

First World War Service Record of John Bernard Pye Adams

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**POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.**

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O. H. M. S. A. S. At \_\_\_\_\_ M. \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the W. O. (Signature) P. M. Jamson

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof Dated Stamp. \_\_\_\_\_

**TO** { Adams St Johns Oakwood Terrace  
Beckenham Kent.

Deeply regret to inform you Lt J. B. P Adams M.D. 10th  
Welsh Fusiliers Died of wounds February twenty seventh  
The Army Council express their sympathy

**FROM** { \_\_\_\_\_

The Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the space provided at the Back of the Form

**A° 16**

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**TO** { H. Adams St Johns  
Oakwood Terrace Beckenham Kent

Regret to inform you Lieut J. B. P Adams M.D. 10th  
Fusiliers admitted General Hospital March 10th  
will slight gun shot wound arm  
will report

**FROM** { SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE.

The Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the space provided at the Back of the Form.

*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

Lieut. J.B. Adams, 1st. Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers.  
are forwarded herewith, by registered post.

INVENTORY.

- 1. Silver Watch and strap.
- 1. Pin.
- 1. Whistle and lanyard.
- 2. Identity Discs.
- 1. Pipe.
- 1. Silver Cigarette Case.
- 1. Key.
- 1. Pencil.
- 1. Pair of Scissors.
- 1. Spectacle Case.
- 1. Letter Case.
- Letters.
- 1. Revolver in case and lanyard.
- 1. Pair of Field Glasses in case.



# TERRITORIAL FORCE.

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 3000

Name Adams

28th, (COUNTY OF LONDON) BA  
Corps THE LONDON REGIMENT  
(ARTISTS R

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your Name and Address ? ..... 1. John Bernard Pye Adams  
21 Cromwell Road, N.W.
2. Are you willing to be attested for service in the Territorial Force for the term of 4 years (provided His Majesty should so long require your services) for the County of\* ..... to serve in the † ..... ? 2. Yes
3. Have you received a notice stating the liabilities you are incurring by enlisting, and do you understand them ? 3. Yes
4. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force ? If so, state which unit, and, if discharged, cause of discharge ..... 4. 2 years Cambridge OTC.  
Resigned

Under the provisions of Sections 13 and 99 of the Army Act, if a person knowingly makes a false answer to any question contained in the attestation paper, he renders himself liable to punishment.

I, John Bernard Pye Adams do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

JBP Adams SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
J. B. Smith Signature of Witness.

## OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, John Bernard Pye Adams swear by Almighty God, 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, according to the conditions of my service.

## CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

I, Nicholas John Deppa do hereby certify, that, in my presence, all the foregoing Questions were put to the Recruit, above named, that the Answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me, and that he has made and signed the Declaration, and taken the oath at 41 KES ROAD, EUSTON ROAD, W.C. on this 24th day of

Nov. 1914. N. J. Deppa {Signature of Justice of the Peace, Officer,  
or other person authorized to attest Recruits.

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 80 (6), Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form E 50a.

\* Here insert County.

† Here insert Corps

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 3000 Name J. B. P. Adams  
Showing preliminary training, other special courses of training, Annual Training,† and when mobilized.

Total service towards engagement in the Territorial Force to 16 12 14 (date of discharge) — years 23 days.

Discharged in consequence of Appointment to temp 4 2/dicmt. 12<sup>th</sup> Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby approved.

Station London

Date 1<sup>st</sup> January 1915.

Signature J. G. Adamson

† In the case of Annual Training it will be sufficient to state if "Present," or "Absent" and the year.

CHARACTER

V. Good

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1/6 TERRITORIAL FORCE RECORD OFFICE

LONDON



Description of Adams on Enlistment.

### MEDICAL INSPECTION REPORT.

(Applicable to all Ranks.)

Name Adams. J.B.P.  
Apparent age 24 years — months.  
Height 5 feet 9 3/4 inches.  
\* Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 35 1/2 inches.  
Range of expansion 3. inches.  
Vision 6/12 R 6/9 L.  
Physical development Good.

\* Chest measurement will be obtained by adjusting the tape so that its posterior upper edge touches the inferior angles of the shoulder blades, and its anterior lower edge the upper part of the nipples, while the arms hang loosely by the side.

#### 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 Regulation. 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; he does not suffer from hernia; and declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for the Territorial Force.  
Date 24<sup>th</sup> November 1914. Francis W. Goodbody  
Place Dukes Road, W.C. Medical Officer.

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

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

#### Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

I hereby certify that the above-named Recruit was inspected by me, and I consider him fit for service in the 24<sup>th</sup> (COUNTY OF LONDON) BATTN. and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment. THE LONDON REGIMENT (ARTISTS RIFLES)

Date 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1914. M. J. Deane  
Place DUKES ROAD, EUSTON ROAD, W.C. Recruiting Officer.  
\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit." † Insert the "Regiment" or "Corps."

#### \* Certificate of Approving Officer.

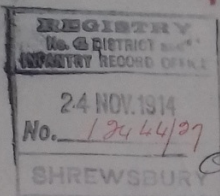
I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve and appoint him to the 24<sup>th</sup> (COUNTY OF LONDON) BATTN.

THE LONDON REGIMENT (ARTISTS RIFLES)  
If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1914. M. J. Deane  
Place DUKES ROAD, EUSTON ROAD, W.C. Approving Officer.

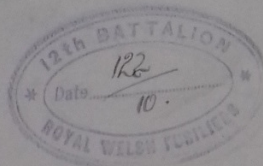
\* The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.  
† Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

*M.S.I. 12. Row. Fins.*



*Headquarters*

*No. 4 District*



*aa 117*

*Herewith application of Mr. J. B. P. Adams  
for a temporary commission as Lieut.  
in the Battalion under my command,  
which is forwarded in accordance with  
Army Order 3914 dated 16-11-14, and  
recommend this appointment.*

*Wrexham 5  
21-11-14 3*

*G. W. Lilly* LIEUT. COL.  
CMDR. 12th Bn. R. W. F.

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The Secretary,  
War Office.  
.....

FORWARDED.

Shrewsbury.  
24-11-1914.

*A. J. Coates* Colonel.  
Commanding No 4 District.



Tel. : K. 30705, 3081.  
Telegram: SAFARI, LONDON.

EDUCATIONAL ADVISER TO INDIAN STUDENTS,  
21, CROMWELL ROAD,  
SOUTH KENSINGTON,  
S.W.

20<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 1914.

I beg to certify that I have known  
Mr. J. B. P. Adams intimately for more  
than a year, during which period I have  
been associated with him in the Students  
Department of the Office of the Secretary  
of State for India. Mr. Adams is a  
gentleman of high principles and upright  
life, and is a fitting person to hold His Majesty's  
commission.

T. W. Arnold.

B. Sc., Litt. D.

20 Nov 1914

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE,  
CAMBRIDGE.

I have great pleasure  
in testifying to the  
character & ability

of Mr J. B. P. Adams  
of this College in view  
of his application for  
a Commission.

Mr Adams was a  
Scholar of the College  
& took the highest

the Regular Army for the period of the war.



pen with degree in  
Classics - He was  
by no means a  
mere student of  
books, but took an  
active part in the  
social & athletic  
life of the College.

He is a gentleman  
in every sense of

the word, and is a  
man of high ideals  
& unblemished character  
His health & physique  
are good.

I can on all grounds,  
and without any  
reservation, recommend  
him most heartily.

ES Sikes MA

Fellow & Instr



## Casualty Form—Active Service.

31324 Army Form B. 103.

Regiment or Corps *1<sup>st</sup> Royal Welch Fusiliers*Regimental No. *(1) Captain* Name *Adams J.B.P.*

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

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

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Report		From whom received	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 54, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
	Embarked TO 1st Bn.			- 4 OCT 1915 - 8 OCT 1915	
13/10/15	L. Coy. Reverts to rank of Lance Corporal	Ltd		16/10/15	Suppld.
13/10/15	L. Coy. Lt Col. Adams	do		16/10/15	do
	Wounded in Action			- 6 JUN 1916	
3/1/16	L. Coy. Lt Col. Adams	do		6/1/16	Telegram. R. 24278. recd 7/1/16.
04/1/16	L. Coy. Lt Col. Adams	do		7/1/16	do 10995.
06/1/16	L. Coy. Lt Col. Adams	do		6/1/16	do
1/2/16	L. Coy. Transferred to England.			1/2/16	W. 3034
	Relinquished rank of Lt Col.	Captain		7-6-16	L. Coy. 4/17/8 1916.
	Embarked.			31 JAN 1917	Posted to 4th Bn. 25th L. Coy.
	Joined 1st R.W.F.			- 7 FEB 1917	28244.
	Wounded in Action			27 FEB 1917	
27/2/17	Lt Col. Adams, 1st Bn. W. 3034	Ltd		27/2/17	E.R. 876.
27/2/17	Lt Col. Adams, 1st Bn. W. 3034	Ltd		27/2/17	R. 24278. recd 27/2/17.

(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, Shooting Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in Technical Corps duties.

U.T.O.

(3) Was it caused by military service? *Yes.*  
 (6) If caused by military service, to what specific conditions is it attributed? *In action with 3rd Bn.*  
 (7) If the disability was not caused by military service, was it aggravated by it? *Yes.*

CONFIDENTIAL. C.R.W.C. 2/28231/1 (M) D.D.M.S.

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4 Army Form A. 45.

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

assembled at 4, St James Road, Liverpool, 11 JAN 1917 on 10th Jan 1917.  
by order of G.O.C. in Chief, Western Command.

for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of  
(Rank and Name) Capt. J.E.P. Adams. (Corps) 1st Bn. R.W.F.

Age 25 years. Service 2 years. Disability G.S.W. Left forearm.

Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability 6-7-16.

Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions  
on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that

he has full power of forearm now, and has recovered.

Address:- 3rd R.W.F. Litherland, L'pool.

The opinion of the Board upon the questions herein is as follows:-

- (1.) a. Is the officer fit for "General Service"? Yes.  
b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit? -----
- (2.) a. If unfit for General Service, is he fit for service at home? -----  
b. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for service at home? -----  
c. If unfit for General Service at home, is he fit for light duty at home? -----  
d. If not so fit, how long is he likely to be unfit for light duty at home? -----
- (3.) Was the disability contracted in the service? Yes.
- (4.) Was it contracted under circumstances over which he had } Yes.  
no control? }
- (5.) Was it caused by military service? Yes.
- (6.) If caused by military service, } In action with B.E.F.  
to what specific conditions }  
is it attributed? }
- (7.) If the disability was not caused by military } -----  
service, was it aggravated by it? }

Signatures

M.B. Adams  
Lt. Col. R.A.M.C.T.

President.

Stanley Adams  
Captain, R.A.M.C.

Members.



C.R.W.C.

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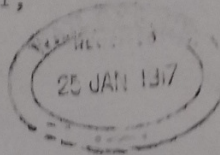
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From:-

General Officer Commanding-in-chief,  
Western Command.

To:-

The Secretary,  
War Office,  
LONDON. S. W.



Chester. 23rd January 1917.

Sir,

With reference to War Office letter No. 31324/4 A.G.4c. dated 20th January 1917, I have the honor to inform you that Captain J.B.B. Adams, 1st Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, was examined by a Medical Board at Liverpool on the 10th instant, and found fit for General Service, the original proceedings of which were forwarded direct to War Office by the President of the Board.

A copy of these proceedings is attached, and the enclosures which accompanied the above quoted War Office letter are returned herewith.

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

*Edmund May*

MAJOR R. M. (1)  
Surgeon-General. DDMS.

for General Officer Commanding-in-chief, Western Command.

as it contracted under circumstances over which he had } Yes.

as it caused by military service? } Yes.

caused by military service, }  
what specific conditions } in action with B. E. F.  
it attributed? }

he disability was not caused by military }  
service, was it aggravated by it? }

Confidential.

To be used in cases of wounds or injuries received in action.  
(For instructions for preparing this report see back of form.)

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD assembled by order of \_\_\_\_\_  
G.O.C. London District.

for the purpose of examining and reporting on the present state of a wound or injury sustained  
by Captain J. B. G. Adams. R.W.F.  
at (Place of injury) France on the (Date of injury) 4. 6. 16

The Board find that a rifle bullet ripped open  
the upper 1/3 of the left forearm tearing  
the extensor & supinator group of muscles  
just below the elbow.

The wound became very  
septic & a drainage became  
necessary.

The muscles are weak. It  
is not yet possible to say if the posterior  
interosseous nerve has been injured but  
it appears to have escaped

The wound is clean &  
granulating.

The opinion of the Board upon the questions below is as follows:—

	Replies		
	As to first wound	As to second wound (if any)	As to third wound (if any)
1.—Has the officer lost an eye or a limb; or has he permanently lost the use of an eye or a limb; or is the injury equivalent to the loss of a limb, and permanent, or likely to be permanent? (Articles 639 to 644 of the Royal Warrant for Pay, &c.)	<u>No</u>		
2.—If the case does not come under the category of 1:— (a) Was the injury, in the first instance, very severe in character? (b) Are its effects still very severe?	<u>No</u>		
3.—If the case is classified under category 2, are the effects of the injury permanent, or likely to be permanent? (Article 646.)	<u>✓</u>		
4.—Injuries that do not come under the above categories should be classified here, making use of the following terms:— <u>severe</u> or <u>slight</u> and <u>permanent</u> or <u>not permanent</u> , as the case may be.	<u>severe</u> <u>not permanent.</u>		
5.—For what period, calculated from the date of the wound or injury, is it probable that the officer will be incapacitated for military duty by such wound or injury?		<u>3 months</u>	

Signatures

J. H. Alt. Lt.-Col.

Dr P. Lecky Capt R.A.M.C.

Station Coxton Hall. S.W.

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July 1916

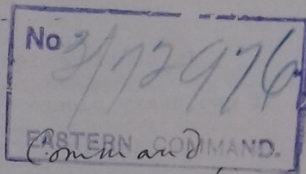
MP T.O.



12 Sep 1916

Lark Hill  
Conway.

To H.Q., Eastern Command,  
50, Pall Mall SW.



Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter  
from the War Office (No 31324/4 .A.G.4c)  
instructing me to report to you  
and for examination by a Medical  
Board.

I beg to state that the above  
is my present address, but that  
I return Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> inst to

Sr Johns

Oakwood Avenue

Beckenham

which will henceforward be my address.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

J.B. Adams Capt  
12<sup>th</sup> Lt 1<sup>st</sup> R.W.F.

Beckenham.

Captain.  
for Major-General,  
Director of Personal Services.

The Officer Commanding, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion,  
Royal Welsh Fusiliers Regiment.

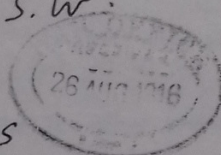
26 Aug 1916.

Knights Place  
Rochester

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To The Secretary  
War Office  
Whitehall. S.W.

From Captain J. B. P. Adams  
12<sup>th</sup> att<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Welch Fusiliers



Sir,  
In accordance with instructions in  
form B.4,

by NO 51324/4 (A.G.4.c) dated 11 July 1916,

I beg to report myself for orders  
with a view to being reexamined  
by a Medical Board on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1916.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

J. B. P. Adams Capt  
12<sup>th</sup> att<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> R.W.F.

Beckingham.

Brigade  
for Major-General  
Director of Personal Serv



No. 31324/4

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WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.

1. Rank and Name  
2(a) Regiment & Brigade (or Division.)

xxxxxx (b) If attached to an ~~unit~~ unit Overseas, the Battalion & name of Regiment must be stated.

3. Address in United Kingdom.

4. Date of leaving Unit (Abroad)

5. Date of Embarkation for England

6. Port of Embarkation for England

7. Port of Disembarkation (England)

8. Date of Arrival in England

9. Name of Ship

10. Cause of Return

11. Dates if on leave, from

to

12. Authority

13. Whether examined by a Medical Board since return from Continent

(Date) 21 June 1916

(4 15 64) G.D. 4727 10,000 3/15 H.W.V (P 182/1)  
W 15417-5419 20,000 1/16

Temp Capt J.B.P. ADAMS

12<sup>th</sup> Batt<sup>y</sup> Royal Welch Fusiliers  
att<sup>d</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> R.W.F. 7<sup>th</sup> Division.

5<sup>th</sup> Johns Oakwood Avenue  
Beckenham Kent.

7<sup>th</sup> June 1916.

10<sup>th</sup> June 1916

Harve

Southampton

11<sup>th</sup> June 1916

S.S. Asturias (not absolutely certain of this)

Gunshot wound in left arm.

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No.

J.B.P. Adams, Capt.  
(Signature)

Lady Carnarvon's Hospital  
48 Portman Sq. W.

