

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 830047

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION. (ANSWERS.)

- 1. What is your surname? Begin
1a. What are your Christian names? Ludger
1b. What is your present address? Richelieu Hotel Winnipeg Man CANADA
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? East Sherbrooke, Quebec, Can. CANADA
3. What is the name of your next-of kin? Phidine Begin
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? 101 Bridge St, East Sherbrooke, Quebec, CANADA
4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? Brother
5. What is the date of your birth? Feb. 25th 1886
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Farmer
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
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

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Ludger Begin, 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-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.

L. Begin (Signature of Recruit)
C. Y. Richardson (Signature of Witness)
Date Dec. 24th 1915

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Ludger Begin, 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.

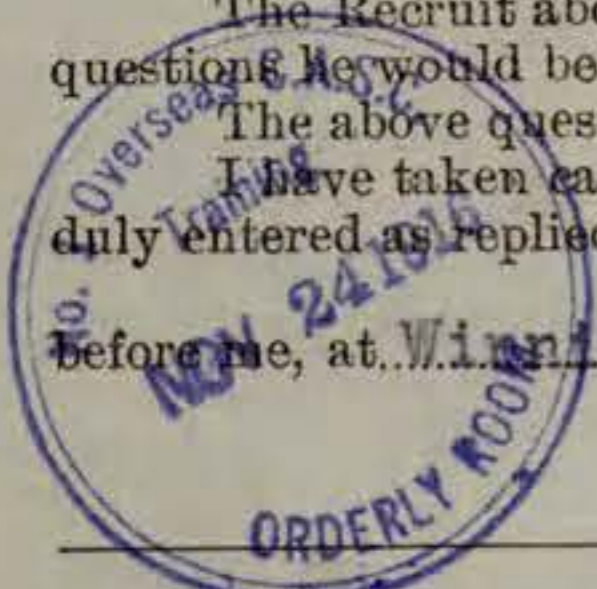
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CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

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 Winnipeg Man this 24th day of Dec. 1915.

J. E. Thompson (Signature of Justice)



M. F. W. 23. 200 M.-11-15. H. Q. 1772-39-841.

TRANSFERRED FROM Messing 6010 (ex 144 1/2 Overseas Batt.) TO NO. 1 OVERSEAS C. A. S. C. TRAINING DEPOT. DATE November 24 1916

Description of Ludger Begin on Enlistment.

Apparent Age... 29 years ... 10 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. 6 ins.

Chest measurement. { Girth when fully expanded..... 38 ins.
 Range of expansion..... 3 ins.

Complexion..... Dark

Eyes..... Brown

Hair..... Dark Brown

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

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..... Dec. 24th..... 1915 .

W. M. Hughes

Place..... Winnipeg Man.....

Capt

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:—

APPROVED.
 SPECIAL SERVICE BATTALION BOARD M.D. 10

DATE Dec 24 1915
W. M. Hughes C.A.M.C. PRESIDENT
W. M. Hughes C.A.M.C. MEMBER
W. M. Hughes C.A.M.C. MEMBER

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Ludger Begin

.....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.

A. H. M. M. M.

(Signature of Officer)

Date..... Dec. 24th..... 1915 .

144th. OVERSEAS BATTALION C. E. F.
 (90th. RIFLES)

HEADQUARTERS,
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Army Form A. 2.

PROCEEDINGS of a Court of Enquiry

*N.B. — The Form being applicable to any Board of Officers, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

assembled at Headquarters 5th Can Div. Train

The proceedings should be signed by each Officer composing the Board, etc.

on the third day of December 1917

by order of Capt. G. M. Cooper, Commanding
2nd Canadian Divisional Train Detachment

for the purpose of enquiring into the circumstances
of the death of No 830041 Driver
Ludgas Begin, 5th Canadian Div-
isional Train Detachment

PRESIDENT.

Capt. G. M. Cooper, C. 5th Can Div Train

MEMBERS.

Lieut. C. A. Walker, 5th Can Div Train
Lieut. C. A. Dobson " " " "



IN ATTENDANCE.

as above.

The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to
examine witnesses

From: Captain A. L. Sheppard, R.A.M.C.
3rd Field Ambulance.
To: O.C. 5th Canadian Div: Train.

With reference to the death of
No. 830041, Lt. BEGIN, L., I have made an
external post-mortem examination.

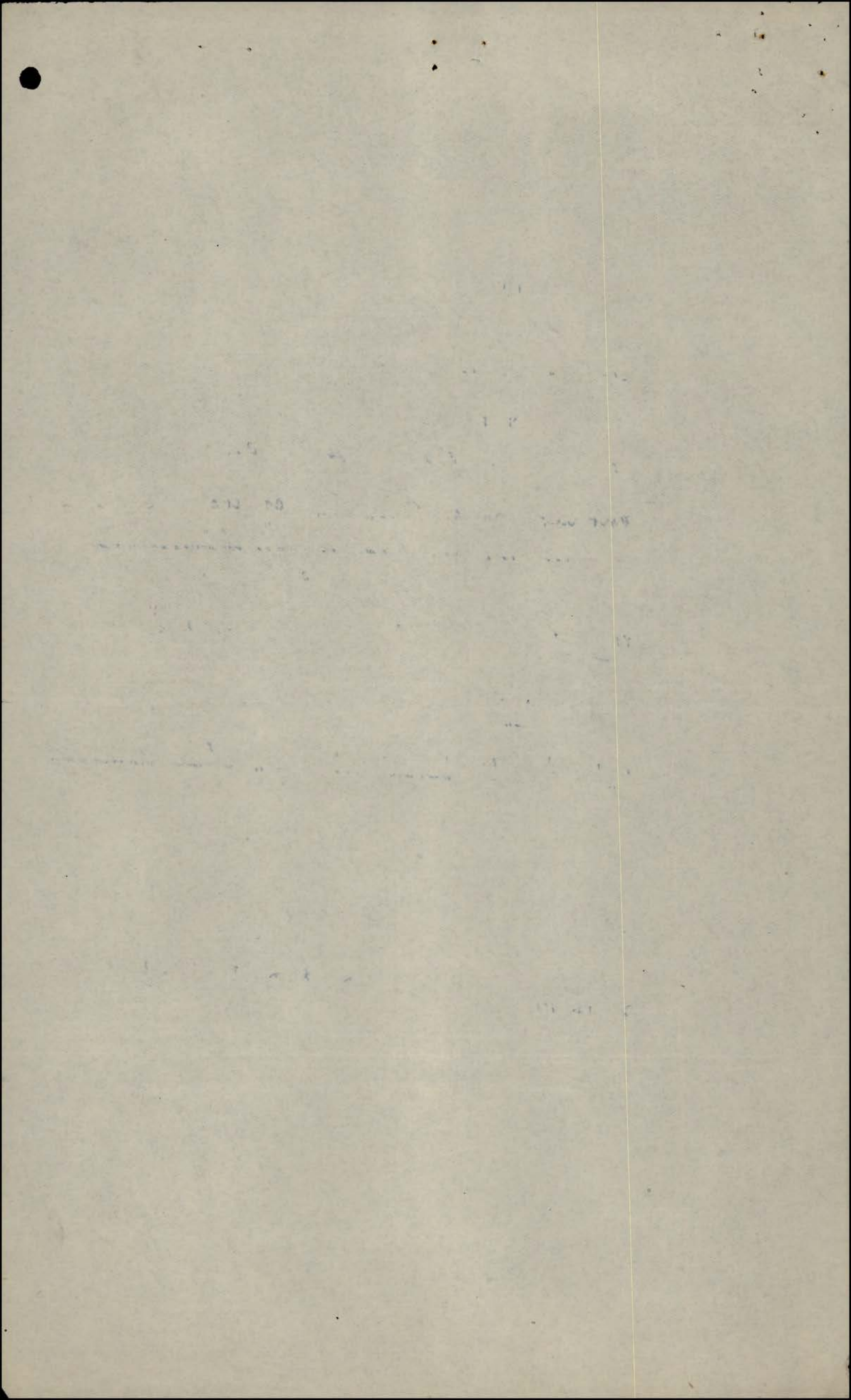
I found an entrance wound just
above and behind the right ear with
charring and singeing of the hair and
ear in the immediate neighbourhood. The
exit wound was at the vertex of the cranium.
The skull was fractured and brain matter
extruding.

The injury was caused by a
rifle bullet fired at very close quarters.

A. L. Sheppard

Captain R.A.M.C.
3rd Field Ambulance

2.12.17



1st Witness.No. 3318 W. M. Davidson C. W.

Q. - Capt. Cooper. At what time of day did you warn deceased for Orderly Room?

A. - 11.30 am.

Q. - Lt. Paborn. Do you think that the deceased was fully aware of the breach of discipline with which he was charged?

A. - Yes. In hearing the charge read out he admitted the breach of discipline and offered the excuse that he thought the method he adopted in watering the horses, although against orders, saved time.

Q. - Capt. Cooper. Was he a conscientious driver?

A. - Yes, very much so.

Q. - Capt. Cooper. How did he take his warning to attend orderly room?

A. - He offered the excuses already stated.

Q. - Capt. Cooper. During the time he was with the unit what was your opinion of him temperamentally?

A. - Rather morose, but otherwise conscientious soldier.

Q. - Lt. Paborn. Had you any reason to believe during the time he was under control of this unit that he was of a sensitive disposition?

A. - Yes.

Q. - Have you any special reason for thinking so?

A. - Yes. On any occasion on which I have

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spoken to him concerning his work, he seemed to pay more heed than is generally done.

Q- Capt. Cooper After the case had been disposed of at orderly room what disposition did you make of the deceased?

A- I paraded him outside and told him to fix his team up immediately and that he would receive further notice from me. There was no other M.C. available at the time to take charge of him and I saw him go to his team and I then carried on with duties requiring immediate attention.

Q- What were those duties?

A- Accompanying the Veterinary Officer to point out one particular horse which required his attention.

Q- Lt. Paborn After performing this duty did you instruct any M.C. to take charge of deceased, and what ^{time} had elapsed?

A- Upon completion of duties with V.O. I returned to orderly room and sent out written instructions to Lance Cpl. Killick to the effect that the deceased had been sentenced to 4 days F.P.N.O.1. and that he (L/Cpl. Killick) was to take steps to have Driver Begin placed in guard room with his necessary kit. At the same time I issued written instructions to the C-2 M.C. to the effect that he make arrangements to have Dr. Begin's (who was undergoing F.P.N.O.1) rations served in guard room in accordance with Army instructions. The interval of time between finishing the duty referred to & issue of instructions to Lance Cpl. Killick being not more

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 consideration of the problem. It is shown that the
 problem is of a type which has been treated
 previously by other authors. The results of their
 work are summarized in the following table:

Author	Year	Result
Smith	1950	...
Johnson	1952	...
Williams	1955	...
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 The present paper is devoted to a more detailed
 study of the problem. It is shown that the
 results of the previous authors are not complete.
 The present author has obtained the following
 results:

than 20 (twenty) minutes.

Q. Capt Cooper. What time had elapsed between the despatch of these orders to, and receipt of, by, Lt Col Killick?

A. He acknowledged receipt of instructions approximately half an hour later, personally and verbally to me.

Q. Have you ever had occasion to hand a man sentenced to F.P. No. 1, over to Lt Col Killick?

A. Yes.

R. W. Davis

C.S.M.

CSM
3318

2nd Witness. No 145448 Lt Col Killick a/c. 5th
Canadian Divisional Train

Q. Lt Walker What was Dr. Begin doing when you notified him to get ready to proceed to Guard Room?

A. He was standing by his bed joining in general conversation with other occupants of Bibles.

Q. Capt Cooper. What were your first impressions of Dr. Begin after warning him?

A. Ordinary.

Q. What were your ordinary impressions?

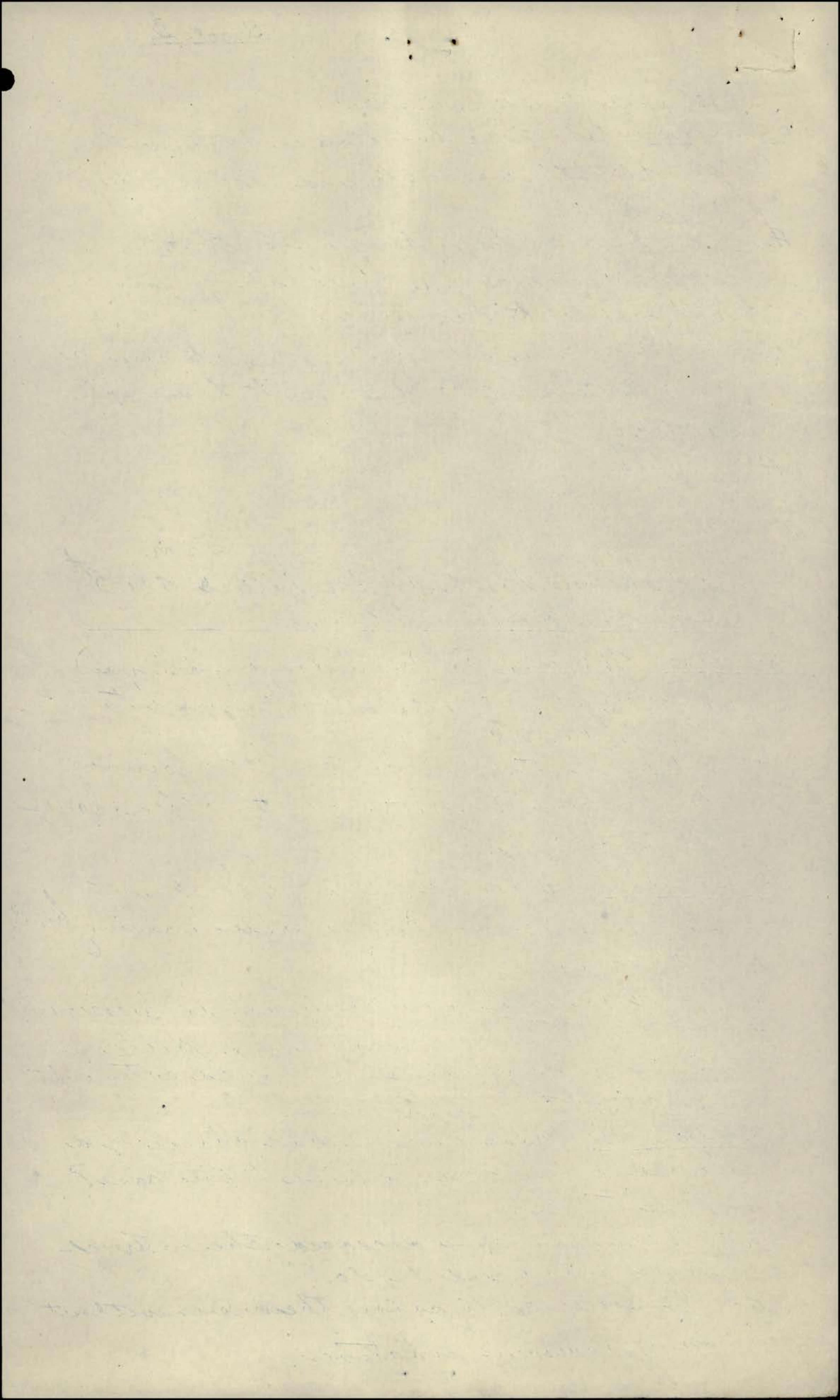
A. Medium tempered man, as a rule quiet but on occasions would enter into arguments or discussions.

Q. Capt Cooper. Have you ever had charge of a man awarded F.P. No. 1. previous to this case?

A. Yes, twice.

Q. When you gave deceased the instructions what did he do?

A. He proceeded to carry them out without any comment whatever.



Q. What did you do?

A. Proceeded to stables.

Q. Lt Paborn. Why did you proceed to stables and leave Dr. Begin at the Bitnet?

A. I thought I was doing right according to previous experience with other cases, pending transfer to a Field Punishment Depot.

Q. Have you the written instructions?

A. Yes.

Q. Will you produce them?

A. Yes. (Produced and attached as exhibit.)

Q. Capt Cooper If you thought you were doing right in leaving the prisoner, why did you ask the Sgt-Major whether or no you should stay with the prisoner?

A. On account of not thoroughly understanding the written instructions handed to me.

Q. At the time you left prisoner was he alone?

A. No there were four other men in the same room at the time of leaving.

Q. Did the Sgt. Major's verbal reply to you confirm your opinion that you were doing right in leaving your prisoner?

A. Yes, the Sgt. Major told me he was to report to H.C.O. /c of Picquet.

A. G. Killich 145748.

L/cpl.

3rd Witness No. 348898 Dvr. Moore, G.E. (Trench Mortar Batty. 5th CDA) attached 5th Cdn Div. Train

Q. Capt. Cooper When you entered the room first did you notice what Dvr. Begin was doing?

A. No.

Q. Lt. Paborn. - Did you hold any conversation with Dvr. Begin?

A. Yes. Conversation on elections and asked him how he was voting.

Q. Capt. Cooper. Did Dvr. Begin appear to you to be excited or worried?

A. He appeared to be worried.

Q. Did he appear different in his demeanor on this occasion from other times?

A. Only when conversation was in connection with punishment. When talking on other matters no difference was noticed by me.

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Q. Capt. Cooper. When you left room to wash who was left in the room with Begin?

A. Dvr. Williamson as far as I know.

Q. Lt. Paborn. Did you see him handling his rifle or any ammunition at any time?

A. No.

Q. Capt. Cooper. What time elapsed from time you left Billet to wash and return?

A. About ten minutes.

Q. Did you see Williamson while washing?

A. No.

Q. When you returned had Williamson gone?

A. Yes.

Q. During your acquaintance with Dvr. Begin what was your impression as regards his temperament?

A. Even tempered.

Q. Lt. Walker When you returned and found Begin what was the position of the rifle?

A. It was under left arm muzzle pointing towards his body.

Q. Lt. Paborn. Was there anyone else in the room at this time?

A. No.

Moore 348898.

4th Witness. No. 320920 Dvr. Williamson. T.M. (52nd Bty. 5th CDA) attached 5th Cdn. Div. Train.

Q. Capt. Cooper. How long after Dvr. Moore left Billet did you leave?

A. Between five and ten minutes.

Q. Lt. Walker. What was Begin doing during that time?

A. Standing beside his bunk.

Q. Did you notice whether Dvr. Begin had rolled his blankets or collected his kit?

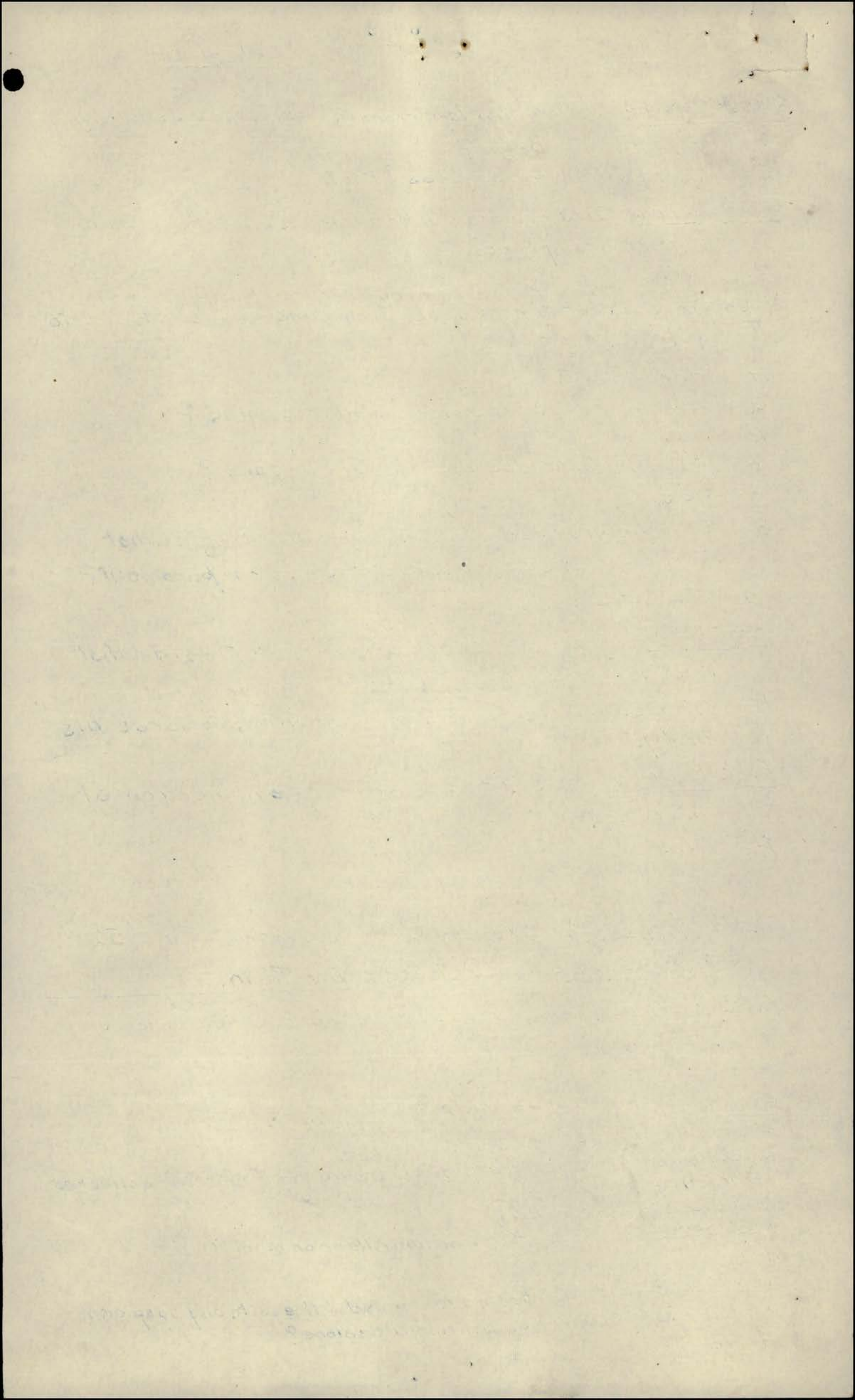
A. I did not notice either.

Q. Lt. Paborn. Did you see him handling rifle or ammunition?

A. No.

Q. Capt. Cooper. By Dvr. Begin's remarks did it excite any suspicion on your part that he was wanting to be alone?

A. No.



Q. Did he appear to be worried?

A. No.

Q. What was your opinion of him during your acquaintance with him as regards temperament?

A. Even tempered.

Q. Did you hear any rifle shot?

A. No.

Q. When Dvr. Begin passed remark - "It is hard luck, but -" - where were you?

A. Just passing end of bunk.

Q. Did the remark strike you as being rather odd or cause suspicion to be aroused that he contemplated any drastic action?

A. No.

Q. After this remark what did he do?

A. Turned his back towards me.

#320920

J. M. Williamson

5th Witness. 907514 Dvr Rae. T. 5th Cdn Div Train Detachment.

Q. Capt. Cooper How long have you known Begin?

A. Since last spring.

Q. During your acquaintance with him what opinion had you formed of him?

A. Heavy thinking man.

Q. Did you notice what Begin was doing in the room while you were there?

A. Standing up and talking.

Q. Did his actions attract any undue notice as compared with other days?

A. I took special note of him while in the room.

Q. Why did you take special note of him this day?

A. Because he told me ~~that~~ he had been given FPNol, and that he didn't understand what it was.

Q. What special actions did you notice?

A. Stretched himself and stopped himself on chest as though to relieve himself of worry.

Q. Lt. Paborn - Did he mix freely with the rest of the boys?

A. Yes, but seemed to think more of his horses than anything else.

Q. Did he receive any mail to your knowledge?

A. About a year ago he had one letter, which he had written to Canada returned to him at Witley and he said he wouldn't write any more.

Driver Wm Rae 907514.

6th Witness 874271 Dvr. Smith. S. 5th Cdn Div. Train.

Q. Capt. Cooper: Did Mr. Bejn's appearance attract any special attention on your part?

A. Yes - appeared to be worried.

Q. Lt Paborn. Did you see him handle any ammunition?

A. No.

Q. Did the fact of him going directly to his rifle, opening breech and remarks he made regarding his F.P. No. 1. arouse any suspicion in you in anyway?

A. No.

Q. After Mr. Bejn had finished his rifle and placed it against the wall, what did he do?

A. Stood beside his bed.

Q. In your acquaintance with him did he ever hint of taking the action he did?

A. No.

Q. In your opinion did he seem to take his punishment hard?

A. Between his punishment and trouble with one of his horses he appeared to be pretty well upset.

x J. Smith 874271

7th Witness. 511778 O.G.M.S. Buckingham 5th Cdn Div. Train

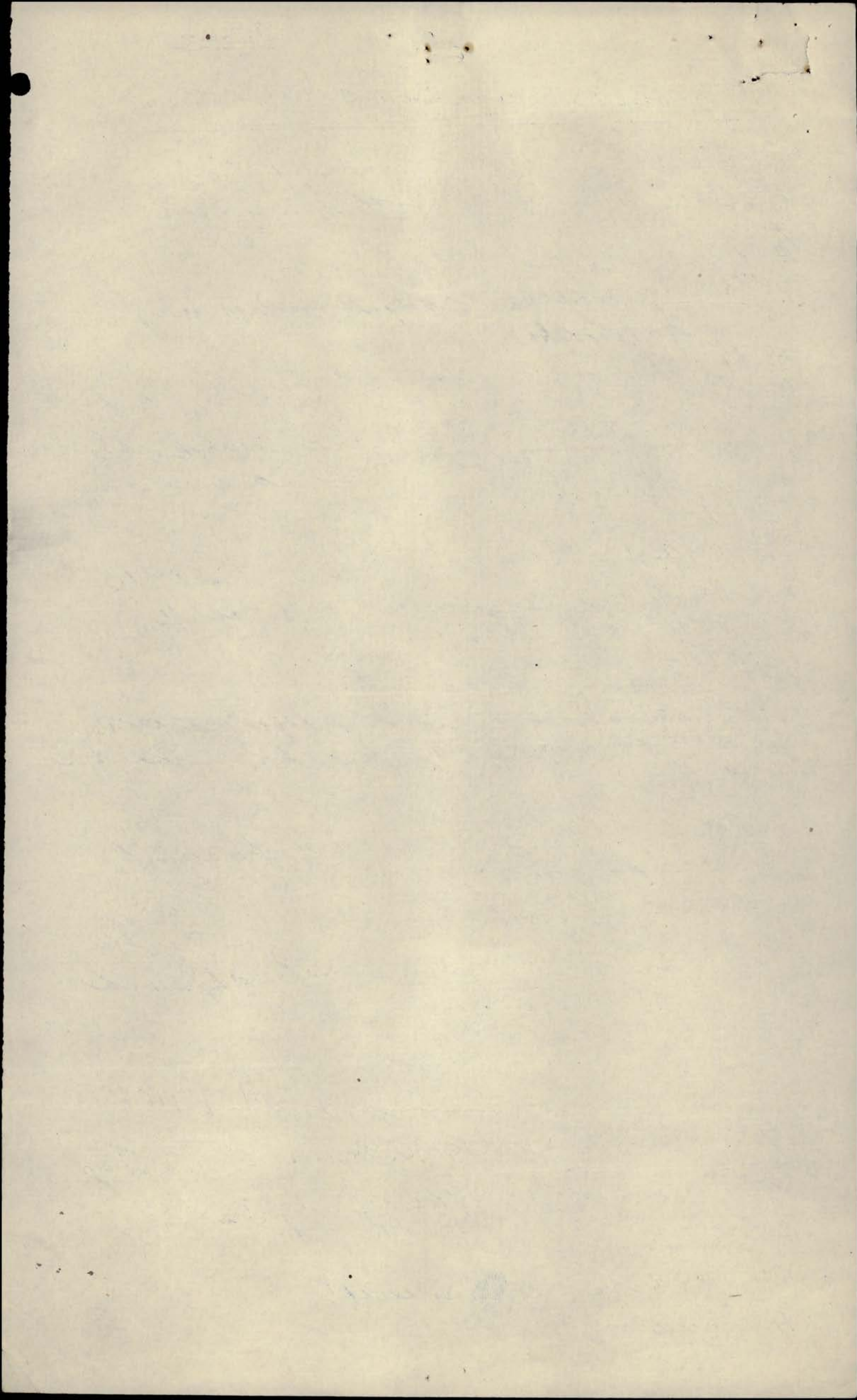
Capt. Cooper

Q. Did you pick the rifle up?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you examine it?

A. Yes.



Q. What did you find?

A. Empty case in brush and 2 cartridges on sling near upper hand.

Q. Have you the rifle now with empty shell?

A. Yes, in the 2nd M Stores

W. J. Cunningham
511428 a/c R.M.S.

8th Witness Lt. C.A. Paborn 5th Cdn. Div. 1st Bn

I was on duty in lines and after dismissing the parade I noticed something amiss and spoke to Capt. Cooper who told me that there was some trouble with one of the drivers who had been given Field Punishment that day. I accompanied him to the billet of Dr. Begin and found him lying on floor in pool of blood. I raised him up and examined wound which was through skull and brains evidently scattered. First aid was rendered as soon as possible but Dr. Begin died at 4:37 pm. 12 Dec 1917 before ambulance or medical officer had arrived. Cpl. Woodside who assisted to bandage wound remained with deceased until ambulance arrived. Personal effects and clothing were handed in to Sgt. C.M.B. in accordance with regulations.

Paborn
Lieut
5th C.A.T.

From the evidence submitted, it is my opinion
that #830041 driver B. F. GIN, Ludger, of this unit,
came to his death, on Dec. 1st 1917, through an
act of violence committed by himself, while
temporarily deranged, mentally.

J. N. Cooper Capt.

O.C. 5th Co. Div. Train Detachment.

I endorse the opinion of Capt. Cooper submitted
above

R. Postgan Lt. Col.

For Q. R. A.

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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.

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Statements of Evidence

Relating to the death of No: 830041 Driver
Ludgar Begio.

No. 3918 ^{of} Lt. W. Ravison, Co. H. 5th Edw.
Divisional Train, states:

Yesterday afternoon Dec 1st about 4.15
I was carrying on the stables and Dr.
Moore rushed up to me stating that Capt.
Cooper wanted me on the lower street at
once. Noticing the confused condition Dr.
Moore was in I asked him. "What was
the matter?" Whereupon he answered Dr.
Begio had done something to himself. I
increased my pace and met Capt. Cooper
before I reached the end of the stables. I
proceeded with him to Rev. Begio's billet. I
rushed up ahead to ascertain the trouble
and on entering the room, which was very
dimly lighted, I noticed a man lying
face downwards near bunk. I said, "Begio!
Begio!" trying to arouse him with my voice.
I received no reply and on bending over
him I heard him breathing heavily and
with difficulty. Glancing down on the
floor I noticed a small pool of blood and
a rifle lying close by, whereupon I called
down to Capt. Cooper "The man has shot
himself" at the same time starting down
the stairs, where I met Capt. Cooper who
was on his way up. I then rushed out
for immediate first aid. C. O. Dwyer
C. M. Cooper, Capt. Co. H. 5th Edw. Div. Train.

No. 45448 5th Cdn. Div. Train
LICPL. KILLICK states:-

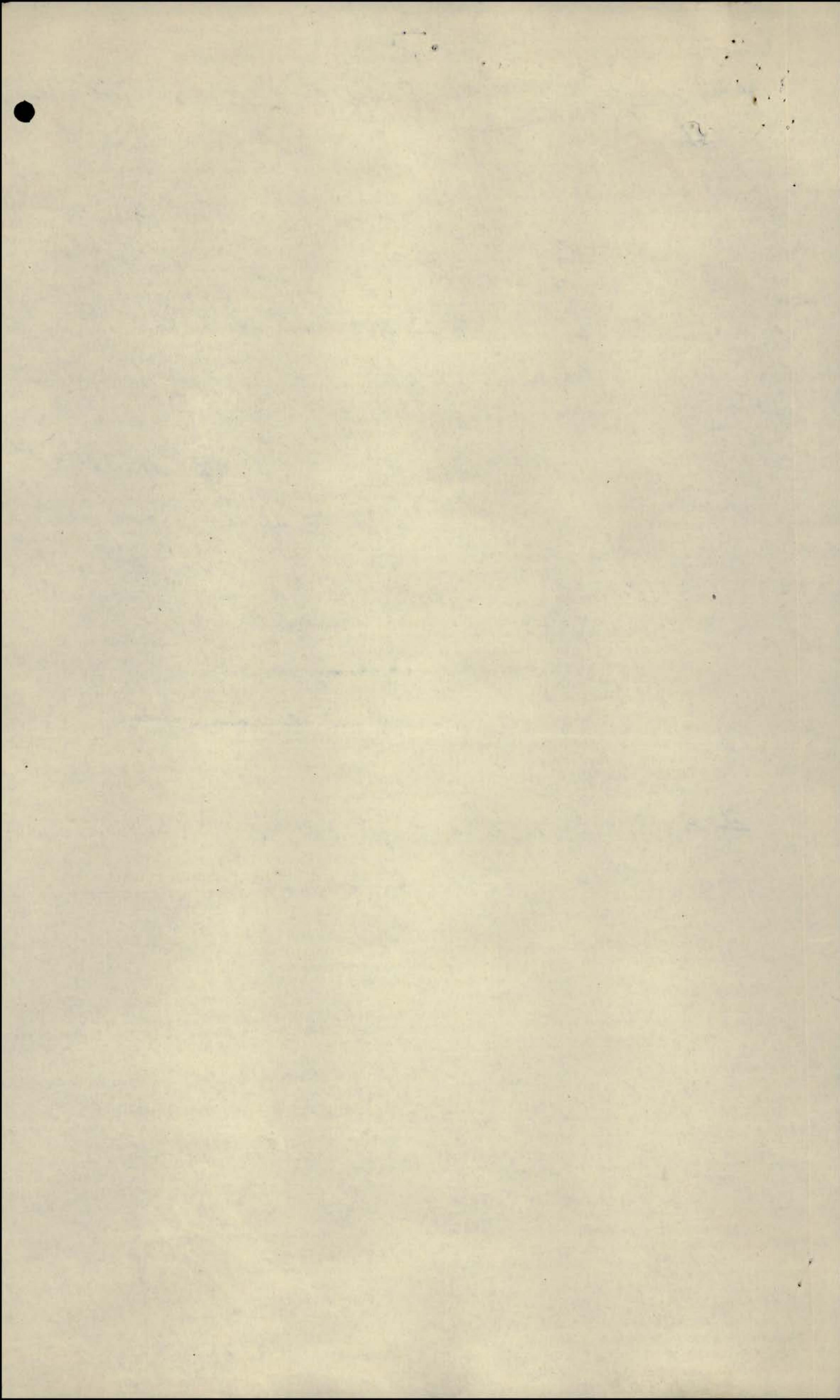
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About 3.30 yesterday afternoon Driver Kraft gave me a note signed by Sgt. Wm. Davidson stating Doc. BEGIN had been awarded 2 days F.P. No. 1, and to have him remove blankets etc. to guard room where he was to remain from 6 P.M. to 6 A.M. each day of sentence.

I went around the stables to find him and he wasn't in the stables then proceeded to his billet where he was, with four other men. Drs. Rae, Smith, Williamson and Gnr. Moore. I notified him to pack his kit and blankets and proceed to Quara Rooms and report to the N.C.O. % proquet at 6 p.m., when he would be taken to cookhouse to scour dishes or other fatigue duties necessary. After giving these instructions I proceeded back to the stables where I met G.S.M. Davidson at the water trough and I asked him if I would stay with the prisoner, and he said he was to report to the N.C.O. % proquet.

I remained at Stables till the dismissal parade, after the parade was dismissed I was called to the Orderly Room and G.S.M. notified me that BEGIN had shot himself, and to take Gnr. Woodside to the billet and render what first aid he could.

I took Gnr. Woodside to the Billet,



remaining with him until he had finished dress-
ing the wound. I then got sick in the stomach and
went to my billet.

A. G. Killick Lt. Col

M. Loope Capt
O.C. 5th Co. Div. Train Detach.

907514 Div. RAE. T. 5TH Com Div. Train Detach.:-

I have just finished working on my har-
ness about 3.20 and went up to my billet and
Bacon was there talking away with Bos Moore and
Williamson and Smith about the elections and
Cpl Killick came up with the orders and told Bacon
to take his blankets to the picket room. He
stayed there for awhile talking and then Cpl Killick
went down stairs just about the same time I did.
I didn't take much notice what was being said.
Bos much followed shortly afterwards.

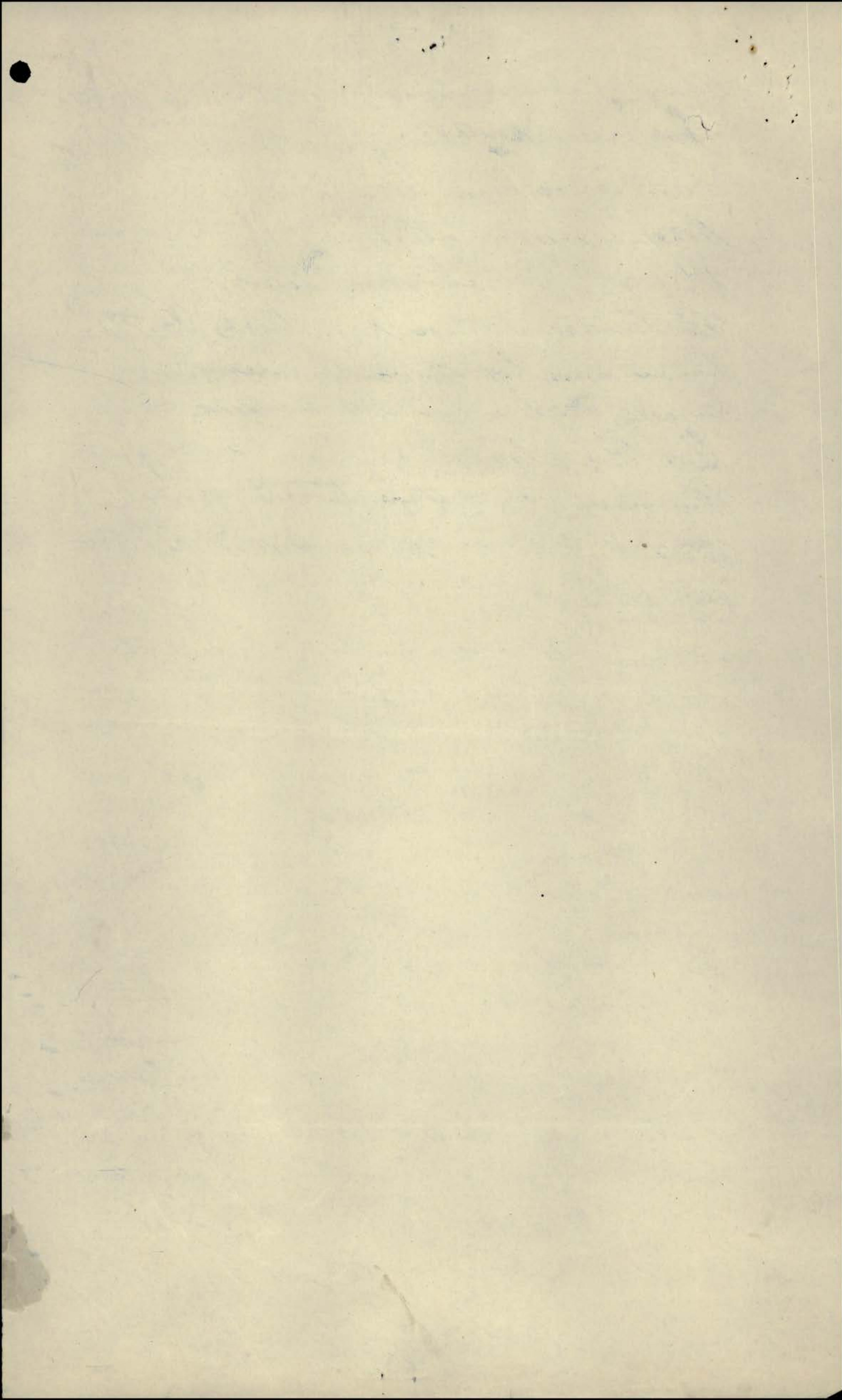
M. Loope Capt
O.C. 5th Co. Div. Train Detach.

Dinner 7th Dec. 907514

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No. 348898 Gen. Moore, G.C. (French Mortar
Group) attached, 5th Canadian Division & Train,
States:-

After finishing cleaning my wagon
yesterday December 1st I went to the Church
Army Hut and bought a pair of shoelaces and
then went up to my killed where I found
Drivers Rae, Smith, Begin and Williamson.
Whilst there Capt. Killick entered and gave
instructions to Driver Begin to take his
blankets to the guard room. Drivers
Rae, Smith and Capt. Killick left the room
within a few moments of one another. I then
got my towel and soap and left the house
to have a wash. After finishing washing
I returned to killed and on entering the
room, discovered Begin lying on the floor.
At first though it was Smith and said: "Is
that you Smith?" No answer. On looking
closer I discovered it was Begin and
found dark blotches on rubber sheets
and floor through he had vomited.
I then took candle from other side
of room and on holding it close
discovered the blotches to be blood.
I touched him on the side and said
"Begin! Begin!" but got no response.
I then ran down stairs and
found Green being the first man
I saw I called to him to come
here. He did not come and on
looking up the street saw Capt.



Cooper and ran after him informing him what had happened and received instructions to have Sgt. Major Davidson requested to proceed to bills. I then ran back to the house and Sgt. Major Davidson and myself both went up stairs and the Sgt. Major looked at him and spoke his name and then started down stairs. I then came down stairs myself.

J. M. Cooper Capt.
 O.C. 5th Co. Dist. Train Detach.

W. Moore (Dov)
 348898.

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No. 320920 DR WILLIAMSON (52nd St. C.F.H.)

attached 5th Barr. Det. Trains,

States:

Between 3.30 and 4 pm. yesterday afternoon I went to my billet to get my soap and towel to have a wash, after cleaning my wagon. Drs. Rae, Smith and Begin were in the billet. I asked Dr. Begin what sentence he got and he told me 14 days F.P. Det. I said it was hard luck, at the same time picking up my soap and towel and walked out to wash.

When I came back I started kidding Dr. Begin about it and he seemed to take it all good-naturedly. At this time Dr. Moore came in and changed his boots. While Moore was changing his boots, Sgt. Kellick came and warned Dr. Begin to take his blankets and get up to the Quarters Rooms. I think Drs. Smith and Rae went out at that time. Dr. Moore also picked up his towel and soap to have a wash and went out leaving Dr. Begin and myself alone. Dr. Begin said to me it was pretty near falling in time and I answered was that "feed up" just blown, and he said "I think so". I got up off the edge of my bed and told Dr. Begin to blow out the light and started for the head of the stairs when he said "It is hard luck but" and turned his back as I thought to pick up his blankets and follow me out.

In Scope Capt. J. M. Williamson
#320920
Pl. 5th Cdr. Div. Train Detach.

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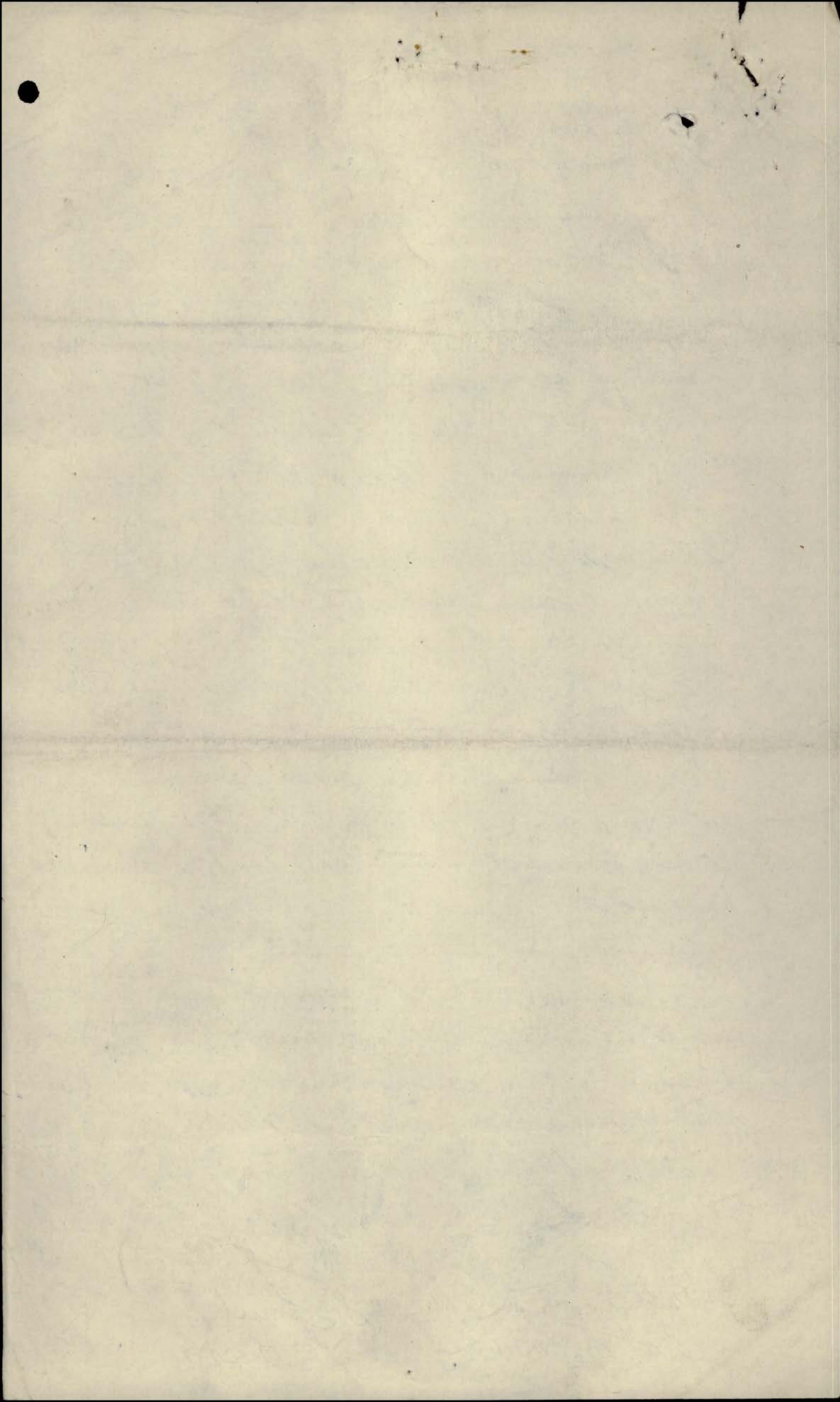
874271 Priv. Smith, S. 5th Canadian
Divisional Train, States:-

I was in the billets when Priv. Begier
came in and he went right over to his
rifle and started cleaning it. He opened
the breech and he looked through ~~the~~
~~the~~ ~~of the~~ ~~rifle~~ it and went to get
his pull through in the butt of the rifle.
There wasn't one there. He took one
out of a rifle which was alongside of
the one he was handling and pulled it
through and looked through the rifle.
I didn't hear him close the bolt, but
noticed him put the rifle back. He stood
there and was talking about the
sentence he got. He said he got 4 days
J.P. No. 1. but didn't know what that
was. He went on to say he had several
narrow escapes with his horse and
had narrow escapes from shells at
Raishead. About this time two or three
men came up to the room. I was not
sure who they were but passed Spee
Kielick and Rae as I was leaving the
room. Spee Kielick just entered the
room as I went out.

In Charge Capt.
of 5th Co. Div. Train

S. Smith

874271



ORIGINAL ORIGINAL MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET.

Surname Begin Christian Name Ludger

Examined { on 24th day of Dec. 1915
 { at Winnipeg Man
 Birthplace { City or Town East Sherbroke
 { County Quebec

Approved by W. M. Ludger
 Rank Capt M.O.

Apparent age 29 yrs 10 Mos
 Trade or occupation Farmer

Height 5 Feet 6 Inches

Weight 155 Lbs.

Chest measurement { Minimum 35 inches
 { Maximum expansion 38 inches

Physical development Good

Small-Pox Marks None

Vaccination Marks { Arm 1 Right. Left.
 { Number 1

When Vaccinated last 15 Yrs ago

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection

EXAMINED FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT, M.O.
 APPROVED. SPECIAL SERVICE BATTALION BOARD M.D. 10 M.O.
 C.A.M.C. PRESIDENT M.O.
 C.A.M.C. MEMBER M.O.
 C.A.M.C. MEMBER M.O.
 WINNIPEG MAN M.O.

VACCINATIONS, M.O.
 15/7/16 Winnipeg M.O.

ANTI-TYPHOID INOCULATIONS, ETC. M.O.
 7/4/16 Good Winnipeg M.O.
 9/5/16 Good Winnipeg M.O.
 22/5/16 Good Winnipeg M.O.
 20.6.17 150 Winnipeg M.O.

Enlisted on 24th day of Dec 1915 at Winnipeg Man

	CORPS.	REG'TL NUMBER.	HABITS.	DATE.
Joined on enlistment	<u>4th Batt 687</u>	<u>830041</u>		<u>24-12-15</u>
Transferred to..	<u>No. Overseas C.A.S.C. Training Depot.</u>			<u>NOV 24 1916</u>
on Command	<u>5th B Coy.</u>			<u>Aug 16. 1917.</u>
	<u>Attached 13th BRIGADE C.F.A. 18. 8. 17.</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.

J. 200

Surname

Begin

Christian Name

Ludger

STATION	Date of Arrival at the Station	DATES OF			DISEASE	Number of days in Hospital.	Remarks on nature of the disease: how induced; if mild or severe; if completely recovered from; whether any particular treatment was adopted. In venereal cases state nature of primary disease, and whether mercury has been given. If an accident state whether it occurred on duty and whether a Court of Inquiry was held. Date of issue and particulars of artificial teeth or surgical appliances supplied. Particulars of prophylactic inoculations.	Signature of Medical Officer.
		Admission into Hospital.	Discharge from Hospital.					
		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	
<i>6 weeks Hospital</i>	<i>1. 5. 16</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>16</i>				<i>Scrophulous</i>

Temporary Record Sheet

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps *5th Sw Train*

Rank Surname *Begin* Christian Name *L*

Religion Age on Enlistment years months

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

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

Extended { } Re-engaged { } Qualification (b)
 or Corps Trade and Rate

Occupation Signature of Officer

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked...			
<i>18.8.17</i>	<i>13th Bde</i>	<i>admitted from 5th Sw Train</i>	<i>Witley</i>	<i>19.8.17</i>	<i>P80 309</i>
<i>20.8.17</i>	<i>13th Bde</i>	<i>Proceeded 9th Bde</i>	<i>Witley</i>	<i>20.8.17</i>	<i>P80 310</i>

(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. (6228) W. 13863/M1477 2,400,000 1/17 McA & W Ltd Forms B./103/4 (E. 50a) [P.T.O.]

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

M. F. W. 54.
160M. 10-15.
H.Q. 1772-30-920.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Unit, Regiment or Corps 144th Overseas Battalion. C.E.F. Winnipeg.

Regimental No. 830541 Rank Pte Name Ludger Begin.

Enlisted (a) 24/12/15 Terms of Service (a) 1yr. War, or, 6mths after Service reckons from (a) Dec 24/16

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) Farmer

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.
	TRANSFERRED FROM..... <u>Cleary Depot. 144th Battalion</u> TO NO. 1 OVERSEAS C. A. S. C. TRAINING DEPOT. DATE..... <u>NOV 24 1916</u>			
JAN 9 1917	Embarked	Canada	DEC 20 1916	
	Disembarked	England	DEC 28 1916	
	Tkn. On Str. C.A.S.C.-TD.	SHORNCLIFFE,	DEC 29 1916	Pt. II-nc-9 D, 9. 1, 7
MAR 1 - 1917	Transf. to <u>5th Div Train Witley</u>	Shorncliffe	MAR 1 - 1917	PART II. ORDER No. 60
	<u>Man/17 Self. P.O.S.</u>	Witley	1/3/17	<u>Witley 2-3-17</u>
	<u>In command to</u>	Witley	16/8/17	<u>16/8/17</u>

(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. [P.T.O.]

CERTIFIED CORRECT.

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
18.8.17	C.O. 15th Bde. C.F.C.	Taken on "attached strength,"	Millford Camp.	17.8.17	D.C. Part II, 209.
20.8.17	C.O. 15th Bde. C.F.C.	Proceeded Overseas on service.	Millford Camp.	20.8.17	D.C. Part II, 210 <i>McWart</i> C. 26. 6 15th Brigade, C.F.C.
		Having arrived from England as Reinfect is taken on strength of CASC Pool		24-8-17	L.R. 8871 Ref No. 79 Pt 11 Ord 60 d/11-9-17
24-11-17	A.A.G. Cdr.	Posted to 5th Cdn. Div. Train		13-11-17	K.H. 16-28651 Pt. 11DO 84 d/24-11-17
"	"	<i>T.O.S 5th Cdn Div Train Detachment from C.A.S.C. Pool.</i>		<u>14.11.17</u>	<i>K.H. 16-28651 Pt 2.0 No 1 of 24.11.17</i>
2.12.17	<i>O.C. 56.10 Tr. (Cdr)</i>	<i>Sentenced to 4 days P.P. No. 1. for "Wheiv. on Active Service". Disobedience of Train Order No. 82. of 6.11.17 in that he failed to lead his horses to water (1.12.17)</i>		<u>1</u> 2.12.17	<i>Pt 2.0 No. 5 of 29.12.17</i> <i>Pt 2.0 No. 4 of 29.12.17</i>
8.12.17.	"	<i>Died from self inflicted wounds.</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>1.12.17.</i>	<i>Pt 2.0 No. 5 of 29.12.17.</i>

Gelkowitz
Lieut. Col. A.A.G.
Canadian Section, G. H. Q. 3rd Echelon, B. E. F.

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Exhibit "A"

L-12-17

L/Cpl Killick

Please have Dvr Begin who has been sentenced to 4 days FPNol. move his blankets etc into guard room where he is to be kept from 6 pm. to 6 AM. each day of sentence. Place him $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N.C.O. $\frac{1}{2}$ Picquet. He is to be taken to cookhouse at 6 pm. to clean and burnish Dixies and do any fatigues necessary - chop wood etc - Picquet NCO to bring him back to Guard Room at 8 pm. QMS has been instructed to have Begin's rations served in Guard Room.

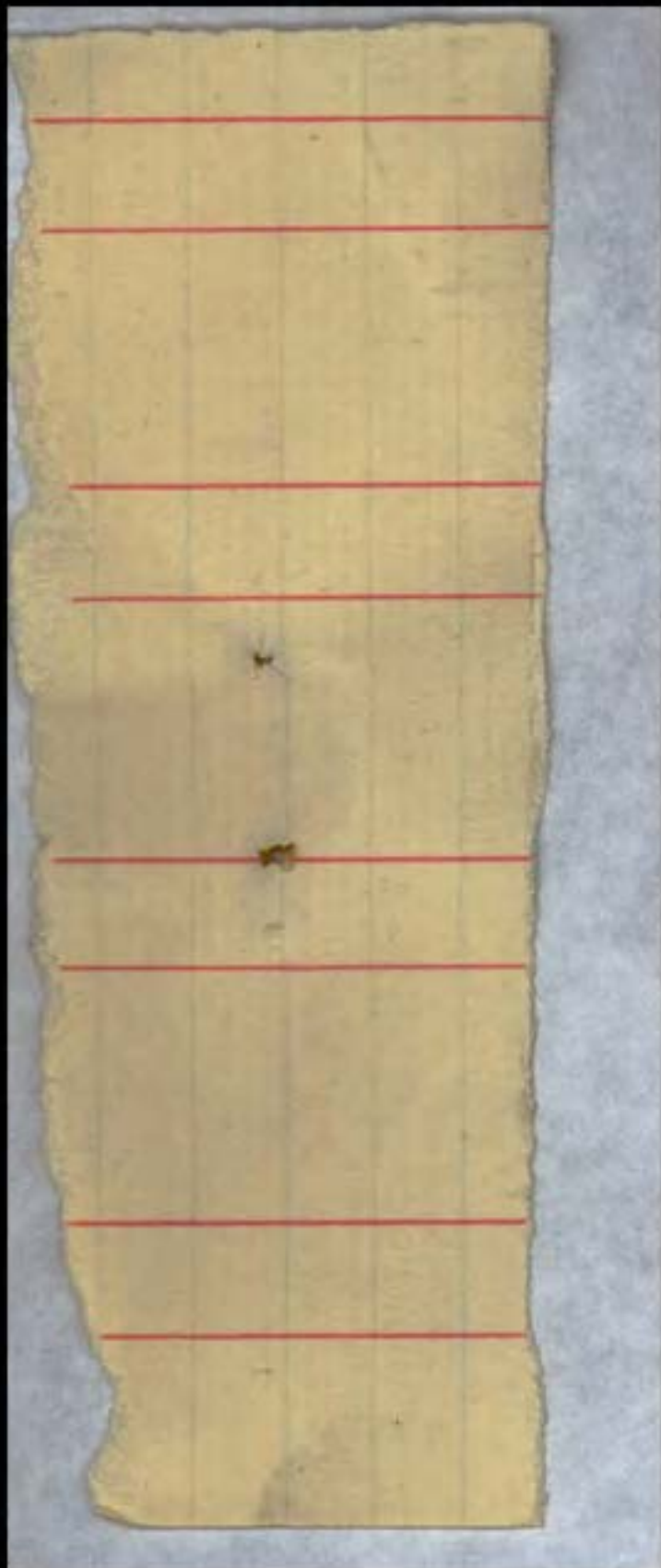
Sgt C W Davidson

OSAN

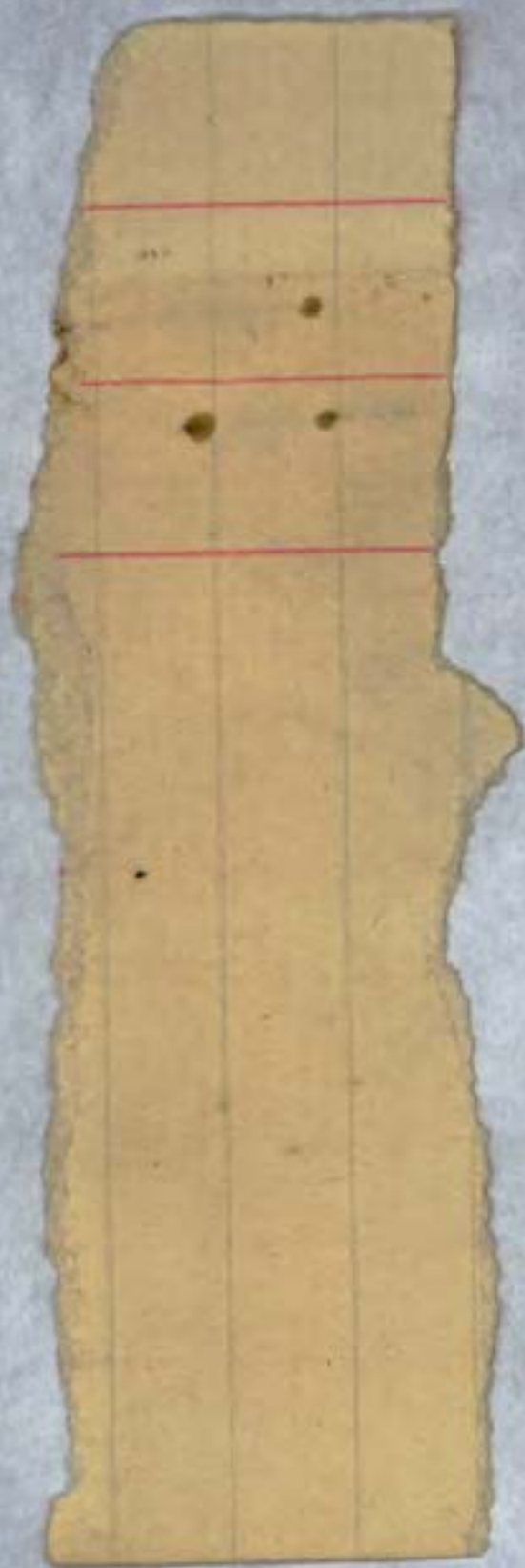
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Gubsope Capt.

FILE IN ENVELOPE



FILE IN ENVELOPE



SURNAME

CHRISTIAN NAME OR NAMES

REG. NO.

Begin.

~~BOGIN~~

L.

830041.

RANK

UNIT

Co.

TROOP

BATTY.

Pte.

CASC 5DT.

HOSPITAL

DATE OF ADMISSION

1.

HOSP.

2.

HOSP.

3.

HOSP.

4.

HOSP.

DIAGNOSIS

1.

2.

3.

RFB. DIED OF WOUNDS S.I. 1-12-17.

Killed Wilfully S. I. Wounds &

DISPOSITION

DATE

~~Other remarks.~~

C.L. 3-1-18 A101.

REMARKS

7-1-18 A105 (2) Note Re Nature of Casualty

A.M.D. 2 DEPT.

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

EPITOME OF HOSPITAL TREATMENT

HOSPITAL

ADM.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

LIST No.

HOSPITAL

DATE OF
ADMISSION

REMARKS

Com.

Number. *8.3004!* Rank. *Pte*

Surname. *B.E.G.I.N.*

Christian Name. *Ludger*

Unit. *C.A.S.C.* Theatre of War. *France*

Date of Service. *24.8.17*

Remarks

Latest Address

Roll No. *B Page 3540*

B

✓

D

NAME

REGT. No.

RANK AND UNIT

NEXT OF KIN

CABLE

NATURE OF CASUALTY

No.

DATE

(649-73-10419)

CARD NO.

SURNAME. *Begin,*

CHRISTIAN NAMES *Ludger*

FOLL.

REGL. NO *830041*

RANK *Plc.*

UNIT ~~144th~~ *C. A. S. C. Train. Depot No. 1 (7th R. D.)*

~~Br~~

FORMER CORPS *nil.*

NEXT OF KIN.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAMES IN FULL *Begin, Phidine*

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER *Brother*

ADDRESS *101 Bridge St., East Sherbrooke,
P. Q.*

COUNTRY OF BIRTH *Canada, East-Sherbrooke, P. Q.* DATE *Feb. 25th / 1886*

PLACE OF ATTESTATION *Winnipeg, Man.* DATE *Dec. 24th / 1915*

Trans. from 144th to C.A.S.C.T.D. #1 Auth C.A.S.C. T.D. #1, N. R. 25/11/16.

MARRIED

SINGLE *yes*

WIDOWER

TRADE OR CALLING

Farmer

RELIGION

Roman Catholic

DESCRIPTION.

APPARENT AGE

29

YEARS

10

MONTHS

HEIGHT

5

FEET

6

INCHES

CHEST MEASUREMENT

38

INCHES

EXPANSION

3

INCHES

COMPLEXION

Dark

EYES

Brown

HAIR

dk. Brown

DISTINGUISHING MARKS

Not stated

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

PLACE

Winnipeg, Man.

DATE

Dec. 24th 1915

Present Address: - Richelieu Hotel, Winnipeg, Man.

NAME *Begin Ledges.*

REGT'L No. *830041.*

RANK AND CORPS *Pte 5th Div. Train (Form. 144th Bn).*

H. Q. FILE NO. 649.

FOLLOWS
No.
FOLLOWS

CABLE

NO.	DATE
<i>18-1.</i>	
<i>m. 65 75.</i>	<i>3-1-18.</i>
<i>A. 71-B</i>	<i>20900.</i>
<i>Rouen</i>	<i>29-12-17</i>

C.

NATURE OF CASUALTY

Died of wounds, self-inflicted, Jan 1 1918.
" " " " " Dec 1st 1917
Rec'd 18-H-18

LIST No. 11

HOSPITAL

DATE OF
ADMISSION

REMARKS

A101

Rep from Base

1-12-11

~~Cancelled as per list~~
~~at 1057~~
 ~~Died of wounds of belly~~
Killed wilfully self
inflicted wounds

Ludger

B-4891

Name **BEGIN**

Rank **Pte.**

Reg. No. **P30041**

Unit **C.A. & E.**

5th Can. Div. Tro. Detachment

Next of Kin **Canada**

24181

Date	Movement	Place	Casualty	List No.	Notified N/K O.	W.O. List
1. 12	Died of wounds.	(Self Inflicted)	W	A101	A101	81
	Reported by H.F.B. 213A.	D/A 8/12/17.	P# 0.5. 11/12		M6575	
	NOTE: NOW REPORTED BY G.O.C. 1 st ARMY					LFM 3428.
	KILLED WILFULLY SELF INFLECTED.					A105

11

No. 830041

RANK

Pvt.

NAME

Begin L.

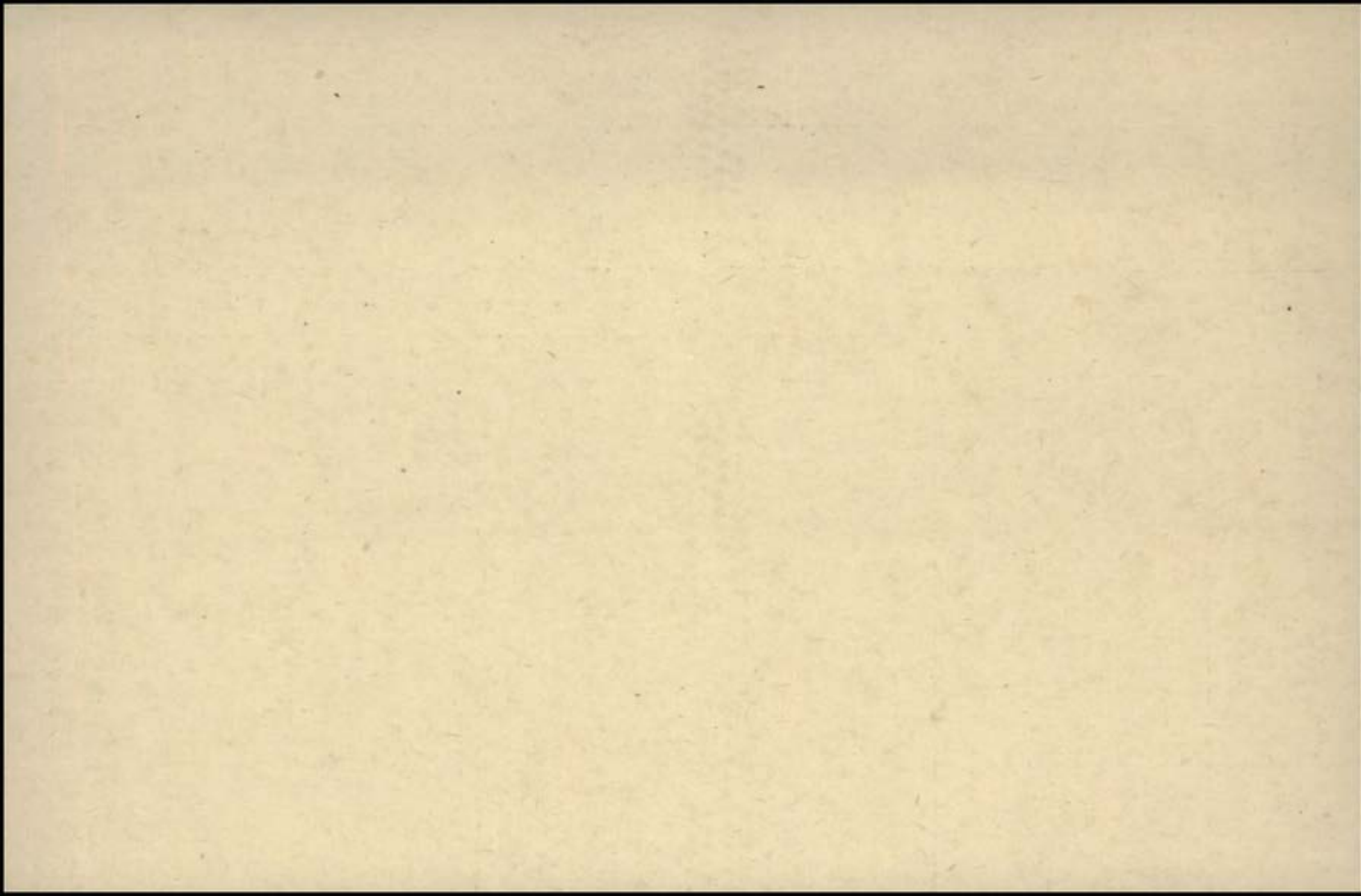
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Clearing Depot M.D. 10,
24-11-16 O.O. 278 of 23-11-16

UNIT

Can. Army Service Corps #1 Train Depot

M. D. 10

PAID FROM	PAID TO	SIG. OR REC'T	PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, ETC.	
			PARTICULARS	AUTHORITY
1916 Nov. 24	1916 Nov. 30 Dec.	✓ ✓	S.O.S. 15-12-16 On 7th. Draft	O.O. 297 of 15-12-16



HOSPITALS

DATE

DIAGNOSIS

M. F. W. 2553.

75M.—9-19.

1772-39-1332.

No. 830041

RANK

Pte

NAME

Begin L

T. O. S. 24-12-15

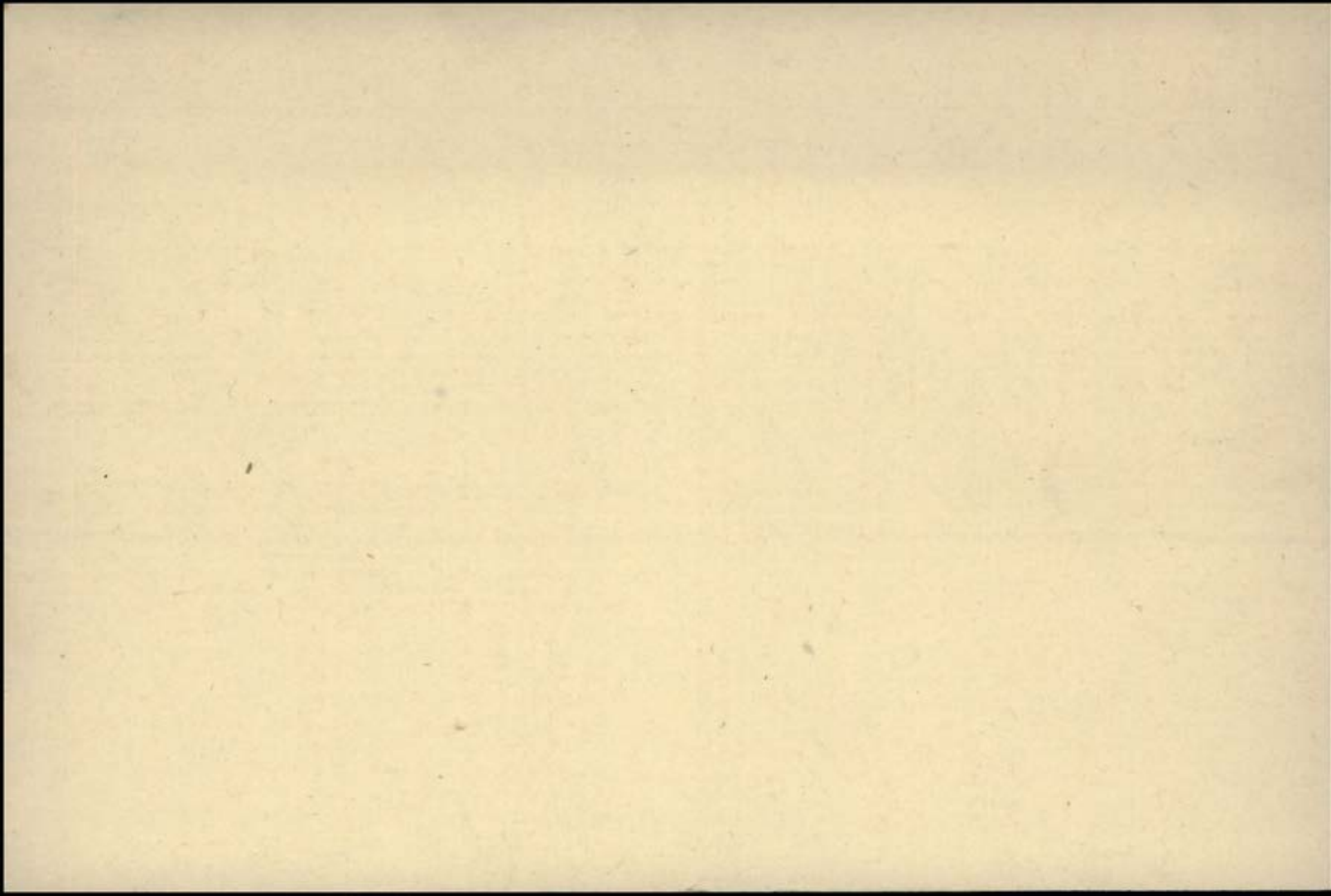
UNIT

144th Battalion

Do 24/27-12-15

M. D. 10

PAID FROM	PAID TO	SIG. OR REC'T	PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, ETC.	
			PARTICULARS	AUTHORITY
1915 Dec 24	1915 Dec 31	v		
1916 Jan 1	Jan 31	v		
Feb 1	Feb 29	v		
Mar		v		
Apr		v		
May		v		
June		v		
July		v		
Aug		v		
Sept. 1	Sept. 13	n.	Forfeits 1 days pay. a. w. l. D. O. 127.	
			Forfeits 34 days pay. @ 60 per day. D. O. 176.	
			" 13 " " @ 60 per day. D. O. 176.	
			Transfd. to Clearing Depot. 13-9-16 D. O. 211.	



LTR



Rank Name BEGIN, Ludger Reg'l No. 830041
 Unit No. 1. CASC., T.D. 7th, Dft. If in perm. Corps, }
 What Unit? } Married or Single Single.
 Place and Date of Enlistment Winnipeg, Man, Dec, 24th, 1915. Place of Birth East Sherbroke,
 Quebec, Canada.
 Name and Address, Next-of-Kin Phidine Begin.
 101 Bridge St, East, Sherbroke, Quebec, Canada. Relationship Brother.

Assigned Pay Monthly \$ Payable to Relationship
 Separation Allowance \$ Payable to Relationship

N/E. R. B. NO. 1863
 FILE NO. 25 B 4891
 Category D.O.C.

Discharge, Date and Place Reason Character *Pt*

H. W. V., Ld. - 9546-16.

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 Per SS Olympic 28.12.16</i>					
9.1.17	CASBTD	Taken on Strength	S'cliff	29.12.16	<i>Pt 20</i>
1.3.17	6AS6TD	lost to 5 th Div L.	S'cliff	1.3.17	<i>Pt 60</i>
2.3.17	5 th Div L	T.O.S. from CASBTD	Wit-ley	"	<i>" 37.</i>
11.9.17	CASC Pod	T.O.S. from England	Pte Field	14.8.17	<i>- 60</i>
16.8.17	5 th D Tr	An Com to HQ 14 Bde CFA	Pte Willey	16.8.17	<i>- 204</i>
18.1.18	5 th D Tr	Beases on com + so. Pte Pool	Pte Willey	24.8.17	<i>- 13</i>
24.11.17	5 th D Tr det	T.O.S. from Pool	Pte Field	14.11.17	<i>- 1 & P.O. 84</i>
2.1.18	C.A.S.C.	Died of Wounds (Self-inf'd)	"	1.12.17	<i>6LA 101.</i>
29.12.17	5 th D.T. DET.	Died (from self-inflicted wounds)	"	"	<i>Pt 805.</i>
7-1-18	C.A.S.C.	Nature of Casualty now ascertained to be Killed Wilfully self-inflicted Wds	"	"	<i>6.L.A. 105</i>

A.F.R. 103 CHECKED
28 AUG 1917

POOL
24.11.17

Medical Report on an Invalid.

Station _____

Date _____

1. Unit _____
2. Regimental No. 830041
3. Rank _____
4. Name Begin Ludge
5. Age last birthday _____
6. Enlisted { on _____ at _____
7. Former Trade { _____ or Occupation _____
8. Disability _____

Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

9. Date of origin of disability.
10. Place of origin of disability.
11. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case.

12. (a) Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability.
- (b) If you consider it to have been caused by active service, climate, or ordinary military service, explain the specific conditions to which you attribute it (See notes on page 3).

(On leaving Corps or Station where invalided.)

Transfer { Date _____
Station _____ } Conveyance _____
or Name { Vessel _____
Embark- of { Officer in }
ation { Date _____ } medical charge }
Port _____

Brief remarks on case during transit, and state on transfer for final disposal.

Re-transferred { Date _____
Hospital or } Officer in medical charge.
Station _____

(At Station or Hospital where finally disposed of.)

Station and }
Hospital } _____
Arrived from _____ Date _____

If admitted	If under treatment		Disease	How finally disposed of	Date of Discharge, &c.
	Date	From			

Detailed statement as to condition on discharge and whether discharged as an invalid, to corps, to station, or to depôt. In cases of discharge from the service it should be stated whether the answers to questions 22, 23 and 24 are concurred in.

Date of final Medical }
Board, or decision }

Administrative Medical Officer.

Army Form B. 179.

MEDICAL REPORT ON AN
INVALID.

Station _____
Corps _____
Regimental No. _____
Rank _____
Name _____
Disability _____
Date _____

Hospital or Station }
transferred to for }
final disposal }
Date of final }
disposal }
How finally }
disposed of }

The original Report is invariably to accompany the discharge documents of Invalids.
(4736) W. 8530/2774. 5000. 9/15. C. P. Ltd.
Forms B. 179. 34.

Opinion of the Medical Board.

13. What is his present condition?

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.

14. If the disability is an injury, was it caused

- (a) In action?
- (b) On field service?
- (c) On duty?
- (d) Off duty?

15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?

- If so—(a) When?
- (b) Where?
 - (c) Opinion?

16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?

17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?

18. *In case of loss or decay of teeth.* Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly* attributable to active service?

19. Do you recommend

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or
- (b) Change to England?

Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith.
except†

Station _____ Officer in charge of Hospital.

Date _____

* Loss of teeth on, or immediately after, active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause.

† Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.

NOTES—(i) Clear and decisive answers to the following questions are to be carefully filled in by the Board, as, in the event of the man being invalided, it is essential that the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital should be in possession of the most reliable information to enable them to decide upon the man's claim to pension.

(ii.) Expressions such as "may," "might," "probably," &c., should be avoided.

(iii.) The rates of pension vary directly according to whether the disability is attributed to (a) active service, (b) climate, or (c) ordinary military service. It is therefore essential when assigning the cause of the disability to differentiate between them (*see* Articles 1162 and 1165, Pay Warrant, 1913).

(iv.) In answering question 20 the Board should be careful to discriminate between disease resulting from military conditions and disease to which the soldier would have been equally liable in civil life.

(v.) A disability is to be regarded as due to climate when it is caused by military service abroad in climates where there is a special liability to contract the disease.

20. (a) State whether the disability is the result of (i.) active service, (ii.) climate, or (iii.) ordinary military service.

(b) If due to one of these causes, to what specific conditions do the Board attribute it?

21. Has the disability been aggravated by

- (a) Intemperance?
- (b) Misconduct?
- (c) Any of the conditions mentioned in Question 20, and if so which?

22. Is the disability permanent?

23. If not permanent, what is its probable minimum duration?
To be stated in months.

24. To what extent is his capacity for earning a full livelihood in the general labour market lessened at present?

In defining the extent of his inability to earn a livelihood, estimate it at $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, or total incapacity.

24A. Is the man suffering from a disability which would *obviously*, as far as you can judge, cause him to be rejected by an Approved Society under the National Insurance Act?

25. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?

26. Do the Board recommend

- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or
- (b) Change to England?

Signatures :—

President.

Station _____ }
Date _____ } Members.

Approved.

Station _____
Date _____
Administrative Medical Officer.