

724532

I.D. number

No. d'identification

BESTER

Surname

Nom de famille

Robert

Given names

Prénoms

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ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 724532

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

ORIGINAL

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS.)

- 1. What is your name?..... Robert Bester
- 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born?..... Manchester England
- 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?..... George Carew, France
- 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?..... P.O. Omemee Ont, Canada
- 5. What is the date of your birth?..... February 9 - 1897
- 6. What is your Trade or Calling?..... Labourer
- 7. Are you married?..... no
- 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?..... and inoculated. yes
- 9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?..... no
- 10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?.. If so, state particulars of former Service. no
- 11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement?..... yes.
- 12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the } CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? } yes.

Robert Bester.....(Signature of Man.)
 R. H. Anderson.....(Signature of Witness.)

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Robert Bester, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Robert Bester.....(Signature of Recruit)
 Date October 21 1915..... R. H. Anderson.....(Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Robert Bester, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Robert Bester.....(Signature of Recruit)
 Date October 21 1915..... R. H. Anderson.....(Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act. The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Sunday this 21 day of October 1915.

.....(Signature of Justice)

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

..... Lt. Col. (Approving Officer)
 O.C. 109th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.

Description of Robert Bester on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 18 years 7 months.
 (To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.
 (Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer).

Height 5 ft. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 34 ins.
 Range of expansion 3 ins.

Complexion Fair

Eyes Blue

Hair Brown

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

None

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

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

Date October 1st 1915.

Place Lindsay

J. MacCubbin Capt.
 Medical Officer
Robert Capt.
 109th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.
 Medical Officer.

*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Robert Bester having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

J. J. McArthur Lt. Col. (Signature of Officer)
 C. C. 109th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.

Date JAN 12 1916 1916

Report on Wounds or other Injuries, received otherwise than in Action.

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Gen. No.
4269.

Certificate of Medical Officer.

No. 724532 Sgt Roster R 20 Canadian

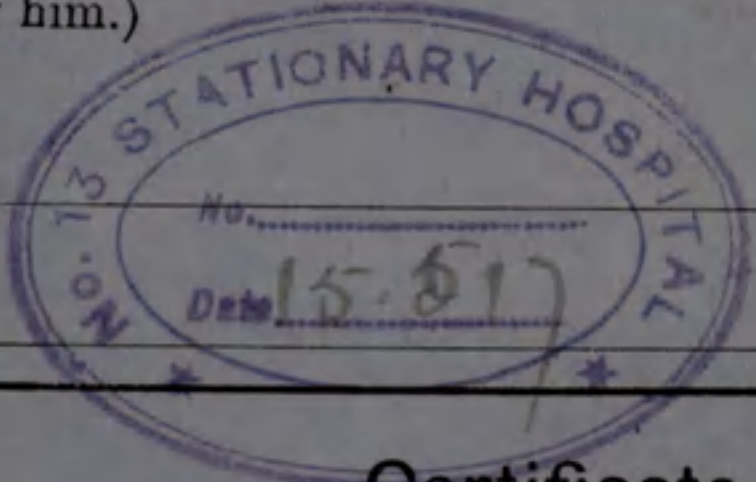
was admitted to hospital on the 13. 5. 17 suffering from acc contus. eye

The disability is of a slight nature, and in all probability

will not interfere with his future efficiency as a soldier.

*He claims that he was in the performance of military duty at the time of the accident.

(If the soldier makes no claim that he was on duty at the time, the certificate below should be signed by him.)



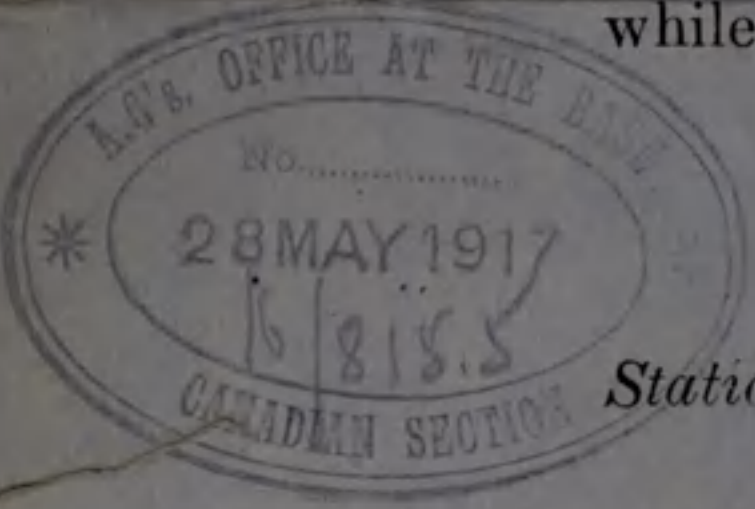
Station _____

Date _____

C. A. ... Capt
Medical Officer in Charge.

Certificate to be signed by soldier.

I, _____ hereby declare that the injury sustained by me on the _____ did not occur while I was in the performance of military duty.



Station _____

Date _____

(Soldier's Signature.)
(Signature of Medical Officer.)

Certificate of Commanding Officer.

(This certificate will be completed only in cases of trivial injury where the soldier claims to have been injured while on duty.)

I certify that the injury to the above-named soldier † occurred while he was in the performance of military duty.

† Here insert "occurred" or "did not occur."

If on duty, state (a) The date of the injury. (b) The place where it occurred. (c) The nature of the duty. (d) Whether the soldier was in any way to blame.

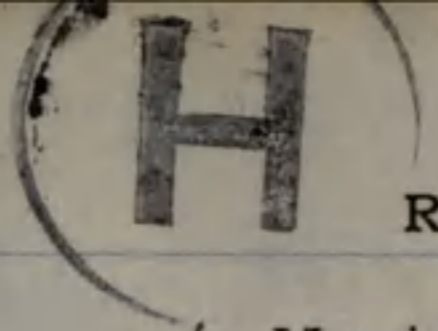
† 13.5.17
(b) Near VEMY
(c) Ration carrying party
(d) Returning from carrying rations, while in forward area, this man stumbled and fell. It is not considered that he is to blame.
The soldier has been so informed.

Station In Field

Date 22/10/17

C. J. ... Major
for. Commanding 20 Canadian

This Army Form will be attached to the Medical History Sheet, on which it will be recorded whether the soldier was on duty, and whether he was to blame.

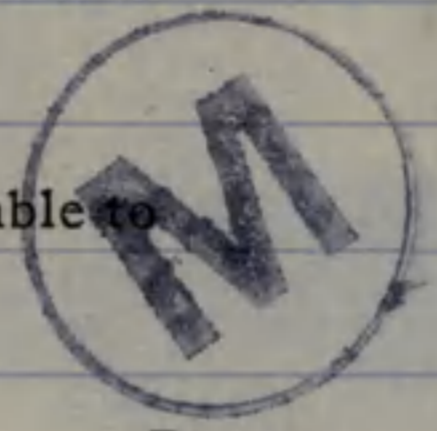


A.G.R.

Rank Name BESTER, Robert
 Unit 109th Bn. If in perm. Corps, What Unit? Married or Single Single.
 Place and Date of Enlistment Lindsay, 21st Octr., 1915. Place of Birth Manchester, England.
 Name and Address, Next-of-Kin George Carew,
 P.O., *Comerel*, Ont., Canada. Relationship Friend.

Assigned Pay Monthly \$ Payable to Relationship

Separation Allowance \$ Payable to Relationship



Discharge, Date and Place Reason Character

H. W. & V., Ltd.—7165-16.

R625-B-4883
 N/ R.B. No. *10.335*
 File R.L. *Dojw*
 Category *Green has*

Report.		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents.
Date.	From whom received.				
		Arrived in England per H. M. T. 2810		31-7-16	
28-11-16	O.C. 109 th	S.O.S. on train to 20 th Bn	Witley	28-11-16	P ² II. S.O. 333
11-12-16	20 th Bn	<i>Taken on strength.</i>	Field	29-11-16	75
6-3-17	"	Adm 070 12 Stat Hosp	St. Pol	25-2-17	BR 454 Otis's Abedia Mild
15-3-17	"	discharged to duty		7-3-17	" 461 " "
2-2-5-17	20 Bn	13 Stat Hosp	Boulogne	13-5-17	Chaf 516 Con Eye Acc. 511-
22-5-17	20 Bn	1 Con Depot	Boulogne	21-5-17	Ch 2521 "
29-5-17	20 Bn	Disch. & Large Rest Camp	do	22-5-17	CL 522 -
8-11-17	"	42 Cas. Clear Stat.	Field	6-10-17	BR 431.
13-11-17	1 COR (20)	405 Gen Hosp	Quen	2-11-17	Ch. 262. A. S. W. Head.

A.F.B. 103 CHECKED 11 DEC. 1916

Max 17-12-17

Report.		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents.
Date.	From whom received.				
14-11-17	1COR(20)	Devenport Mil Hosp	Devenport	6-11-17	C.L.B. 63. Gh \equiv O 253.
14-11-17	20.	Inv. Wounded about 1. CORP.	Field	6-11-17	N ^o 5080 of 17.11.17. 1CORP.
9-12-17.	"	Seriously Ill.	Devenport.	9-12-17.	C.L.B. 85-1 J.L.W. Head.
27-12-17	1CORP 20	Previously Rep. Ser. Ill. now reported Died of Wounds of Devenport Mil Hosp.	Devenport.	26-12-17	C.L.B. 98. "
31-12-17.	1CORP.	Having Died of Wounds. is S.O.S.	Sending	26-12-17.	N ^o 296

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REPORT ON ACCIDENTAL OR SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES

This is intended to be completed with witnesses on the spot of the injury.

13-1-17

HERBERT H. ...

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. These forms are to be completed in all cases of accidental or self-inflicted injuries, involving a soldier's absence from duty, whether due to the man's own act, or that of a comrade, or to other extraneous circumstances.
2. Where several casualties occur as the result of one accident, one form is to be completed for each Officer or other rank injured, but only one set of statements from the witnesses of the accident need be attached.
3. Full statements are to be taken by an Officer from the witnesses of the accident. These statements will be signed by the witnesses making them, and by the Officer who takes them, and will be forwarded with this Form. Where it is intended to take disciplinary action, copies of these statements should be retained by the Unit for use in lieu of a summary of evidence.
4. Where it is possible to obtain it, a statement from the injured man will also be forwarded. This, however, should not be used as evidence against him in any subsequent disciplinary proceedings.

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

5. In these cases the statements mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above should bring out all material points, *e.g.*, statements to the effect that the witness was with the accused standing on the fire step (or sitting in a dug-out); that the accused was cleaning his rifle; position of safety catch, magazine, etc., if known; muzzle of rifle on toe of foot; hand on muzzle; that accused pulled trigger; that the rifle was afterwards examined and an empty cartridge case was found in chamber; that accused was seen to be wounded; what accused said ("I have shot myself," "I did not know it was loaded," etc.).
6. A soldier is specially trained in the safe use of his rifle and revolver, and evidence of any neglect of the ordinary precautions as to their handling in such cases usually has considerable bearing on the question of negligence. In cases of wilful self-wounding the fullest possible evidence should be obtained; unless the evidence is conclusive this charge should not be used. The charge will therefore usually be laid under Sec. 40 Army Act—"Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in wounding himself through negligently handling a rifle," and an alternative charge to this effect should be made, even if the accused is to be tried under Section 18 for wilful maiming.

MEDICAL CASE SHEET.*

Ex France

No. in Admission and Discharge Book. T 783	Regimental No. 724532 225796	Rank. Pte	Surname. Bester	Christian Name. Robert
Year 1917	Unit. 20. Canadians	Age. 18	Service. 2 1/2	

Station and Date.
Military Hosp.
Devonport

Disease ~~Shrap. Wound Head.~~
Admitted from France 6-11-17 with healed deep shrapnel wound of head. Troubled with with Emuresis, been awaiting transfer to Can. Conv Hosp for discharge mentality below par. Blood Lt M O R I

Dr. G. It was dull mentally, pulse 40 per min; headache, vomiting with incontinence of urine. Old wound opened up. Dura incised & forceps passed into brain & a small abscess evacuated. Tube stitched in.
A. Shipp the Capt

20 Not improving, hernia cerebri. vomiting occasionally. Rather irritable

24-25 Quite unconscious. Wound opened up again & a large abscess evacuated. He sank & died 1.2.0:26.12.17 A. Shipp the Capt
Capt Harris

097

26-12-17 Died 26-12-17

2 copies

*The first and last entries will be signed, and transfers from one Medical Officer to another, attested by their signatures.

FORM OF WILL.

I, Robert Bester (Name in full)

Regimental Number 724532 serving in 109th OVERSEAS BN., C.E.F.

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

I bequeath all my real estate unto

Miss Dadie Kerr
Onemeer
Ont

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

absolutely, and my personal estate I bequeath to

Miss Dadie Kerr
Onemeer
Ont

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

IMPORTANT NOTE

This must be Signed and Dated by THE SOLDIER HIMSELF.

this 6th day of July A. D. 1916

Robert Bester Signature of Soldier.

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

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

Signature of First Witness GC Faithfull

Address of Witness 426 Gladstone ct Ottawa

Occupation of Witness Lieutenant - 109th Batta C.E.F.

THE TWO WITNESSES MUST SIGN HERE

Signature of Second Witness Sgt. Jacques

Address of Witness 107 Goulbourn Ave Ottawa

Occupation of Witness Sergt. 109th Bn. C.E.F.

FORM OF WILL

I, John Doe of the County of Alameda State of California do hereby certify that I am of sound mind and memory and I am not under any legal disability and I am not insane at the time of the execution of this will.

I hereby declare that I am not under any legal disability and I am not insane at the time of the execution of this will.

I hereby declare that I am not under any legal disability and I am not insane at the time of the execution of this will.

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ORIGINAL MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET ORIGINAL

Surname Bester Christian Name Robert

<p>Examined { on <u>30th</u> day of <u>September</u> 191<u>5</u> at <u>Rindsay</u></p> <p>Birthplace { City or Town <u>Manchester</u> County <u>England</u></p> <p>Apparent age <u>18 years</u></p> <p>Trade or occupation <u>Laborer</u></p> <p>Height <u>5</u> Feet <u>4 3/4</u> Inches.</p> <p>Weight <u>115</u> Lbs.</p> <p>Chest measurement { Minimum <u>31</u> inches. Maximum expansion <u>34</u> inches.</p> <p>Physical development <u>Good</u></p> <p>Small-Pox Marks <u>None</u></p> <p>Vaccination Marks { Arm. Right <u>None</u> Left <u>Eight</u> Number <u>Eight</u></p> <p>When Vaccinated last <u>October 21st 1915</u> <u>January 25th 1916</u></p> <p>(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease <u>None</u></p> <p>(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection <u>None</u></p>	<p>Approved by <u>J. McCulloch</u> Capt. Medical Officer Rank <u>109th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Fit or Unfit</th> <th>EXAMINED FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT,</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">15 NOV 1917</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">M.O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">M.O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">M.O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">M.O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">M.O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">M.O.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Result</th> <th>VACCINATIONS.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>21-10-15</td> <td><u>W</u></td> <td><u>J. McCulloch</u> M.O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25-1-16</td> <td><u>W</u></td> <td><u>J. McCulloch</u> M.O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">M.O.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Result</th> <th>ANTI-TYPHOID INOCULATIONS, ETC.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>18-4-16</td> <td><u>Good</u></td> <td><u>J. McCulloch</u> M.O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25-4-16</td> <td><u>Good</u></td> <td><u>J. McCulloch</u> M.O.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2-5-16</td> <td><u>Good</u></td> <td><u>J. McCulloch</u> M.O.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Fit or Unfit	EXAMINED FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT,			15 NOV 1917			M.O.			M.O.			M.O.			M.O.			M.O.			M.O.	Date	Result	VACCINATIONS.	21-10-15	<u>W</u>	<u>J. McCulloch</u> M.O.	25-1-16	<u>W</u>	<u>J. McCulloch</u> M.O.			M.O.	Date	Result	ANTI-TYPHOID INOCULATIONS, ETC.	18-4-16	<u>Good</u>	<u>J. McCulloch</u> M.O.	25-4-16	<u>Good</u>	<u>J. McCulloch</u> M.O.	2-5-16	<u>Good</u>	<u>J. McCulloch</u> M.O.
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Enlisted on 1st day of October 1915 at Rindsay

	CORPS.	REGT'L NUMBER.	HABITS.	DATE.
Joined on enlistment	<u>Overseas Conty.</u>	<u>45th Vict Regt. 724532</u>		<u>1.10.15.</u>
Transferred to.. ..	<u>109th Battn.</u>	<u>20th. Bn</u>		

EXAMINED OR DISCHARGED BY A MEDICAL BOARD.

STATION.	DATE.	DISEASE.	RESULT.

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

CANADIAN

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

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

Casualty Form—Active Service.

250M.—1-16.
H. Q. 1772-39-920.

Unit, Regiment or Corps 109th OVERSEAS BATTALION, C. E. F.

Regimental No. 424532 Rank Private Name Bester Robert

Enlisted (a) 25-10-15 Terms of Service (a) 3 of W. Service reckons from (a) 25-10-15

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

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) Labourer

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*Embarked Canada
Disembarked England.*

*Halifax 24.7.16
Liverpool 31.7.16*

Proceeded overseas for service with 20th. Btn.

Witley

W. Aseltine Capt.
ADJUTANT
109th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.

~~Transferred to 20th Bn,~~

~~Overseas~~

~~28-11-16 D.O. 333-28-11-16.~~

W. Aseltine CAPTAIN,
ADJUTANT,
109TH BATTALION CAN. INFANTRY.

29/11/16	CB Depot	Arrived taken on strength	20 BN	29/11/16	NR Pt. 2. Ord. 75	11/12/16
do	do	Left for Unit	Field	1/12/16	NR	
8/12/16	20th Bn	Joined Unit	do	4/12/16	B213	
25-2-17	12 Staty	Inf. mid ear adm	12 Staty	25-2-17	W3034	
24-2-17	6 C.F.A.	Deafness adm 22/2/17	42 C.C.D.	22-2-17	W36. D.O. 276d	10/2/17
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7-3-17	12 Staty	Inf. Mid ear	dis chgd to duty	7-3-17	W3034	
10-3-17				8-3-17	10212	

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT,
28-11-16
14 DEC. 1916
CAN. RECORDS, LONDON.

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12-5-17	4 CFA	P. M. O adm 4/5/17	5 CFA	6-5-17	A36 293d 14-5-17
13-5-17	1 - -	adm 4/5 Deschamps	Dutty	11-5-17	A36 299d 15-6-17
19-5-17	20 Bn	Rejd from Hosp	20 Bn	11-5-17	B213 295d 24-5-17
12-5-17	12 CFA	admit 12/5	ad 12/5	12-5-17	A36 301d 25-6-17
12-5-17	6 CCS	adm 12/5	27 RT.	12-5-17	A36 299d 15-6-17
13-5-17	13 Hltg	Acct. Cont. eye. All adm	13 Hltg.	13-5-17	M 3034.
21-5-17	- -	adm	Com Dep.	21-5-17	- -
29-5-17	2 20th	from details	2 20th	29-5-17	N.P.
21-5-17	1 Com Dep.	Sick adm	1 Com Dep.	21-5-17	M 3034.
22-5-17	- -	Unfit	3 Rest Co	22-5-17	- -
13-6-17	2 20th	from	2 20th Bn.	13-6-17	N.P.
14-6-17	2 20th	from	- -	14-6-17	N.P.
24-8-17	do	Left for	20th Bn	24-8-17	NR
7-9-17	20th Bn	Arrived Rejd	do	do	B213 318
6-10-17	5 CFA	G. W. Heard adm 4/2 CCS	42 CCS	6-10-17	A36 A.4323.
- -	42 CCS	adm	- -	- -	- -
22-10-17	20 Bn.	not to blame for injury. 13/5/17	13/5/17	22-10-17	B117. File K1. 16/8155.
2-11-17	5 Bn	by S. M. (1) adm 5 Bn	5 Bn	2-11-17	B186.
5-11-17	do	Swed (wd) reported 1st Bn at	1st Bn	5-11-17	W3083-4263 J. H. on 8
		Out Regt Depot, Thorncliffe Castle	Castle	5-11-17	4-11-17

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

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724532 pte Bester R 109th Battn C.E.F.
Will reviewed by Regd. paymaster

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J. J. Williams CAPT.
Paymaster, 109th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F.

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Perforated sheet for Will from Pay Book of Reg.

No. 724532

Name pte R. Bester.

Unit 109th Batt C.E.F.

20th Bn
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B98
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Military Will.

at the evat of my death
I hereby bequeath all my
personal belongings and
effects to my boss.

Mr George Carew.

R.R. No 1

Omemeel

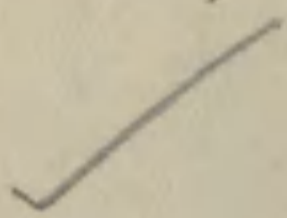
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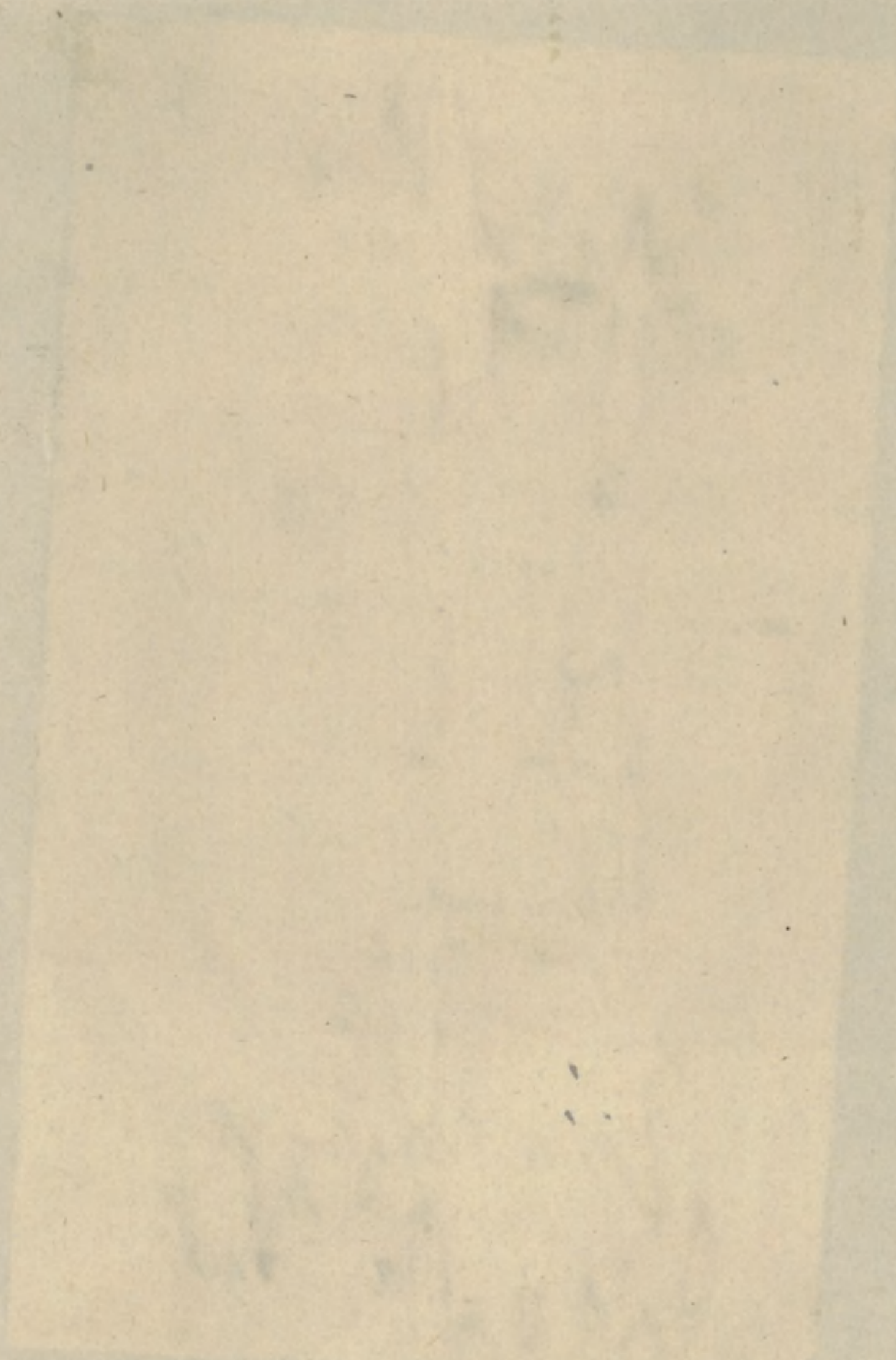
Signature pte Bester R.

Rank and Regt. drumer 109th Batt

Date August. 22. 1916.



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FCW.

A32-1-595



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2nd Canadian Division.

A (a) 14.

Canadian Corps



With reference to Canadian Corps. A.32-1-595 dated the 3rd instant, forwarding A.F.W.3428 in the case of No. 724532. Pte. R. BESTER, 20th Canadian Battalion.

All correspondence in this connection returned herewith, together with a further report from the Officer Commanding the 20th Canadian Battalion, from which it will be seen that there has been a misunderstanding, this man having been wounded twice, once accidentally.

J. Hornum ison

Lieut-Colonel,
D.A.A.G.(A).

for G.O.C. 2nd Canadian Division.

9.1.1918.



2nd Canadian Division

(A) 14

Reference is made to the report of the 2nd Canadian Division dated 1st June 1945, in the case of No. 124528. The report is forwarded to the 2nd Canadian Division for their information.

All correspondence in this connection should be sent to the 2nd Canadian Division, from which it will be sent to the appropriate authorities. It is noted that this man has been mentioned in the report of the 2nd Canadian Division dated 1st June 1945.

Major-General
D. G. G. (A)
2nd Canadian Division

0.1.1945

HAI.

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K.D.(d) 16/8155.

To: Headquarters "A",
Canadian Corps.

724532 Pte. Bester, R.
20th Cdn. Inf. Battalion.



A 32/11/595

Herewith A.F.W. 3428, A.F.B. 117 and correspondence in connection with the marginally named man.

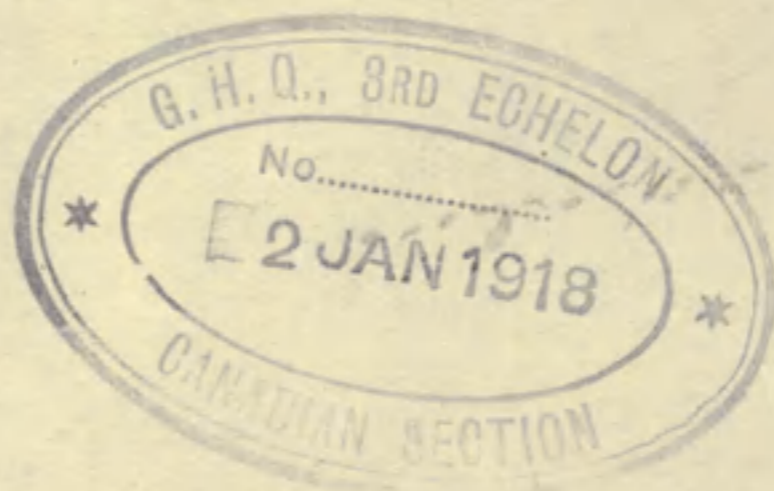
It will be observed that in minute 3, the 20th Battalion states this man was not accidentally injured, whereas A.F.B. 117 shows that he was accidentally injured.

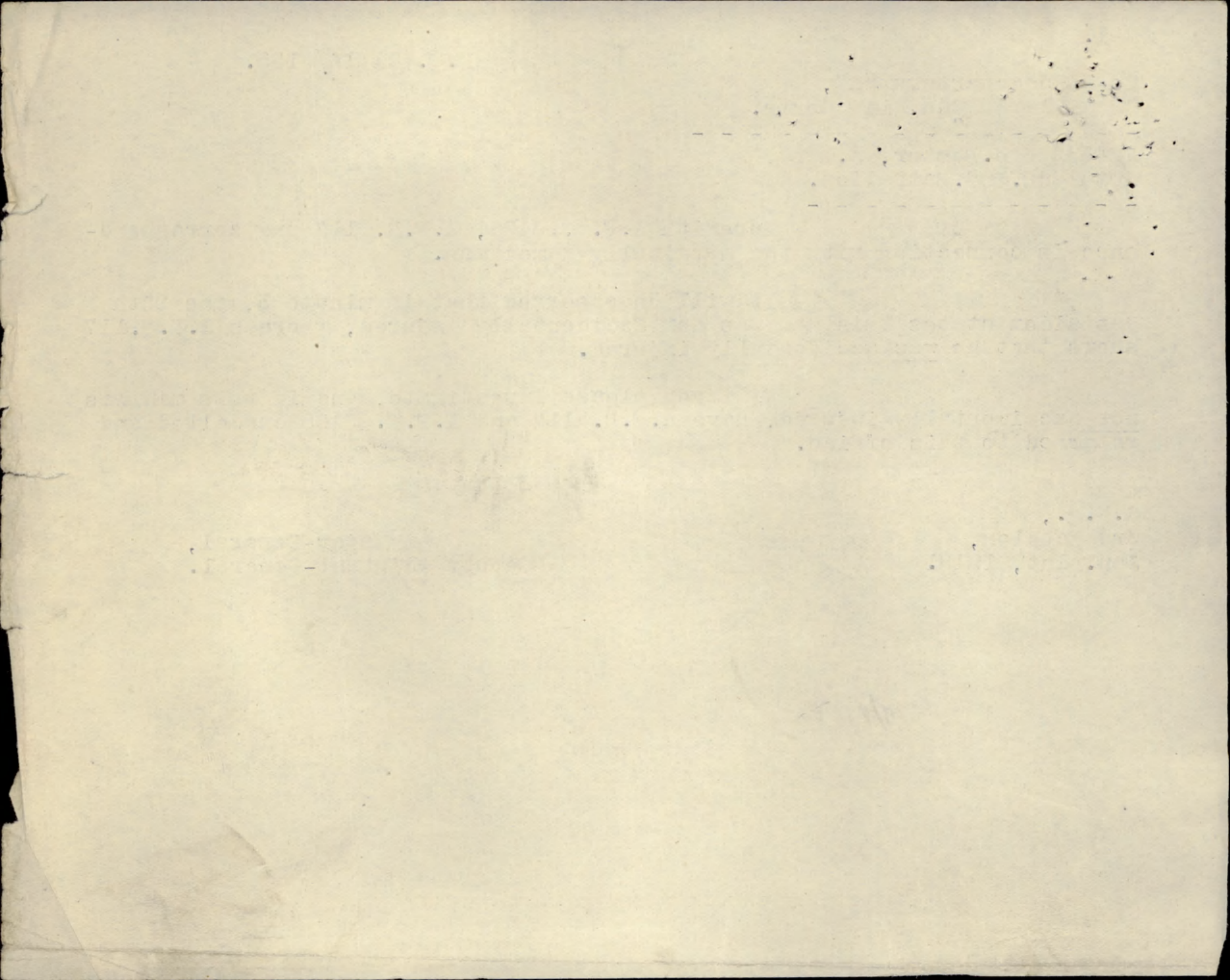
Will you please investigate, and if this man was not accidentally injured, have A.F.B. 117 and A.F.W. 3428 cancelled and returned to this office.

G.H.Q.,
3rd Echelon,
Jan. 1st, 1918

T.V. Lawson
Carleton

Deputy Major-General,
Adjutant-General.





4th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

S.C.A. 5-1/1478

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2nd Canadian Division.

724532 Pte.
R. BESTER.
20th Battalion.

Documents returned in connection with the
marginally noted of the 20th Canadian Battalion.
This man was wounded on ² ~~two~~ occasions which
caused the confusion in the reports.

J. H. Wallace

Captain.

for G.O.C. 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

HD: QRS:
8-1-18
INE. BDE.
DATE
#2

19 JAN 1918
CANADIAN SECTION

4th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

S.O.A. 8-1-18

2nd Canadian Division.

Documents returned in connection with the

marginally noted of the 2nd Canadian Battalion.

This man was wounded on several occasions which

caused the confusion in the reports.

42453 Lt. J.
S. B. B. B.
2nd Battalion.

Captain,
for S.O.C. 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

8-1-18

20th Canadian Battalion.

January 7th, 1918.

(10)

Headquarters,

4th C. I. B.

724532 pte.
Bester R.
20th Cdn. Bn.

A. F. W. 3428 in the case of the marginally named man is returned herewith duly completed. It should be noted that Minute 3 refers to the wounding of this man on the 6th of October to which date it was understood Minute 1 referred.

CJI/D.



[Handwritten signature]
Major.
Adjutant 20th Cdn. Bn.

80th Canadian Battalion.

January 7th, 1918.

(10)

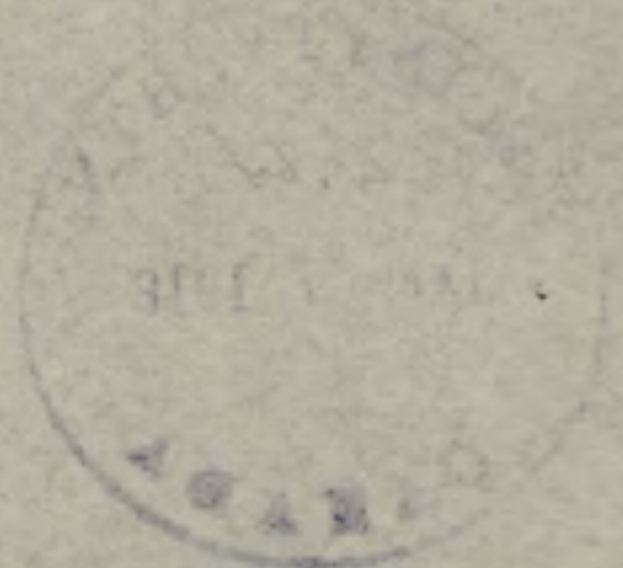
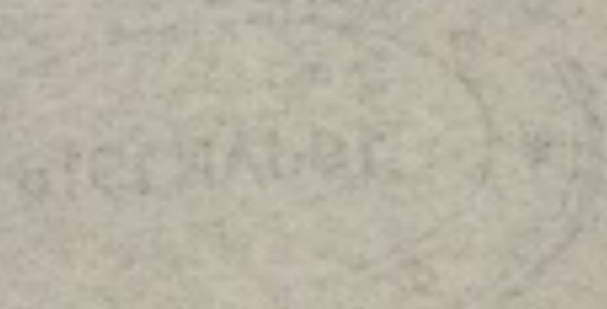
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4th C. I. B.

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A. F. W. 3428 in the case of the

80th Can. Bn.
Bester R.
724532 pte.

Adjutant 80th Can. Bn.
Major.



CLIP/D.

WM.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S BRANCH
Canadian Corps.
G.H.Q., 3RD ECHELON.
A. 32-1-595.
CENTRAL REGISTRY.

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

18 JAN 1918

C.R. No. K

With reference to your K.D.(d) 16/8155 dated 1/1/18., all papers in connection with No. 24532 Pte. R.Bester, 20th. Canadian Infantry Battalion, are returned herewith, together with a letter from the 2nd. Canadian Division, from which it will be seen that there has been a mis-understanding in this case.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S BRANCH
18 JAN 1918
No.
C.R.

Handwritten signature

G.H.Q., 3RD ECHELON
16/8155
15/1/18. 19 JAN 1918
KOD
CANADIAN SECTION

Lieutenant General,
Commanding Canadian Corps.

HAI.

To: - Headquarters "A",
FIRST ARMY.

Reference preceding minutes.

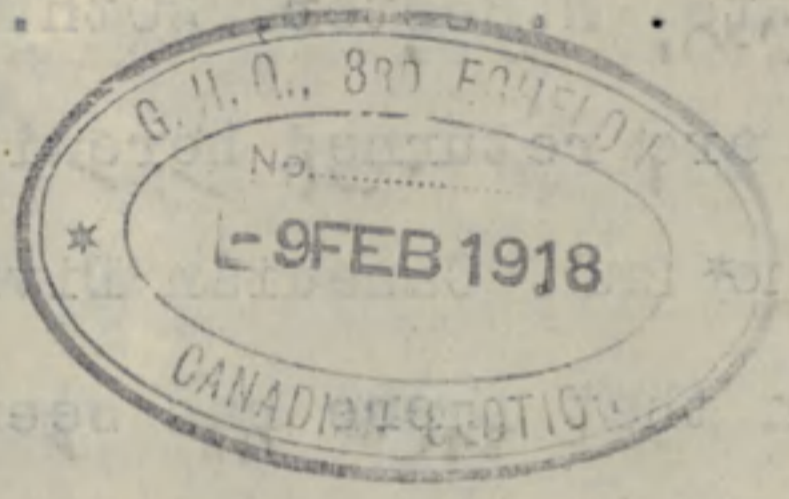
The attached Army Form W. 3428 in connection with
Pte. Bester is forwarded for completion of Para. 7, please.

*D. C. Skinner Capt**

for S/P

Major-General,
Deputy Adjutant-General.

G.H.Q.,
3rd Echelon,
Jan. 29th, 1918.



984/11

HAI.

K.D.(d) 16/8155.

To:- Headquarters,
4th Cdn. Inf. Brigade.

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724532 Pte. Bester, R.
20th Cdn. Inf. Battn.

- - - - -

Under this office letter numbered as above and dated 26-10-17, the O. C. 20th Cdn. Battalion was requested to forward A.F.W. 3428 in connection with the marginally named man. A Reminder was forwarded on 27-11-17, but to date neither a reply or A.F.W. 3428 has been received.

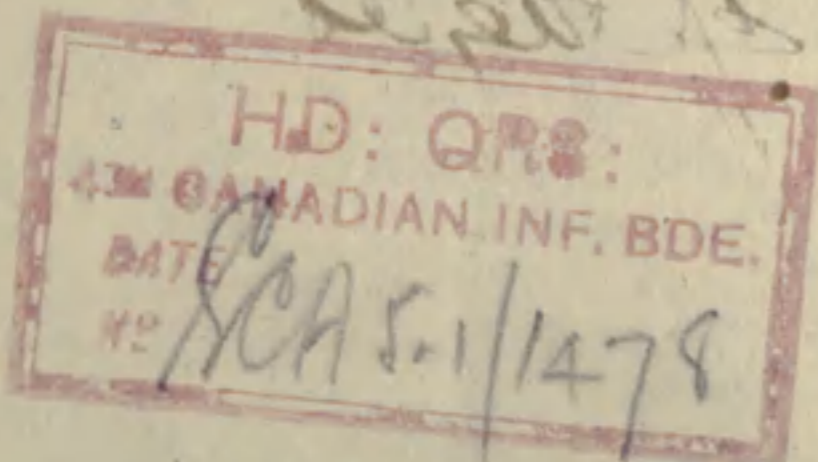
Will you please take the matter up and advise what disposition has been made of the form in question.

G.H.Q.,
3rd Echelon,
Dec. 19th, 1917.



J. A. Sutton

Major, for
Lt. Col., A.A.G.,
Canadian Section.



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4th Cdn. Inf. Brigade

S.C.A. 5-1/1478

20th Canadian Battalion



For your report and return of this letter

J. L. ...
Captain
staff Captain, 4th Cdn. Inf. Bde.

(3)

20th Canadian Battalion.

December 23rd, 1917.

To Headquarters,
4th C. I. B.

Reference your S.C.A. 5-1/1478.

724532

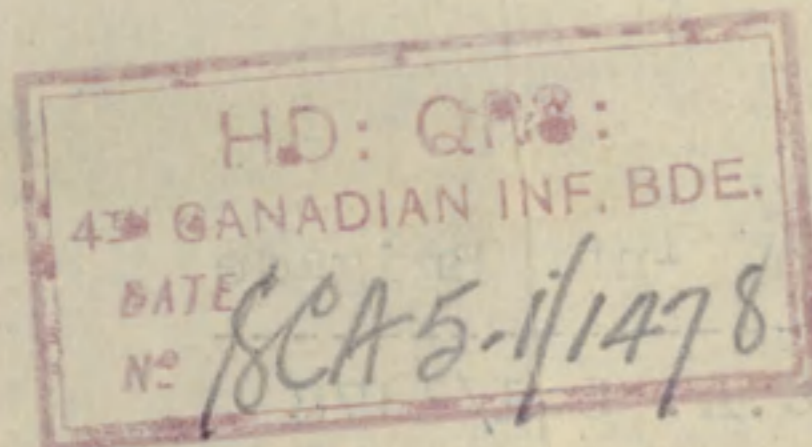
Pte. Bester R.

Man mentioned in Minute 1 was evacuated to Hospital 'wounded' not 'accidentally wounded'. He was wounded by a "fish tail" on the 6th of October, 1917, the same bomb wounding another man who has since died from the effects.

A.F. W 3428 is returned herewith.

J. Hughes

Major.
Adj. 20th Cdn. Bn.



No. 724532 Name Buster Robert Sqn., Batty., or Company } 10th Corps 109th Bn. C.E.F. Date of enlistment } 21/10/15 G.C. Badges } Nil Service or Proficiency Pay } Nil
 Date of last entry in Company Conduct Sheet } Nil No. and date of last drunk } Nil Period not reckoning towards freedom from extra fine } Nil Sheet No. 1 Signature O.C. Company, etc. } aw. Gray Character } good
Major

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
<u>Braunschott</u>	<u>20/10/16</u>	<u>pte</u>		<u>Idle on parade</u>	<u>Serjt Kingsloro</u>	<u>3 days C.B.</u>	<u>21/10/16</u>	<u>V Wharncaster</u>	<u>Capt</u>
<u>Witley</u>	<u>27.11.16</u>			<u>Transferred to 20th Bn Overseas</u>	<u>27.11.16</u>	<u>Capt H 333</u>	<u>28.11.16</u>	<u>W.S. A Coy</u>	
<u>Witley</u>	<u>24/3/17</u>			<u>Drunk on parade</u>	<u>Sgt. Hall</u>	<u>3 days Park</u>	<u>24/3/17</u>	<u>W. Wharncaster</u>	<u>Capt</u>
				<u>Injured (wounded) to England</u>		<u>W. Wharncaster</u>		<u>ADJUTANT</u>	<u>Capt.</u>
				<u>Posted 1st CORN</u>	<u>5.11.17</u>	<u>W. Wharncaster</u>		<u>109th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F.</u>	

Army Form B. 122

Report

Name, *Bester*

Rank

Pte

Reg. No. *724532*

Unit

20th Battalion

Next of Kin

Canada

Date	Movement	Place	Casualty	List No.	Notified N/K O.	W.O. List
<i>1917</i>						
<i>6-10</i>	<i>No 42 Cos Ctg str</i>		<i>Wounded</i>		<i>M669</i>	
	<i>Dangerously Wounded</i>			<i>131</i>		
	<i>Please read above Casualty as</i>		<i>G SW Head</i>	<i>A33</i>		
<i>10-10-17</i>	<i>Improved no file P 86296</i>					
<i>11-17</i>	<i>slightly Improved do P 89114</i>					
<i>11-17</i>	<i>Improved do P 89114</i>					
<i>24-10</i>	<i>Improved (P 89077)</i>				<i>M 6277</i>	
	<i>31-10-17 Improving (P 90313)</i>					
	<i>1-11-17 Trans to Base (P 90835)</i>					
<i>2-11</i>	<i>No 5 G H Rowen (HA 15947)</i>		<i>do</i>	<i>A62</i>		
<i>6-11</i>	<i>Devenport Int Devenport (5636)</i>		<i>do</i>	<i>B63</i>		
<i>9-12</i>	<i>Seriously ill (Tel No p 47)</i>		<i>do</i>	<i>B83</i>	<i>M 6492.2214</i>	

McH.

Number

724532

Rank

Pte

Surname

BESTER

Christian Name

Robert

Units

206th Canteen Coy

Theatre of War

France

Date of Service

29-11-16

Remarks

(Employer)

Latest Address

George Caren, Esq.
R.P.#1

Roll No.

Omamee, Ont.

DESP
REGN. NO. *7036154*
DEC 14 1922

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
BESTER, R. Pte. 724532. (*Storm*) 20th Bn. 649-B-16071. *1 C.O.R. 29.*

Medals
& Decs.

(Employer)

M George. Caren, Esq..
R. R. No. 1,
Omeme, Ont.

P. & S.

Nil.

(Serial no. 784835.)

Memorial Cross.

Nil.

Scroll Desp.

FEB 25 1920

Reqn. No. *22334*

Plaque Desp.

SEP 29 1920

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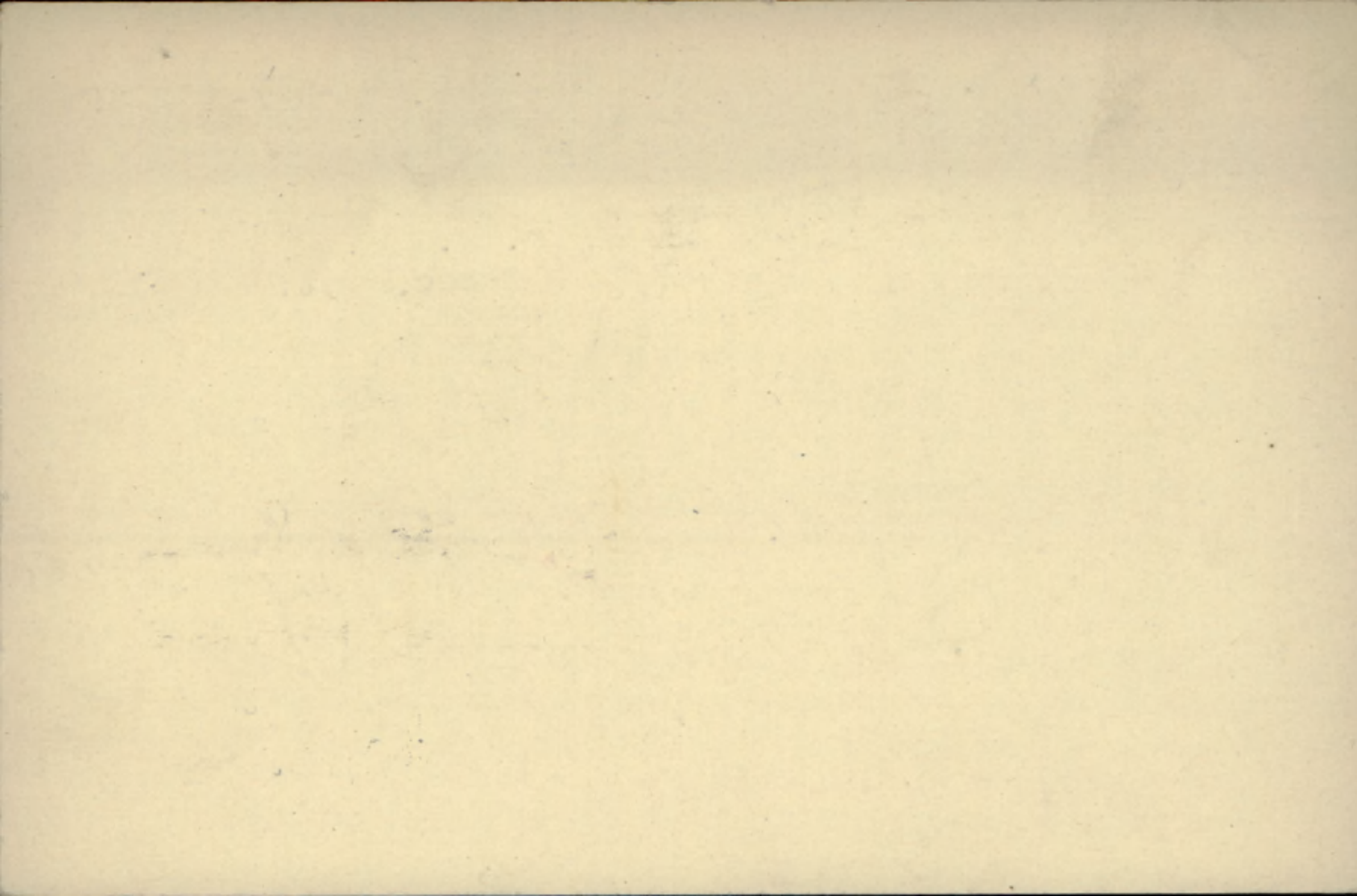
not elig. for 14-15 Star

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MARRIED

SINGLE

Yes

WIDOWER

M

TRADE OR CALLING

Laborer

RELIGION

Methodist

DESCRIPTION.

APPARENT AGE

18 YEARS

7 MONTHS

HEIGHT

5 FEET

4³/₄ INCHES

CHEST MEASUREMENT

34 INCHES

EXPANSION

3 INCHES

COMPLEXION

Fair.

EYES

Blue.

HAIR

Brown

DISTINGUISHING MARKS

nil

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

PLACE

Lindsay, Ont,

DATE

Oct 1. st 1915.

SURNAME. *Besten*

CHRISTIAN NAMES *Robert*

REGL. NO. *724532*

RANK *Pte.*

UNIT *109th*

Datt.

FORMER CORPS *nil*

CARD NO.

4

FOLL.

NEXT OF KIN.

NAMES IN FULL *Larew George*

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER *Friend*

ADDRESS *Ormeau. Ont*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COUNTRY OF BIRTH *England Manchester*

DATE *Feb 9th 1897*

PLACE OF ATTESTATION *Lindsay Ont.*

DATE *Oct 21st 1915*

Sailed from Halifax 29/7/16 ⁴⁵⁸ per S.S. "Olympic"

NAME

Bester Robert

REGT'L No

724532

RANK AND CORPS

Pte. 20th Bn 20th Bn

H. Q. FILE NO. 549-

FOLLOWS

No.

19th Bn

FOLLOWS

CABLE

No.

DATE

NATURE OF CASUALTY

No.	DATE	NATURE OF CASUALTY
M 5006	22-5-17	Adm to #13 Stat hospital Boulogne May 13th 1917 contusion accepted
M 6169	9-10-17	Dang. wounded 42nd Cas. Co. Station Oct. 6th 1917.
M 6277	2-11-17	Condition Improved 42 Cas. Co. by Stn Oct 24th 1917. Glw head
M 6492	10-12-17	Seriously ill Mil Hosp Devonport Dec 1917
M 6566	27-12-17	Pres rept seriously ill now died of wounds. Mil Hosp Devonport Dec. 26th 1917 ✓

LIST No	HOSPITAL	DATE OF ADMISSION	REMARKS
A. 454	#12 Stah St Pol.	25-2-17	Otitis Media mild
A. 461	Ditch to duty	7-3-17	" "
A. 516	#13 Stat Baulogne	13-5-17	Contusion eye place
A. 521	" " " " " " " "	21-5-17	" " " "
A. 522	Dis. 3 Large Rest Camp.	22-5-17	Contusion Eye (acc)
A. 31.	Daugshy. wd. 42. C.C. Sta. 6-10-17	6-10-17	G. S.W. Head
A. 50	Ho 42 Cas Chr Stat	24-10-17	G.S.W. Head. no prev list 9333
	Wangerousky Wounded improved		
A. 62 (4)	#5 Gen. Daven	2-11-17	G.S.W. Head (st. Cent., Act)
B. 63 (1)	Devonport Mil Devonport	6-11-17	G.S.W. Head (
B. 85	seriously ill	9-12-17	(20) - - -
B. 98.	Prev. rept ser. ill now rep	Died of wounds. (Devonport Mil Devonport)	G.S.W. Head

REGT'L. No. 724532.

H. Q. FILE No. 649

NAME Besten Robert
RANK AND CORPS Pte 20th Bn (Form 109th Bn)

FOLLOWS
No.

FOLLOWS

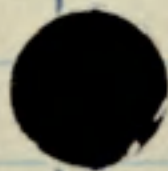
CABLE		NATURE OF CASUALTY
NO.	DATE	
a.F.B. London	2090 4-1-18	Died Mil Hosp Davenport Glew Head. (Rec'd 18-2-18) + 19-4-18.

LIST No.

HOSPITAL

DATE OF
ADMISSION

REMARKS



No. 724532. RANK

Pvt

NAME Bisher. R.

T. O. S.

UNIT

109th. Battalion

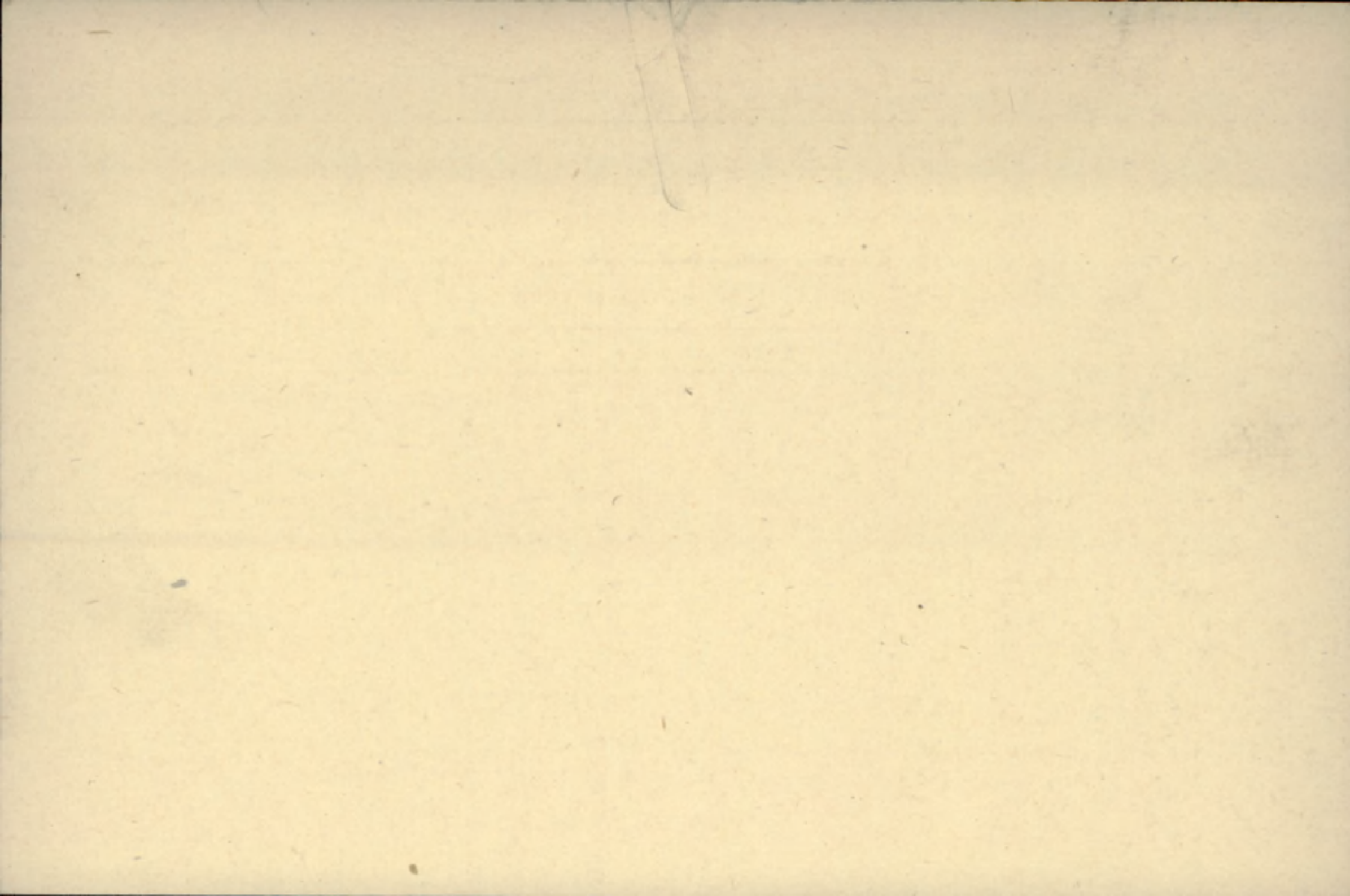
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25-11-15. D. O. S. 25-11-15

M. D. 3

PAID FROM	PAID TO	SIG. OR REC'T	PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, ETC.	
			PARTICULARS	AUTHORITY
1915 Nov 25	1915 Nov 30	✓		
	Dec.	✓		
1916. Jan.	1916	✓		
	Feb.	✓		
	Mar.	✓		
	April.	✓		
	May	✓		
	June	✓		
	July	✓		

UNIT SAILED

JUL 23 1916



No.

RANK

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NAME

Bester R.

T.O.S. 1-11-15-

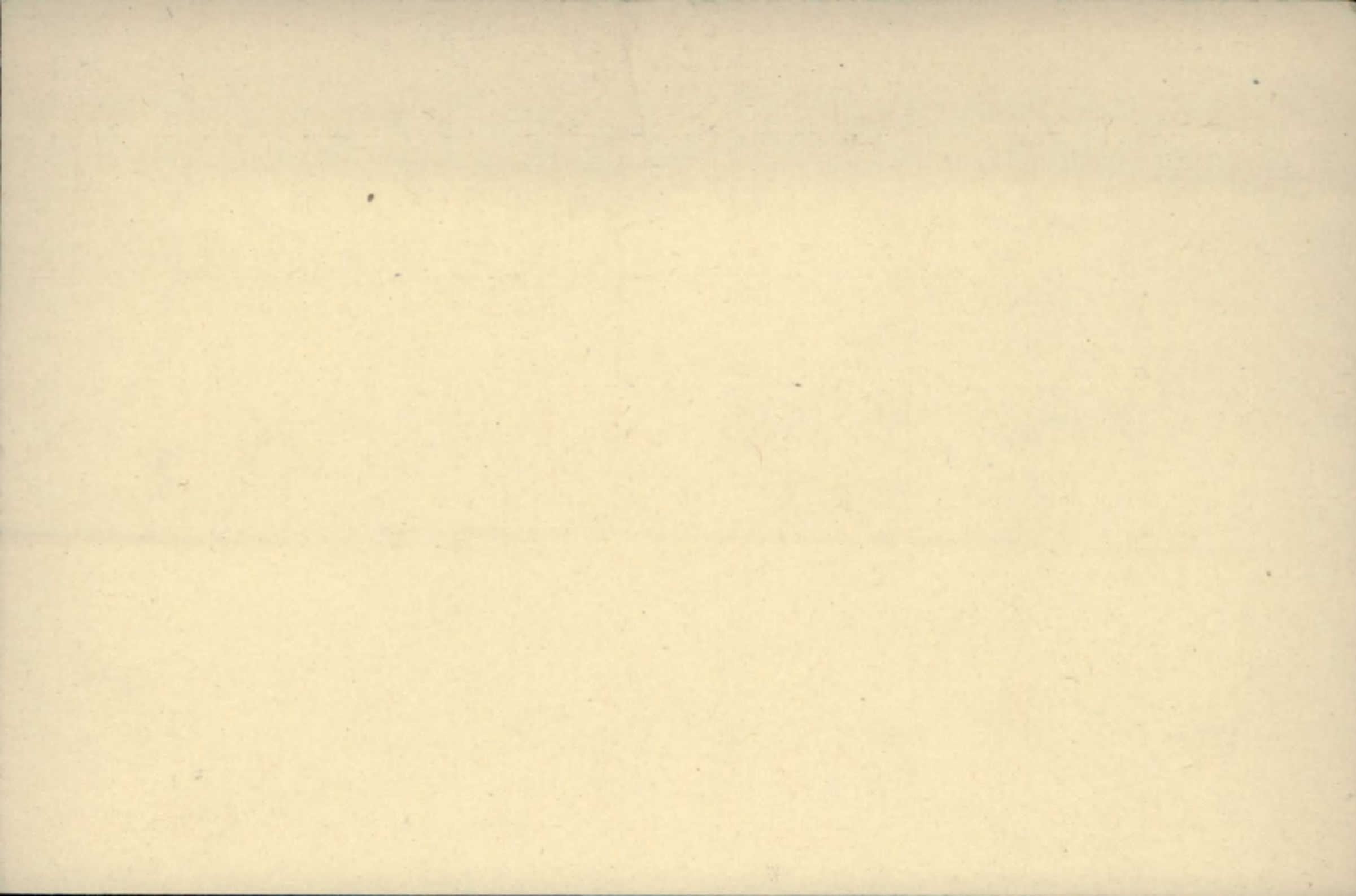
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*93rd Battalion C. E. F.**D.O. # 12-12-11-15-*

M. D. 3

PAID FROM	PAID TO	SIG. OR REC'T	PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, ETC.	
			PARTICULARS	AUTHORITY
<i>1915- nov. 1</i>	<i>1915- nov. 24</i>	<i>✓</i>	<i>Late 45th Regt</i>	<i>D.O. # 12-12-11-15-</i>

UNIT SAILED
JUL 15 1916



Name BESTER Robert Rank

Pte.

Reg. No. 724532

Unit 20th Battalion.

Next of Kin Canada.

Date 1917.	Movement	Place	Casualty	List No.	Notified N/K O.	W.O. List
25-2	12 Sty Hosp. St. Pol.	Otitis Media		A454		
7-3	Discharged to Duty		do.	A461		
13-5	13 S.H. Boulogne.	Contn Eye	Acc. slt.	A516	M6006	
21-5	1 Con. Dep. Boulogne.		do.	A521		
22-5	Disch. 3 Large	Rest Camp.	do.	A522		

SURNAME

CHRISTIAN NAME OR NAMES

REG. NO.

BESTER.

R.

724532.

RANK

UNIT

Co.

TROOP

BATTY.

Pte.

1st. C.O. 20.

HOSPITAL

DATE OF ADMISSION

12. Staty. St Pol.

25-3-17.

12. Staty. B'logne.

13-5-17.

1.

1. Conval. Dep. B'logne.

HOSP. 21-5-17.

42. C.C.S.

6-10-17.

2.

5. Gen. Rouen.

HOSP. 2-11-17.

Devonport. Mil.

6-11-17.

3.

HOSP.

4.

HOSP.

DIAGNOSIS

Otitis Media. *DM*

1.

Cont. Eye. Acc. Slt. *J*

(X)

G.S.W. Head. *H.*

2.

X Swab. w. Head. abscess of brain

3.

X Died of wds. 26.12.17. (at 1.20AM) *R*

DISPOSITION

Dis. 7-3-17.

Dis. to 3. L. R. Camp.

22-5-17. DATE

Dang. Wd. 6-10-17.

REMARKS

C.L. 6-3-17. A454.

15-3-17. A461.

22-5-17. A516.

28-5-17. A521.

29-5-17. A522.

9-10-17. A31.

11-10-17. A33/3. *Note entry on CL. A31 now*

31.10.17

14-11-17. A62/9. *(giving Diag. (X))*

15-11-17. B63. *Dang. wd. improved*

18.12.17. B85. *ser ill*

28.12.17. B98

Report from Devonport mil. 26-12-17. (18.12.17 ent)

A.M.D. 2 DEPT.

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

EPITOME OF HOSPITAL TREATMENT

HOSPITAL

ADM.

1.

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724532 Pte Bester R.

DATE	PAY		FIELD ALLOWANCE		WORKING OR SPECIAL PAY		ASSIGNED PAY CREDITS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL CREDITS	ACQUITTANCE ROLLS				CASH PAYMENTS				ASSIGNED PAY	OTHER CHARGES	TOTAL DEBITS	BALANCE		PAY WITHHELD OR DEFERRED	PAY AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE	REMARKS		
	NO. OF DAYS	RATE	AMOUNT		NO. OF DAYS	RATE				AMOUNT		1	2	3	4	1	2				3	4				CREDIT	DEBIT
			\$	C.						\$	C.	NO.	DATE	NO.	DATE	NO.	DATE				NO.	DATE					
			367	40					13 50	380 90								58 46	30	30	11	59	100 35	230 55	165		
July 31	1 ⁰⁰		34	10						34 10														314 65	180		
Aug 31			34	10						34 10														2 68	346 07	195	
Sept 30			33							33														2 68	369 25	210	
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MONTH	PARTICULARS	CR. 1	CR. 2	PARTICULARS	DR. 1	DR. 2	DR. 3	DR. 4	BALANCE	DEFER. RED. PAY	SER. ALLGE. ENG.
1917	Sept 30 Balance								369 25	210	
	Oct P pay	34 10		647. 8/8. 2nd branch	268						
	Nov P pay	34 10		763. 23/8 do	357				397 10	225	
	Dec P pay	34 10		2922. 17/19. 185 Co. R.E.	178						
		67 10		2934. 19/19	178				458 86	250	
1918	Jan - Int. on def. pay to 31/17	8 54		Fixed forward 26/12/17 2/18 98.					467 40		
	Feb - Int. on def. pay to 31/17	78 54		27/2/17					468 42		
	June	1 02		Bal. trans to Oth. A/c 76578	468 42				NIL		

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