

257th. BATT. C. E. F.  
ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 2245330

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS.)

- 1. What is your surname?..... GITRILL
- 1a. What are your Christian names?..... JOHN
- 1b. What is your present address?..... Quebec P.Q. Canada
- 2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born?..... Quebec P.Q. Canada
- 3. What is the name of your next-of-kin?..... James Gitrill
- 4. What is the address of your next-of-kin?..... Quebec P.Q. Canada
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin?..... Uncle
- 5. What is the date of your birth?..... 18th. May 1875
- 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?..... Yes.
- 10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?..... Yes. 8th. Regt. Royal Rifles.  
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.

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, James Gitrill, 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.

*John Gitrill* (Signature of Recruit)  
*R. Sticher* (Signature of Witness)

Date 5th Feb. 1917 1917

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, James Gitrill, 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.

*John Gitrill* (Signature of Recruit)  
*R. Sticher* (Signature of Witness)

Date 12th Feb. 1917 1917

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 *Quebec* this *12th* day of *February* 1917.

*Robt. Quay* LT. COL. (Signature of Justice)  
c/o. QUEBEC RECRUITING DEPOT.



Description of John G. Stull on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 42 years ..... 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 ..... 5-9 1/2 ft. 9 ins.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded ..... 33 ins.  
 Range of expansion ..... 36 ins.

Complexion ..... Brown

Eyes ..... Brown

Hair ..... Brown

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

O. M. --- P = 30  
 O. R. --- A = 80 ---

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\* ..... for the Canadian Over-Sea Expeditionary Force.

Date ..... 20 Feb. 191 7  
 Place ..... Quebec Rec. Dep.

Sir. Stuccand  
Captn.  
 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:—

varicella left and Pouches on each foot.



CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

John G. Stull ..... 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.

Ralph Evans LT. COL. (Signature of Officer)  
 C.M. QUEBEC RECRUITING DEPOT

Date 12-2-17 ..... 191 7

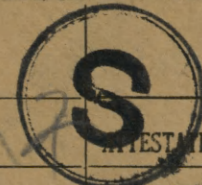
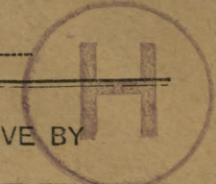


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REGT. NO. *2245330* UNIT

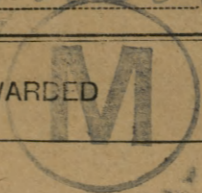
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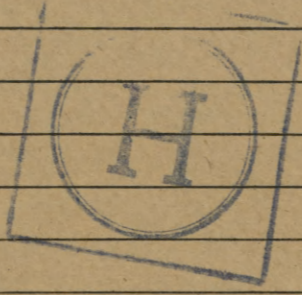
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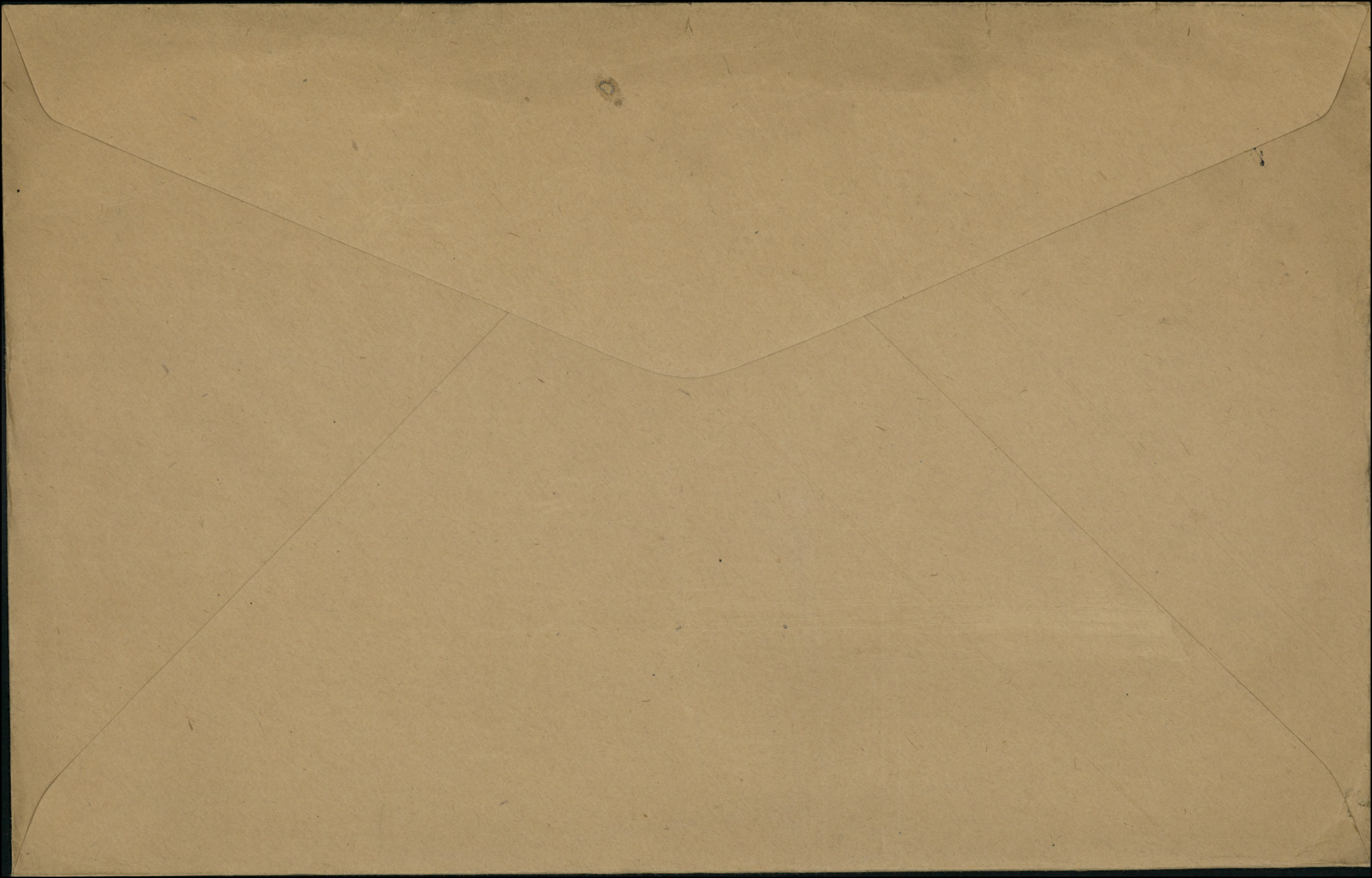
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SURNAME

*Gitrill*

CHRISTIAN NAME OR NAMES

*J.*

FORM D.M.S. 1300

REG. NO.

*2275330*

RANK

*Plt*

UNIT

*L.R.I. 7.*

CO.

TROOP

BATTY

HOSPITAL

*4 Gas Colg Station*

DATE OF ADMISSION

*15.10.17*

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HOSP.

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DIAGNOSIS

*Abdominal injury acc. 170.*

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DISPOSITION

*Ch. 25.10.17 145 (1)*

DATE

REMARKS

A.M.D. 2 DEPT.

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



EPITOME OF HOSPITAL TREATMENT

HOSPITAL

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✓ ✓  
GETRILL, Pte. J.

✓ #2245330.

*7th. C. Ry.*  
~~257th Bn.~~

649-G-10190.

GETTRILL

Medals and  
Decorations

(M)

James Gettrill, Esq., (Uncle)  
59 St. Michael St.,  
Quebec, P.Q.

Plaque and  
Scroll

" "

Memorial  
Cross

Nil.

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*not elig. for star.*  
*" " V.M.*  
*" " B.M.*

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*B.*







*HH*  
*mes*  
Number *224 5330*

Rank

*Spr. B*

Surname

~~*GITH*~~ *GETTRILL*

Christian Name

*John*

Units

*C.P. 7.*

Theatre of War

*France*

Date of Service

*29/3/17*

Remarks

Latest Address

*Uncle - James Gettrill Esq*

*59 St Michael St., Quebec P.Q.*

Roll No.

*B Page 15649*

*17<sup>4</sup>/<sub>23</sub>*

*Card*

200m. -2-21.M.



DESP. APR 25 1923

REGN. NO. 9081



NAME

Gitzell John.

REGT'L NO.

2245330.

RANK AND CORPS

Pte. 19th Rail Loops (70m 25 7th Bn.)  
(70m 2nd Quebec Bn.)

FOLLOWS

NO.

FOLLOWS

CABLE

C.

NATURE OF CASUALTY

NO.

DATE

4-3  
M 6251

24-10-17

Died no. 4. Cas. elg. stat; Oct. 15th,  
1917. abdominal injury (accy)K. 7071.  
2.

9-11-17

Died at no. 4. Cas. elg. stat.  
Oct. 15th, 1917. (abdominal injury)

A7B20909

Rouen

Died of accidental injury 15.11.17.

Rec'd 21.12.17

23.10.17



LIST No.

HOSPITAL

DATE OF  
ADMISSION

REMARKS

A 45<sup>1</sup> No. 4 Cas. Elg. stat 15-10-17 abdominal injury acc  
lived.



SURNAME.

*Gitrill* (649-5-10190)

CARD NO.

*W*

CHRISTIAN NAMES

*John.*

FOLL.

REGL. NO. *2245330*. RANK *Pte*

UNIT ~~*Quebec Recruiting Depot.*~~ *257<sup>th</sup>*

*Bn.*

FORMER CORPS

*8th. Regt. Royal Rifles.*

NEXT OF KIN.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAMES IN FULL

*Gitrill, James.*

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER

*Uncle.*

ADDRESS

*59 St. Michael St  
Quebec, P. Q.*

*auth for address R. 7071-9-11-17*

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

*Canada, Quebec, P. Q.*

DATE

*May 18th 1875.*

PLACE OF ATTESTATION

*Quebec, P. Q.*

DATE

*Feb. 12th 1917.*

*Trans from Que. Rec. Depot to 257<sup>th</sup> Bn. Auth. 257<sup>th</sup> Bn. S.L. 22-5-17.*



From St John & B Press "Missanabie" 16-2-17

MARRIED

SINGLE *yes.*

WIDOWER

TRADE OR CALLING

*Labourer.*

RELIGION

*Roman Catholic.*

DESCRIPTION.

APPARENT AGE

*42* YEARS

MONTHS

HEIGHT

*5* FEET

*7 1/2* INCHES

CHEST MEASUREMENT

*33* INCHES

EXPANSION

*3* INCHES

COMPLEXION

*Brown.*

EYES

*Brown.*

HAIR

*Brown.*

DISTINGUISHING MARKS

*Nil.*

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

PLACE

*Quebec, P.Q.*

DATE

*Feb. 8th. 1917.*

*Present Address - Quebec, P.Q.*



Name *John* *CATRILL* Rank *Pte*Reg. No. *2245330*Unit *7th Railway Troops*Next of Kin *Canada**R 25-9-2321.**AR*

Date	Movement	Place	Casualty	List No.	Notified N/K O.	W.O. List
<i>1917</i>	<i>4 Cas</i>	<i>Colg str</i>	<i>Abdominal Injury acc:</i>			
	<i>Died</i>	<i>P88116</i>			<i>245</i>	<i>M 6251</i>







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

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

350M.—5-16

H. Q. 1772-39-920.

# Casualty Form—Active Service.

*mt  
17/4/1917*

Unit, Regiment or Corps *257<sup>th</sup> Rail Construction Bn. C. E. F.*

Regimental No. *2245330* Rank *Private* Name *Johri Getrill - GETRILL (D.O. 16/1/16<sup>10</sup>)*

Enlisted (a) *18/12/17* Terms of Service (a) *Warranted 12 months* Service reckons from (a) *FR-2-17*

Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N. C. Os. } *8-*

Extended ..... Re-engaged ..... Qualification (b) *Labourer*

CERTIFIED CORRECT  
 26 JUN 1917  
 CIVIL RECORDS, LONDON

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				
		<i>Embarked</i>	<i>Canada</i>	<i>16 2/17</i>	
		<i>Disembarked</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>27 2/17</i>	
<i>13-3-17</i>	<i>257 Bn</i>	<i>257 Bn now the 11<sup>th</sup> C.R.T.</i>	<i>Purfleet</i>	<i>8.3.17</i>	<i>D6 part II O P 56</i>
<i>29/5/17</i>	<i>A.C.R.T.</i>	<i>Arrived in France</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>29.3.17</i>	<i>Part II O. 94</i>
<i>12/4/17</i>	<i>O.C. Unit</i>	<i>Sentenced to 5 days P. # 2 for When on Active Service:- (1) Drunkenness (2) Absent from afternoon parade</i>		<i>7/4/17</i>	<i>B2069 P II O. # 79 D/9/5/17</i>

*W. B. Lyon*  
 LIEUT.  
 FOR LT: COL: I/C RECORDS, C.O.M.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. [P.T.O.]



Casualty Report - Active Service

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				
23/10/17	4 <sup>th</sup> CRT	Died of Accidental Injury	4 CCS	15/10/17	Pd D.O. 164 (Auth. Rep. 4 CCS to date. Ref PAA C, CAN SEC H 16/27022)
<p><del>Gubbrow</del>            Lieut. for Lt.-Col., A. A. G.            Canadian Section, G. H. Q. 3rd Echelon, B. E. F.</p>					



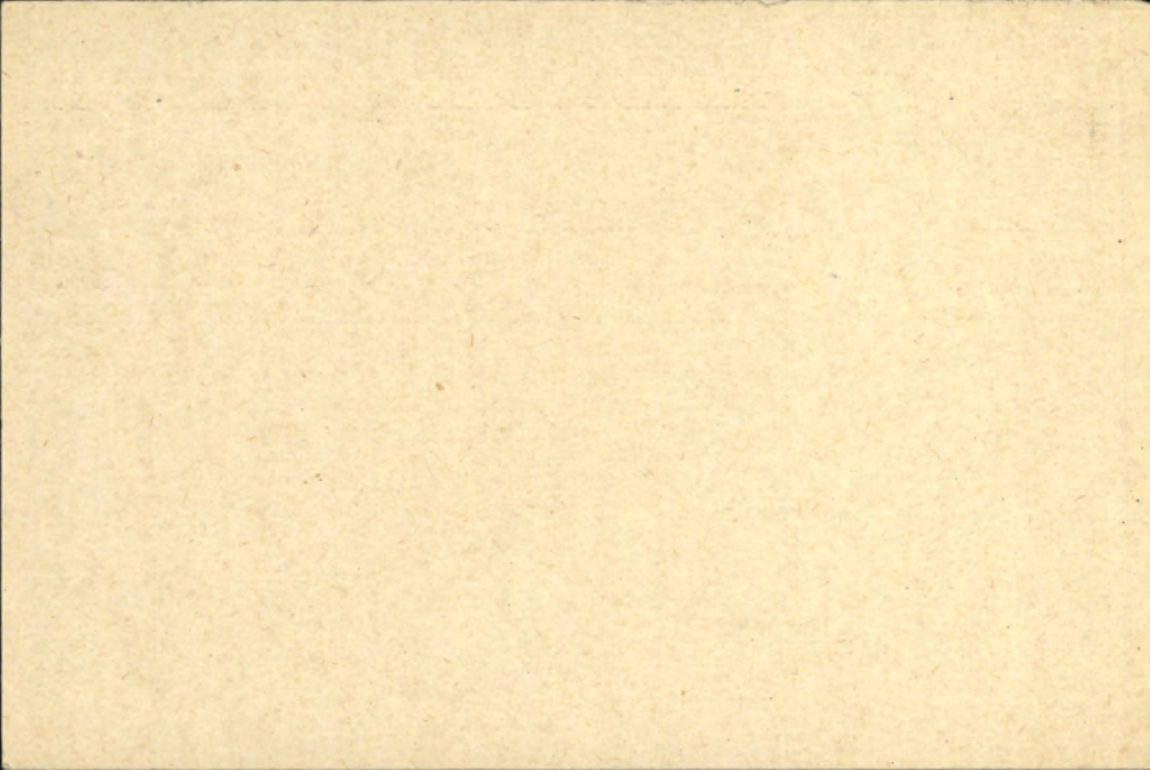
No 2245330 RANK *Pte*

NAME *Gittrill John*

T. O. S. *Trans. Show:* UNIT *Quebec Recruiting Depot.*  
*Comp. Bu. M. D. 5 (12. 2. 17.)*  
*D.O. 35 of 12. 2. 17.*

M. D. *5*

PAID FROM	PAID TO	SIG. OR REC'T	PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, ETC.	
			PARTICULARS	AUTHORITY
<i>1917</i> <i>Feb. 13</i>	<i>1917.</i> <i>Feb. 14</i>	<i>u.</i>	<i>Recruiting for 257th Bu.</i>	
<i>Feb. 15</i>	<i>Feb 28</i>	<i>n.</i>	<i>now shown on 257th Bu.</i>	<i>Fr. et. pay list.</i>





# FORM OF WILL.

I, John Gitrill (Name in full)  
Regimental Number 2445330 serving in \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mr. James Gitrill  
59 St. Michel St.  
Quebec Can. } Name and Address of person or persons to whom it is to go.

absolutely, and my personal estate I bequeath to

Mr. James Gitrill  
59 St. Michel St.  
Quebec Can. } 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 12 day of Feb A. D. 1917

John Gitrill 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.

**THE TWO WITNESSES MUST SIGN HERE**

Signature of First Witness Elie Tabak

Address of Witness 2 B Depot Quebec

Occupation of Witness Regt. Sgt Major

Signature of Second Witness P. Bonasso

Address of Witness A. R. D. Quebec.

Occupation of Witness Lieutenant C. E. F.







# MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET

GITRILL

Surname **GITRILL**

Christian Name **JOHN**

Examined { on **8<sup>th</sup>** day of **Feb.** 191**7**  
at **Quebec Rec. Depot**

Approved by

**Geo. Steward**  
Rank **Captain** M.O.

Birthplace { City or Town **Quebec**  
County **Quebec**

Apparent age **42**

Trade or occupation **Labourer**

Height **5** feet **7 1/2** Inches

Weight **131** lbs.

Chest measurement { Minimum **33** inches  
Maximum expansion **36** inches

Physical development **Good**

Small-pox Marks **W**

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

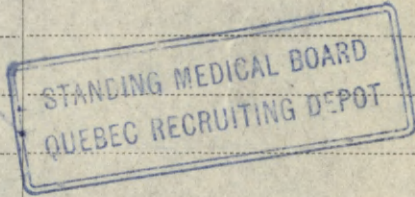
When Vaccinated last **1 month ago**

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease **W**

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection

**Amnesia left.**  
**Remoni' each foot.**

Date	Fit or Unfit	EXAMINED FOR RE-ENGAGEMENT
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.



**Registrator: Capt Geo. Steward**  
**J. B. Peligroni Capt M.O.**

Date	Result	VACCINATIONS
<b>8/2/17</b>		<b>Geo. Steward Captain</b> M.O.
		M.O.
		M.O.

Date	Result	ANTI-TYPHOID INOCULATIONS, ETC.
<b>8/2/17</b>		<b>Geo. Steward Captain</b> M.O.
<b>22/17</b>		<b>W. Steward</b> M.O.
		M.O.

Enlisted on **5<sup>th</sup>** day of **February** 191**7** at **Quebec P.S.**

	CORPS	REG'L NUMBER	HABITS	DATE
Joined on enlistment	<b>G.R.D.</b>	<b>2245330</b>		<b>5-2-17</b>
Transferred to				

## 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.







E.T.

Rank

Name GITRILL, John

Reg'l No 2245330

Unit

257th Battn C.R.T. <sup>If in perm. Corps, }  
What Unit? }</sup>

Married or Single Single.

Place and Date of Enlistment

Quebec. Feb. 8th. 1917.

Place of Birth Quebec. Canada

Name and Address, Next-of-Kin

James Gitrill.

Quebec. Quebec. Canada,

59 St. Michel St.

Relationship Uncle.

Assigned Pay Monthly \$

Payable to

Relationship

Separation Allowance \$

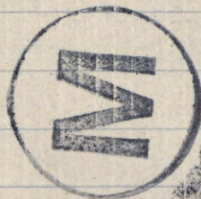
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N/E. R.B. No 1050

File R.L. 25-G-2321

Category Died



Discharge, Date and Place

Reason

Character

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</i>	<i>S. Messanabie</i>	<i>27 FEB 1917</i>	
		13:37 257th Bn. NOW KNOWN AS	7th. Bn. C.R.T. Pt. II. D.O. 56		
<i>24-3-14</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> BRT</i>	<i>Embarked for France</i>	<i>Perlett Field</i>	<i>24-3-14</i>	<i>— 70.</i>
<i>29-5-14</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> BRT</i>	<i>Landed in France</i>	<i>Field.</i>	<i>29-5-14</i>	<i>Pt 4 50 94,</i>
<i>24-10-14</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> BRT CL No 4.</i>	<i>Gas blew Stn Died</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>15-10-14</i>	<i>CL 445 Abdominal Inj</i>
<i>23-10-14</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> BRT</i>	<i>Died of accidental injury</i>		<i>15-10-14</i>	<i>Pt 4 100 164</i>

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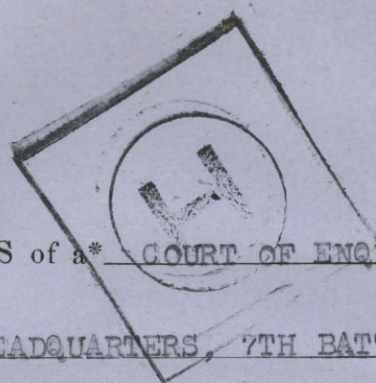












PROCEEDINGS of a COURT OF ENQUIRY

\*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, 7TH BATTALION C.R.T.

(In the Field.)

on the TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1917.

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

by order of OFFICER COMMANDING 7TH BATTALION CANADIAN RAILWAY TROOPS.

for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting on the death of No. 2245330 SAPPER J. GETTRILL, 7TH BATTALION CANADIAN RAILWAY TROOPS (In the Field.).

PRESIDENT.

Captain W.Charles.....7th B'n Can. Rly Troops.

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MEMBERS.

Captain E.L.Miller.....7th B'n Can.Rly Troops.  
Lieut. F.H.Kortright...7th B'n Can.Rly Troops.



IN ATTENDANCE.

The COURT having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to take evidence as follows:-

1st Witness.  
No.684009 Spr  
Cade, R.S.  
7th B'n C.R.T.

On the night of October 15th, 1917, I was proceeding towards Camp from the village of WESTVLETEREN when I heard a French soldier shouting to me - "Un Canadien blesse". I immediately ran over to him and he informed me in french, that a Canadian soldier had been run over by a lorry and was now in a nearby Dressing Station. I went to the Dressing Station to which the French soldier directed me and saw SAPPER GETTRILL on a stretcher in there. I was unable to learn the extent of his injuries and I immediately returned to Camp and reported



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*R. S. Cade Sp9*

2nd Witness.  
No. 2188440  
SERGEANT A.N.  
MACDONALD,  
7th B'n C.R.T.

On the morning of October 17th, 1917, I proceeded to the Dressing Station to verify the report of SAPPER CADE, J., No. 684009, regarding the accident to SAPPER GETTRILL, J. No. 2245330.

I learned that SAPPER GETTRILL, J., No. 2245330, had been admitted on October 15th, 1917, suffering from injuries to the wrist and head and was taking convulsions. He was later transferred to the No. 4 Casualty Clearing Station, where I was told that he had died and was buried.

*A. N. McDonald Sgt*

Exhibit "A".-

Diagnosis of SAPPER GETTRILL, J., No. 2245330, 7th B'n C.R.T., case from Dressing Station where first admitted. Marked "A" and attached hereto.

Exhibit "B".-

Death Certificate received from No. 4 Casualty Clearing Station. Marked "B" and attached hereto.

FINDING:-

HAVING CONSIDERED THE EVIDENCE AS SET FORTH WITHIN THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:-

- (1) THAT No. 2245330 Sapper J. GETTRILL, 7th Battalion Canadian Railway Troops, DIED FROM INJURIES ACCIDENTALLY SUSTAINED ON THE NIGHT OF THE 15TH OCTOBER, 1917.
- (ii) THAT THE EVIDENCE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO DECLARE BLAME ON ANY PERSON OR PERSONS.

PRESIDENT:-

*William Chalce*  
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Captain, 7th B'n CRT.

MEMBERS:-

*E. L. Miller*  
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Captain, 7th B'n CRT.

*Atkinson*  
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Lieut., 7th B'n CRT.

In the Field.,  
29th Nov., 1917.

APPROVED:-

*E. Meredith*  
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Major,  
for O.C. 7th Battalion C.R.T.







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COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE.

Corps.	Unit.	Regtl. No.	Rank.	Name.	Date of Admission.	Nature of disease or wound.	Date of	
							Death.	Discharge.
	7th B'n Canadian Railway Troops.	2245330	Spr	Gettrill, J.	15-10-17.	Abdominal Injury.	15-10-17.	

Transfer.	Discharges. Remarks.	Transfers. (whether transf'd and remarks.)
<del>15-10-17.</del>	Interred in British Cemetery at DOZINGHAM.	

(Sgd) ? 1799

Lieut.-Col., C.A.M.C.  
O.C. No. 4 C.C.S.



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Copy of translation, of diagnosis  
re No. 2245330 Spr J. Gettrill, 7th  
Battalion Canadian Railway Troops.

Violent contusions by accident,-  
Wounds of the scalp; Right Hand and Wrist;  
Wound on lower abdominal region of Right  
side of body.

Arrived at the Ambulance at  
8.00 oclock; brought by an Hospital Attendant.

Evacuated immediately after  
dressing to H.O.F. Casualty.



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