

Name: Adair, William Frederick

Rank: Pte

Service Number: 802848



William Frederick Adair listed himself as a farmer and his mother, Mrs M J Adair as next of kin. Fred attested in the 135th Btn on the 31st of January 1916 at Strathroy. He was 17 at the time. He died 21st

June 1916 and is buried in Strathroy Cemetery. Curiously his headstone is not located at his gravesite, but at another location in the cemetery. An article in the London Free Press 21 Jun 1916 stated he died at the Carling Heights Camp hospital in London after contracting measles and pneumonia.

SERVICE RECORD

Date	Particulars
31 Jan 1916	Attested at Strathroy in 135 th Btn Residence Strathroy ON, Born 9 Aug 1898, farmer, No previous military experience, medical clear, Next of kin Mrs. M J Adair of Strathroy
4 May 1916	Assigns \$10.00 per month of his pay to his widowed mother
21 June 1916	Died at London Ontario of pneumonia and Empyema right side
22 Jun 1916	Proceedings on Death – 17 years 5 mos, of age Dark complexion brown eyes, brown hair Farmer from Strathroy ON
22 Jun 1916	Casualty form - Died at Military hospital London ON 21 June 1916

DUPLICATE

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 802848

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Folio.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

- 1. What is your surname? Adair
- 1a. What are your Christian names? William Frederick
- 1b. What is your present address? Stathroy, Ont.
- 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Adelaide Phys. Ont.
- 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Mrs. M. J. Adair
- 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Stathroy, Ont.
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Mother
- 5. What is the date of your birth? 9th Aug. 1898.
- 6. What is your Trade or Calling? Wagoning
- 7. Are you married? No.
- 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? Yes
- 9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
- 10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? No
If so, state particulars of service therein.
- 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-Sea Expeditionary Force? Yes

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

Wm. Frederick Adair do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Sea 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.

Wm. Frederick Adair (Signature of Recruit)
Date 31 January 1916 L. J. Keston Lieut. (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Wm. Frederick Adair 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.

Wm. Frederick Adair (Signature of Recruit)
Date 31 January 1916 L. J. Keston Lieut. (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 Stathroy, Ont. on 31st day of January 1916.
J. M. [Signature] (Signature of Justice)

Description of William Frederick Adams on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 17 years 8 months
(To be accompanied, together with the appropriate area to the front, by a photograph taken within 30 days of the date of enlistment.)

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating ungranted particularities of previous status.

Should the Enlistee object to or require that the record be amended, he shall file a written objection or request for amendment with the Medical Officer, and shall file a copy of the same with the Adjutant-General's Office.

Height 5.66
 Weight when fully equipped 135 lbs
 Range of expansion 4 in
 Complexion dark
 Eyes brown
 Hair brown

Character of Physical Condition

Fractures X
 Malocclusion _____
 Deformities of Cranium/Facial _____
 Deformities of Feet _____
 Deformities of Hands _____
 Other Anomalies (specify in the blank) _____

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

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

He has no ear or eye defects, his hearing and vision 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 certify him fit for the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force.
 Date Jan 31st 1916 A. B. Benson
 Place Strachan R. H. [unclear]
Medical Officer.

Must not be "fit" or "unfit".
 Copy of this Certificate must be filed with the Enlistee's Enlistment Certificate only in the case of those who have been enlisted, and not with the record of enlistment.

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

William Frederick Adams having been finally approved and accepted by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Enlistment, and every particular particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

A. Benson 4/61 (Signature of Officer)
 Date Jan 31 1916

526 (2) 562 (2) 73
REG. NO. 802848 NAME Adair W. J.
(SURNAME FIRST)
RANK Pte CORPS 135th Bath
AGE 18 SERVICE 3/12
NAME OF HOSPITAL Military PLACE London
DATE OF ADMISSION 1-6-16
DISEASE Pneumonia & Emphysema Rt Side
DISCHARGE
OPERATION
DISCHARGED TO DUTY (2) Died 21-6-16
TRANSFERRED TO
DISCHARGED BY MEDICAL BOARD

SURNAME. *Adair,*

CARD NO.

CHRISTIAN NAMES *William Frederick*

FOLL. **D**

REGL. No. *802 848*

RANK *Pte.*

UNIT *135th*

Batt.

FORMER CORPS *nil.*

NEXT OF KIN.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAMES IN FULL *Adair, Mrs. M. J.*

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER *Mother*

ADDRESS *Strathroy, Ont.*

COUNTRY OF BIRTH *Canada, Adelaide Sp. Ont.* DATE *Aug. 9, 1898*

PLACE OF ATTESTATION *Strathroy, Ont.* DATE *Jan 31, 1916.*

135th O.S. MIDDLESEX
ORDERLY ROOM
BATTALION, C.E.F.

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

Casualty Form—Active Service.

W. G. H. H.
1917

Unit, Regiment or Corps. **135th O. S. Battalion C.E.F.**
Regimental No. **802848** Rank **Private** Name **William Frederick Adair**
C. E. F.

Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) _____ Service includes from (a) _____
Date of promotion to present rank. | Date of appointment to latest rank. | Special position (a) of U. C. Co. | _____
Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Dates		Reason of promotion, reduction, transfer, separation, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form D. 50, Army Form A. 20, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	How	Signature taken from Army Form D. 50, Army Form A. 20, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
22-6-16.		Died at Military Hospital London out.			
		27-6-16.			
					W. G. H. H. and Capt 723/1 135th O. Bn. C.E.F.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into another U. S. Army Reserve, specification of rank on re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) e.g. signaller, driving coach, etc., etc., and special qualifications in technical Corps codes.

135th O. S. Battalion, O. E. F.

Documents of
No. 802848 Pte William Frederick Adair
who
Died at Military Hospital 22-5-16

Attestation Papers Original & Duplicate

Casualty Form

Particulars of Families

Regimental Conduct Sheet

Company Conduct Sheet

● Medical History Sheet

Duplicate

Last Pay Certificate

CANADIAN CONTINGENT EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

LAST PAY CERTIFICATE

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Folio, June 1/2 '16

This form to be used for all Ranks (Vide Article 71, Financial Instructions C.E.F., 1914).

Regimental No. 802848 Rank Private Name William Frederick Adair
 Corps 135th O.S. Battalion, C.E.F. who was * Struck off.
 On June 2nd, 1916 to.....

* Insert "discharged" or "transferred."

The following is a statement of the account of the above-named to date of transfer or discharge inclusive :-

DR.		\$	c.	CR.		\$	c.
Bal. Dr. from previous month.....				Regimental pay <u>22</u> days at \$ <u>1.00</u>		<u>22.</u>	
Total payments during period				Field allowance <u>22</u> " \$ <u>.10</u>		<u>2.20</u>	
from <u>June 1st. to June 22.</u>		<u>8.</u>		Other allowances.....			
Assigned Pay.....		<u>15.</u>		Other Credits (give particulars)		<u>15.</u>	
Other Charges (give particulars).....				<u>Pay carried forward.</u>			
Bal. Cr. on discharge or transfer.....		<u>16.20</u>		Bal. Dr. on discharge or transfer.....			
TOTAL.....		<u>39.20</u>		TOTAL.....		<u>39.20</u>	

From June 1st To June 22nd

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The amount shewn as Balance Cr. due on discharge or transfer has † NOT BEEN paid.

Monthly stoppage on account of assignment of pay is \$15.00 and has been charged in Pay-list for month of June.

† Insert "been" or "not been" as case may be.

REMARKS:-

- State (1) date of enlistment 31-1-16
 (2) if married and if a Separation Allowance Card has been submitted Married, Sep'n. All'ce. claimed in favor of Mrs M. J. Adair, Strathroy, Ontario.
 (3) cause of discharge and authority Died in Military Hospital.

If discharged from the Contingent, state if Stop Payment advice for Assigned Pay has been forwarded, and date Compulsory Assigned Pay only.

I have carefully examined this statement of account and find it to be a correct extract from the Pay-list of the unit.

Date June 22, 1916

Place London, Canada

W. E. Vogel
 135th O.S. Battalion, C.E.F. Paymaster. **Captain**

(9) Is your Father alive?..... No.....

If so, state name and address.....

(10) Is your Mother alive?..... Yes.....

If so, state name and address..... Mrs. Mary Jane Adair, Strathroy, Ont......

(11) If your Mother is a widow..... Yes.....

Are you her sole support, or not?..... Yes.....

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

\$10.00 per month (only boy)......

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

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

Yes.....

(15) Are you insured?..... No.....

If so, in what Company?.....

Have you made arrangements for payment of your Insurance premium.....

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

B. Robson, Lt. Col.
Officer Commanding.

Date 4th May 1916......

135th O. S. Battalion, C. E. F.

This space is to be for numbers.

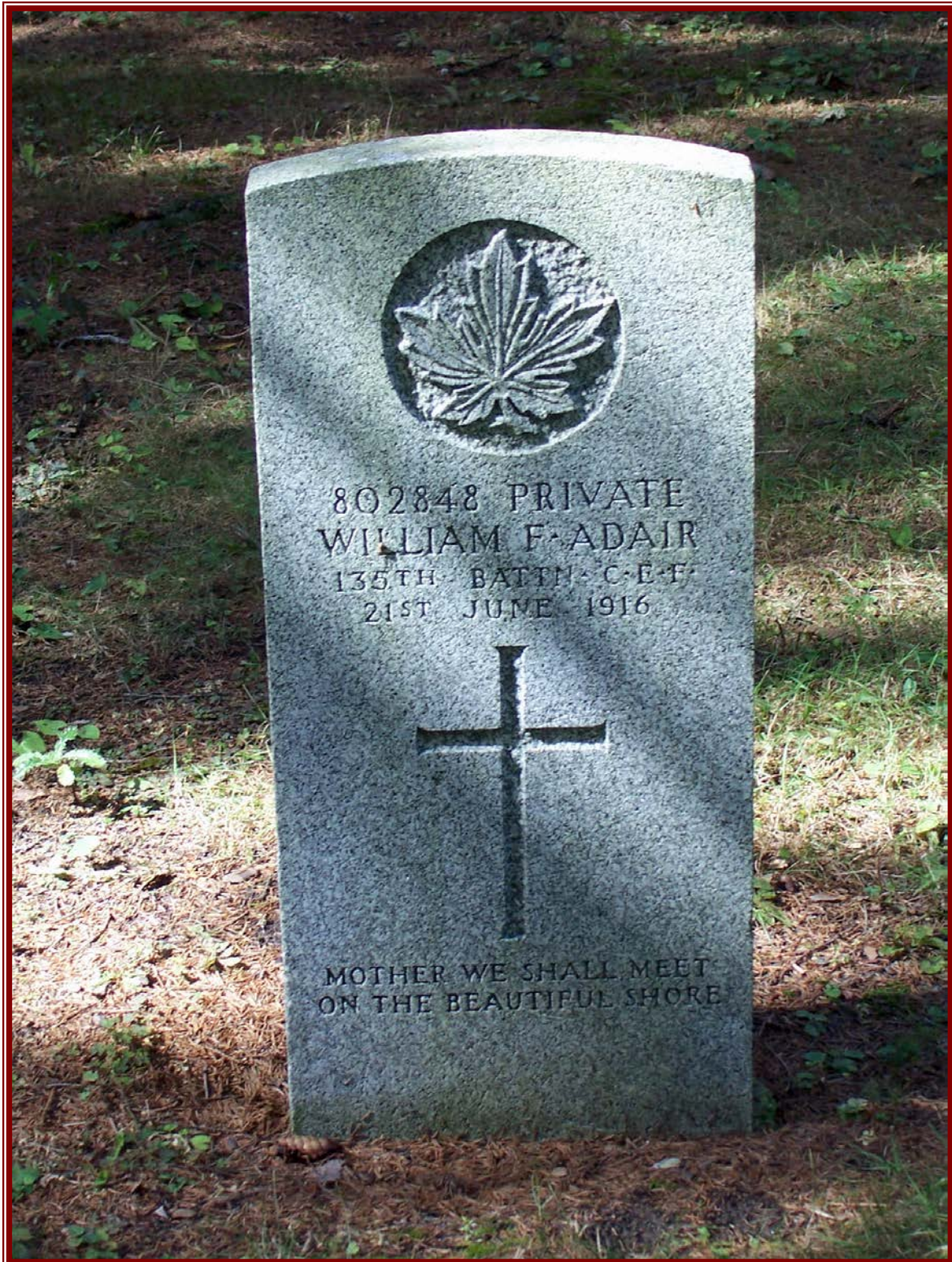
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Death
Proceedings on Discharge.

(When forwarded for confirmation these proceedings should be accompanied by the documents specified on fourth page.)

No. <i>802848</i>	
Rank <i>Adam, William Frederick Pt.</i>	
Name <i>Adam William Frederick</i> <small>Note—The name and rank should be the same as that on enlistment unless changed subsequently by authority.</small>	
Corps (Squadron, Battery or Company) <i>135th Bn. Royal C.E.F.</i>	
Date of Discharge <i>June 22nd 1916</i>	
Place of Discharge <i>London Ont</i>	
1. DESCRIPTION AT THE TIME OF DISCHARGE.	
Age <i>17</i> years <i>5</i> months.	Descriptive Marks
Height <i>5</i> feet <i>6 1/2</i> inches.	
Complexion <i>dark</i>	
Eyes <i>brown</i>	
Hair <i>brown</i>	
Trade <i>farmer</i>	
Intended place of residence <small>(to be given as fully as practicable.)</small> <i>Shelton</i>	
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of <i>death.</i>	
<small>N.B.—The cause of discharge must be recorded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the character certificate. If approved by superior authority, the number and date of the letter to be quoted.</small>	
<small>It is the duty of the Commanding Officer, who will forward a copy of this certificate to the Adjutant-General, to make and certify the statements and qualifications set out in these questions.</small>	3. Conduct and character while in the service have been, according to the records, etc.
	<small>N.B.—This will be answered when practicable, by the Commanding Officer, in the presence of the soldier and the Officer Commanding his Squadron, Battery or Company.</small>
	4. Special qualifications for employment in civil life. (Vide para. 332, K. R. & O., Canada.)

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CWGC - ADAIR , WILLIAM FREDERICK Private 802848 **21/06/1916** 17 Canadian Infantry Canadian East half,
lot 457.STRATHROY CEMETERY



Gravestone Strathroy Cemetery