

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. *7547*

Name *Leonard A Edgewood* Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? 1. *Leonard A Edgewood*
2. What is your full Address? 2. *29 Queen Rd
St John's Nfld*
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. *Yes*
4. What is your age? 4. *24* Years *11* Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. *Student*
6. Are you Married? 6. *No*
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? 7. *2nd Nfld Militia Territorial*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? 8. *Yes*
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? 9. *Yes*
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? 10. { Name
Corps
11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? 11. *Yes*

I, *James A. ...* 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.

E. A. ...

.....SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

.....Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Leonard A Edgewood* do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at *St John's* on this *20th* day of *April* 1911

Signature of Attesting Officer

W. O. ... 2nd Lieut.

†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

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date.....1911

Place.....

} 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.

* If so, Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows:

C.R.

Leonard A. Hiens was attached for General Service with
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on April 20th 1916
Regimental No. 2547 was allotted to Pte L.A. Hiens.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

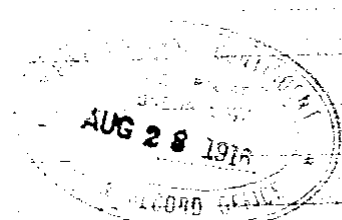
March 25th 1919

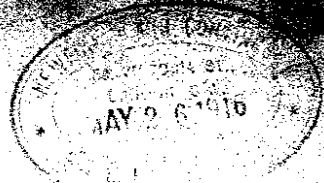
MEDICAL HISTORY

Adams

Christian Name *Leonard*

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	County		County	
Examined	on 19 day of <i>April</i> 191 <i>6</i>	on	day of	191
	at <i>St Johns - N.H.</i>	at		
Declared Age	<i>24</i> years <i>4</i> years		years	days
Trade or Occupation	<i>Student</i>			
Height	<i>5</i> feet <i>9</i> inches		feet	inches
Weight	<i>145</i> lbs.			lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <i>37 1/2</i> inches			inches
	Range of expansion... <i>3 1/2</i> inches			inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V= <i>6/12</i> L.E.—V= <i>6/12</i>		R.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)	<i>Samuel Peterson</i>			
(Rank)	<i>Major</i> Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at <i>St Johns</i> on <i>19</i> day of <i>April</i> 191 <i>6</i>	at	day of	191
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	<i>1st Aero Reg</i>	<i>2547</i>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of	191	on
	day of		191	day of
(Signature)				
(Rank)				



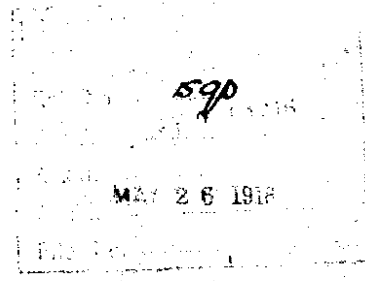
Downing Street.

10th May, 1916.

Dear Captain Timewell,

The enclosed concerns a man called Edens about whom the Governor wrote to me the other day and who is coming over to this country with the next Newfoundland reinforcement with a view to joining the Royal Flying Corps. Could you see that Edens is informed accordingly when he arrives.

Yours sincerely
H. J. Battersby



BOS1/S.

26, May, 6.

Dear Mr. Batterbee,-

With reference to your letter
20/5/16 enclosing copy of one to you from Mr. H.J.
Greedy, 19/5/16, I have advised the O.C.2/1 Regiment
in case Edens should come over direct to the Depot.
If he should come to London I will convey information
to him.

Yours sincerely,

Capt.
Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

H.T./H.M.

C.R. ~~1547~~
M-2549
C.R. 0-53

Extract of Depot Daily Orders part 11, dated
June 9, 1916.

#2547 Pte. L. Edens. ✓

To be Lance Corporal.

C.R. #2547

Extract of Depot Daily Order part 11, dated
July 14th, 1916.

#2547 L/Cpl. L. Adens. ✓

to be Acting Sergeant.

C.R.

• Return from Medical Hill Hospital St. John's Bay Grenada,
for S.S. "Mollins" July 20, 1914.

2547 Sergt. L. Edens.

C.R.

O-53

A P P O I N T M E N T.

Extract of Regimental Order dated August 8, 1916.
By Lieut. Col. Sir. W.E. Davidson, K.C.M.G., Officer Comdg.

#2547 Sergt. L. Edens,
to be Second Lieutenant,

The above appointment to date from August 1, 1916.

TELEPHONE NO
52, NORTON-ON-TEES.

GREY TOWERS,
NORTON,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

July 13th 1918.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for
the news I received from
you this morning about
Quint. Leonard Edens, for
which I am very grateful.

I remain,

yours truly,

Gray Oswald



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Reference No. January 2000.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
The Director-General of Military Aeronautics,
Air Board Office,
Strand, W.C. 2,
and the following number quoted.

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MILITARY AERONAUTICS DEPARTMENT

AIR BOARD OFFICE,

STRAND, W.C. 2.

11th August, 1917.

112/R.F.C./80 (O.3.b.)

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that 2nd Lieutenant L. Edens, Newfoundland Regiment and Royal Flying Corps, was posted to the Expeditionary Force on the 11th instant.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

POSTAL

14415
13/8/17

13/8/17

J. S. Hornsby

for Staff Captain.
for Director of Air Organisation.

Master & Officer i/c Records,
Pay & Record Office,
58 Victoria Street,
London S.W.1.

40 Squadron.

B. E. F. France.

Aug. 17th 1917.

Dear Hughie,

My address in future will be
as above. I sent you an address yesterday
via. A.R.S. No 1 A.D. Well if you have not sent
anything there yet please dont, send it all to
the above.

Yours sincerely,

L. a. Edens.

~~JK~~

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note
sent
20/17

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24/8/17

~~JK~~

Ledger L -

22nd August, 7.

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HA/JC

2nd Lieut. L. A. Edens,
R.F.C.,
40th Squadron,
B.E.F., France.

Dear Leonard:

Your letters of the 16th and 17th to hand. I hasten to inform you that the 91 days Field Allowance was duly passed to your credit, and the new rate of pay (i.e. \$6.00 per diem, less 1/9 rations) began from the day you landed in France. The latter will be paid to your credit in the B. of M. on the 31/8/17 together with the rest of the month's pay. The bag and mandolin reached here safely, and are now under lock and key on the top floor.

Glad to note Bain is flourishing and I hope you will both have the best of luck in France.

Elsie Doyle is going home in a few days. She hasn't been well. I gave her all your news to bring home.

Let me know whenever you want anything ^{personal} done and I will do my best, and please report any change of address to the Officer i/c Records.

Yours sincerely,

C.R. ~~M-204~~
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Extract of Telegram received from London, dated December
18, 1917.

With reference to your telegram December 18th,
Promotion of Pte. Leonard Edgys.

to be Lieutenant Flying Corps, approved.

Air Board Office,
Strand.

W.C.

87/R.F.C./415. (A.O.S.b.)

19th, April, 1917.

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

I am directed to inform you that the under-mentioned Officers of the Newfoundland Contingent have graduated as Flying Officers, with effect from the dates stated.

A copy of their confidential Graduation reports is attached for your information.

2/Lieut. L.A. Edens: 31/3/17.

2/Lieut. J.F.W. Blackall: 9/4/17.

(Sgd) H.P.R. ~~Cooper~~, Major.
for Director of Air Organisation.

C.R. 0-53

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

Serial No. 5

MOVEMENT

2/Lieut. L. A. Edens 1st Newfoundland Regiment,
attached R.F.C. proceeded to the B. E. F. 11/8/17.

Auth: 2/Lieut. Edens.

Mr. [redacted]

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Dear Mr. Eiams:-

I regret to inform you that a report has been received from the Record Office of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, London, to the effect that

Lieut. Leonard Eiams

has been posted as **Missing March 18th**

Should any further information be received concerning him, the same will be at once communicated to you.

Gours faithfully,

Acting Minister of Militia.

T. J. Eiams, Esq.,

Queen's Rd.,

S I T T

G.R. M-25-9

Copy of telegram detached to Gynaetical, London, dated
March 25, 1911.

Ask Commanding Officer of 28th Squadron, R.F.C. for
particulars relating to Lieut. Leonard Adens as to his being
Missing and to state if it is likely that he is a prisoner
of war or was there any evidence of his being killed in action.

C.R. M-25-9

Copy of telegram received from ~~at~~ London, dated
April 4th, 1918.

In answer your telegram March 26th, C.S. 29th Squadron
Royal Air Force writes April 1st. to the effect that Lieut.
Mens was Missing in Combat with another officer an enemy
prisoner stated one was killed and other taken prisoner
It was not known which the Commanding Officer thinks
possibility of Mens being prisoner but does not wish
to hold out too much hope.

C.R. 0-53

Extract from Telegram received from London, dated
May 6th, 1918

Central Prisoners of war committee state May 6th
telegram received from Copenhagen May 3rd from
information received from Frankfurt reporting Lieut.
Leonard Edens died, presumably in enemy hands, no
further particulars.

Statement.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Statement of Account of Lt. L.A. Edens.

From 18.3.18 to 12.4.18 (both days inclusive)

Ledger Folio No. Missing in France 18.3.18.

Date	Particulars	No. of Days	Rate per Day	Amount		Dr.			Cr.			
				\$	c.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
	Cr.											
	Balance from last a/c											
	Pay 16.3.18 18.3.18	3	6 00	18	00							
	Field Allowance											
	Mess " 12-4											
	Pay 19.3.18 - 18.4.18, \$6.00 per diem, less messing and R. Allow (1/9 and 4/-) = 5/9. \$6.00 - \$1.40 = \$4.60	25	4 60	115	00							
	@ \$ 4.86 2/3		\$	133	00				27	6	7	
	Dr.											
	Balance from last a/c											
	Deposit BANK OF MONTREAL, WATERLOO PLACE, LONDON, S.W.											
	Debit cost of rations for period 16/3/18 to 18/3/18 = 3 days @ 1/9d = 5/3d							5	3			
	Totals			£				5	3	27	6	7
	Debit Balance											
	Credit					27	1	4				
	Checked by <i>[Signature]</i>			£		27	6	7	27	6	7	

PAY & RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.,
24 FEB 1918

MEMORANDUM.
 MASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE
 NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
 68, VICTORIA STREET,
 LONDON, S.W. 1.
 ENGLAND.

From
 Vice
 To
 Versa.

Copy to ...
54/18
[Signature]
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To
 Officer Commanding,
 29th Squadron,
 R. F. C.,
 B. E. F.

ANSWER.

HA/JO
 Pay & Record Office,
 27th March, 1918

In the Field,
 1/4/18. 191

LIEUT. L. A. EDENS.
 ROYAL NEWF'D REGT, att: R.F.C

I have received the following telegram dated 26/3/18 (2846) from the Hon. Minister of Militia of Newfoundland.
 "Ask- O.C.- 29- Squadron-of- R.F.C.- particulars- in- relation to- Lieut- Leonard- Edens- missing- and- to- state- if- he- would be- likely to (be)- prisoner of- war- or- was there- any- evidence- of- his being- killed in action-"

I have already written to Lieut. Edens' father, giving as many particulars as I am allowed to of how Lt. Edens was missing.

As a matter of fact two officers were missing on that occasion, and from a prisoner's statement we have since heard that one was killed and the other taken prisoner. I do not know which is which, and a prisoner's statement, especially about aerial matters, should always be taken with a pinch of salt. In my letter to Mr. Edens I told him there was a good possibility his son was a prisoner. I do not think this latter piece of information is of any value or that it is likely to add to their peace of mind. For this reason I have withheld it, but I have informed his brother.

Can you please furnish me with particulars to enable me to reply? Lt. Edens was posted as missing 18/3/18.

[Signature]
 Major,
 Chief Paymaster & O.i/c Records

P.T.O.

LIEUT. L. A. EDENS, Deceased.

Copy
C.R. 0-53

1. Letter 4/5/18 (4084) from British Red Cross & Order of St. John to Pay & Record Office.

We deeply regret to say we are informed by The Central Prisoners of War Committee, 3 Thurloe Place, that "Lt. L.A. Edens, R.A.D." was killed, no date or details given. We have cabled this sad news to St. John's.

Please accept our very sincere sympathy.

2. Reply thereto 7101/5/R.&C., 8/5/18.

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of 4/5/18 (4084) notifying the report of Lieut. Edens' death.

It is respectfully requested that, in future, reference may be made to this Office before communicating direct with Newfoundland, as very often there is information here which may modify a report of death of a prisoner, and it is naturally desirable to take every precaution to avoid possibility of conflicting reports reaching relatives. As a matter of fact, this Office was informed by phone by the Central Prisoners of War Committee that Lieut. Edens "died." It was not stated that he was "killed."

Your kind assistance, however, in this and other matters is very warmly appreciated.

3. Letter 14/5/18 (4396) from Brit. Red Cross to P & R.O.

We beg to acknowledge your letter of the 6th inst.

In reply, we beg to state that we had a cable from Mr. (?) Baird of St. John's on Mar. 25 last, enquiring for news of the above officer, therefore we were, of course, bound to send by cable, the news which reached us. In future, however, we shall be pleased to telephone to your office before cabling any information about Newfoundland officers, whether they are reported as prisoners or killed, if you agree to this. We quite understand the necessity of extreme caution in these cases.

With reference to the other point in your letter, the list which The Central Prisoners of W. Comee. sent to us, which purports to be an exact copy of their list from Copenhagen gave Lt. Edens as having been "killed" not as "died".

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8272/1/R.&C.

25th May, 8

The Secretary,
Comite International de la Croix Rouge,
Geneva, Switzerland.

Sir: Lieut. L.A. Edens, deceased.

*Royal Newfoundland Air Force
att. R.A.F.*

Information has been received at this Office through the Central Prisoners of War Committee (who received a telegram from Copenhagen on 3/5/18) to the effect that the above-named Officer had died in enemy hands.

May I call upon your kind assistance to ascertain, if possible, particulars of his death?

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Lieut.,
for Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

HA/JC

8275/2/R.A.C.

25th May, 8

2nd Lieut. F. A. Edens,
2nd Bn., Royal Newfoundland Regt.,
Hazeley Down Camp, Winchester, Hants.

Dear Edens: Lieut. L. A. Edens, deceased.

With reference to your letter of the 21/5/18 (4615) regarding Leonard: it usually takes some time before particulars of a death in Germany reaches this Country, and I am afraid we will have to exercise patience until the official report comes through. In the meantime, however, I have made an official enquiry through the Geneva Red Cross for particulars of your brother's death. You may write the Central Prisoners of War Committee, Thurloe Place, but I do not think they would be able to give you any further information at present. I take this opportunity of offering you my sincerest sympathy in the great loss your family has sustained, all the more painful, coming as it did after the death of John.

Yours sincerely,

Lieut.,
for Chief Paymaster & O. 1/c Records.

HA/JC

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Officer Commanding,
29th Squadron,
Royal Air Force,
B. E. F.

Officer i/o Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W.

Psy & Record Office,
13th June, 8.

Lt. L.A. EDENS, deceased.
R. Newfoundland R., att. R.A.F.

Reference your 9498/4/R.&G.
d/d 13/6/18;

Lt. L.A. Edens R. Newfoundland Regt., att'd. R.A.F. late of this Squadron, was flying Nieuport Scout B6836 on the day he was missing. When last seen he was in a "dog fight" over Roulers. 11.45 a.m. I regret that I am unable to give you any further information.

Information has been received that the above named Officer, who was posted as missing 18/5/18, died in enemy hands, no particulars given.

With a view to ascertaining how he died, etc. I am putting an enquiry through the Geneva Red Cross. In order to give them a clue to work upon, it would be appreciated if you could state:

The number and type of the machine Lt. Edens was flying at the time he was lost.

The direction in which he was flying.

Any other information that would likely to help in discovering the above particulars.

(sgd) C.H. DIXON,
Major

O.C. 29 Squadron, R.A.F.

In the Field.
23/6/18.

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25/6/18

of Paymaster & O.i/o Records.

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16th July

Mrs. Maggie M. Edens,
C/o T. J. Edens,
P. O. Box, 1222,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

Lieut. L. A. Edens, (Deceased)

Madam,

With reference to your letter (undated) to Messrs. Cox & Co. (passed to this Office): Owing to limited opportunities for shipping to Newfoundland, and the fact that your son Leonard was at first reported "Missing" his effects were not shipped until 1/7/18, when the following were sent in care of the Minister of Militia, to whom you should apply:

1 Valise, No. 290,
4 Packages, Nos. 471, 472, 473, 474,

I am, Madam,
Your obedient Servant,

Chief Paymaster & C. 1/s ^{Edens}

FM/S

C.R. 0-43

August 30th, 1918

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

Dear Sir:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you the personal effects of your late son, Lieut. Leonard Edens, comprising of

- 1 Valise
- 2 Suit Cases
- 1 Box
- 2 Aftershave Case
- 2 Perfumes

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and in the removal sorrow which the receipt of these effects must entail.

Yours sincerely



for Lieut. Col., G.S.C.

C O P Y.

List of kit of Lieut. L.A. Edens. Newfoundland Regt. & R.F.C.

1	Valise.	1	Portmanteau.
1	Writing case.	1	Camp bed.
1	Washing set.	1	Sleeping bag.
1	Pillow.	1	Burberry.
2	Tunics.	1	British Warm.
2 prs	Breeches.	3	Field caps.
2 ..	Trousers.	1	Sam Brown belt.
1 ..	Gum boots.	2 prs	Ruttees.
2 ..	Ankle ..	2 ..	Pyjamas.
2 ..	Shoes.	2	Body belts.
2 ..	Slippers.	1	Sweater.
1	Cardigan.	4	Towels.
5 prs	Pants.	22	Collars.
18	Handkerchiefs.	26 prs	Socks.
4	Ties.	5	Shirts.
4	Vests.	3	Scarfs.
2 prs	Suspenders.	1	Hussif.
1 ..	Shorts.	1 pr	Woolen stockings.
3 ..	Gloves.	3	Football Jerseys.
1	Glove	1 pr	Hair brushes in case.
2	Nail brushes.	1	Shaving brush.
1	Mirror.	1	Tooth ..
1	Mandoline and case.	10	Books on conjuring.
1	Clarionet.	1	Stencil outfit.
3	Diaries.	1 pr	Binoculars.

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8.11.18
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Dec. 21 1918

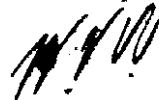
T.J. Edens, Esq.,
Queen's Road

Dear Mr. Edens:-

A box containing effects which belonged to the late Lieut. Leonard Edens, has just been received by this Department, and I beg to forward same to you.

Attached hereto is receipt; will you kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut.

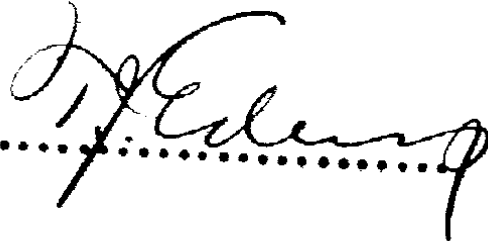
Casualty Officer.

CR. 0-53

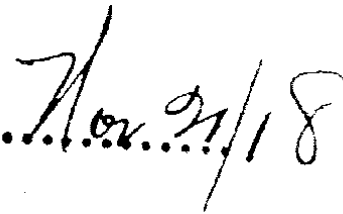
RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

ONE PACKAGE CONTAINING EFFECTS OF THE LATE
LIEUT. L.A. EDENS.

SIGNED.....



DATE.....



April 28. 19

A. C. R.

Thos. J. Menden, Esq.,
City.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith
cheque for \$100.53, being balance of estate
of late Lieut. L. A. Miers, due you as Adminis-
trator.

I also enclose here-
with Letters of Administration.

Yours truly,

Paymaster & C i/o Records. ^{Capt.}

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 100 ⁵²/₁₀₀

April 10 1919

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment
the sum of one hundred ⁵²/₁₀₀ Dollars.
on account of Pay. Estab
balance

CA. No. 15554	Initials
Pay Ledger 100	Initials
Gen. Ledger	Initials

Regt. No.

Bank
A. C. R.

April 26, 1920

T.J. Miens, Esq.,
Queen's Road,
City.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith
cheque for \$366.56, being balance of the account at
the Bank of Montreal, of your late son, Lieut. L. Miens,
as authorized by our Pay & Record Office, London.

Yours truly,

Capt.
For Paymaster

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
Copy of "Will"

of

No. 2845, L/O. R.E. Evans.

Oct. 21st, 1918.

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects viz: money left by me in the London City & Midland Bank at Denbigh, North Wales, and all money due me from the 1st Newfoundland Regt. to my mother Mrs. Eleanor Evans Bryn Meirion Henllan Trefnant North Wales

RSO

Signature, Robert Ellis Evans.

Rank and Regiment, L/Cpl., 1st Newfoundland Regt,

Certified True Copy.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT

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RSO

Signature, Robert Ellis Evans.

Rank and Regiment, L/Cpl., 1st Newfoundland Regt,

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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

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St. John's. *my 4.6* 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. Rank *Lieut*

Name *Leonard A. Edens*
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Warrant Officer Edens (Sgd.)

Mother Relationship.

Address *39 Queen Rd. St. John's*

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SEP 16 1921 1921.

The accompanying Victory Medal and/or British War Medal

forwarded herewith to

Mrs. T.J. Edens (Mother)

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

Name Leonard A. Edens 1st Lt. Regt.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Mrs. Edens

Signature T.J. Edens

Date Sept 17 21

Address 37 Zuercher

[P.T.O.]

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May 25th, 1921

Mrs. T.J. Edens,
Queen's Road.

Dear Madam:-

I am forwarding herewith, please, copy of an extract from the German Death Reports which were recently received in the Air Ministry, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, in respect of Lieut. L.A. Edens, 29th Squadron, R.A.F.

This report was forwarded to this Department by the Department of Militia & Defence, Ottawa.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer

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Extract from Casualties received from London, dated
May 7, 1918

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Central Prisoners of War Committee state by telephone
6/5/18, that a telegram was received by them on 3/5/18
from Copenhagen, reporting that:

Lieut. L.A. Edens, R.Mfld. Regt.,

Attached R.A.F., (Missing 18/3/18)

Had DIED. The information came from Frankfurt Germany
No further particulars.

March 18/18

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

TELEPHONE:
TREASURY, 24.
Victoria 3374.

Memorandum.

C.R. 0-53.

No. 1444.

FROM

D. G. R. & E.,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
39, 5B, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

7th February, 1923.

To -

The Chief Staff Officer,
Department of Militia,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

SUBJECT: - LIEUT. L. A. EDENS.

REPLY.

Dated March 5th 1923

Reference Nos. _____

(Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE).

Would you kindly have investigations made of the date of death of the above-mentioned officer as records here show 18th March and 7th May, 1918.
Urgent.

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Ct. - 151.
D.G.R. & E.
Newfoundland Contingent.

Many efforts have been made to ascertain the correct date of Lieut. L.A. Edens. Enquiries made through the Geneva Red Cross Society, and other sources all failed. Our records show that he was reported Missing on 18th March, 1918, and information received from German source dated 3rd May, 1918, stated that he had died (it was presumed as a prisoner of war). 2nd May - not 7th May might have been the date of his death as a prisoner-of-war, but no definite record can be found to show that he was not killed on 18th March. Perhaps 7th May was the date this information was received by the P. & R. Office. However I have rung up Lieut. P.A. Edens in relation to the matter and am in receipt of the attached copy.

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(of the attached copy of) letter from
Mrs. Edens which states that 18th. March
is the correct date.

Lieut.Col.

COPY

39 Queen's Road,

March 3rd, 1923.

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My Dear Father Nangle,-

Your letter of Feb. 7th reached me only a day or two since owing to weather conditions, this will explain delay in answering.

I am very much surprised at this statement about dear Leonard's death as we are fully convinced he died on March 18th. The doubt may arise from the fact that it was on May 7th that news of his death reached the Pay and Record. Our news came through the Vatican viz. that he had been brought down near Hooglaede on March 18th and died immediately. Later, when his belongings were returned from Germany we found among his papers a cheque signed by Lieut. Steele, R.N.A.S. dated March 18th and hoping to learn some particulars of our dear boy's death we tried to get in communication with him. As he was then a prisoner of War it was sometime before we succeeded. When we did he confirmed the news we had already received. He was brought down on March 18th and on being taken to G.H.Q. he asked if they would advance him some money. They told him they would give him some money they had just taken from the pocket of an English Airman who had been brought down that day and had just died. They added that he had died a hero and would be buried with full military honours. This seems to me almost conclusive evidence that March 18th as already stated is the date of his death.

Through Monsignor McDermott I learned that you had not been well and were leaving for Switzerland. I sincerely hope you have returned fully restored to health.

With kind remembrances in which all unite.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) M. M. EDENS.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

TELEPHONE:
TREASURY ST.
Victoria 5374.

Memorandum.

C.R. 0-55.

No. 1535.

FROM

D. G. R. & E.,
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,
39, 5B, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W. 1.
27th March, 1923.

To -

The Chief Staff Officer,
Department of Militia,
St. John's, Newfoundland.

SUBJECT:— Lieut. L. A. Edens.

Reference Nos. 1444 of 7th Feb. 1923.

REPLY.

Dated April 20 1923

(Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE).

With reference to your reply of the 5th instant to this office memorandum numbered as above.

The date recorded in the Death Register kept by the Pay and Record Office, London, as the date on which this Officer was reported to have died, is 7th May, 1918.

It is not stated what the Authority for this report is but this may be found, together with the number of the Casualty return, in the Record Ledger for Officers.

The date of receipt of such reports would also be stated.

It is suggested that the 7th May, 1918, is the more likely date upon which death took place as, although it seems this date was never confirmed, it is the one given on the Cross erected over the grave in Hoogleda West German Military Cemetery.

In at least two other instances, namely those of 2750 Bastow and 2564 Brown, who died in enemy hands at Conde and Bouchain respectively, conflicting dates were reported. However the Imperial War Graves Commission up to the present agree that the dates marked on the Crosses erected by the Germans are very likely correct.

The Imperial War Graves Commission have asked this office

The date recorded in the Death Register referred to is wrong, without a doubt.

No regular Casualty Return was rendered in this case. The Pay & Record office, London, advised this office on 7th May that the Central Prisoners of War Committee stated by telephone on 6th May, from Copenhagen reporting that this officer had died. The information came from Frankfurt, Germany, but no further particulars were received.

The date on the Cross erected over his grave, -7th May 1918 - is incorrect.

Further than that, information to hand shows conclusively that Lieut. Edens died soon after he was shot down and taken prisoner, on 18th March. Will you therefore please inform the Imperial War Graves Commission that the correct date of death is 18th March 1918.

You will, of course, amend your records accordingly.

Lieut. Col.

Chief Staff Officer.

to forward the Cemetery Register
and Headstone Inscription Forms
for Lieut. L. A. Edens but pending
your decision on the point of date
of death these forms are being
retained here. The Commission
are advised to that effect but they
have not been asked for their views.

Lambert for
D.G.R. & E.
Newfoundland Contingent.

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Lieut. J. A. Adams, Newfoundland Bdt. & R.F.C.

INVENTORY

- ✓ 1 Photo and frame - glass smashed.
- ✓ 1 Transfer card.
- ✓ 1 Gunnery do.
- ✓ 1 Cigarette Case.
- ✓ 1 Mirror and photo -glass broken.
- ✓ 1 Log Book.
- ✓ 5 Cheque books - counterfoils (1 Cox & Co)
- ✓ 1 Wallet and photographs.
- ✓ 1 Membership card of Overseas Club.
- ✓ 1 Letter.
- ✓ 1 Italian coin (5 Lire Silver)
- ✓ 3 Note Books -Loose Leaf.
- ✓ 2 Photographs in Leather Cases & various photos.

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J.A.A.
8/18

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29/Sdn.R.F.C.
B.N.F.

Ref. O.P. 1234.

Extract from Copenhagen telegram dated ~~~~~ received and transmitted by Central Committee for Prisoners of War.

Rank.	Name.	Regiment.	Where Buried.
Lieut.	Mans, L.A.	R.A.F. (Newfoundland)	Buried near Hoeglede Single Grave No. 640.