
 this for I would more than like for you  
 to answer before I dies. So I think I  
 have told you all. Now Dear Major  
 Please try and do your Best for a  
 Poor Broken Hearted Mother  
 by so doing you will oblige  
 Yours Truly Mrs Thomas. D. Adams

I was aquinted of you by Major Rendell  
 he told me to write you and see what  
 you knew concerning my Boy

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	1416.
Rec'd.	10 FEB 1918.
Acc'd.	
Ans'd.	
Fite. No.	

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C
NOTED UPON
DATE

burial reported  
 by Lieut. Messer  
 50th Div. Burial  
 Officer  
 18/2/17  
 Missy 9/10/17  
 KIA. as  
 don't

18th February, 1918

2866/1/R.&C.

Mrs. Thomas D. Adams,  
31, LeMarchant Road,  
St. John's, Newfoundland.

Madam: 1770, Pte. O.H. Adams, deceased.

I have received your letter bearing date 16/1/18 (1416) with regard to your son, the late Pte. O.H. Adams, and I deeply regret to inform you that there can be little doubt but that he is dead. The official statement which reached this Office through the War Office and was transmitted to the Minister of Militia said that his burial was reported by Lieut. Massey, 50th Divisional Burial Officer with the British Expeditionary Force. The statement further said that your son was "killed in action or died of wounds". He was previously reported as missing on 9/10/17, and Lieut. Massey's report was made on 18/12/17, over two months afterwards. It may be presumed therefore that Pte. Adams' body was recovered and given a Christian burial on the battlefield. His body must have borne marks of wounds which would lead to the statement that he was "killed in action or died of wounds". There can be little doubt that it was your son's body which was buried, as the burial party would not report it as "1770 Pte. O.H. Adams", giving both the name and number correctly, unless they were satisfied that the evidence was strong enough to identify him. In addition, the burial party recognized him as belonging to the Newfoundland Regiment.

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So great is the confusion wrought in a big battle in these times that months often elapse before the bodies of fallen soldiers can be recovered from the battlefield. The report "missing" after a big battle means that a man cannot be accounted for, and he may be either a prisoner or killed or, in very rare cases may again turn up. The fact of your son's body being buried, of course, lays all doubt at rest in this connection. In due course it is hoped that the exact site of Pte. Adams' grave will be known and a cross will be erected, particulars of which will be communicated to you through the Department of Militia, St. John's, when available.

While it is hard, I know, to assuage a Mother's grief, will you allow me to say this, that Pte. Adams laid down his life in the noblest manner, dying himself that others might live in Freedom and Lawfulness?

The following personal effects have now reached this Office and are being sent to Newfoundland at the first safe opportunity

Letter	)	
Photographs	)	in
Post Cards	)	Canvas Bag
1 Book, Poetry	)	
1 French Dictionary	)	

(over



For any further information you should apply to the  
Department of Militia at St. John's.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

Major,

HA/JC Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

Cables and Telegrams :  
"SYNOPTICAL" London.

N. F. P/38.

ORIGINAL.

Telephone :  
VICTORIA 147.

# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Communications to be addressed to the  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS,  
and the following No. quoted :

## MEMORANDUM.

No. 12679/444/P&A

*C.R. 1770*

From

**PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,**

58, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON. S.W.

To

The Hon. the Minister of  
Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

FM/WF

6th, August 1918.

August 27, 1918.

**SUBJECT :**

1770, PTE. O. H. ADAMS, DECEASED,  
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Reference Nos.

**REPLY**

Dated

191

Please return **ORIGINAL** and retain **DUPLICATE.**

The enclosed copies of  
correspondence exchanged with the  
D. A. G., 3rd. Echelon, following  
an enquiry from the mother of  
the above deceased Soldier. Mrs.  
Thos. Adams, 31, LeMarchant Road,  
St. John's, Newfoundland,  
30/5/18 (5682) are forwarded to  
you for your information and  
attention, please.

*J. H. Marshall* Captain,  
Asst. Paymaster,  
For Chief Paymaster & O i/c Recds.

The necessary  
information has been conveyed  
to Mrs. Adams, in reply to  
her enquiry to you of May 30th.

*W. J. Rudzee*

Lieut. Colonel,  
Chief Staff Officer.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT	
PAY & RECORDS OFFICE	
Ref. No. 1770	✓ 8336
Recd. 25	18
Ack'd	
Ref. No. 16537/519	14/10/18
By	
Checked	
P&A ✓	
R.L.O.	
S.S.E.	
P.S.	

*[Signature]*

MINUTES OF CORRESPONDENCE.

(1)

FROM:

Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria Street, S.W. (1).

TO:

O i/c Effects Branch (Men),  
B.E. F., France.  
July 2nd. 1918.

PAY & RECORD OFFICE

1770 PTE. O.H. ADAMS (DECEASED)  
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Mrs. Thomas Adams, Mother of the Deceased Soldier, writes 30/5/18, (5682): "I am sorry to have to trouble you again I am writing to ask you if these effects were taken from Pte Otto Herbert Adams, 1770, pockets and the belt from his own body. I have a book that came with his things with the number 2233 on it, and that does not belong to him and neither is it his writing that is in the book. Now I want you to tell me if you got poor dear Herbert's field book or could you tell me anything about it. Would you write to Lt. Massey, the man who said he found him. This belt that came with his things does not belong to the Newfoundland Regt., Perhaps they were souvenirs that he picked up and they were kept in the store and this is what they sent to me. I do not believe that Pte. O.H. Adams' body was picked up at all, so I am going by a returned Soldier's words who has been in his Company up till last October when he was missing."

(Sd) Mrs. Thomas Adams.

The following effects have been received and forwarded to Newfoundland, one package, 22/12/17, containing; Letters, photos, 2 Pocket Books, 2 Religious Books, 1, Pocket Wallet, Post-Cards, 1 Guide Book, 1 Belt.

Possibly you may be able to get into touch with Lieut. Massey, 50th Division Burial Officer, by whom it is understood the effects were forwarded to you. If any further particulars can be ascertained, please advise this Office.

(Sd) H.A. TIMEWELL,

Major,

Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.,

(2)

FROM:

The D.A.G.,  
Effects Branch, (Men),

16th, July 1918.

TO:

The Burial Officer,  
50th Division,  
In the Field.

G. H. Q., 3rd. Echelon.

Reference Minute 1 can it be stated definitely that the articles forwarded on account of the above-mentioned under your A.F.W. 3190 dated 6/11/17 were actually recovered from the body of the Deceased, or if not in what circumstances they were found? Any additional information which will enable a satisfactory reply to be made to the enquirer will be useful.

(Sd) F.E. DOWSE BRYNAN,

Captain,

Staff Captain,

for D. A. G.

ENCLOSURES.

MINUTES OF CORRESPONDENCE (CONT):

FROM:

D.A.G.,  
Effects Branch, (Men),  
G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon.

50th Divisional Burial  
Office,

D. 8. 23/7/1918.

1770 PTE. O.H. ADAMS 1st. ROYAL Nfld. REGT.,

Reference attached. Having been able to get into touch with the N.C.O. attached to Lieut. Massey whilst he was acting as Burial Officer I am enabled to give you the following particulars. The effects as sent to the Base on 6/11/17 were obtained from a partially buried body found by Lt. Masseys' party in the neighbourhood of Langemark, Belgium and it was therefore presumably the body of the above mentioned as a Paybook was obtained bearing the above particulars. This A.B. 64 was also forwarded to you but I note ~~name~~ does not appear on list of effects on attached sheet.

An attempt at re-interment was made by Lt. Massey's party, but had to be abandoned in its initial stages owing to severe enemy shelling. Upon the Burial party's return to the spot the following day in order to complete the burial it was discovered that the ground had been greatly cut up by shellfire and the body had completely disappeared.

There were no identification discs on the body when found by Mr Massey's party and it is opined that these were removed by the individuals who had originally interred the body.

No burial return was rendered by Mr Massey, he apparently not considering it advisable under the circumstances as above stated.

Personally I do not think there is any doubt that the body was that of Pte. Adams, O.H.

A.G.'s Branch  
Effects (Men).  
26/7/1918.

(Sd) D.W. SMITH,  
Lieutenant,  
50th Divl. Salvage & Burial Officer.

The Officer i/c Newfoundland Records,  
58, Victoria Street,  
Westminster. LONDON.

Forwarded for your information, please. The A.B. 64 referred to was received here and passed to the Officer i/c No. 1. Infantry Section of the 13th, November 1917 for transmission to the Regimental Paymaster.

(Sd) F.E. DOWSE BRENNAN,  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
for D. A. G.,

Effects Branch (Men),  
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**ORIGINAL.**

# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

## MEMORANDUM.

No. 18537/519/P&A (1770)

From

**PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,**

58, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

To

The Hon. the Minister of  
Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

FM/WF

14th, October 1918.

### SUBJECT :

1770, PTE. O. H. ADAMS, DECEASED,  
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Reference Nos.

### REPLY

Dated November 25th. 1918 191

Please return **ORIGINAL** and retain **DUPLICATE.**

With reference to this office No. 12679/444/P&A, 6/8/18, and your reply 27/8/18, 1770, (8336): The following further communication from Mrs. Adams 16/9/18 (8688) is quoted,-

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been received and is receiving  
attention.



Minister of Militia.

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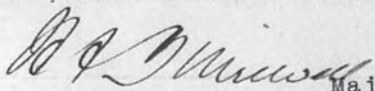
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ENCLOSURE

(6 22 55) W2849—HP795 1000 12/17 HWV(P1734) K17/568

As a special case in view of the large number of non-effective accounts still outstanding a separate account for the deceased Soldier is enclosed. It is not thought desirable to create a precedent in complying with Mrs. Adams request regarding his A. B. 64, which is being retained by this office as customary. The handing over of such Pay Books after the cessation of Hostilities and demobilization is a matter for your future consideration.



Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.

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16537/519/P&A

The Hon. the Minister of  
Militia,  
S. John's,  
Newfoundland.

FM/WF

14th, October ... 8

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10595

7/12/18

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Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Records.



Major Timewell

St Johns N F L D

June 22<sup>nd</sup>

1917

Dear Sir

I am asking you a favour to know if you would grant Private O Herbert Adams a furlough home as I am not feeling well any thing but I well if you can oblige me any way I would be more than obliged to you do this please for gods sake if not for mine I and I know that god will help ye out of the trouble of the war. If you cannot do so for

me would you kindly send me an answer please Sir as I heard he is sick but not gave up

Mrs J Adams

31 LeMarchant Rd.

St Johns

N F L D

1ST N WOODLAND BATTALION	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	3663
Rec'd.	JUL 10 1917
Acc'd.	
Ans'd.	10/7/17
File No.	6550/2

10th July, 7.

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Mrs. Adams,  
31 Le Marchant Road,  
St. John's, Newfoundland.

Madam, No. 1770, Pte. O. H. Adams

With reference to your letter 22/6/17 (3663), and also your previous one 26/4/17 (2835): as you will doubtless be aware by now a communication has been sent by this office to the Officer Commanding Headquarters, St. John's, with regard to your request, and the matter will probably have been fully explained to you.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

Major,

HT/NW

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

# Department of Militia

## MEMORANDUM

No. 1770

From  
**MINISTER OF MILITIA,**  
ST. JOHN'S,  
NEWFOUNDLAND

To **Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records,**  
1st Newfoundland Regiment,  
c/o Pay & Record Office  
58 Victoria Street  
LONDON, S.W.(1).

December 16, 1917

SUBJECT:

REPLY

Dated 10 JAN 1918 191

1770, O.H. Adams.

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

The relatives of the above mentioned soldier are very anxious for news concerning him, as he has been reported missing Oct., 9th. It is understood of course that any information received is immediately telegraphed to this department but they press for communication to be sent over in the hope that information may come more quickly.

This man was reported killed in action or died of wounds 9/10/17 as telegraphed 1/1/18 (see Casualty Report No 2/1918) please.

*J. J. B. Darnall*

Minister of Militia.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

*sgt. H. A. V*

CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
PAY & RECORDS OFFICE  
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REC - 4 JAN 1918  
[Handwritten signature]

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12679/444/P&A

The Hon. the Minister of  
Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

FM/WF

6th, August 1918

1770, PTE. O. H. ADAMS, DECEASED,  
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

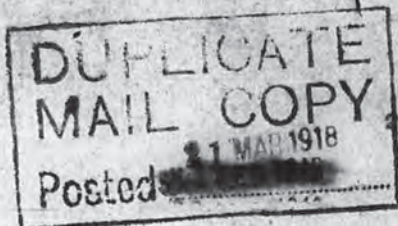
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(Sd) W.F. RENDELL,

Lieut.Colonel,  
Chief Staff Officer

Captain,  
Asst. Paymaster,  
For Chief Paymaster & O i/c Recds.



764/117/C.

The Hon. the Minister of  
Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

HT/DW.

19th February,

A.

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April 27th 1918.

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I am very anxious to have only direct correspondence between this Department and your Office on matters Regimental; and my Staff Officers fully appreciate the value of using only the recognised channels of communications.

Mrs Adams appears to be reconciled to the fact that Pte Adams is deceased.

*J. R. Bunnell*  
Acting Minister of Militia

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

Enclosure

Forms  
C. 348  
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2763/76/C.

MEMORANDUM.

The Chief Paymaster & Officer in Charge Records,  
From Newfoundland Contingent,  
58, Victoria Street,  
S.W.1.

O.C.  
1<sup>st</sup> Bn. R. Nfld Regt

To O.C.

1st Battalion,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
HT/DM. B.E.F.

PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS,  
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,  
58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.  
ANSWER. ENGLAND.

Pay & Record Office.

20th February, 1918.

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1918  
II

1770. Pte. O.H. Adams, deceased

Ref. Minute I - it is  
regretted that no further  
information can be given  
on this matter.

- Copies of letters from:-
- (1) Mrs. T.W. Adams, 16/1/18 (1416)
  - (2) Minister of Militia, 1770 16/1/18.

enclosed for any information available to form replies please.

Meanwhile there appears to be practically no doubt that Pte. Adams is dead, and Mrs. Adams has been written to accordingly.

Through the War Office, the 50th Divisional Burial Officer reported on 18/12/17 that he was buried and was "killed in action or died of wounds."

*A. A. D. D. D.*  
Major,

Chief Paymaster & Officer in Charge

*Woodhouse*  
Royal  
COMM. 1<sup>ST</sup> NEWFOUNDLAND REGT

DEPARTMENT	<i>Rds</i>
Reference No.	<i>2138</i>
Date Rec'd.	<i>4 MAR 1918</i>
" Ack'd.	
" Ans'd.	<i>[Signature]</i>
File	<i>1770 Adams</i>

# Department of Militia

## MEMORANDUM

No. 1770.

From  
**MINISTER OF MILITIA,**  
 ST. JOHN'S,  
 NEWFOUNDLAND

To **Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records,**  
**Royal Newfoundland Regiment,**  
**Pay & Record Office,**  
**58 Victoria Street,**  
**London, S.W.(1).**

January 16, 1918

SUBJECT:

REPLY

Dated

6/3

1918

1770 Pte. O.H. Adams.

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE

The above mentioned soldier was reported in your cable of 31, Dec., as killed in action or died of wounds, on or after 9th, October. The mother of this soldier has called at this department and stated with assurance that it is very likely that Pte. Adams deserted either by giving himself up to enemy or by leaving the Battalion and clearing out of the fighting area.

She suggested that enquiries be made from men in hospital who were with the Battalion on 9, Oct., which might bring out some more definite information. She also states that it is possible that news of him might be found on enquiring at the Salvation Army Huts stationed near our Battalion. She feels confident that he has not been killed and going on previous remarks of Pte. Adams, she is assured that he had deserted before the action of 9, Oct., commenced. Will you

*enclose copy of my no. 2763/73 C. ex - changed with O.C. 1st Bn., please and (for your information) copy of my no. 2686/1 to Mrs. Hannah D. Adams of 18/2/18*

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

*egp.* **H. A. T.**  
 CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS

Please give this matter your attention and if possible collect any facts concerning this soldier from men in hospital or with the first Battalion. I think this matter should be represented to the Officer Commanding 1st Batt., in order that he might also take the matter up.

*J. R. V. Bennett*

Acting Minister Of Militia.

W. B. LA. I.
PAY. CORE. I.
Ref. No. <i>1748</i>
Rec'd. <i>19 FEB 1918</i>
File No. _____

BRANCH
<i>Rao</i>
ACTIONED UPON
BY <i>[Signature]</i>
DATE <i>[Signature]</i>



2764/117/C.

HT/DW.

19th February,

S.

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(Sd) J. R. Bennett,  
Ac. Minister of Militia.

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.



# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

## MEMORANDUM.

No. 2764/117/C.

From  
**PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,**  
58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.

To  
The Hon. The Minister of  
Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

HT/DM. 19th February, 1918.

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*H. D. Munn* Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

**REPLY**

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ORIGINAL

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

MEMORANDUM

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*W. G. Rendell*  
Major CSO

for  
Actg. Minister of Militia.

A.G's. BRANCH,  
EFFECTS (MEN),  
G.H.Q., 3rd ECHELON.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

Ref. Nos. IN *6937*

Rec'd 2 AUG 1918

ack'd Ans'd

30 JUL 1918  
Er/4858

The Officer i/c,  
Newfoundland Records,  
58 Victoria Street,  
Westminster,  
L O N D O N .

No. 1770 Pte. Adams, O.H., 1st Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Forwarded for your information, please.

The A.B. 64 referred to was received here and passed to the Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section on the 13th November 1917 for transmission to the Regimental Paymaster

*J.E. Downes*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain.  
for D.A.G.

Effects Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.  
C/P.

T

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5.

4 London Wall Buildings.

packet of photos & letters.

5 effects.

packet of letters & photos, metal  
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Buss.

Have any Effects  
reached the office in  
relation to

1770 pte. O. J. Adams.

Mr Anderson

The following article received from the D. A. G.

(# 992)

Base on 16-12-17, and are being shipped

to N. next opportunity: - letters, Photos,

P. Cards, Poetry Book, French Dictionary

Census Book

J. L. B.

18-2-18

Capt Marshall

1770 Pte. V.H. Adams, first reported missing  
next, KIA or DOW on a stubby after 9/17

Casualty Report received on 1-1-18  
Lt. Massey, 50 Division Burial Officer.  
Missing body was buried on 18<sup>12</sup>/17.

Effects.

1 Package No 992. Received from D.A.G.  
Base on 22<sup>12</sup>/17 and ~~delivered by~~  
~~them~~ stated to have been received  
from the above Burial Officer on 15<sup>12</sup>/17  
Eventually taken from ~~the~~ Body.  
Containing:— Letters— Photos— 2 Pocket Books—  
2 Relig. Books— 1 Pocket Wallet—  
Post Cards— 1 Guide Book— 1 Belt  
Shipped to M/M on 7-3-18. Acknowledged

1 Kit Bag No 1120 Shipped to M/M  
& Dept on 8-3-18 (Shipment No 10.)

Write effects

J.P.B.  
28/18

A.G.'s BRANCH,  
EFFECTS (MEN),  
G.H.Q. 3rd ECHOLON.

26 JUL 1918

211856

50<sup>TH</sup>  
DIVISIONAL  
BURIAL OFFICE.

DB

Date 23/7/1918

D A C

EFFECTS BRANCH (MEN)  
G.H.Q. 3RD ECHOLON

IV<sup>o</sup> 1770 PTE ADAMS O.H. 1ST ROYAL NFD B REGT

Ref attached. Having been able to get into touch with the H.C.O. attached to Lt Massey whilst he was acting as Burial Officer I am enabled to give you the following particulars. The effects as sent to the Base on 6/11/18 were obtained from a partially buried body found by Lt Massey's party in the neighborhood of Langsmark, Belgium & it was therefore presumably the body of the above-mentioned as a paybook was obtained bearing the above particulars. This AB 64 was also forwarded to you but I note does not appear on list of effects on attached sheet.

An attempt at re-interment was made by Lt Massey's party but had to be abandoned in its initial stages owing to severe enemy shelling. Upon the Burial Party's return to the

spot the following day in order to complete the burial it was discovered that the ground had been greatly cut up by shelling & the body had completely disappeared.

There were no identification discs upon the body when found by Lt Massey's party & it is opined that these were removed by the individuals who had originally interred the body.

No burial return was rendered by Lt Massey, he apparently not considering it advisable under the circumstances as above-stated.

Personally, I do not think there is any doubt that the body was that of PTE O.H. ADAMS.

W. Smith, French  
50<sup>TH</sup> DIVL SALVAGE & BURIAL OFFICER



DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY.

Posted. 23 AUG 1918



12679/444/P&A

*OK*

The Hon. the Minister of  
Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

FM/WF

6th, August 1918

1770, PTE. O. H. ADAMS, DECEASED,  
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

August 27th, 1918

The enclosed copies of  
correspondence exchanged with the  
D. A. G., 3rd. Echelon, following  
an enquiry from the mother of  
the above deceased Soldier. Mrs.  
Thos. Adams, 31, LeMarchant Road,  
St. John's, Newfoundland,  
30/8/18 (5682) are forwarded to  
you for your information and  
attention, please.

The necessary information  
has been conveyed to Mrs.  
Adams in reply to her enquiry  
to you of May 30th.

*W. I. Readell*

*F. J. M. F.*  
Captain,  
Asst. Paymaster,  
For Chief Paymaster & O 1/c Recds.

Lieut. Colonel,  
Chief Staff Officer.



PAY LIST.

to

191 . Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps

*Royal Newfoundland Regt*

No. *1770*

Rank

*Private*

Name

*Adams O. H.*

Died (a) *Intestate*

at

*France*

on the

*9<sup>th</sup> of October*

191*7*

Deserted at

on the

of

191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

{ *Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
Battery or Company.*

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

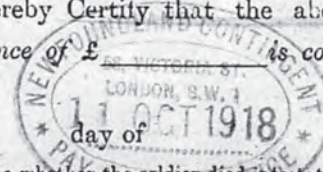
Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month <i>9 10/17</i> .....	<i>31</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>4</i>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at from to .....			
		£	s.	d.	Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to .....			
	<i>191</i>				Messing allowance days at from to .....			
	"				Kit allowance .....			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2 .....			
	"				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Consolidated stoppage .....				Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>31</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>4</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
		<i>£31</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>£31</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>4</i>

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ *31 12 4* is correctly chargeable against the Public<sup>(b)</sup>.

Dated at

this

day of



191 .

Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.

(b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

## NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

ORIGINAL.MEMORANDUM.

No. 1214/29/P.&amp;.A. (1770)

From

PAY &amp; RECORD OFFICE.

58, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W.

21st January 1919.

WF/BC

To The Hon. the Minister of Militia

St. John's,

Newfoundland.

**SUBJECT:**

1770 PTE. O.H. ADAMS D'CD.

ROYAL NFLD. REGIMENT.

Reference Nos.

**REPLY**

Dated February 18th 1919

Reference exchange of telegrams:  
(1)

"Despatched 24/12/18(11185"

"Synoptical London.

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"after - July 1st - 1916 - in

"favour of - Mother - signed by -

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"Report by telegram"

Sgd. Military"

(2)

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"please reply to - fullstop.

Sgd. Military

(3)

"Despatched 14/1/19(24)

"Military St. John's.

"Reference your telegram 24th -

"December - 1770 - Adams - will -

"dated - July 23 - 1916 - in

"favour of - Mother.

Sgd. Synoptical"

Copy of Will referred to is enclosed for information, please.

*F. H. Marshall* <sup>Capt.</sup>  
 Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c. Rds. <sup>Major,</sup>

*This is much regretted that this will was committed to be sent to you previously.*

Exchange of telegrams on obverse is confirmed. Receipt of copy of Will referred to is acknowledged, which has been passed to the Department of Justice for administration of the estate.

*J. P. Bennett*

Minister of Militia.

↓  
2044

*[Signature]*

CKT dated	
Received	
REPLY dated	
Received	
LAST Ref No.	
NEXT	

1814/29/P.&.A.

The Hon. the Minister of Mil  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

WF/BC

21st January 9.

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12/3/19

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Major,  
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# CABLEGRAM

No. 674



8 MAR 1917

No. of Message \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The following CABLEGRAM received, at 1030 M. "Via Commercial Cables."

K...\$R281 PJ GOVT ST JOHNS NF 24

SYNOPTICAL LONDON

u FOLLOWING FOR 1770 ADAMS HAVE SENT  
 MANY PARCELS AND WRITE REGULARLY AM  
 TRYING TO TRACE PARCELS THROUGH RECORD  
 OFFICE MOTHER "

COLONIAL SECRETARY

*1770 pte. OA Adams*  
*1/2 new found land*  
*BF - France*  
*transm.*

ISI M VET U S A D REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	<u>1149</u>
Rec'd.	<u>MAR - 9 1917</u>
Ack'd.	_____
Ans'd.	_____
File No.	_____

*JAB*

10-3-17

No Inquiry respecting this Message can be attended to without the production of this paper. Repetitions of doubtful words should be obtained through the Company's Offices, and not by direct application to the Sender.

2081/1.

1770 Private O. A. Adams,  
1/1st Newfoundland Regiment,  
BEF. France.

Cablegram from Newfoundland.

The following cablegram has been received today  
from the Colonial Secretary, St. John's, Nfld.,

"Following for 1770 Adams have sent many  
parcels and write regularly am trying to trace  
parcels through Record Office Mother"

(SGN) Colonial Secretary.

Major,

12th April

7.

3341/7

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

Sir,

Postal Services: No.1770, Pte. O.H. Adams

With reference to your various enquiries regarding the mail of the above named man: I have the honour to enclose copies of Minutes showing how the matter has been dealt with.

This may be taken as a fair sample of what takes place with regard to such enquiries, although it is not always considered necessary to submit the full history.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Major,

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

HT/NW

(1)

*Copies to P.M.G. Col. Sect.*

Translation of Cablegram No. 403 from Colonial Secretary. *21/1/17*

Three - parcels - sent by - mail - to - 1770 Adams - July - November - not received yet - cause - enquiry to be made.

(2)

From: Paymaster & O i/c Records,

*No. 724/21*

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HAK

To: O. C., 1/1st. Newfoundland Regt, B. E. F.

Telegram from the Colonial Secretary is quoted please:  
"Synoptical, London.

"Three parcels - sent - by - mail - to - 1770 - Adams - July - November - not received yet - cause enquiry to be made - Colonial Secretary."

Three parcels were forwarded from this office on:

24/10/16 1  
29/11/16 2

Kindly advise to enable transmission of reply to Newfoundland.

(Sd) H. A. Timewell, Major  
Paymaster & O i/c Records.

24/1/17

(3)

From: O. C. 1/1st. Newfoundland Regt.

To: Paymaster & O i/c Records.

Cannot trace these here. Please apply through Postal Authorities.

(Sd) A. Raley, Capt & Adjt.,  
For O. C. Nfld.

30/1/17

(4)

To: Officer Commanding Home Depot, R. E.  
Army Post Office, Regents Park.

*No. 1073/2*

I have recently been receiving from the Governor and the Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland complaints of non-delivery of letters and parcels to Officers and Men of the 1st. Newfoundland Regt., B. E. F. The enclosed copy of this office memorandum No. 724/21, 24 & 30/1/17, exchanged with the O. C., 1st. Newfoundland Regt., B. E. F., may be taken as a milder example of the others.

I shall be glad if you will kindly furnish me with any information and advice in the matter that you may be able to give, for transmission to Newfoundland, please.

(Sd) H. A. Timewell, Major,  
Paymaster & O i/c Records.

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2/17

(5)

To: Officer Commanding Home Depot, R. E.  
A. P. O. Regent's Park, N. W.

*No. 1196/3*

The following enquiry has been received from the Colonial Secretary, St. John's, Newfoundland:

"Two parcels sent to 1770 Adams November 11 together with large number of letters sent at various times not received yet telegraph result of enquiry."

Records at this office show that two parcels were received at this office for 1770, Pte. O. H. Adams on 28/11/16 and were despatched on or about 29/11/16, redirected in a bag for the 1/1st. Newfoundland Regiment, B. E. F.

No record of letters, unless they are registered, is kept at this office.

Will you kindly pursue the enquiry.

(Sd) H. A. Timewell, Major,

9/2/17



(6)

Note by Staff Sergt. G. R. Burt. Postal Clerk.

No record of any parcels since November 29/16. Impossible to trace letters(ordinary). All mail for 1770, Adams, forwarded to B. E. F. since June 1916.

(sd) G. R. Burt

15/3/17

(7)

No. 1195

Extract of Cable from Colonial Secretary, St. John's, dated 12/3/17

Parcel letters - addressed to - 1770 - Adams - not received - telegraph result of enquiry.

(8)

O. C. Home Depot, R. E.,  
Army Postal Services,  
Regents Park, N. W. I.

Following is an extract of a cablegram received this date from the Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland:

"Parcels letters addressed to 1770 Adams not received  
"telegraph result of enquiry."

No. 1770, Pte. O. H. Adams is, according to records at this office, with the 1/1st. Newfoundland Regiment, B. E. F. France.

All items of mail would have been forwarded there since June 9/16, via. the A. P. O.

Will you kindly pursue the enquiry?

16/3/17

(sd) H. A. Anderson, 2/Lieut.  
For Paymaster & O i/c Records.

(9)

No. B. 3. 110/19

The A. D. P. S.  
A. P. O. 3  
Passed to you for enquiry, please.

(sd) S. H. Marshall, Lieut.  
For Major R. E.

22/3/17.

O. C. Home Depot, Army Postal Services.

(8a)

The Officer in charge,  
Newfoundland Contingent.  
Mail for Pte. O. H. Adams, ref. 2389/8.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. and to inform you that the matter is receiving attention.

(sd) C. A. WHEELER, MAJOR. R. E.  
O. C. Home Depot.

19/3/17

10

Ref. B3. 110/19

The D. A. D. P. S., X 1 V Corps.  
Passed to you.

(sd) R. Baner, Capt., R. E.  
A. D. P. S.

A.P.O.3.  
23/3/17.

(11)

N. G. O. 1/c.,  
F. P. O. 88.

For enquiry

D.A.D.P.S.  
X I V Corps  
24/3/17

(Sd) G. Lockerbie, Lt. R. E.

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(12)

The D. A. D. P. S.  
X I V Corps.

No. 1770, Pte. Adams states that he has received nearly all outstanding correspondence items and is now receiving his correspondence regularly.

28/3/17

(Sd) A. Emmett, Cpl.  
i/c., F. P. O. 88.

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(13)

A. D. P. S.  
Third Army.

Passed

X I V Corps.  
1/4/17.

(Sd) 2/Lieut. R. E.

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(14)

To: O. C. Home Depot

Third Army  
3/4/17.

(Sd) D.H.G. Sainton, Captain.  
A. D. P. S.

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(15)

The O. C.,  
Newfoundland Record Office.

For your information.

9/4/17.

(Sd) E. A. Head, 2/Lt.  
For Major R. E.  
O. C. Home Depot.  
Army Postal Services

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(16)

Translation of Extract of Cable to Colonial Secretary, St. John's,  
sent 10/4/17.

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With reference to your telegram 12 March - F. P. O. 88 - reports -  
1770 - Adams - states that - has received - nearly - all - outstanding -  
items - and is - now - receiving - his correspondence - regularly.  
Synoptical.

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Fraudulation of Cablegram No. 403  
from Colonial Secretary.

three  
parcels  
SACKERLOST sent by  
mail  
to

1770 Adams  
July  
November  
RANDY KE  
EDULCAMO.

Not received yet.  
Cause enquiry to be made

# CABLEGRAM

032

No. \_\_\_\_\_



No. of Message \_\_\_\_\_

Date

21 JAN. 1917

The following CABLEGRAM received, at

M. "Via Commercial Cables."

AM SR 400 PJ GOVT STJOHNSNF 16

SYNOPTICAL LON

THREE PARCELS SACKERLOST MAIL TO SEVENTEEN  
SEVENTY ADAMS JULY NOVEMBER RANDYKE  
EDULCAMO

COLONIAL SECRETARY

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No.	403
Rec'd.	JAN 21 1917
Ack'd.	
Ans'd.	
File No.	

No Inquiry respecting this Message can be attended to without the production of this paper. Repetitions of doubtful words should be obtained through the Company's Offices, and not by *direct* application to the Sender.

724/21

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Officer Commanding,  
1/1 Newfoundland Regt.,  
B. E. F.

HT/NW

24th January, 7.

Jan. 30th, 1917.

POSTAL SERVICES

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Telegram from the Colonial Secretary, St. John's, is quoted, please:

Cannot trace these here.

Please apply through Postal Authorities.

"Synoptical, London.  
"Three parcels- sent by- mail-  
"to- 1770, Adams- July-  
"November- not received yet-  
"cause enquiry to be made-  
Colonial Secretary"

Three parcels were forwarded from this office on:

(Sd.) A. Raley,

24/10/16 - 1,  
29/11/16 - 2.

Capt. & Adjt.,  
for O.C. Nfld.

Kindly advise to enable transmission of reply to Newfoundland.

Major,

Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

1ST N. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Rec. No.	646
Rec'd	FEB - 5 1917
Act'd	
Ans'd	
File No.	

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5th February, 7.

1073/2

Officer Commanding,

Home Depot, R.E.

Army Post Office, Regents Park.

HT/NW

POSTAL SERVICES.

I have recently been receiving from the Governor and <sup>the</sup> Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland complaints of non-delivery of letters and parcels to Officers and Men of the 1st Newfoundland Regt., B.E.F. The enclosed copy of this office memorandum No. 724/21 24 & 30/1/17, exchanged with the O.C., 1/1 Newfoundland Regt., B.E.F., may be taken as a milder example of the others.

I shall be glad if you will kindly furnish me with any information and advice in the matter that you may be able to give, for transmission to Newfoundland, please.

Major,

Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

9th February, 7.

1196/3

Officer Commanding,

Home Depot, R.E.,

A.P.O., Regent's Park, N.W.

HA/NW

POSTAL SERVICES.

No.1770, PTE. O.H. ADAMS, 1/1 Newfoundland R.

The following enquiry has been received from the Colonial Secretary, St. John's, Newfoundland:

"Two parcels sent to 1770 Adams November 11 together with large number of letters sent at various times not received yet telegraph result of enquiry."

Records at this office show that two parcels were received at this office for 1770 Pte. O.H. Adams on 28/11/16 and were despatched on or about 29/11/16, redirected in a bag for the 1/1st Newfoundland Regt., B.E.F.

No record of letters, unless they are registered, is kept at this office.

Will you kindly pursue the enquiry?

Major,

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

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Not record of any parcels since ~~Nov~~ 29/16  
impossible to trace ~~any~~ letters (ordinary)  
all mail for 1770 Adams forwarded  
to B.C.F. since June 1916.

G.P.B. 15/3/17



NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

CABLES AND TELEGRAMS:  
"SYNOPTICAL,"  
LONDON.

PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

58, VICTORIA STREET.

TELEPHONE:  
VICTORIA 147.

LONDON, S.W..

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
PAYMASTER & OFFICER-1/c RECORDS,  
AND THE FOLLOWING NO QUOTED:

18th March, 1917.

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2389/8

To The O.C., Home Depot, R.E.,

ack 17/3  
OK

Army Postal Services,

Regent's Park, N.W. 1.

POSTAL SERVICES:

SUBJECT: No. 1770, PTE. O.H. ADAMS, 1st NFLD. REGT.

Following is an extract of a cablegram received this date from the Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland:  
"Parcels letters addressed to 1770 Adams not received  
"telegraph result of enquiry."  
No. 1770, Pte. O.H. Adams is, according to records at this office, with the 1/1st Newfoundland Regt., B.E.F., France.

All items of mail would have been forwarded there since June 1916, via the A.P.O.,  
Will you kindly pursue the enquiry?

*H.A. Anderson*

2/Lieut.,

for Paymaster & Officer 1/c Records.

78

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The A.P.S.

A.P.O. 3,

Passed to you for enquiry please.

*S. Marshall*

Lieut  
for MAJOR, R.E.

% HOME DEPOT  
ARMY POSTAL SERVICES

22 March 1917

B3. 110/19

REPS HOME DEPOT  
1701 ADAMS  
18 MAR 1917

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

LONDON

The Officers in Charge,

Record Office,

Newfoundland Contingent,

58 Victoria St,

S. W. I.



ARMY POST OFFICE.

R.E.P.S.—No. 10.

ROYAL ENGINEERS (POSTAL SECTION),

R.E.P.S. REF. No.  
23042

8A

REGENT'S PARK,

LONDON, N.W., I.

18<sup>th</sup> March 1917.

Sir,

Mail for Pte O.H. Adams. ref 2389/8.

16<sup>th</sup> I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the instant, and to inform you that the matter is receiving attention.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. O. A. WHEELER,

Major, R.E.,

File No. o/c Home Depôt.

The Officers in C.  
Newfoundland Cont.

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Ref. B3. <sup>110</sup>.....<sup>19</sup>..

The D.A.D.P.S.,

..... XIV Corps.

Passed to you.

*R. J. Lane*

A.P.O. 3,  
23.3.17

Captain  
Lieut., R.E.,  
for A.D.P.S.

no

7c F.P.O. 88

11. (eleven)

For enquiry

*H. C. ...*

LRB

D.A.D.P.S., XIV CORPS.
No. 1149
Date 28/3/17

The D.A.D.P.S. 12

XIV Corps.

NO 1470 Re Adams states that he has received nearly all outstanding items. and is now receiving his correspondence regularly.

28.3.17.

- A Emmett CM.  
ifc 7 P.O. 88

A.D.P.S.

~~Third~~ Third

Army  
Passed

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Wood

4th P.S.

D.A.D.P.S.  
BY CORRE

1499

1/17/17

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For

O.C.  
Home Depot

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A. J. Hamilton  
Captain  
A.D.P.S.

Third Army  
9 April 1917

3888

Newfoundland Record Office  
Newfoundland Post

23842

ASB

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W/c

Newfoundland Record Office  
For your information

MAJOR R.E.

% HOME DEPOT,  
ARMY POSTAL SERVICES

9 April 17

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Rec'd No.	1699
Rec'd.	APR 17 1917
Acc'd.	
Ans'd.	
File No.	

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

Ref. Nos. 6682 ✓  
24 JUN 1918  
Ackd  
Ref. Nos. 12675

BRANCH  
P & A.  
R & C.  
B & E.

Major Linewell.

St John's  
31 LeMarchant Road  
May 30<sup>th</sup>

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to have to trouble you again. I am writing to ask you if these effects were taken from Private Otto Herbert Addams 1770 Pockets and the belt from his own body. I have a book that came with his things with the number 2257 on it. And that does not belong to him and neither is it his writing that is in the book. Now I want you to tell me if you got poor dear Herbert's field book or could you tell me anything about it. Would you write to Lieutenant Massey the man who said he found him. This belt that came with his things does not belong to the Newfoundland Regiment. Perhaps these were souvenirs that he picked up and they were kept in the store and this is what they sent

to me. I do not believe that Pitt C. H  
Adams' body was picked up at all - So  
I am going by a returned Soldier  
Woods who has been in his Company up till  
last October, when he was Missing  
My poor Son was sick all last Summer  
so I think it was your place to send him  
home as he was in your care.

Will you please do this for me.

yours truly

Mrs Thomas Adams.

31 LeMarchant Rd

St John

N. F.

10423/12/P&A.

(8004) Wt. W6726/M2885. 18,000,0.0. 9/17. G. & Co.

Forms

C. 348

1660

A.G's. DEPT. OF  
EFFECTS (MEN),  
G.H.Q., Army FORM CL 381

16 JUL 1918  
Ef/4856.

MEMORANDUM.

From

From The D.A.G.,  
Effects Branch (Men),

To Officer in Charge Effects  
Branch (Men),  
G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon,  
B.E.F. FRANCE.

To The Burial Officer,  
50th Division,  
In the Field.

ANSWER.

Pay & Record Office.

G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.

July 2nd. 1918

16 July 1918

1770. PTE. O.H. ADAMS (DECEASED)  
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT:

No. 1770 Pte ADAMS. O.H.  
1st Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Mrs Thomas Adams, Mother  
of the Deceased Soldier, writes  
20/5/18, (5682):

Reference Minute I; can  
it be stated definitely that  
the articles forwarded on ac-  
count of the above-mentioned  
under your A.F.W.3190 dated  
6/11/17 were actually recov-  
ered from the body of the  
deceased, or if not in what  
circumstances they were found.

Any additional informa-  
tion which will enable a  
satisfactory reply to be made  
to the enquirer would be  
useful.

"I am sorry to have to trouble  
"you again. I am writing to ask  
"you if these effects were taken  
"from Pte. Otto Herbert Adams,  
"1770, pockets and the belt from  
"his own body. I have a book that  
"came with his things with the  
"No. 2257. on it, and that does  
"not belong to him and neither  
"is it his writing that is in  
"the book. Now I want you to  
"tell me if you got poor dear  
"Herberts field book or could  
"you tell me anything about it.  
"Would you write to Lt. Massey,  
"the man who said he found him  
"This belt that came with his  
"things does not belong to the  
"Newfoundland Regt; Perhaps they  
"were souvenirs that he picked  
"up and they were kept in the  
"store and this is what they

*J. E. Dowse*

Captain,  
Staff Captain.  
for D.A.G.

N/H.



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"sent to me. I do not believe  
"that Pte. O.H. Adams' body  
"was picked up at all, so  
"I am going by a returned Soldier's  
"words who has been in his  
"Company up till last Oc-  
"tober when he was missing."  
"(Sgd). Mrs. Thomas Adams".

The following effects have been  
received and forwarded to  
Newfoundland, one package,  
22/12/17, containing ;→

Letters, photos,  
2 Pocket Books,  
2 Regilous Books,  
1 Pocket Wallet,  
Post Cards, 1 Guide Book,  
1 Belt,.

Possibly you may be able to  
get into touch with Lieut.  
Massey, 50th. Division Burial  
Officer, by whom it is under-  
stood the effects were forward-  
ed to you. If ~~any~~ further par-  
ticulars can be ascertained,  
please advise this Office.

*R. D. Wood* Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O i/c Rcds.

FM/NM.

A.G's. BRANCH,  
EFFECTS (JEN),  
G.H.Q., 3rd ECHELON.

5 JUL 1918

*E/4856*

B. G. W.

31, Le Marchant Road

April 26/1917

~~Mr~~ Jimewell

Dear Sir—

I must thank you for your kindness for telegraphing to pte Otto Holst Adams 1770 Regt. to find out about his letters & parcels for me. I have never got <sup>no</sup> reply from himself yet but I would like to push you a little to write or telegram to him personally and acquaint to write as soon as he possibly can for we are all anxious awfully anxious to hear from him I hope you wont be put out with me sir for writing you those few words

I remain

Ref. No.

2835

Yours Truly

Ref. No.

JUN - 4 1917

Mrs. Adams

to know <sup>10/6/17</sup> if you can find  
 out <sup>5753</sup> <sup>2</sup> particulars more  
 about him please let me  
 know and if you cannot  
 do it without charge please  
 send and let me know  
 and I will send you the cost  
 I am only a poor woman but  
 I dont mind what it costs  
 as long as I can hear a  
 word from my poor boy  
 he is only seventeen (17) and  
 he is too young to be out - he  
 should have been taking  
 out - this as yet - I am  
 afraid that he will be the  
 cause of my life fretting & fearing  
 I cannot help it - I am  
 sending a letter to him with  
 this please forward it on  
 as soon as possible

14th June, 1917.

5753/2

Mrs. Adams,  
31, Le Marchant Road,  
St. John's, Nfld.

Madam,

With reference to your letter 26/5/17: from the latest information received at this office it would appear that your son, No. 1770 Pte. O.H. Adams, is well and is still serving with his Unit - 1/1 Newfoundland Regiment, B. E. F.

I am, however writing to him asking him to let you know how he is.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

14th June, 7.

5807/1

No. 1770, Pte. O. H. Adams,

1/1 Newfoundland Regiment,

B. E. F.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from your Mother stating that she has not heard from you for a long time and that she is extremely anxious about you.

I have acknowledged her letter and told here that so far as is known here you are well and serving with your Unit, but that I am writing you asking you to let her know how you are, which I am sure you will lose no time in doing.

for Paymaster & O. i/c Records.



ORIGINAL

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No 6163/78

From  
PAY & RECORD OFFICE,  
58, VICTORIA STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.  
25th June, 1917.

To Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland Regiment,  
Headquarters,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

*J. R. Bennett*  
7/17

HT/NW

**SUBJECT:** No.1770, PTE. O.H. ADAMS

**REPLY**

Dated 191

Reference Nos.

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

With reference to attached copy of letter 26/4/17 (2835) from Mrs. Adams, 31 Le Marchant Rd., St. John's, the subject is one that can perhaps be better dealt with verbally in St. John's.

Letter No. 6163/78.

As will be seen by reference to 1st Bn. Daily Orders, Part II, Para. 205, of 8/6/17, this soldier is under sentence of Court Martial and the results of attempting to explain this to his Mother in writing might cause unnecessary pain and misunderstanding. It is therefore suggested that you may be good enough to direct that an Officer ask Mrs. Adams to call on him and that he should explain the case as he thinks fit.

Mrs. Adams had previously called here and been given information to the effect that her son was in France and in good health, from last reports.

I may add that a copy of Mrs. Adams' letter has been sent to the O.C. 1st Bn. and if any comment is received from him thereon it will be forwarded to you in due course.

*Accoutonement*  
Commanding Officer  
First Newfoundland Regiment,  
St. John's, Nfld.

I may also refer to the fact that at the time of posting my reply to Mrs. Adams and my letter to her son, copies of which are also enclosed, the circumstances of Pte. Adams' case were not known here.

*J. R. Bennett* Major,  
Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Stamp: PAY & RECORD OFFICE, Ref. No. 5318, Rec'd. SEP 18 1917, Ack'd. [check], Ans'd. [check], File No.

6163/78

Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland Regiment,  
Headquarters,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

25th June, 7.

HT/NW

No.1770, PTE. O.H. ADAMS

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Major,

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY  
Posted. 10 FEB 1919



1814/29/P.&A.

*O.A.*

The Hon. the Minister of Mil  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

WF/BC

21st January 9.

February 18th 1919

1770 PTE.O.H. ADAMS D'CD.  
ROYAL NFLD. REGIMENT.

Reference exchange of telegrams:  
(1)

"Despatched 24/12/18(11185"  
"Synoptical London."  
"1850 Blyde - states that - 1770 -  
"Adams - made - will - in France -  
"after - July 1st - 1918 - in  
"favour of - Mother - signed by -  
"Captain - Emerson - enquire into -  
"Report by telegram"

Sgd.Military"

(2)

"Despatched 7/1/19(252)  
"Synoptical London."  
"599 With reference - my telegram  
"24th Dec - 1770 - Adams - expedite  
"please reply to - fullstop.

Sgd. Military

(3)

"Despatched 14/1/19(24)  
"Military St.John's."  
"Reference your telegram 24th -  
"December - 1770 - Adams - will -  
"dated - July 23 - 1918 - in  
"favour of - Mother.

Sgd. Synoptical"

Copy of Will referred to is  
enclosed for information, please.

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c.Rds.

Exchange of telegrams on  
obverse is confirmed. Receipt  
of copy of Will referred to is  
acknowledged, which has been  
passed to the Department of  
Justice for administration of  
the estate.

Minister of Militia

1770



Copy of Will

of

1770 Private C.H. Adams.

DUPLICATE  
COPY  
MAILED  
1916

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my Mother Mrs. Fanny Adams, 49, LeMarchant Road, St. John's Newfoundland,

23/rd July 1916.

Witness

Sgd. O. H. Adams.

" Geo. H. Emerson. 2/Lt.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

NEWFOUNDLAND COMMISSIONERS

*L. J. H. Emerson*  
CHIEF PAYMASTER & CLERK IN CHARGE OF RECORDS

Adams, Herbert

1770

Ray Sept

# FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } Newfoundland. Squadron, Troop, }  
OR CORPS } Battery or Company }

Regimental No. 1770 Rank Private.

Surname Adams. Christian Names H.O.

Died { Date on or after 9/10/17. Place France.  
Cause of Death\* Killed in action or died of wounds received in action.

Nature and Date of Report B.A.A.C. (2). 3/12/17. Burial report.

By whom made Lt. Massey 50th. Divn. B.C.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

State whether he leaves a Will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not received  
(c) as a separate document Not received

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon.

Station and Date } 28/12/17. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } Massey  
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Encl. for Major,  
Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.





DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY

Posted. 4 - NOV 1918

16537/519/P&A

The Hon. the Minister of  
Militia,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

PM/WF

14th, October 1918

1770, PTE. O. H. ADAMS, DECEASED,  
ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

With reference to this  
office No. 12679/444/P&A, 8/8/18,  
and your reply 27/8/18, 1770,  
(8336): The following further  
communication from Mrs. Adams  
16/9/18 (8688) is quoted,-

"I received letter in answer  
"to the one I sent long ago  
"telling me that Lieut. Massey  
"said that he forwarded my  
"poor dear son's field book on  
"to the Pay & Record Office.  
"Would you be kind enough  
"to forward that book on to  
"me and also his money that  
"is left over. I think I am  
"entitled to his full pay now  
"as his poor old father and me  
"are suffering from serious  
"complaints as he has asthma  
"and tumours and his bit of  
"money now is ready needed.  
"The Head authorities here are  
"looking out for their own  
"trouble and not for my grief  
"nor trouble, nor want. My  
"poor dear son would have  
"been a good help now if he  
"had been left home to me. A  
"poor boy enlisted and he only  
"16 years and 6 months old,  
"so you see it was a terrible  
"thing to take away a poor  
"child away from his home dear  
"friend so please do your very  
"best for me, as I am very sick  
"I cant tell you anything more,  
"getting attended by Doctor  
"Cowperthwaite so I must end  
"up by wishing you good bye  
"and dont forget to answer  
"and dont forget the book and  
"do your very best for me."

As a special case in view of the large number of non-effective accounts still outstanding a separate account for the deceased Soldier is enclosed. It is not thought desirable to create a precedent in complying with Mrs. Adams request regarding his A. B. 64, which is being retained by this office as customary. The handing over of such Pay Books after the cessation of Hostilities and demobilization is a matter for your future consideration.

Major,  
Chief Paymaster & O 1/c Records.

DUPLICATE  
MAIL COPY

Army Form O. 1625.

**PAY LIST.**

to **191 . Voucher No.**

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps **Royal Newfoundland Regiment.**  
 No. **1770** Rank **Private** Name **Adams, O.H.**  
 Died (\*) Intestate at **France** on the **9th** of **October** **1917.**  
 Deserted at on the of **191 .**

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

( Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
Battery or Company.

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.**

[Form 1.]

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	£ s. d.				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	191				Messing allowance days at from to .....			
	"				Kit allowance .....			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from			
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage .....							
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		£ 31	12	4		£ 31	12	4

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CHECKED.  
*ALB.*  
11/10/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of ~~£ 31 12 4~~ is correctly chargeable against the Public ~~Account~~.

Dated at this day of **Oct** 191**8**

*F. W. Marshall Callan*  
191 . CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE, RECORDS  
Paymaster.

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DUPLICATE  
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Army Form O. 1625.

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*ALC*

11/10/18

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the ~~debtor balance of £~~ is correctly chargeable against the ~~Public~~ NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Dated at  
this

day of Oct 1918

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*J. W. Marshall Call*  
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Signature of F. H. Marshall, Chief Paymaster & Officer in Charge, Records.

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11/10/18

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Dated at

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THE BOARD OF  
PENSION COMMISSIONERS  
FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Hon. Sir P. T. McGrath, K.B.E.,  
(President Legislative Council),  
Chairman.

Hon. J. A. Clift, K.C., C.B.E.,  
(Minister Agriculture and Mines)

Capt. W. H. Parsons, R.A.M.C.



In reply refer to

No.....

*St. John's*

March 28/19

Capt. J. M. Howley,  
Paymaster & Officer i/c Records,  
City.

S

1770 O. H. Adams, deceased.

Sir:-

I have the honour by direction, to invite your attention to the marginally noted, and to state that it has been agreed that we continue the present allotment to the mother of the deceased, until October 9/19, when her case will be finally dealt with by our Board.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this communication.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
Asst. Secy.,  
Board of Pension Commissioners  
for Newfoundland.

*Noted  
[Signature]*

CCO/LBD.

LM/

April 20, 1920

From: Paymaster

To : The Board of Pension Commissioners for Nfld.

Re No. 1770, Otto H. Adams

The amount paid in continuance of the above mentioned man's allotment is \$438.00

Major

Paymaster

April 4, 1919

The Secretary,

Board of Pension Commissioners for Mfld.

Dear Sir:

Re #1770, O.H. Adams, deceased

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 28th, authorizing the Paymaster to continue the allotment to the mother of the above named man until Oct. 9/'19, and to advise you that these instructions will be acted upon.

Yours truly,

Lieut.  
For Paymaster.

Please show this to the head  
Authorities if you wish.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1918

St Johns

1533

1770

Dear Sir

I am writing to you to know what time  
are you going to send me my poor boys  
money if he is killed the same as ye informed  
me that he is so I think is is time that the  
money were advanced to me to pay up the  
Doctors bills of those wonder-ful blows that  
have been brought to me for it is more than  
any human flesh and blood can stand they  
have send me a shifting of clothes leaving out  
his socks it shoes me that he has not any  
and for thoes two old under garments is  
what I have sent to him my own self and  
thoes books and papers shoes me that he  
got soaked wet and all thoes articles have  
been left in his kit bag in the Dips my dear  
son has not yet yet been found it is only  
a bluff that have been sent to me if Lieut  
Massey found him the same as he said why  
did not he take his kit bag and put it under  
his poor head for a pillow instead of sending it to

A poor broken hearted mother that I am  
if the head authorities were suffering as much  
as I am they would not send those things  
to me I am satisfied at any moment for  
the Germans to come and shoot me and  
put me out of punishment for this is a terrible  
hard life for me now here I am laid up  
through the means of it on a house full of poor  
little helpless children with very little means to  
help out any of them so please dont forget  
to send me my poor boys blood money to help  
me out as soon as you can because I need  
it worse then the head authorities long with  
all its my poor boys wish for to get his money  
it is one sure thing they did not send his  
field book to me where I wouldnt know  
what he drew was a very little if they found  
himself they found his field book it is  
very strange about this what they said they  
got those other articles and got no field book  
and there is another thing I am going to  
tell you Mr. Houdet that my son was a  
Regimental polic in the Dips not fit for any  
other duty up until the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. I cant tell  
you any more at present. Mrs Adams 31 Bemerchant



1770  
June 28th. 1918.

Mrs. Adams,  
31 LeMarchant Road,  
C i t y.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter of June 26th.  
I beg to state that we have not yet received from  
London, the estate of your late son. Immediately on re-  
ceipt of it, we will forward it to you.

Yours truly,

For Paymaster

1770

1770. Private H. Adams

A Company.

In arrest awaiting trial, 14.4.17.

Tried by F. L. C. M. on 18.5.17 and convicted of "Desertion".  
Sentence - To suffer death by being shot.

Sentence was commuted to 10 years p. A. to be  
suspended. Auth. J. O. G., 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. Army, No 6932, 31.5.17.

A. A. G. (B) informed 22.9.17

This man reported missing 9/10/17 by O. C. Unit B 213  
dated 7/10/17. A. A. G. (B) informed. 30/10/17.

J. Neary. 2/ht

This man now reported "killed in action"  
at "Dead of Wounds" on or after 9/10/17  
reported by and body found by  
Lt Massey 50<sup>th</sup> Division. B O.

A. A. G. (B) informed. 29/12/17.

J. Neary. 2/ht.

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. .... *1770* .... Name. .... *Adams* .....

To Certify that I have received the AB 64 of the above  
named soldier.

Name *Mrs. Mrs. D. Adams*

Date *July 6-20* .....

Place. *31. Le. Marchant Rd. St. Johns Newfoundland*

N.B. For completion and return to the Department of Militia.  
Insert in corner of envelope "AB 64"

Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

1090  
CR 1770

Regiment or Corps 2/1st Newfoundland Regimental Number 1770  
 Rank Lt Surname Adams Christian Name Herbert O.  
 Religion C. of E. Age on Enlistment 18 years 3 months.  
 Enlisted (a) 11/8/16 Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 24/5/16.  
 Date of promotion to present rank \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment to lance rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extended { \_\_\_\_\_ } Re-engaged { 24/5/16 } Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 or Corps Trade and Rate \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Officer i/c Records.



Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 26, 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. 26, or other official documents
		Embarked ...	<u>Southampton</u>	<u>14.6.16</u>	
		Disembarked...	<u>Haver</u>	<u>15.6.16</u>	
<u>30.6.16</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Joined Battalion</u>	<u>In the Field</u>	<u>30.6.16</u>	
	<u>do</u>	<u>With</u>	<u>do</u>		
			<u>France</u>	<u>4.9.16</u>	<u>Kill</u>
			<u>With BATT.</u>	<u>23.1.17</u>	
<u>22.4.17</u>	<u>D.C. Unit</u>	<u>Awarded 7 days F.P. 2</u>	<u>In the Field</u>	<u>10.4.17</u>	<u>O 1810, 19c.</u>
<u>30.6.17</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>Tried by F.G.C.M. for "Obstruction"</u>		<u>18.5.17</u>	<u>O 1810, 29c.</u>
		<u>Sentenced - To suffer death by being shot but commuted to 10 yrs. P.L. for being suspended. Auth. G.O.C., 3rd Army.</u>			
		<u>Service reckons from date of trial</u>			
<u>12/10/17</u>	<u>Of Unit</u>	<u>Reported Missing</u>	<u>France or Belgium</u>	<u>9/10/17</u>	<u>D 213</u>
<u>18/12/17</u>	<u>D.A.G.</u>	<u>Dead of Wounds or Killed in action</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>9/10/17</u>	<u>Body found and reported by Lt Messery</u>
			<u>J. Neary</u>		<u>50 DWA 130</u>

*[Handwritten signature]*

(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.

304/1770

CR. 1770

Chief Staff Officer,  
Newfoundland Contingent,  
c/o Office of the High Commissioner  
for Newfoundland,  
58 Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.1., England.

March 29th 1920.

#1770 Pte. H. Adams  
Deceased.

The above named man enlisted  
on the 11th August, 1915, proceeded  
overseas on 27th Oct., 1915, was  
drafted to France on 20/6/16.

He was sentenced by Field  
General Court Martial on 23rd May, 1917,  
to be shot for desertion and sentence  
of death was commuted to ten years penal  
servitude by General Commanding 3rd  
Army, who directed that sentence be suspended.  
O.C. 88th Infantry  
Brigade ordered that the sentence  
be brought forward for reconsideration  
on 31st August 1917. The sentence  
was reconsidered and ordered to  
be brought forward for further re-  
consideration on Nov. 30th 1917.

In the meantime, this man was reported  
reported Missing on 9/10/17 and later  
presumed Killed in Action or Died of  
Wounds on that date (Auth. Burial  
Report D.A.A.G. 18/12/17 by Lieut.  
Massey 50th Div. Burial Officer,  
forwarded on A.F.B. 2090A by G.H.Q.  
3rd Echelon B.E.F.)

I shall be glad if you will refer  
this case to the War Office for final  
disposal, please.

Army Form W 3104 is enclosed  
herewith please for necessary action.

Lieut. Colonel,  
Chief Staff Officer,  
for Minister of Militia.

31 Le Marchant Road

July 6-20

Col. Rendell:-

Dear Sir

I am writing you this note to ask you have you any idea how come Pte W. Adams 1970 to draw 15<sup>/-</sup> on the Battle field I have been told by the soldiers no money has been drawn except on leave or a months furlough or less across to England or any place from the battle because when all those chaps got a furlough they always bought things and sent home but poor Herbert did write to me and told me he never had no money he never did send me as much as a little card for the past three years he was out there as he said there was no place out there to get anything or spend money he even sent to me for money to buy under clothing as he did not have none hear it says on this book he has drawn from 15<sup>/-</sup> to 26<sup>/-</sup> and there is a coat mentioned that should be found and should not be charged to his account I am thinking there is a lot more money due me by the look of this book or lighter that it is a lot of fraudery I am going to see a little more about this affair and I hope you

wont be put out with me Col. for sending you this  
note only just my mind tells me you would  
not like to see me wronged any more  
than my poor son and heas another  
thing Col. there are after taking away the  
pension from me & I a widow with no  
body to earn for me I am going to have  
all this money counted on & I am going  
to see what it will bring in for the length  
of time he's been there I think you should  
see about this pension for me because I  
think one word from you would be better  
than all is down their for to speak in  
favour of me for the pension so you must  
excuse me. Col. please

I remain

Yours Truly

Thos. O. Adams

To Col. Rendell.

P.S.  
please send me answer

C.R. 1770

July 20th, 1920

Mrs. Thomas D. Adams,  
31 LeMarchant Road

Dear Madam:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 6th with reference to the account of No. 1770 Pte. H. Adams, and to certain payments made to him which you dispute. If you will kindly bring his Army Book 64 down to the Pay Office, the charges therein made will be explained to you by Captain Marshall or one of his staff.

With reference to pension matters, I have to state that this Department does not deal with correspondence in this connection, and I would advise you to write direct to the Board of Pension Commissioners who will explain the case to you.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer