

**Name: Corcoran, Russell**

**Rank: Pte**

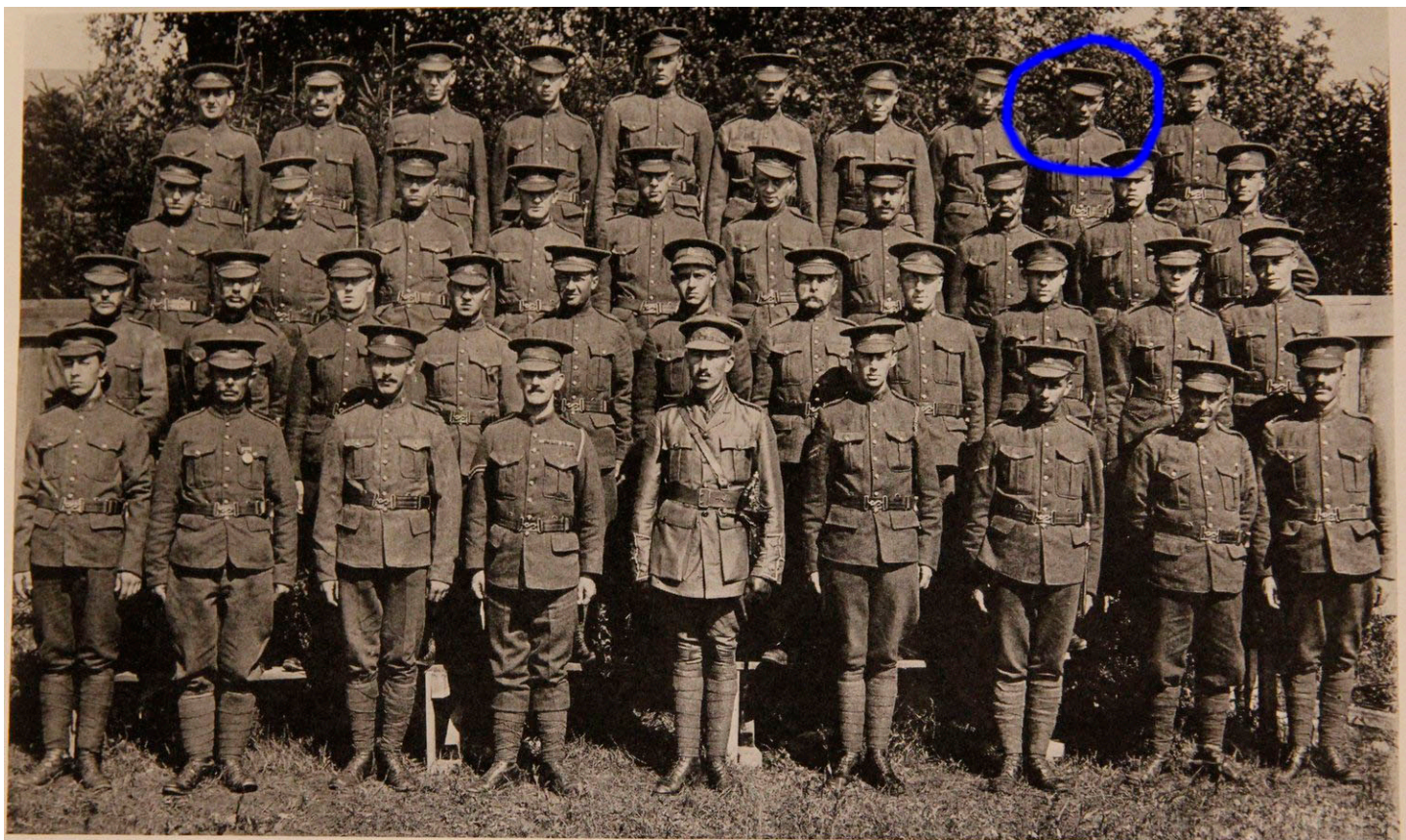
**Service Number: 400766**



Russell Corcoran was a farm lad from Mount Brydges. He attested in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Btn at London Ontario on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1915. In England he was transferred to the 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles. After a bout of measles, he rejoined the CMR and was reported Missing In Action on the 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 1916. By 11<sup>th</sup> May 1917 he was presumed to have died. His body must have been located for he is buried in the AIF Burial Ground, Flers, Somme France.

## SERVICE RECORD

<i>Date</i>	<i>Particulars</i>
Date	Detail
Card	400766 Pte Corcoran Russell 5 <sup>th</sup> CMR, NOK Mr Dennis Corcoran Mt Brydges ON
17 Mar 1915	Medical at London ON, 5'8 ½" 140 lbs, Farmer,
17 Mar 1915	Attested 33 <sup>rd</sup> Btn at London On. Farmer, 5' 81/2" Dark complexion, Brown eyes, Brown hair, Baptist
26 Mar 1916	Arrived England aboard SS Lapland
7 May 1916	Transferred to 5 <sup>th</sup> Canadian Mounted Rifles
8 May 1916	TOS 5 <sup>th</sup> CMR
28 May 1916	Measles
17 Jun 1916	Discharged to field
12 Oct 1916	Missing in Action
21 Oct 1916	Reported missing between Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>
11 May 1917	Presumed to have died on or since 2 Oct 1916
19 July 1917	Acceptance of Death for Official Purposes-Missing Man signed
15 Jun 1921	Scroll sent to Father Dennis Corcoran
28 Sept 1922	Plaque sent to Father, no memorial cross sent, Medals and Decorations to father



**No. 6 PLATOON, B COMPANY, 33rd BATTALION**

Top Row—Pte. W. Farr, D. Haggarty, W. Bateman, W. Ryan, J. Hughs, G. Audae, H. Dove, T. Cornwall, R. Corcoran, R. Brown.  
 2nd Row—Pte. E. Danby, E. Evans, G. Fenner, T. Chapman, E. G. Cruse, R. Donald, W. Prince, R. Biddles, F. North, A. Ashton.  
 3rd Row—Pte. G. Scott, C. Brown, H. McCormick, R. Waller, T. White, B. Brown, W. Hoskins, J. Boddy, R. Henry, N. Harrison, A. Tugnut.  
 Bottom Row—Pte. J. Halls, J. Garrett, S. Russell, King's-Cpl. W. Bowers, Lieut. D. B. Foubister, Cpl. R. Dixon, Cpl. J. Fisher, Pte. R. Devlin,  
 Pte. T. Flint.

# Duplicate 400766 ATTESTATION PAPER. No. 11131 Folio. 1

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

### QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS).

1. What is your name?..... Russell Corcoran
  2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born?..... St. Brydges Middlesex Co. Ont.  
What is the name of your next-of-kin?..... Domish Corcoran (Father) Ont.
  3. What is the address of your next-of-kin?..... St. Brydges Ont. Can.
  5. What is the date of your birth?..... 16th Dec. 1889
  6. What is your Trade or Calling?..... Farmer
  7. Are you married?..... No
  8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?..... Yes
  9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia?..... No
  10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?..... No  
If so, state particulars of former Service.
  11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement?..... Yes
  12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE?..... Yes
- R. Corcoran (Signature of Man).  
Stutkins (Signature of Witness).

### DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Russell Corcoran, 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.

R. Corcoran (Signature of Recruit)  
Date Mar 17th 1915 Stutkins (Signature of Witness)

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

I, Russell Corcoran, 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.

R. Corcoran (Signature of Recruit)  
Date Mar 17th 1915 Stutkins (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 Londra this 17 day of Mar 1915 -

H. Woodman (Signature of Justice)

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

H. Woodman (Approving Officer)



# Description of Russell Corcoran on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 25 years 2 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. 8 1/2 ins.

Nil

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 34 1/2 ins.  
Range of expansion 1 1/2 ins.

Complexion Dark

Eyes Brown

Hair Brown

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

## 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 17. 3 1915

Place London, Ont.

A. B. B. B. B.  
93rd Regt.  
Medical Officer.

\*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

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

## CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

.....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.

.....(Signature of Officer)

Date.....1915

G.M.M.

Number 400766 Rank P6

Surname CORCORAN

Christian Name Russell

Units 5<sup>th</sup> C.M.R Theatre of War France

Date of Service 7-5-16

Remarks

(F) Mr. Dennis Corcoran,  
Latest Address Mt. Brydges,  
Ont.

Roll No. 83 Page 19513

200m.-6-21...

H. Q. 649-C-6760.

✓ CORCORAN, ✓ Pte. Russell, ✓ #400766, ✓ 5th C.M.R.

Med & D (Father) Mr. Dennis Corcoran,  
Mt. Brydges, Ont.

P & S (Father) Address as above.

(Ser. # 765708)

Mem Cross (Nil)

Not Elig. for 14-18 ~~Scroth~~ Desp. ~~WIN 1 5100~~ Reqn. No. 2 49203  
E .. W m SEP 28 1922  
E .. BW m Plaque Desp. Reqn. No. 46573 B.



NAME

Corcoran. Russell

REGT'L NO

400766

RANK AND CORPS

Plc. 5th Batt. C.M.R.

H. Q. FILE NO. 649-

FOLLOWS

No. Form 33rd Bn

CABLE

NATURE OF CASUALTY

FOLLOWS

No.

DATE

03373 21-10-16

Cap. Bn. rep. 11-5-17

Reported missing between Oct. 1st & 2nd.  
 Prev. rep. missing now for offic.  
 purposes presumed to have died on  
 or since 1/2-10-16 (Rec'd 5-6-17)

B2090 C. 19-7-17

" " " Recd. 17-9-17-



# ORIGINAL

## MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET

Surname Corcoran Christian Name Russell

<p>Examined { on <u>17</u> day of <u>March</u> 191<u>5</u>          at <u>Londonderry</u></p> <p>Birthplace { City or Town <u>Mt. Bridges</u>          County <u>Middlesex</u></p> <p>Apparent age <u>25</u></p> <p>Trade or occupation <u>Farmer</u></p> <p>Height <u>5</u> Feet <u>8 1/2</u> Inches</p> <p>Weight <u>140</u> Lbs.</p> <p>Chest measurement { Minimum <u>33</u> inches          Maximum expansion <u>34 1/2</u> inches</p> <p>Physical development <u>good</u></p> <p>Small-Pox Marks <u>nil</u></p> <p>Vaccination Marks { Arm <u>Right</u> Left <u>1</u>          Number <u>x</u></p> <p>When Vaccinated last <u>Childhood</u></p> <p>(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease <u>nil</u></p> <p>(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection <u>nil</u></p>	<p>Approved by <u>Am. Becker</u></p> <p>Rank <u>Major</u> M.O.</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> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </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> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </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> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Fit or Unfit	EXAMINED FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT																									Date	Result	VACCINATIONS																									Date	Result	ANTI-TYPHOID INOCULATIONS, ETC.																								
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Enlisted on 17 day of March 1915 at Londonderry

	CORPS.	REG'T. NUMBER.	HABITS.	DATE.
Joined on enlistment	<u>3rd.</u>	<u>400766</u>		<u>17. 3. 15</u>
Transferred to	<u>5th C.M.P.</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.



RVG

Rank

Name

CORCORAN. Russell

Reg'l No. 400765

R-122

Unit 33rd Battn

If in perm. Corps, }  
What Unit? }

Married or Single Single

Place and Date of Enlistment London, Mar 17th 1915

Place of Birth Mt. Brydgis, Mddex  
Canada

Name and Address, Next-of-Kin Dennis Corcoran,

Mt. Brydgis, Ontario, Canada

Relationship Father ✓

Assigned Pay Monthly \$

Payable to

Relationship

Separation Allowance \$

Payable to

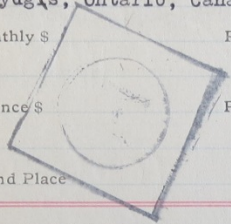
Relationship

Discharge, Date and Place

Reason

Character

AM +  
18-2-21  
AC



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.				
		<i>Arrived in England.</i>	<i>1st Lapland</i>	<i>26.3.16</i>	
<i>8.5.16</i>	<i>7c 33rd Bn</i>	<i>Transferred to 5th C.M.A.</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>7.5.16</i>	<i>Pt II D.O. 108.</i>
<i>14.5.16</i>	<i>7c 5th</i>	<i>Taken on strength</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>8.5.16</i>	<i>— 20.</i>
<i>3.6.16</i>	<i>5th Bn</i>	<i>#2 Gen Hospital</i>	<i>Abroad</i>	<i>28.6.16</i>	<i>CH A 134. Mddex. 21.</i>
<i>27.9.16</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Discharged.</i>	<i>Field.</i>	<i>17.6.16</i>	<i>C.L.A. 2/3. —</i>
<i>23.10.16</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Missing</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>14.10.16</i>	<i>C.L.A. 230. Pt II OSP</i>
<i>17.11.16</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>Pt II OSP.</i>
<i>7.7.17</i>	<i>A.</i>	<i>Rep<sup>td</sup> missing now for official purposes presumed to have died on or since</i>		<i>2/10.16</i>	<i>C.L.A. 416</i>

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.				
	5 CMR	now reported killed in action		2-10-16	authy List No. 852. d/19-4-26.



C.S.

Army Form B. 2090c.

## MISSING MAN.

(Acceptance of Death for Official Purposes.)

War Office Reference No. 25-E-2030.

THE DEPUTY ADJUTANT-GENERAL,

G.H.Q., 3RD ECHELON. Canadian Section.

No. 400766. Rank Private Name Russell Corcoran

Regiment 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles. has been missing since  
1/2nd Oct 1916. Reference has been made to the Unit, the Record Office and  
the Base, on the printed missing list, but no evidence of material value has  
been received which would indicate that he is not dead.

In accordance with the decision of the Army Council, this soldier is to  
be regarded for official purposes as having died on or since the above date.

You are requested to state whether  
the soldier leaves a will or not—

*Reply.*

(a) In Pay Book;

(b) In Small Book;

(c) As a separate document;

and to forward it, if found, to this Office.

The Pay Book and the duplicate  
copy of this form should be forwarded  
to the Regimental Paymaster.

C.S.B.

*PKA*  
Capt. for Lt.-Col., A. A. G.  
Canadian Section, G. H. Q. 3rd Echelon, B. E. F. Records,  
3rd Echelon.

WAR OFFICE,

Date July 19th 1917.



Fill in Only.—Unit, Number, Rank and Name.  
**Casualty Form—Active Service.**  
**33rd Overseas Battalion.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT  
 Canadian Record Office,  
 Westminster House,  
 7, Millbank, S.W.

Unit, Regiment or Corps  
 Regimental No. 400766 Rank Pte. Name Corcoran Russell  
 Enlisted (a) 17/3/15 Terms of Service (a) D. of W. Service reckons from (a) 17/3/15  
 Date of promotion to present rank. } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N. C. Os. }

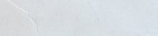
Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		TRANSFERRED TO <u>33rd BATTN. C.E.F.</u>	<u>May 6/16</u>		
19-5-16	W.O.	Embarked for . . . . . France.		7-5-16	Troopers 1548 A/G.2.a.
"	C.B.D.	Landed in France & taken on Strength 5th.Bn.C.M.R.	CBD	8-5-16	Nom.Roll CBD d/8-5-16 Part II No.20.
3/6/16	"	Str. off Str. to <u>Isle of W.</u>		1/6/16	Nom.Roll 1/6/16 D.C.S. 132
19/6/16	"	To Unit.	Field.	17/6/16	N.R. D.C.S. 141.
15-6-16	"	Taken on strength <u>Blanc</u>	B.D.	15/6/16	N.R. B.D. & D.S. 142
7/10/16	D.B. Unit.	Missing after action	Field	12/10/16	B.2/3 D.S. 174 d/10/16 Pt. II 174/16

Lieut. for Lt.-Col., A. A. C.  
 Canadian Section, G. H. Q. 3rd Echelon, B. E. F.

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



Date	From whom received	Report	Place	Date	Remarks
-17.	S <sup>th</sup> C.M.H.	Now for official purposes presumed to have died on or since -	France	2-10-16	C.L.A. 416
" "		now reported killed in action. authy List No 852. d/- 19.4.26		2-10-16	 Lir for Colonel i/c Records,

List No 852.

List of Casualties and Amend-  
ments to Casualties.  
Canadian Expeditionary Force.

19-4-26.

400766      Pte.      CORCORAN.      R.      5th CMR. ✓

Presumed to have died on or since 2-10-16.

Previously for official purposes presumed to have died on  
or since 2-10-16 now reported KILLED IN ACTION 2-10-16.

106470      Pte.      OSBORNE.      E.      1st CMR.

Presumed to have died on or since 5-6-16.

Previously for official purposes presumed to have died on  
or since 5-6-16 now reported KILLED IN ACTION 5-6-16.

Director of Records.



449-C-6760

SURNAME. <i>Concoran</i>		CARD NO. <b>D</b>
CHRISTIAN NAMES <i>Russell</i>		FOLL.
REGL. NO. <i>400766</i>	RANK <i>Otc.</i>	
UNIT <i>33rd.</i>		<i>Bw.</i>
FORMER CORPS		
NEXT OF KIN.		CHANGE OF ADDRESS
NAMES IN FULL <i>Concoran, Dennis</i>		
RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER <i>Father.</i>		
ADDRESS <i>Mount Brydges, Ont.</i>		
COUNTRY OF BIRTH <i>Canada, Middlesex Co</i>	DATE <i>Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1889</i>	
PLACE OF ATTESTATION <i>London, Ont.</i>	DATE <i>Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> 1915</i>	
<i>Q/81-4-16 334</i>		
L. L. 6945. M. & D. 6994.		
M. F. W. 22. 100M.-8-18. H. Q. 1772-32-339.		