

## **First World War Service Record of Charles John Alexander Cowan**

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Captain C.J.A. Cowan,

12th Royal Scots.

21033

DIED OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION 25-3-18.

Next of Kin :-

A.Cowan Esq., (Father)  
Valleyfield,  
Penicuik,  
Midlothian.

*H. Cowan*

POST OFFICE



TELEGRAPHS.

1/4/18 Prefix _____ Code _____	(Inland Official Telegrams only.)	No. of Telegram <u>442107/3</u>
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. <b>O. H. M. S. 18.3. CAS.</b>	Words.	Sent
	At _____ M.	I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the
	To _____	<u>W O</u>
	By _____	(Signature) <u>J. M. 22/04</u>

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO { Cowan Valleyfield Middlelochan Pemphreth Middlelochan

Deeply regret Captain C. J. A. COWAN

Royal Scots died of wounds March twenty fifth

army carried expressions sympathy.

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

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT,

General Headquarters, 3rd Echelon, British Armies in France

MESSRS. COX & CO.'S SHIPPING AGENCY, LTD.,

16, Charing Cross, London, S.W.

The undermentioned effects of the late :-  
Capt. C. J. A. COWAN., 12th Battn. Royal Scots.

forwarded herewith, by registered post.

#### INVENTORY.

- ✓ 1 Writing Case.
- ✓ 1 Cigarette Case.
- ✓ 1 Gold Ring.
- ✓ Letters.
- ✓ 1 Cheque Book. - <sup>11</sup>264903/12
- ✓ Photos.
- ✓ 1 Wallet.
- ✓ 1 Book.
- ✓ 1 Watch & Strap.
- ✓ 1 Cigarette Holder in Case.
- ✓ 1 Fountain Pen & Clip.
- ✓ 2 Lead Pencils.
- ✓ 1 Nail Trimmer.
- ✓ Visiting Cards.

9.4.18.

Please acknowledge receipt.

PRINTED IN FRANCE BY ARMY PRINTING AND STATIONERY SERVICES.

soon as possible.

*Mary*



# FIELD SERVICE.

51 MAR 19

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

REGIMENT or CORPS 18th Bn: The Royal Scots. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company

Rank CAPTAIN

Name COWAN. G.J.A.

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DIED By whom reported G.O.No.41.Staty Hosptl.  
Date of Death 25-3-19.  
Place or Hospital No.41.Staty Hosptl.FRANCE.  
Cause of Death Died of Wounds received in Action.  
Place of Burial

State whether he leaves a will or not. Not known.

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 Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer 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. Mary*

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Officer i/c No.1. Infantry Section.

tion and Date G.H.Qrs., 3rd Echelon. 30-3-19.

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(B) From Expeditionary Force  
but posted Scottish Command

Army Form A. 45.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

assembled at Military Hospital, Edinburgh

on

5. 4. 17.

by order of G.O.C. in C. Scottish Command,

for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of

(Rank and Name) Capt. C. Cowan

(Corps)

3/R.S

Age 24 4/12 Service 2 8/12 Disability Bronchitis &amp; Phthisis

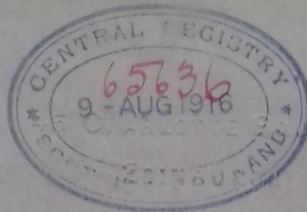
Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability

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

there is no cough now & he feels very well  
he is fit for general service.





6th July, 1916.

Dear Dr. Richardson,

I had a visit to-day from Captain Charles Cowan, 3rd Batt., The Royal Scots, and send you the result of my examination.

You may remember that, when you sent him to me in January, chest symptoms were conspicuous. He had some bronchial catarrh and in addition there were patches of impairment on both sides of the chest. His tonsils were also considerably enlarged. Because of that, it seemed desirable that he should have continued leave and in the interval have his tonsils removed.

I saw him on 8th May, after the tonsils had been removed, and found his general condition much better and a complete absence of bronchial disturbance. There remained, however, some physical signs pointing to continued impairment especially towards the right apex.

To-day, his general condition shows still further improvement and the local signs, while traceable, are much less in extent and degree. On 8th May, his weight was recorded as 12 st.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. To-day it is slightly over 12 st. 13 lbs. The improvement is all the more important in view of the fact that since May he has been back at duty.

Yours very truly,

*Thurley*

the disability was not caused by military service, was it aggravated by it?

*not applicable.*

on Cards  
64 of 15.6

Signatures

*John Wilson, Major, R.A.M.C.* President.  
*A. W. Smith, Capt. R.A.M.C.*

No. 21849  
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WAR OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W.

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1. Rank and Name	Captain C. J. A. Cowan.
2. Corps	3/ The Royal Scots.
3. Address	Valleyfield. Princes R. Scotland.
4. Date of leaving Unit	7 <sup>th</sup> March. 1915.
5. Date of Embarkation	30 <sup>th</sup> April. 1915.
6. Port of Embarkation	Haver.
7. Port of Disembarkation (England)	Southampton.
8. Date of Arrival in England	May 1 <sup>st</sup> . 1915.
9. Name of Ship	Asturias.
10. Cause of Return	Sick.
11. Dates if on leave, from	12 <sup>th</sup> January 1916.
to	to 11 <sup>th</sup> March 1916
2. Authority	Medical Board.
3. Whether examined by a Medical Board since return from Continent	C. J. A. Cowan. 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb. 1916. (Signature)

(Date)



# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A COMMISSION IN THE SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Army Form R. 201.

Candidates will carefully complete the following particulars, attach the certificate on page 3 and then forward the application through the Officer Commanding his unit if a member of the Militia or Territorial Force, the Adjutant of his Contingent if a member of the Senior Division, or the Officer Commanding his Contingent if a member of the Junior Division, Officers Training Corps, as follows:—

A Cavalry Regiment

The Post Guards

The Irish Horse

A reserve unit of the Royal Garrison Artillery

A reserve unit of the Royal Engineers (see note (b) on p. 2)

A reserve unit of Infantry

The Royal Field Artillery

The Royal Garrison Artillery, but not in a reserve unit

If desirous of appointment to

The Royal Engineers, but not in a reserve unit

An Infantry Regiment, but not in a reserve unit

The Royal Flying Corps

The Army Service Corps

The Royal Army Medical Corps

The Army Veterinary Corps

To the Officer Commanding the Regiment he wishes to join

To the Officer Commanding the Reserve unit he wishes to join

The officer commanding any brigade of Horse or Field Artillery

The Officer Commanding the Royal Garrison Artillery of the station nearest to his place of residence (see note (b) on page 2)

The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 61, George Street, Westminster, London, S.W., (unless the applicant is a member of the Senior Division of the Officers Training Corps, in which case the application will be forwarded direct to the War Office by the Adjutant of his Contingent.)

The Officer Commanding a Regular Battalion of the Regiment he wishes to join

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

1. Unit or branch in which the candidate desires to serve	3rd Batt. Royal Scots.
2. Name of Candidate (in full) Surname ... (See note (a) on page 2) Christian Names...	Conran. Charles John Alexander
3. Date of birth (A birth certificate or a baptismal certificate containing the date of birth to be attached.)	8th Dec. 1892
4. Whether married	No ✓
5. Whether of pure European descent	Yes ✓
6. Whether a British born or a naturalised British subject	Born. ✓
7. Whether the candidate has:— (a) Obtained a leaving or qualifying certificate as required of a candidate for admission to the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, 1912. (Certificate to be attached.) (b) Qualified at an Army Entrance Examination. (State date of examination.) (c) Passed the matriculation examination of a university, or a test accepted in lieu thereof. (Certificate to be attached.) Or failing one of the above:— (d) Can produce a statement from the headmaster of a secondary school, or other competent educational authority, as to his educational attainments. (Statement to be attached.)	
8. Permanent address	Valleyfield Pimicitz
9. Present address for correspondence	Valleyfield Pimicitz
10. Profession or occupation	
11. Schools and Colleges at which educated	Mahmud + Pimicitz College - Camb.
12. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces. If so, state:— (a) Regiment or Corps. ... (b) Date of appointment ... (c) Rank ... (d) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge ... (e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ... (A Candidate who has served in the ranks should attach his discharge certificate.)	No

13. Whether served in any Naval or Military operations. If so, attach a statement of the service, certified by a Senior Officer personally cognizant thereof

No.

14. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian or Colonial). If so, give particulars.

No.

15. Whether now, or previously, a member of the Officers Training Corps. If so state:—

- (a) Contingent ... ..  
 (b) Rank ... ..  
 (c) If left, date of leaving ... ..  
 (d) Whether in possession of Certificate A.  
 (e) " " " " " " " " B.  
 (Certificates to be attached.)

~~Malvern~~ Malvern College O.T.C.  
 Cadet Officer.  
 August 1912.

No

No.

No.

Yes.

16. Whether a candidate for a commission in the Regular Army.

17. Whether able to ride (certificate, if any, to be attached)

For Royal Engrs. but not to a reserve unit

18. If passed examination for Associate Membership of the Institution of Civil Engineers

19. If a university candidate, state whether a degree in engineering has been obtained

For the Royal Flying Corps only

20. (a) Weight ... ..  
 (b) No. of R. A. C. Aeroplane Pilot's Certificate, and whether any experience in flying since obtaining the certificate ... ..  
 (c) Whether any experience in mechanical, electrical or motor engineering ... ..  
 (d) Whether accustomed to map-reading  
 (e) Whether desirous of:—  
 (1) Continuous service ... ..  
 (2) Reserve service ... ..

For the Royal Army Medical Corps, or Army Veterinary Corps

21. (a) Qualifications ... ..  
 (b) Academic and other distinctions ... ..  
 (c) Appointments held since qualification  
 (d) If not yet professionally qualified, the probable date of the candidate's "final" examination and also the date of his registration as a Medical Student should be stated (R. A. M. C. only).

I certify the above answers to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to the

3rd Batt. Royal Scots.

Date 5<sup>th</sup> Aug.

C. J. A. Cowan.

(Usual signature of Candidate.)

Signature of parent or guardian, if the Candidate is under 21 years of age. }

- (a) The names should correspond with those given on the birth or baptismal certificate. When they differ, the names in the certificate will be used for official record, unless satisfactory evidence as to change of name is produced.
- (b) The stations at which an Officer Commanding Royal Garrison Artillery, may be addressed, are as follows:—  
 Tynemouth Dover Falmouth Aberdeen  
 Harwich Portsmouth Cardiff Gourock  
 Shoeburyness Weymouth Pembroke Dock Londonderry  
 Sheerness Plymouth Leith Fort Cork
- (c) The reserve units of the Royal Engineers are:—Royal Anglesey—Headquarters at Beaumaris.  
 Royal Monmouthshire—Headquarters at Monmouth.





GARNETHY,

PERNICUK,

WIDLOTHIAN.

25 May 15 15

Lieut E. J. a Lowan  
suffered in March 15 15  
from diarrhoea for 10  
days. In the Beginning of  
April he was sent to Hospital  
for Bronchitis & was there  
for one week & then in a  
convalescent home in Nice  
for 3 weeks after that

2c. If unfit for general service at ho



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PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

assembled at The Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley. on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1915  
by order of Headquarters, Southern Command.

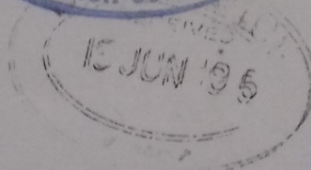
for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present state of health of  
(Rank and Name) Lieut Charles T. A. Cwan (Corps) 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn Royal Sc  
Age 22 Service 9/12 Disability Bronchitis & Debility.  
Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1915  
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 is suffering from Debility the result of Bronchitis  
contracted on service

Valleyfield,  
Penicuik,  
Midlothian.

15<sup>th</sup> June.



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Sir

I have the honour  
to inform you that I  
have to be reexamined  
by a medical Board on  
June 25<sup>th</sup> + at that  
date will be at the  
above address.

Sir I have the honour  
to be your obedient servant.  
CJA (woman). Lt. 3/The Royal Scots

Commanding 3rd (Reserve) Battalion D