

Edens, J. H. ~~Sept~~ 0-83

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In the Supreme Court of Newfoundland.

Be it known that on the 2nd day of December
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen
Letters of Administration of all and singular the estate and effects of
John Francis Edens.

late of *St John's* in the Electoral District of *St John's East*
in the Island of Newfoundland *Volunteer*, deceased,
who died on or about the 20th day of November, in the
year of our Lord ~~one~~ thousand nine hundred and seventeen at
France

intestate, were granted by the said Supreme Court to

Thomas J. Edens. St John's. Aforesaid.

He having first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same by paying
the just debts of the said intestate, and distributing the residue (if any) of *his*
estate and effects according to law and to exhibit a true and perfect Inventory of all
and singular the said estate and effects, and render a just and true account thereof
whenever required by law so to do

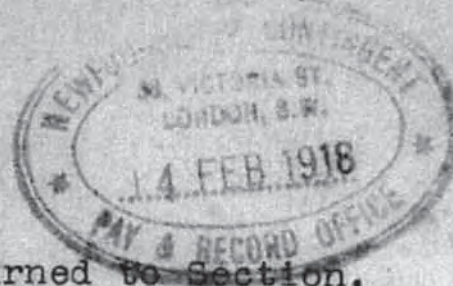
Charles H. Innes,
Registrar.



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(Royal)

NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT



CASUALTIES.

2090.A. returned to Section.

Amended report.

<u>Rank and Name</u>	<u>Casualty.</u>	<u>By whom Rep.</u>	<u>Prev. Rep. Casty</u>
Lieut. EDENS, J.F.	Killed in Action or Died of wounds, 20/11/17.	Burial Report, No.12527. Rep.by Rev.W.Keary attd 17th F.A. 22/11/17, G.6735.	Cancel previous Rept. of wounded C.1396.

G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,
B.E.F.,
14/12/17.

See Memo d/- 25/12/17.

(Sgd) Z. Weary, 2nd Lt. for Major
Officer i/c No.1 Infantry Section.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

DUPLICATE MAIL COPY
N.F. 930
Regd.

Statement of Account of **Late Lt. J. F. Edens,**
From **27/10/17** to **23/11/17 (28 days)** (both days inclusive)
Ledger Folio No. **Died of Wounds 20/11/17**

Date	Particulars	No. of Days	Rate per Day	Amount		Dr.			Cr.			
				\$	c.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
	Cr.											
	Balance from last a/c											
	Pay	28	2 00	56	00							
	Field Allowance	28	60	16	80							
	Mess " 27/10/17-20/11/17	25	4/-							5	0 0	
	@ \$ 4.86½ ...		\$	72	80					14	19 2	
	Dr.											
	Balance from last a/c											
23 Nov 17	Deposit BANK OF MONTREAL, WATERLOO PLACE, LONDON, S.W.							20	11	2		
				Totals		£	20	11	2	19	19	2
				Debit Balance								12 0
				Credit "								
				Checked by <i>[Signature]</i>		£	20	11	2	19	11	2

PAY & RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.,

5th June 1918

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

(To correspond with Entries on the Medical History Sheet.)
Applicable to all ranks.

Reg. No. 883

Name John Francis Joseph Edens

Apparent age 19 years _____ months. Height 5 feet 10 inches.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded _____ inches.
Range of expansion _____ inches.

Distinctive marks Color: Light, Hair: Dark Brown, Eyes: Gray

Other distinguishing marks: Scar over left eye

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin T.J. Edens, 39 Queens Rd., St. Johns

Relationship Father

Particulars as to Marriage.

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.
(c) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries.
					years days	years days	years days	years days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>4/1/15</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>4th January '15</u>									
<u>Promoted to 2nd Lieut 9/19/15</u>									
<u>2nd Lieut 27/11/15</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days									
" " " Pension " " (") " " "									

In replying the date of this
letter should be quoted.



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

13 February, 1919.

4005

Dear Sir,

Re. the estate of Lieut. John Edens decd.

Can you tell me if the amount due the Administrator in this estate has yet been paid? I understand it has not. Can you tell me what is the cause of the delay? It is now over a fortnight since you assured me over the 'phone that the mistake which had been made would be rectified, and the amount sent to the Administrator. Would you kindly give this your immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

J. P. Summers
Deputy Minister of Justice.

*Copy sent on
Feb. 4th 1919.*

Capt. J. M. Howley,

Paymaster,

Dept. of Militia.

To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Edrus OF Christian Name John Francis

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish St Johns County _____

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>2</u> day of <u>Dec</u> 19 <u>15</u>	on _____ day of _____ 19 <u>1</u>	at <u>St Johns</u>	at _____
Declared Age	<u>18</u> years	_____ years	_____ days	_____ days
Trade or Occupation	<u>Bank clerk</u>		_____	_____
Height	<u>5</u> feet <u>10</u> inches	_____ feet _____ inches	_____ feet _____ inches	_____ feet _____ inches
Weight	<u>134</u> lbs.		_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>30 1/2</u> inches		_____ inches	_____ inches
	Range of expansion... <u>35</u> inches		_____ inches	_____ inches
Physical Development	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vaccination Marks	Arm	_____	_____	_____
	Number	_____	_____	_____
When Vaccinated	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vision	R. E.—V= <u>1910</u>	_____	R. E.—V=_____	_____
	L. E.—V=_____	_____	L. E.—V=_____	_____
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)	_____	(a)	_____
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	(b)	_____	(b)	_____
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Dickson</u>		_____	_____
(Rank)	<u>Capt.</u>		_____	_____
	Medical Officer.		_____	Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at <u>St Johns</u>	at _____	on <u>4</u> day of <u>Jan</u> 19 <u>15</u>	on _____ day of _____ 19 <u>1</u>
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No. <u>883</u>	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Transferred to	_____	_____	_____	_____
Became non-effective by	_____	_____	_____	_____
(Signature)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(Rank)	_____	_____	_____	_____

Table II.—Only for admissions to hospital or to the sick list in the case of

Name of Hospital.	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number Days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature, syphilis, admissions and re-admission of treatment out of hospital
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year			
<i>At Home</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>1918</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>1918</i>	<i>Appendicitis</i>		

the sick list in the case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters

Remarks bearing on the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of future use. In cases of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, &c., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.

Signature of Medical Officer

L. Paterson Capt.

Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.: Examinations for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or Prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical Appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
	<p>T.V. <u>2</u></p> <p>bw V. <u>2</u></p> <p>Vacc.</p> <p>Fit for Foreign Service</p>

TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.

Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation.	Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation
Lt. John W. F. L.					

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

SEP 16
7:30 PM
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MADE IN
NEWFOUNDLAND
GOODS

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

The Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

Sept. 14

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1921



I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. Rank
Name John Francis Edens
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Walter W. Edens (Sgd.)
mother Relationship.

Address 39 Queen's Road
St. John's Nfld

SEP 8 1951

The accompanying Victory Medal and or British War Medal

is forwarded herewith to

Fold Here

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

Fold Here

REFERENCE

DATE

SIGNATURE

1951

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SEP 9 1921
1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mrs. T.J. Edens (Mother)

in respect of his service as No. _____ Rank Lieut.

Name John F2 Edens Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received *[Signature]*

Signature *[Signature]*

Date Sept 14/21

Address 39 Guelph St

[P.T.O.]

Jan 27th 1922

C.R. 0-83

Dear Sir

Accept my sincere
thanks for copies of
photos of my son John's
grave

Gratefully Yours
Margaret - W. Edens

C.R. 0-83

39 Green Road
Wob 12th
1921

My dear Colonel Wendell

I have just found
to my dismay that an ac-
-knowledgment of the photos of
my son's service was through
some mistake never been
posted to you.

Accept my sincere regrets &
my thanks for the photos
which I think it is unnecessary
to assure you I prize

Very much
Sincerely yours
W. Wendell

King's message. It will
will be retained as a
memento of the saddest
but proudest days of
our lives.

I would ask you to under-
stand that the delay in
answering is entirely due
to Mr. Edens illness.

Sincerely yours

W. W. Edens

C.R. 0-83

39 Green Road

Feb 21st 1920



Dear Colonel Wendell

I wish to acknowledge
with many thanks your letter
of Dec 28th to Mr. Edens
which seems to have escaped
his notice.

It is unnecessary for me
to assure you how very
much we appreciate the
Memorial Scroll & the

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FIELD SERVICE.

REPORT of Death of an Officer to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT or CORPS } Newfoundland. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } _____

Rank 2nd Lieutenant.

Name Edens, J.F.

DIED { By whom reported Burial report No. 12527. Burial Reg. Coy, atts 17A.
Date of Death on or about 20/11/17.
Place or Hospital France.
Cause of Death Killed in Action or Died of Wounds received in Action.
Place of Burial _____

State whether he leaves a will or not } Unknown.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base. J. Henry. 2nd Lt. for Major, Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.

Station and Date G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon, B.E.F. 14/12/17.

C.R. 0-83

John F.J.Edens. was attested for General service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on Jan.4th.1915.....
Regimental No 883 was allotted to Pte. J.F.J.Edens.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th. 1919.

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Extract from Daily Orders part II, Unit the Royal Wfld.
Regiment, from 3rd. Echelon B.E.F. dated 6/1/17.

#2/Lieut. J. Edens.

Leave to England granted from 22.12.16 - 1.1.17.

C.R. 0-83

Extract from Orders by Major G.F. Mathias, D.S.O.
Commanding 1st Batta. Royal Wfld. Regt. 15-8-18.

The following officer joined the battalion on 14th inst,
and is posted to the following Coy.

2nd Lieut. Edens.

B. Coy.

C.R. 0-83

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS DAY RECEIVED
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA, (TEMPORARY)
IMPERIAL COMMISSION, ISSUED TO THE LATE LIEUT.

J.F. EDENS

DATE. *Nov 26/18*.....

SIGNED.....*J.F. Edens*

C.R. 0-83

Nov. 21st, 18

T. J. Edens, Esq.,
Queen's Road
C I T Y

Dear Mr. Edens:-

I am forwarding to you herewith the temporary Imperial Commission issued to your son, the late Lieut. John F. Edens, which has just been received from the Record Office, London.

Attached herewith is receipt; will you kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience?

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

C.R. 0-83

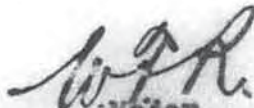
March 8th, 1918.

T.J.Edens, Esq.,
Queens Road.

Sir:-

With reference to a telegram that was forwarded to the Record Office, on the 15th January, at your request asking that the effects of the late Lieut. John Edens, be handed to 2/Lieut. Francis Edens and also that you desired that Francis should forward you any little personal effect. I have the honour by direction to inform you that the Record Office, now reports that Lieut. F. Edens called at that office on 24th January, and was shown a copy of this message. He has now taken over his late brother's effects as authorized by you.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,


Major,
Chief Staff Officer.

WFR/JMP.

C.R. 0-83

Extrac

Copy of Telegram respatched to Synoptical, London,
dated January 15, 1918.

Parents Lieut John Edens ~~and~~ request his effects be handed
over to Lieut. Francis Edens . Inform Francis his parents
desire to have any little personal effects of John
and tell him to send them home by some reliable
officer or man being repatriated.

Cables and Telegrams :
"SYNOPTICAL," London.

Telephone :
VICTORIA 147.

Communications to be addressed to the
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS,
and the following No. quoted :

N. F. P/38A.

DUPLICATE.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 1277/55/Ests. **C.R. 0-83**

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,
56, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

To **The Hon. the Min. of Militia,**
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

25th January 1918

SUBJECT :

**Estates & Effects,
2/Lt. J. F. Edens,**

Reference Nos.

REPLY

Dated **March 7th** 1918

Please return **ORIGINAL** and retain **DUPLICATE.**

With reference to your telegram
15/1/18 (611)

"Synoptical.
"Parents-Lieut-John-Edens- request
"that-his-effects-be-handed-
"over-to-2/Lt-Francis-Edens-
"Please-inform-Francis-his-father
"desires-to-have-any-little-per-
"sonal-effects-of-John-instruct-
"him-to-send-them-home-by-some-
"Officer-reliable-man-being-
"repatriated-
"Military".

2/Lt. Francis Edens called
yesterday, and was shown a copy of
the above message. He has now
taken over his late brother's
effects, as authorised by deceased
Officer's Father.

Noted.



Acting Minister of Militia,



Major,
Chief Paymaster & O.I/O Records.

FM/S

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Sheet H



FOR INFORMATION ONLY. NOT TO BE COMMUNICATED OUTSIDE THE WAR OFFICE.

G.H.Q. List No. 1215.

Casualties in the Expeditionary Force, reported from General Headquarters, 30th December, 1917.

ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

2nd Lieut. H. E. Galer. RFA. (SR). & RFC. Missing 29.12.17.
19 Sqn.

2nd Lieut. D. L. Christie. Gen. List & RFC, 3 Sqn. Wounded 29.12.17.

7th NORFOLKS.

2nd Lieut. W. Kemp. (Not in A.L.). Wounded (S. Shock) 30.11.17.

58th CANADIAN INFANTRY BN.

Capt. W. A. P. Durie. Killed in Action 29.12.17.

2nd BDE. (4th BN), 1st PORTUGUESE DIV.

2nd Lieut. A. Dos Santos Indios. Wounded 29.12.17.

4th att. 10th D. C. L. I.

Lieut. A. L. Norton. Wounded 28.12.17.

7th YORKS.

2nd Lieut. J. Goodway. Killed in Action 28.12.17.

7th LINGS.

2nd Lieut. T. M. Sharp. Wounded 28.12.17.

4th S. STAFFS.

2nd Lieut. F. G. Dolman. Wounded 28.12.17.

12th SUFFOLKS.

Lieut. F. W. Leeman. Wounded 28.12.17.

93rd ARMY BDE. RFA.

2nd Lieut. L. Godfrey. (Not in A.L.). Wounded 25.12.17.

298th ARMY BDE. RFA.

2nd Lieut. F. E. Fulford. Wounded 23.9.17.

17th NORTH'D. FUS.

Capt. R. M. Lakeman. (R.E. att.). Wounded 28.12.17.

2/10th LONDON REGT.

Capt. R. Pattison. Killed in Action 27.12.17.

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

2nd Lieut. S. M. Brown. Wounded 28.12.17.

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G.H.Q. List No. 1215 (Contd.).

2.

1st WORCESTER REGT.

2nd Lt. J.W. Demaine Wounded 27.12.17.

Capt. C.T. Rippingham Wounded (Gas) 27.12.17.

2nd E.LANC. REGT.

2nd Lt. E. C. Irish Killed in action 27.12.17.

2nd NORTHANTS. REGT.

2nd Lt. G.H. Martin. Killed in action 27.12.17.

Lieut. O.P. Murray Wounded 27.12.17.

1/5th YORKSHIRE REGT.

Lieut. F.Green. Wounded 28.12.17. (since died).

247th MACHINE GUN COY.

2nd Lt. F.Reeves. Wounded 29.12.17.

2nd ROYAL FUSRS.

2nd Lt. J.R. Horne-Payne. Wounded 25.11.17.

7th AUST. BATTN

Lieut. E.W. Hill. Wounded 28.12.17. (G. a).

AUS. FIELD ARTY.

2nd Lt. J.P. Leattie. Wounded (Gas) 27.12.17.

R.E. 432 FIELD COY.

2nd Lt. J. Owens. Wounded 16.11.17. (shell shock).

2nd N.Z.M.G. COY.

2nd Lt. W.G. Hastie. Wounded 28.12.17.

3rd AUCKLAND BN.

2nd Lt. A.Loric. Killed in action 28.12.17.

96th MACHINE GUN COY.

2nd Lt. R.H.L.Griffith Wounded 2.12.17. (shell-shock).

R.E. DIVNL. SIGNAL COY.

2nd Lt. J.E. Ridley Wounded 28.12.17.

R.G.A.

2nd Lt. H.M. Stidston. Wounded 24.12.17. (accidentally).

G.H.Q. List No. 1215. (Contd.)8th K.R.R.C.

Capt. R.S.B. Chambers, Killed in action 22.12.17.

2/Lieut. D.J. Simpson, Wounded 25.12.17.

2nd Wiltshire REGT.

2/Lieut. G.V.W. Carter, Wounded (Shell shock) 26.9.17.

1/4th NORTH'D. FUSERS.

2/Lieut. J.C. Napier, Wounded at duty 28.12.17.

1/5th YORKSHIRE REGT.

Lieut. F.G. Danby, Killed in action 28.12.17.

2/Lieut. W.H. Coles, Killed in action 28.12.17.

CANADIAN ENGRS.

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12th K.R.R.C.

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16th MANCHESTER REGT.

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17th MANCHESTER REGT.

2/Lieut. K. Yorke-Jones, Killed in action 26.12.17.

2/Lieut. P. Ward, Killed in action 27.12.17.

2/Lieut. G.F.H. Harker, Wounded 26.12.17.

ROYAL FLD. ARTY.

Lieut. J.A.S. Purvis, Wounded 27.12.17.

ROYAL GARR. ARTY.

Major W.A. Blythe, MC. Wounded 6.12.17.

2/5 L'FOOL REGT.

2/Lieut. J.S.S. Mann, Wounded 27.12.17.

Lieut. G.W. Wood, Wounded 27.12.17. (5th B. Lancs. R. attd.)

12th AUS. BTH.

Lieut. J.A. Campbell, Killed in action 28.12.17.

Capt. W.A. Connell, Wounded 28.12.17. Died of wounds.

Lieut. P.T. Miller, Wounded 28.12.17.

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Lieut. P.T. Miller, Wounded 28.12.17.

"F" ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY.

Lieut. E.B. Atkinson. R.F.A., S.R., Wounded 27.12.17.

NOTICES.

1. Lieut. D.G. Barnett, R.F.A., (S.R.) and R.F.C. 22 Squadron shown as Missing in the List 1214 is now reported Wounded and not Missing.
 2. For 2nd Lt. A.E. Fryer, and 2nd Lt. E.H. Jones, 3rd Worcester Regt. Wounded (List 1212), read Missing, and not Wounded.
 3. 2nd Lt. H.M. Stidston, R.G.A., reported Wounded (accidentally) on page 2 GHQ 1215; is now reported Not Wounded.
 4. 2nd Lt. J.W. Watts, 86th Trench Mortar Batty. (2nd Royal Fus. & ttd.) reported Wounded in List No. 1180 is now reported Not Wounded.
 5. Lieut. P.T. Miller, 12th Aust. Batty, reported Wounded on page 3 List No. 1215 is now reported Killed 23.12.17.
 6. 2nd Lt. F.W. Gavin, 1/9 High L.I., reported Wounded (at duty) 26.9.17. in List No. 1131. should read Wounded (Shell Shock)
 7. Lieut. J.F. Edens, 1st Newfoundland Regt., reported Wounded 21.11.17. in List No. 1179 is now reported Killed.
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3. 2nd Lt. W.G. Moncur, 11th Royal Scots, reported Missing in List No. 1212, now reported Wounded and Missing 25.12.17

War Office,

1st January, 1918.

C/R

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 14570/243/G.

C.R. 0-83

From

PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

55, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

27th December, 1917.

HT/NWV

To
The Hon. the Minister of
Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.SUBJECT: CASUALTIES:
LIEUT. JOHN EDENS.REPLY
January 19, 1918

8

Dated

191

Reference Nos.

This being a case of unique aspects, it may be advisable to make special reference thereto and to review telegrams sent to you, please:
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Reference your telegrams 29/11/17, 4/12/17, 7/12/17:

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10/12/17 - Cpts. Tait & Paterson on short leave Dec. 10 report Lt. John Edens wounded Nov. 20 taken by Stretcher bearers Nfld Regt. same day to Aid Post Kings Royal Rifle Corps, 20th Div. no particulars received to Des. 6 as to his subsequent movements enquiries being made unceasingly through A.D.M.S. 29th Div. and every conceivable source.

13/12/17 - O.C. 1st Bn. states Dec. 7 Lt. Edens wounded Nov. 20 traced to main corps rest station Sorrel up to date no further trace can be found full enquiries being made.

This case seems also uncertain in view of the lack of definite information that the relatives of Lieut. Edens made repeated requests for this department to send cables for further news. It is appreciated that in this as in every case information received by your office is immediately telegraphed to this department.

Acting Minister of Militia.

15/12/17 - 2140 L/O. Jones on short leave states Dec. 15 he bandaged Lt. John Edens Nov. 20. S.W. side looked severe full stop Edens not accounted for but everything possible being done ascertain further particulars.

16/12/17 - Following from D.A.G. 3rd Echelon dated Dec. 15 begins Lt. John Edens believed buried by 8th Div. Nov. 20 enquires proceeding ends.

17/12/17 - Killed in action or died of wounds Nov. 20 Lt. John Edens authority burial report Nov. 20 by Rev. W. Keary attached 17th Field Ambulance forwarded on: Daily Orders 3rd Echelon dated Dec. 15th.

PAY & RECORD OFFICE

25, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, E.C.

BT/WA

SUBJECT:

Reference Nos.

In addition to your telegrams some 28 enquiries by telegraph and otherwise have been received from various sources in the U.K.

Also at the special request of Sir Edward Morris the following telegram was sent to O.C. 1st Bn.:

"Lieut. John Edens reported wounded 21st Nov. no particulars yet received can you say where and how he is."

Inquiries per telegram to France are discontinued if not forbidden, as the strain on the telegraph lines are abnormal, and obviously if individual enquiries were allowed the wires would be going continuously to the exclusion of strategic and administration messages.

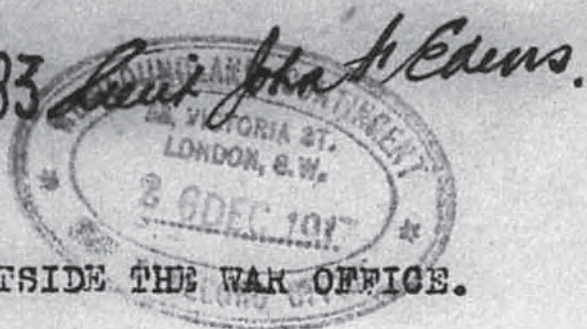
All information from whatever source, was telegraphed to you immediately upon receipt at this Office, as customary.

J. J. Anderson

Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

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3282 C.R.083



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X.66242.

Telegram from D.A.G. Base Rouen dated 23rd Dec.17. (No.XA.512).
Received 21 Dec.17.

KILLED IN ACTION or DIED OF WOUNDS ON or SHORTLY AFTER 20.11.17.

Lieut. J.F. Edens, 1/Newfoundland, reported wounded 20.11.17.
now rptd. as above

War Office,

23rd December, 1917.

C.R. 053 Lieut. J.F. Edens

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated December 20, 1917.

Statement of #2149 L/Cpl. F.A. Janes, with regard
to Lieutenant J.F. Edens; ✓

"Lieut. Edens was wounded in the side by
a bullet. His wound was dressed and he was
taken by "D" Co. Stretcher Bearers who,
I understand, handed him over to the M.O.
of the King's Royal Rifles.

Made to 2/Lieut. H.A. Anderson. Pay & Record
Office, 15/12/17.

C.R.

Lieut. J. F. Edens
List No. 144

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

The following Casualty in the 1/1st Newfoundland Regiment, with
the British Expeditionary Force, is reported:

OFFICER

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED
now REPORTED DIED OF WOUNDS.

Edens, Lieut. J. F.

M

December 17, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I regret to inform you that the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to-day reports your son, Lieut. John F. Edens, killed in action, or died of wounds, on November 20th. The authority for this report is Burial Report, of date November 22nd, by Rev. W. Keary, attached 17th Field Ambulance, forwarded on Daily Orders, 3rd Echelon, dated 15th December.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Thomas J. Edens,
Queens Rd.

C.R. 083

Extract of Casualty Dist received from P.&.R.O.

December 17th. 1917.

Copy of Telegram from D.A.G. Base, France to Synoptical
received London 10 am. 16/12/17. ✓

Xa 485 15 as a Lieut John Edens Newfoundland Regiment
believed buried by 6th Division 20/11/17 enquiries
proceeding.

C.R. 0-83

Extract of Casualty list received December 17, 1917.

LIEUT. JOHN F. EDENS.

Killed in Action or died of Wounds November 20th

Authority:- Burial Report, November 22nd, by Rev. W. Keary
attached 17th Field Ambulance, forwarded on Daily Orders.
3rd Echelon, Dated December 15th.

R.

0-83

Copy of Telegram received from Pay & Record Office,
London dated December 16, 1917.

Following from Deputy Adjutant General, 3rd Echelon
dated 15th December, (begins) - Lieut. John Edes
believed buried by 6th Division, 20th November.
Enquiries proceeding(ends).

Copy of Telegram received from Pay & Record Office
London dated December 16, 1917.

2149 L/Corp. James on short leave states 15th December
that he bandaged Lieut. John Edens (or) 20th November
G.S.W. side looked severe. Edens still not accounted for,
~~but~~ everything possible being done to ascertain further
particulars.

C.R. 1-83

Extract from Casualties received from Pay & Record
Office, London, Dec. 13, 1917.

Lieut. J.F. EDENS.

Was wounded on Nov. 20 and has been traced to the Main Corps
Rest Station, Sorrel, up to date (7-12-17) no further trace
has been found of him. Full enquiries are being made.

M.M.

C.R. 083

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record Office,
London, dated December 10, 1917.

Lieutenant J.F. Edens. ✓

Wounded 20/11/17, taken by stretcher bearers of Newfoundland

Regiment ~~to~~ same day to Aid Post of K.R.R. 20th Division.

No particulars received up to 6/12/17 as to his subsequent
movements. Enquiries being made by the Regiment in France
unceasingly through the ~~Regiment~~ A.D.M.S. 29th Division.

C.R. 0.83

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Record

Office, London, dated December 10, 1917.

Copy of telegram from O.C., 1st Battalion, Newfoundland

Regiment, to P.& R.O. Nfld. Contingent, London, received

11 a.m.. Sunday 9/12/17:

"N1735-8- aaa- Edens- wounded- 20th- and- admitted

Hospital- but- further- trace- lost- enquires- being

made- .Commanding-Newfoundland-"

C.R. 0-83

Ext. of Telegram received from London dated December 8, 1917.
In answer to your telegram November 29th, No. 215, and Dec 4th,
No. 224 and Dec 7th, No. 233.

all efforts failed to ascertain information with regards
to:

LIEUTENANT JOHN EDENS:

Latest advise:- begins "wounded November 20th, no further
information available Dep. Adj. General Casualties Base."
Will telegraph on receipt of news also with regards to any other
outstanding enquires.

28th Nov., 1917.

*Dear**Sir,*

I regret to have to inform you that a report has this day been received from the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that
Lieut. John F. Edens was wounded on November 21st, no particulars given.

I trust that later reports will bring news of his convalescence.

Any further information received at this Office as to his condition will be at once notified to you.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr. Thos. Edens,
39 Queens Road**

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 0-83

Lieutenant John F. Edebs.-----

Extract of Casualty list received November 28th, 1917.

Wounded November 21 (No particulars given).

C.R. 0-83

No. 535.

Copy of "Telegram" to Major Timewell.
sent 18th May, 1917.

Your "Telegram" 16th May (No. 1163)

Commission approved in order accordance to amend list
dated May 18th.

EDENS.

C.R. 0-83

Extract of Daily Orders part 11, from Unit Newfoundland
Regiment, 3rd Echelon.G.H.Q., May 19, 1917.

2/Lieut. J.F.Edens.

Promoted Lieut. to date from 27/11/16

✓

C.R. 0-83

Extract from "MOVEMENT" from Pay & Record Office, dated
5th June, 1918.

The following officers passed through London (Under Orders
for B.E.F., leaving England 5/6/16.

2/Lt. J. F. Edens.

BC.

C.R. 0-83

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft proceeding to B.E.F.
on or about the 8th April 1916.

2/Lieut. J. Edens.

C.R.

0-83

Extract from Nominal Roll ~~ROYAL~~ Nfld. Regt. Draft
No.4. from 2nd Bn., to 1st Bn., B.E.F. Embarked 8-4-16

2/Lty J. Edens.

Conducting Officer.

PROMOTION.

Extract of Regimental Orders, dated Dec. 14, 1915.

Lieut. Col. Comdg. has approved the following promotion.

Sergt. J.F. Edens. ✓

To be 2nd, Lieutenants, to date from Nov. 27, 1915.

C.R. 0-83

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's, for Overseas,
per S.S. "Stephano" April 22, 1915.

883 Pte. Edens J.F.

Lt. J. F. J. Edens

C.R. 0-83

P. & R. O.



N. F. L. D. DEPÔT,
NEWTON-ON-AYR,
SCOTLAND.

April 5th 1916.

Dear Captain Finewell,
I am very sorry to
trouble you, knowing how
busy you must be, but it is
a small thing, I want to
ask of you. I have been detailed
to take a draft over to France
on Saturday morning, and
although I shall probably be
coming back again when I
hand them over, still I have to
equip myself in the usual
way, and the expense is
unexpected. So I wanted to know
whether you would place the
90 days' field allowance in the
bank to my credit, and also
if you could put my pay which
will be due in about a week

to my credit also. If you could
wire back whether this favour
could be given me and charge
the cost of telegram to me, I should
feel deeply grateful. You might
wire as soon as you get the
letter if you could because I
have a few bills I should like
to pay up before I go, and as I
am leaving father day
morning, I would like to know
whether you could do it for
me. I asked the Adjutant and
he said that he was not quite
sure, but to write you myself
and perhaps you could
oblige me. I'd like to have a
wire as soon as possible

I remain

Yours truly,

Wm. F. Edens
Maj. Gen.

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.



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TO { Synoptical Ldn

Please forward web equipment immediately
urgent.

Edens

101 N. WOLFENDLAND ROAD
PAID & RECORD OFFICE
1096
APR 5 1916
File No.

Ordered } 5/4/16
Fortham & Mason }

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TO { 2/Lieut. Edens
Newfoundland

Sender's Number 54. Day of Month Apr. 7, 1916. In reply to Number AAA

91 days field Allowance deposited
 your bankers today further advances
 subject to authority of O.C.
 Synoptical.

*Confirmed 8/4/16
 memo 1293/1*

From _____
 Place _____
 Time _____

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

 Genl. Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name

* This line should be erased if not required.

8, April, 6.

1293/1.

2/Lieut. J. F. Edens,

2/1 Newfoundland Regiment,

Newton-on-Ayr, Scotland.

Pay & Allowances.

Referring to your letter 5/4/16, I confirm telegram
in reply:-

"2/Lieut. Edens, Newfoundland, Ayr.

"54- Apr.7, 1916- 91 days field allowance deposited

"your bankers today further advances subject to

"authority of O.C.

Synoptical."

I am afraid this is as much as can be done, having
regard to the circular letter which was posted to all
Officers as a result of references with both C.O.'s.
Any further advances therefore must come under item (c)
of the circular letter referred to.

Capt.

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.



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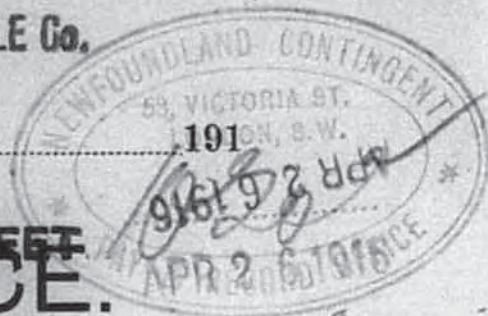
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26 APR 1916

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34, VICTORIA STREET

OFFICIAL ADVICE.

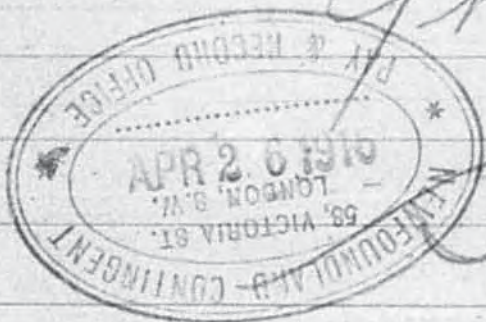


To

Synoptical

Cable nr 9/25 please read

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W. Johnson

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Date, _____

25 APR 1916

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RECORD OFFICE
 APR 25 1916
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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

PAY & RECORD OFFICE, 58, VICTORIA ST., LONDON, S.W.

CABLEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM Colonial Secretary REGd. NO. 1318
 RECEIVED: DATE 25.4.16. TIME 5.48 pm. NO. of WORDS 14
 DECODED BY J. Anderson CHECKED BY J. Anderson
 SUBJECT Lieut. Edens' missing missives
 ACKNOWLEDGED PER _____ NO. _____ DATE _____

CABLE WORD	MESSAGE
FOSTERDAM ✓	friend of ✓
LARDCOOLER ✓	Lieutenant ✓
John Edens	
HEARTSOME ✓	has not ✓
received letters	
MOONRAYS ✓	for 3 months. ✓
x. TERMAVOS ✓	where is, <u>are</u>
INDUCTIONS ✓	inform him <u>that</u> ✓
REMUDADO ✓	telegraph reply with least possible delay. ✓
CHORHOUSE ✓	Colonial Secretary ✓
	x. First given as "TERMAVOS" Repeated ^{to cable} 26/4/16 "TERMAVOS" Presumably: "TORMAVOS"

G.B.

St. Johns

Aug 8th 1916

My dear Capt. Timewell

As my son has been transferred to the Royal Flying Corps I am rather at a loss as to how to address his letters until we will have had a definite address from him. Mr. J. M. Bennett suggests sending them to you & asking you to send them to him -

If you can do so it will greatly
Oblige

Yours sincerely

Maggie M. Edens

Address Mrs. T. J. Edens

P.O. 1282

St. Johns

Newfoundland

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PAY & RECORD OFFICE
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TO

Newfoundland Pay & Record Office
58 Victoria St Ldn

If calls tell him to where he will be for the next week
Lieutenant John Edins

L. A. Edins
Communicated to Lt. John Edins



Telephone :
VICTORIA 147.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Communications to be addressed to the
CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/O RECORDS,
and the following No. quoted :

MEMORANDUM.

No. 1277/56/Eats.

From
PAY AND RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.
25th January 1918

To The Hon. the Min. of Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

SUBJECT :

Estates & Effects,
2/Lt. J. F. Edens,

Reference Nos.

REPLY

Dated March 7th 1918

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

With reference to your telegram
15/1/18 (611)

"Synoptical.
"Parents-Lieut-John-Edens- request
"that-his-effects-be-handed-
"over to-2/Lt-Francis-Edens-
"Please-inform-Francis-his-father
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"him-to-send-them-home-by-some-
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"repatriated-
Military".

Noted.

W. J. Russell
Major
C.S.O.

Acting Minister of Militia.

2/Lt. Francis Edens called
yesterday, and was shown a copy of
the above message. He has now
taken over his late brother's
effects, as authorised by deceased
Officer's Father.

W. D. Murray
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O.i/o Records.

FM/S

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.	
3194	
- 6 APR 1918	
Am'd	
No. 170	

1277/56/Ests.

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3194

6/4/18

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

[Signature]

FM/S

7735/642/C.

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Chief Paymaster & O.1/c
Records.
58, Victoria St. S.W. 1.

O.C. 2nd. Bn. Royal Nfld Rgte
Hazely Down Camp,
Winchester.

Chief Paymaster,
R. Newfoundland Rgt.,

Pay & Record Office,

16th. May 8

17 - 5 - 18.

Special Draft Officers & Men
to Newfoundland.

Telegram received to-day
please:

"Synoptical, London.
" In view of death of two
"brothers of 2/Lt. Francis Edens
"very desirable that he should
"be included in the Officers now
"being sent home for duty.
Military."

It would appear difficult to
carry this out in view of the fact
that the remaining 3 Officers and
6 N.C.Os. required, have been de-
cided upon and notified accordingly
and are now awaiting transport.

Perhaps you may desire that
the Minister of Militia should
be telegraphed please.

Kindly reply to Minister of
Militia, The O.C. 2nd Battn. regrets
the Officers selected have already
sailed.

(Sgd) R. A. BERNERS, Lt.Col.,
Comdg. 2nd Bn. R. Nfld Regt.

4515

18/5/18.

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O.1/c Records

7916

From

Chief Pmr. & O.i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contgt.

To

Officer Commanding,
2nd Bn. R. Newfoundland R.,
Winchester.

Reference reverse:
following has been telegraphed
to Min. of Militia, please:

"Ref. your telegram 16 May-
"O.C. 2nd Bn. - regrets that-
"officers already left full
"stop remainder of ^{actual} requirements
"under orders for embarkation. "

Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria St., S.W. 1.
20th May, 1918.

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To **MILITARY**

ON NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT SERVICE

STJOHNS (Newfoundland)

B2149 JAMES ON SHORT LEAVE STATES DAYSLEEP HE BANDAGED LARDCOOLER
 JOHN EDENS NUGIFYING TRAMBYRRH SIDE LOOKED SEVERE SILVERGOD EDENS
 STILL ABESAMO BUT DOCTORALLY ASCERTAIN PALCHISTA SILVERGOD UPDRAWN
 1740 NICHOL BEP

SYNOPTICAL

NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED.

Having read the Conditions printed upon the back of this form, I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded according to the said Conditions, by which I agree to abide.

Signature..... Address.....

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Posted 14 JAN 1918

Shane



14570/245/B.&

The Hon. the Minister of
Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

HT/NWV 27th December,

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CASUALTIES:
LIEUT. JOHN EDENS.

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MAILED COPY
POSTED 24 JAN 1918

- 15/12/17 - 2149 L/A. Janes on short leave states Dec.15 he bandaged Lt. John Edens Nov.20 G.S.W. side looked severe full stop Edens not accounted for but everything possible being done ascertain further particulars.
- 16/12/17 - Following from D.A.G. 3rd Echelon dated Dec.15 begins Lt. John Edens believed buried by 6th Div. Nov.29 enquiries proceeding ends.
- 17/12/17 - Killed in action or died of wounds Nov.20 Lt. John Edens authority burial report Nov.22 by Rev. W. Keary attached 17th Field Ambulance forwarded on Daily Orders 3rd Echelon dated Dec.15th.

In addition to your telegrams some 28 enquiries by telegraph and otherwise have been received from various sources in the U.K.

Also at the special request of Sir Edward Morris the following telegram was sent to O.C. 1st Bn.:

"Lieut. John Edens reported wounded 21st Nov. no particulars yet received can you say where and how he is."

Inquiries per telegram to France are discontinued if not forbidden, as the strain on the telegraph lines are abnormal, and obviously if individual enquiries were allowed the wires would be going continuously to the exclusion of strategic and administration messages.

All information from whatever source, was telegraphed to you immediately upon receipt at this Office, as customary.

[Signature]
Chief Paymaster & O. I/c Records.

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MAIL COPY
Posted 6 - FEB 1918



1277/56/Eats.

The Hon. the Min. of Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

C.K.

25th January

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Estates & Effects,
S/Lt. J. P. Edens,

March 7th 1918.

With reference to your telegram
15/1/18 (611)

"Synoptical.
"Parents-Lieut-John-Edens- request
"that-his-effects-be-handed-
"over to-S/Lt-Francis-Edens-
"Please-inform-Francis-his-father
"desires-to-have-any-little-per-
"sonal-effects-of-John-instruct-
"him-to-send-them-home-by-some-
"Officer-reliable-man-being-
"repatriated-

Noted.

J. H. V. Bennett

Military".

Acting Minister of Militia.

S/Lt. Francis Edens called
yesterday, and was shown a copy of
the above message. He has now
taken over his late brother's
effects, as authorised by deceased
Officer's Father.

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O.I/c Records.

FM/S

*Original signed by
W. F. Rendell Major*

Chsgof 4060/aa
FIELD SERVICE.



REPORT of Death of an Officer to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT
or
CORPS

Newfoundland.

Squadron,
Troop, Battery
or Company

Rank 2nd. Lieutenant.

Name Edens, J.F.

DIED

By whom reported Burial report No. 12527.

Date of Death on or about 20/11/17.

Place or Hospital France.

Cause of Death killed in Action or Died of wounds received in Action.

Place of Burial _____

State whether he leaves
a will or not.

Unknown.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Signature of Officer in charge
of Section Adjutant-General's
Office at the Base.

J. Weary
2nd. Lt. for Major,
Officer i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.

Station and Date G.H.Q., 3rd. Echelon, B.E.F. 14/12/17.

2nd. Lieut. J.F. Edens.

22/1/16

18/2/16

28 2 00 86 00

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28 4/- 5 12 0

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Feb 18

16 18 5

1 Revolver.

3 1 5

Adjustment in Rate of Pay
as Orderly Room Clerk.

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March 2nd. 6.

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End. Lieut. J.F. Edens.

19/2/16

17/3/16

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28 4/-

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Mar. 17.

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8

March 20th.

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Newfoundland Regt.
5th Foot Companies
December 13th 15

Captain James
The Paymaster
Great Newfoundland Regt.
London. J. W.

Sir,
As advised by the Adjutant
I beg to enclose specimen
signature.
Kindly make the same
arrangements with regard to
pay & allowances as made in
the case of all other newly
appointed officers.

1ST N. W. I. REGT. (L.A. 10 253)	I have the honour to be Sir, Your obedient servant John F. Adams 2nd Lieut.
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
Ref. No. 489	
Rec'd. DEC 14 1915	
Ack'd. DEC 15 1915	
Ans'd. DEC 15 1915	
File No.	

15, December, 5.

2181/1.

From: Paymaster & Officer i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent.

To: 2/Lieut. J. F. Edens,
Depot, Newfoundland Contingent,
Newton-on-Ayr, Scotland.

Referring to your letter 13/12/15 an account on your behalf has been opened with the Bank of Montreal, 9 Waterloo Place, and £50/ has been deposited pending adjustment of your account as to balances from Company Pay Books, if any, and deductible issues of Revolver, Binoculars &c.

Amounts due at end of Pay periods will be paid to your credit unless you request to the contrary.

The Manager of the Bank has been requested to forward Cheque and Pass Books direct.

I

Capt.

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

H.T./N.M.

2185/40.

The Manager,

Bank of Montreal,

9, Waterloo Place,

Pal Mall, S.W.

15, December, 5.

OFFICERS' BANKING ACCOUNTS.

I enclose cheque £100/ with vouchers for return as customary:-

2/Lieut. R. Burnham, £50/

" J. F. Edens, 50/

£100/

Please open accounts for these Officers and send Pass and Cheque Books to them at the Depot, Newton-on-Ayr, Scotland.

Capt.

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.



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If the accuracy of this Telegram be doubted, a part, or the whole, can be repeated under special conditions, particulars of which can be obtained on application at the Office from which it was delivered.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Charges }
to pay }

Received Here at

M.

Geneva Mo

Synoptical London

Xa 485 15 aaa Lieut

Johnis EDENS Newfoundland

*Regt. believed buried by
6th division 20/11/17 enquiries*

proceeding. Dag Base

dealt with H.83 (over)

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.



*Paymaster
P. O.
21 Newfoundland Regt.
58 Victoria St.*

London.
S. W.

MORE TO PAY
0
ABOVE... 02
27

2. 6. 80
[Signature]

2049 M. J. A. James.

States. Lieut. Edens

was wounded in the
side by a bullet. ^{Dressed +} Taken
by stretcher bearers D. Co.
handed over to K.R.R.
M.O.

P. & R. O. 2/15/17

~~2049~~

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Effects. Form NO.8.

From, The Secretary,
War Office,
Imperial Institute,
South Kensington,
London, S. W. 1.

To, Officer in charge,
Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
S. W. 1. 764.

Accts.4.

121/E/391 11th Jan. 1917.

14th January 1918.

With reference to the estate
of the late,

Lieutenant J. F. Edens,
Newfoundland Regiment.

the Secretary of the War Office
requests that you will be good
enough to return this letter as
early as possible to the above
address, with a statement in the
margin showing, whether the late
Officer's Estate will be admin-
istered in the United Kingdom or
in Newfoundland.

✓
Ref NO, 527,

Rec. 13/1/18

Reference Obverse: This
Officer's Estate will be
administered in Newfoundland,
please.

Maj or,
Chief Paymaster & C. i/c Records

W.F.

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Chief Paymaster & C. i/c ^{Maj or,} Records

✓
Ref NO, 527,

W.F.

Rec. 13/1/18

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Norton Durham

Charges } s. d.
to pay }



Handed } Received }
in at } 10 37^a } here at } 12 9^o } .M.

TO { Pay And Record Office 1 St
Newfoundland Regt Victoria St Lin

ban news Heslop you give me any of Lieut John Edens Greystowers Norton Durham

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Iden's file

Counter Number

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			£	s.	d.		
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						By.....	

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TO

COMMANDING NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

S.E.F. France.

500
8/12/17

FOLLOWING AT REQUEST OF SIR EDWARD MORRIS BEGINS LIEUT JOHN
EDENS REPORTED WOUNDED TWENTY FIRST NOVEMBER NO PARTICULARS YET
RECEIVED CAN YOU SAY WHERE AND HOW HE IS

SYNOPTICAL

I request that the above Telegram may be forwarded [via*.....] subject to the Conditions which are printed on the back hereof, and by which I agree to be bound.

Signature and Address of Sender (not to be telegraphed)..... 58 Victoria St. S.W.1.

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13578/254./R.&C.

10th December, 7.

Secretary,
War Office, C.2. Cas.,
Alexandra House,
Kingsway, W.C. 2.

Sir, 2/Lieut. J. Edens, 1/1st Newfoundland Regt.

Will you please cause an enquiry to be made regarding the above-named Officer, who was reported "Wounded 20/11/17" on G.H.Q. List 1179, Sheet 8, and List C.1396 of 30/11/17. No word has been heard of him since, and he has not been traced to a C.C.S. or Base Hospital so far as this Office knows. Enquiries have been made at the Base by this Office, but the Base is unable to trace him. I have already received eighteen enquiries from Government Departments and relatives for this Officer, and I would be obliged if something could be done to locate him. On enquiring ~~the morning~~ by telephone at Alexandra House, I was informed that it was necessary to put the enquiry in writing. I thereupon sent the enclosed telegram to you immediately, and it was evidently posted back to this Office on the day it was received. The only means this Office has of getting information in the present case is through the War Office, please.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Major,
Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

HA/JC

Any further letter on this subject
should be addressed to -
The Secretary,
War Office,
Alexandra House,
Kingsway, London, W.C. 2
and the number below quoted

WAR OFFICE,

ALEXANDRA HOUSE,

KINGSWAY, W.C. 2.

15 December, 1917.

C.2. Casualties. S/5865.

Sir,

In reply to your letter 13578/254/R.& C.
of 10th December, concerning 2nd Lieutenant
J. Edens, 1/1st Newfoundland Regiment, I am
directed to say that an enquiry has been sent
by wire to the Base, and the result will be
communicated to you as soon as a reply is
received.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R.C. Powell

The Chief Paymaster,
and Officer i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58 Victoria Street,
S.W.1.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT, PAY & RECORD OFFICE.		
RECORDED IN	✓	1924
RECD	17 DEC	1917
ACKD	Ans'd	
Ref. Nos.	DUT <i>Larions</i>	
RECEIVED UPON		
BY	DATE	BY

Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.
13th December, 1917.

Dear Leonard,

I sent off the telegram today enquiring about Margaret. I sincerely hope she is safe.

I am greatly concerned about John. He was reported wounded on the 20/11/17 and all efforts to trace him have since failed. I don't suppose he has written you by any chance? He was traced as far as the Main Corps Dressing Station, Sorrel, but after that there is a blank. Nor do we even know the extent of his wounds. We have already received 24 enquiries from Government Depts. and private people, but are unable to locate poor old John. We are still hot on his trail and doing everything possible to find him. I hope he is not badly wounded.

7

The Field Cheque Book was sent
you. Cherio in the meantime. The
reply to your cable will be sent on
directly, and I will inform you when we
hear of John.

Yours sincerely,

29 Squadron, R.F.C.

B.E.F. France.

Dec. 9th 1917.

Dear Hughie,

Having seen the account in the paper this morning of the big explosion at Halifax I am naturally anxious about my sister who is at school there, so will you please have the following cable sent for me:-

Edens, St. Johns, ~~St.~~ Newfoundland.

Please let me know if Margaret is alright.

Leonard.

If the answer should come to the P & R Office, would you please have it sent on to me here.

I remain,

yours sincerely

L.A. Edens.

P.S. There is no need to answer this letter.

Cable Sent.
13/17

A ^S/_M

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TO { **D. A. G. BASE FRANCE** **316**
14/12/17

LIEUTENANT JOHN EDENS NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT WOUNDED

20/11/17 CANNOT BE TRACED SINCE AAA CAN YOU SAY

WHERE ^{HE} IS TELEGRAPH URGENT

SYNOPTICAL

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At.....M.

To.....

By.....



C. OR B.

Prefix

Handed in at

Office of Origin and Service Instructions

Words

Received here at

8 211 f dr W. O. Stuns 16 9 45 R

Major Fenwick used these

Pls. Adv. gen. John Evans

317. 15/12/17 aad John Evans

Bill unaccounted for

Lympstone

Received at

From

By

Charges to pay

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London SW
O Hms

Charges } s. d.
to pay }

Handed in at } 1-18p.
Received here at } 2-89p.

TO { Major Simewell Station Hotel
Ayl

319 16/12/14 aaa following from
Sag 3rd echelon begin Lieut
John Edgars believed buried by
6th Division 20th November enquires
proceeding ends. Synoptical

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Charges }
to pay } s. d.

23 DEC 1917
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Handed }
in at 9/35 }
Received }
here at 11 25a.m. }

TO

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already known.

Synoptical

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23

aaa *hient* *Adens*

reported

Wounded

20/11/17 *now* *Reported*

reported

Killed

20/11/17 *Anthony* *burial*

at

17

by

Reverend *W. Hoopy*

Field *Amb* *Dated* *22/11/17*
Dag Base

23¹² 12 1pm.

**"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Army Form C. 2121
(in Pads of 100).

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of: _____ Services. (Signature of "Franking Officer")	Recd. at..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions			Sent			Date.....
			At..... m.	To.....		From.....
			By.....		By.....	

TO	2/Lieutenant Francis Edens Newfound,				
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Sender's Number. * 320	Day of Month. 16/12/17	In reply to Number. AYR.	A A A
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Repret	inform	you	Lieutenant	John
Edens	believed	died	of	wounds
November	20th			
			Synoptical.	

From	Place	Time

<i>The above may be forwarded as now corrected.</i>	(Z)	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.
		Censor.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions			Sent			(Signature of "Franking Officer")	Date.....
			At.....		From.....		
			To.....		By.....		
			By.....				

TO { Major Station
Timewell, Hotel,

~~LYR.~~

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	A A A
* 319	16/12/17		

Following from DAG 3rd Echelon
begins Lieutenant John Edens believed
buried by 6th Division 20th
November enquiries proceeding ends.

Synoptical.

From		
Place		
Time		

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

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Outerbridge 4 Barmston Grove.
Cramond Brig Near Edinburgh

Lieut. John Adams wounded 20th November

No further information yet.
Synoptical.



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Office Stamp.



Charges }
(to pay)

s. d.

Edinburgh D

Handed }
in at

11/10

Received }
here at

12/18

TO {

*Ternewell New-foundland pay office
58 Victoria St. Ldn*

*Have you recent information about
Edens Mrs friends telegraph
Outbreakage*

BRANCH

Rds

ACTED UPON

BY

DATE

POST OFFICE TELEGRAMS
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

Ref. No. *7550*
- *7 DEC 1917*

Rec'd.

Act'd.

Ans'd.

FNo. No.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Stockton on Tees

Charges } s. d.
to pay }

Handed }
in at *9.47* } Received }
herz at *11-24* } *M.*



TO } *Rich*
 ACTED UPON } *Rds*
 BY } *[Signature]*
 DATE } *7/12/17*
 PAY & RECORD OFFICE }
 REF. } *7/12/17*
 SENT } *7 DEC 1917*
 ACK'D }
 AND'D }
 FNo No. }

and Record Office
at Newfoundland Regt
Victoria St Edin
weather news of Lieut
ph. Mens
Bishop Grey Towers
Norton Durham

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Edinburgh 0

Charges } s. d.
to pay }

Handed }
in at } 1057^a M. Received }
here at } 1218



TO {

Major Timewell

58 Victoria St London

Please

get telegraphic report Edens
if possible On 10/11/17

12.40/16

BRANCH	
<i>Rdo</i>	
ACTED BY	
<i>H.S.S.</i>	
DATE	
Ref. No.	<i>7587</i>
Rec'd.	<i>8 DEC 1917</i>
Ack'd.	
Ans'd.	
File No.	

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TELEGRAMS, "SOUTHWESTERN"

J. H. THOMAS,
MANAGER.

STATION HOTEL.

AYR, Dec^r 12th 1917

Dear Major Simenell

I telegraphed you from Edinburgh asking if you could get definite information about Mr Edens.

Here, I learn that Sumner wrote from France that Edens had been killed.

but on the other hand Francis Edens states that Sir E. Pherris when here recently told him that he had seen Mr Edens at Wandsworth and that he was getting on very well!

I would be glad if you will telegraph me if there is any definite information. I had to telegraph Edens today that I was still enquiring -
Yours sincerely
Hugh Dutcher

POST OFFICE



TELEGRAPHS.

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10H 50 AYR RAIL 27 =

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ANY ENQUIRY RESPECTING THIS TELEGRAM.

Received here at

TO

MAJOR TIMEWELL 58 VICTORIA STREET LDN

= REFERRING MY LETTER EDENS TELLS ME SIR EDWARD DID NOT SAY JOHN WAS AT WANDSWORTH AND HE HAD NO PARTICULARS = OUTERBRIDGE :

"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121
(in Pads of 100)

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TO { Heslop,
Grey Towers,

Sender's Number.

Day of Month

In reply to Number.

AAA

* 321

16/12/17

Regret inform you Lieutenant John
Edens believed died of wounds
November 20th.

Synoptical.

From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.



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Handed in at } 9 *am* Received here at } 12 *am*

*Pay and Record office
Newfoundland Regt. Victoria Nfld*

*Would be grateful if you
could send any further news
of Lieut. Adams
May Heslop Grey Towers
Arton Durham*



13148/70./R.S.C.

MEMORANDUM.

II

From PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
88, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1,
ENGLAND.

From Officer i/c Records,
No.1 Inf. Sec.,
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon.
B.E.F.

To Officer i/c Records,
Regular Inf. Section, No.1,
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,
B. E. F.

To Office Commanding,
Newfoundland Rgt.,
B.E.F.
ANSWER.

30th November, 1917.

December 3rd. 1917,

HON. MINISTER MILITIA'S
ENQUIRIES.

Reference enquiry No.2.

1. Will you please state the nature of wounds, condition, and present whereabouts of Lieut. J. Edens, 1st Newfoundland Regt., who was reported wounded 21/11/17?

Records here show Lt. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ C.S. Strong as serving with the battalion in the field.

Please verify.

2. Will you please state present whereabouts of Capt. C.S. Strong, 1st Newfoundland Regt?

Z. H. ...
2nd Lt. for Major,
Officer i/c No.1 Infantry Section

R. A. ...
Major,

Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records.

~~III~~

Pay & Record Office

Mr. Edens was wounded on Nov: 20th and
has been traced as far as the Train Corps
Dressing Station Larch. Up to date no further
trace has been found of him. Full enquiries
are being made.

Mr. Stary is an air strength sub at present
attending a course of instruction out here.

A. L. Hadow.

7.12.17

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

4409

12 DEC 1917

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of. Nos. OUT

Legion J.B.B.

ACTING DUPLICATE

SEARCHED	DATE	BY
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LIEUT. COL.
COMDG. 1st. NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

Newfoundland Contingent,
Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria St., S.W. 1,
19th December 1917.

Capt. K.J. Keegan, M.C.,
1st Newfoundland Regt.,
3rd London General Hospital,
Wandsworth, S.W. 18.

Dear Kevin,

I am not sure whether you know definitely or not, but I am very sorry indeed to tell you that John Edens died of wounds on the 20th November. He must have died at or near the 17th Field Ambulance, for the report came from the Chaplain attached there, who buried him. I understand from one of our stretcher bearers that John was wounded in the side. I cannot account for the delay in getting the report.

Needless to say, everyone is very cut up over the news, and I am sure it must be a great blow to you all.

Sincerely,

Newfoundland Contingent,
Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street, S.W. 1,
19th December, 1917.

Dear Francis,

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Allow me to offer you my warmest sympathy.

Sincerely,

2nd Lt. F. Edens,
2/1st Newfoundland Regt.,
Ayr, Scotland.

Newfoundland Contingent,
Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street, S.W. 1,
19th December, 1917.

Dear Leonard,

I have received your letter of the 14th inst., and will send out the mandolin, etc.

I am not sure whether you know definitely or not, but I am very sorry to tell you that John died of wounds on the 20th November. He must have died at or near the 17th Field Ambulance, for the report came from the Chaplain attached there, who buried him. I understand from one of our stretcher bearers that John was wounded in the side. I cannot account for the delay in getting the report.

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Allow me to offer you my warmest sympathy.

Sincerely,

2/Lt. L.A. Edens, 1st Nfld R.,
att. 29th Squadron,
R.F.C., B.E.F.

14127/1./R.&C.

19th December, 7.

— Heslop,
Grey Towers,
Norton, Durham.

Dear Sir or Madam, Lieut. J.F. Edens.

With reference to the various telegrams which have passed between you and this Office regarding Lieut. John Edens: I have at last a definite report to give you.

I regret to tell you that this Officer died of wounds on the 20/11/17. He must have died at or near the 17th Field Ambulance, for the report came from the Chaplain attached there, who buried him. I understand from one of our stretcher bearers that Lieut. Edens was wounded in the side. I cannot account for the delay in getting the report.

I am,

Sir or Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

Major,

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

HA/JC

List of Odds

- 8 Pair Socks
- 3 Suit Cases
- 10 Collars
- 4 Hats
- 5 Ties
- 2 Pairs -
- 2 P. Socks
- 1 Slacks
- 1 San. Bag
- 1 Field Boots
- 1 British Warm
- 2 Lunch boxes
- 1 P. Rattles
- 1 Paper case
- 1 Pack

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Any further letter on this subject
should be addressed to
The Secretary,
War Office,
Alexandra House,
Kingsway, London, W.C. 2
and the number below quoted

WAR OFFICE,

ALEXANDRA HOUSE,

KINGSWAY, W.C. 2.

C.2.Casualties.S/5865.

The Paymaster & Officer in Charge of Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W.1.

Second Lieutenant J.F.Edens, 1/1st Newfoundland Regt.

With further reference to your letter
(No.13578/254/R.& C.) dated 10th December,
concerning this Officer, the following wire dated
25th December, 1917, has now been received from the
Base France:-

"2/Lieut.F.Edens, Killed in Action, or died of
wounds, on or shortly after 20th November, vide
C.1421".

31 RC Fowler
- 1 JAN 1918

APPROVED	
FORWARDED	
BY	
DATE	
R.O.C.	
B & E	
P.S.	

1278/1/B&E

PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C RECORDS,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
53, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
ENGLAND.

Messrs. Cox Shipping
Agency, Ltd.
16, Charing Cross,
S. W. 1.

25th January 8

2/Lt. J. F. Edens, Deceased,
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

With reference to your letter 21/1/18 (788)
1 Package No. O.V.27716, in the name of the
above deceased Officer has been received, please. ✓

Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records,

FM/B

RECEIVED KIT DEPT. TRADING EMPLOYERS
CHARING CROSS, S.W. 1.
ENTRANCE BY NEWFOUNDLAND AVENUE

16, Charing Cross,

London, 21/1/18. 19
S. W. 1.

Z/T/FR.

Sir:

We have the honour to inform you that we are today forwarding to your care one package No: OV.27716 returned from the Expeditionary Force in the name of 2nd Lieut. J. F. Edens, 1st Newfoundland Regiment. We enclose Inventory herewith.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

For. COX'S SHIPPING AGENCY, LTD.

[Handwritten signature]
Manager.

Officer in Charge Records
Newfoundland Contingent
58, Victoria Street
S.W. 1.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
& RECEIVING OFFICE
22 JAN 1918
1278/1
25/1/18 *[Signature]*



From
THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT,
General Headquarters,
3rd Echelon,
British Expeditionary Force.

To
Messrs. COX & Co's. SHIPPING AGENCY, LTD.,
16, Charing Cross,
London, S.W.

The undermentioned effects of the late

2nd Lieut: J.F. Edens, 1st Newfoundland Regiment.

are forwarded herewith, by registered post.

INVENTORY.

- ✓ 1 Advance book *no 776/775*
- ✓ 1 Knife
- ✓ 1 A.B.153
- ✓ 1 Protractor
- ✓ Memos
- ✓ Letters
- ✓ 3 Religious medallions

447
Received
by
22-1-17
J.F. Edens

[Handwritten signature]

W 24416

13.1.18.

Please acknowledge receipt.

[Handwritten initials]

1st NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.

LIST No. 1214 29.12.17

LIEUT

EDENS

J.F.

Reported Wounded
21.11.17. in List 1179
is now reported
Killed.



NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

CASUALTIES.

20902 ~~500 2507~~ returned to Section

Amended report.

Rank & Name.	Casualty.	By whom rep.	Prev. rep. Casualty.
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* WR. LT. EDENS. J. F.	<i>Now reptd:-</i> Killed in action or Died of Wounds, 20/11/17.	Burial Report, No. 12527. rep. by Rev. W. Keary attd 17th. P.A., 22/11/17, G. 6735.	<i>Cancel prev. rept.</i> of Wounded, C 1396.
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W. Keary
2nd. Lt. for Major,
Office i/c No. 1 Infantry Section.

i. H. O., 3rd. Echelon. B. G. P.
14/12/17.

* See memo d/- 25/12/17

COPY SENT TO
O.C. H.Q.
ST. JOHNS, N.F. & D. 421
N.F. 930. No. 2479/10
14 FEB 1918

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FEB 15 1918

COPY.

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NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

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2090.A. returned to Section.

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G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,
B.E.F.,
14/12/17.

See Memo d/- 25/12/17.

(Sgd) Z. Weary, 2nd Lt. for Major
Officer i/c No.1 Infantry Section.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 14570/243/B.

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 PON
 The Hon. the Minister of Militia,
 St. John's,
 Newfoundland.

From
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.
 58, VICTORIA STREET,
 LONDON, S.W.

To
 The Hon. the Minister of Militia,
 St. John's,
 Newfoundland.

27th December, 1917.

HT/NWV

**SUBJECT: CASUALTIES:
 LIEUT. JOHN EDENS.**

REPLY

Dated January 19, 1918

Reference Nos.

Please return **ORIGINAL** and retain **DUPLICATE.**

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J.P. Darnley

Acting Minister of Militia.

1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT	
PAY & RECORD OFFICE	
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Rec'd.	2 FEB 1918
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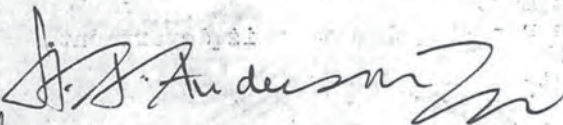
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All information, from whatever source, was telegraphed to you immediately upon receipt at this Office, as customary.



Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

14570/243/B.

The Hon. the Minister of
Militia,

St. John's,

Newfoundland.

HT/WV

27th December,

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