

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

4131

ATTESTATION OF

No. 4131 Name Harold Harris Corps Coof C

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- | | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Harold Harris</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Bay St George</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>19</u> Years <u>3</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>None</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? | 7. <u>No</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? | 8. <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? | 9. <u>Yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?..... | 10. { Name |
| | { Corp. |
| 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. <u>Yes</u> |

I, Harold Harris 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.

Harold M. Harris SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
R. Edwards Signature of Witness.

Harold Harris OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.
I, Harold Harris 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 19 day of Nov 1911.
Signature of Attesting Officer W. H. ...

† 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: "I have been re-enlisted in the (Regiment) on the (Date) 1911."

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

Name Harold H. Morris
 Apparent age 19 years 3 months. Height 5 feet 7 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 53 1/2 inches
 Range of expansion 5 1/2 inches
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Wm Morris
Bay St George | 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 | Rgt. or Depot | Promotion, 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 | |
| Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>19-11-17</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>November 19-17</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Embarked St. John's St. Michael's</u> | | | | | <u>11-12-17</u> | | | | |
| <u>Seriously ill latephy military Hospital</u> | | | | | | | | | <u>St. John's Camp 18/18</u> |
| <u>Died Military Hosp Winchester</u> | | | | | | | | | <u>19/18</u> |
| <u>No Active Service</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <p><i>Inquest held on 1-5-18. Jury returned a verdict that death was due to typhoid poisoning but there was no evidence to show how disease obtained the typhoid.</i></p> <p><i>Buried at Magdalen Hill Cemetery Winchester Grave No X 10.</i></p> | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Service forfeited as above..... | | | | | | | | | |

Enlistment to 19-4-18 (date of discharge) _____ years 152 days

4131
C.R.

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Nfld.
Regt., St. John's, Nov. 20th, 1917.

4131 Pte. H. Morris.

Attested for General Service with the 1st Nfld. Regt.,
and posted to G. Co and assigned numbers as shown with
effect from Nov. 19th, 1917.

C.R. 4131

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,
per S. "Blorissel" Dec. 11, 1917.

4131 PTE. H. NORRIS.

PAY LIST

12/10/18

to

10/5/18

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Number

Army Form O. 1615

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT

Regiment or corps *2nd Batt Royal Newfoundland Regt*
 No. *4181* Rank *Private* Name *Marion St.*
 Died^(*) at *Stajely Dow* on the *19* of *April* 191*8*.
 Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191*8*.

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

J. M. Lussier Capt

Commanding Squadron, Troop, O.C. "C" Coy Battery or Company.

ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGT

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

[FORM 1.]

| Date | Dr. | £ | s. | d. | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|------|--|---|----|----|---|---|----|----|
| | Balance Dr. last month | | | | Balance Cr. last month | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) | | | | Pay <i>7</i> days at <i>50</i> from <i>18/4/00</i> <i>Field Allowance 1/40</i> Proficiency, Service or good conduct <i>PAY 1/10</i> | | 11 | 8 |
| | 191 | | | | <p><i>checked</i> This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to _____ and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.</p> | | | |
| | <i>Allotment of Payest 350</i> | | 14 | 5 | Amount produced by the sale of Necessaries | | | |
| | Consolidated stoppage..... | | | | Personal Clothing and Effects from Form 2... <i>back</i> Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated) | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| | Balance due by the Paymaster, | 2 | 1 | 9 | Deferred Pay or Gratuity | | | |
| | <i>CS</i> | £ | 2 | 16 | 2 | £ | 2 | 16 |
| | | | | | Balance due to the Paymaster..... | | | |

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the ~~debtor balance~~ is correctly chargeable against the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT,



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CHIEF PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE

intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will shall be proved in accordance with A.E.B. 20 or Army Form O. 1815.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname

Morris

OF

Christian Name

Harold F.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

St. Georges

County

Hlls.

| | SPECIAL RESERVE. | | REGULAR ARMY. | |
|---|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| | on | day of | on | day of |
| Examined | 1921 | Nov | | 191 |
| | at | St. Johns | at | |
| Declared Age | 19 | years | | days |
| Trade or Occupation | Fisherman | | | |
| Height | 5 | feet | 4 | inches |
| Weight | 133 lbs. | | | |
| Chest Measurement | Girth when fully expanded | | 37 | inches |
| | Range of Expansion | | 5 | inches |
| Physical Development | | | | |
| Vaccination Marks | Right | Left | Right | Left |
| | / | | 1 Sea | |
| When Vaccinated | | | | |
| Vision | R.E.—V | 6/15 | R.E.—V | |
| | L.E.—V | 6/20 | 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>Liam O'Paterson</i> | | | |
| (Rank) | Major | | Medical Officer. | |
| Enlisted | at | St. Johns | at | |
| | on | 1921 | on | day of 191 |
| Joined on Enlistment | Corps. | | Corps. | |
| | Regtl. No. | | Regtl. No. | |
| Transferred to | 1st Hlls Regt 4131 | | | |
| Because non-effective by | on | day of 191 | on | day of 191 |
| (Signature) | | | | |
| (Rank) | | | | |

COPY SENT TO
G.O. Dept. Q.
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.
NO. 8129/58
23/5/18

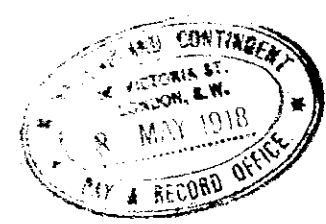


Table II.—Only for admission to hospital or to the sick list in case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

| Name of Hospital | Admitted to Hospital | | Discharged from Hospital | | Disease | Number Days in Hospital | Remarks bearing on the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of future use. In case of syphilis, admissions and readmissions to hospital will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfusion, etc., will be given in the special syphilitic case sheet. | Signature of Medical Officer |
|------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------------------|-----|---------|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| | Day | Month | Year | Day | | | | |
| Wagley Qu. | 18 | 4 | 19 | 4 | 18 | 1 | <p>Patient admitted from Hospital Report in a lying position, death occurring for some time. Post-mortem revealed all organs normal, stomach, but sent to analyst who reported Morphine in sufficient quantity to cause death. Brown pigment obtained verdict of Morphine poisoning.</p> | <p>H. J. Leavitt - J. G. Coice</p> |

L A S T P A Y C E R T I F I C A T E

N.F.P./94.

To be rendered for all ranks on discharge, transfer to other Units, or on return to Newfoundland in accordance with C.L./19, 26/5/17. Pl Name Thomas A. Unit 2 Royal Y.M.C.A. Coy who died

Regtl No. 4131 Rank _____ on 19/11/18 Authority _____ Cause _____

CR.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

| PARTICULARS | £ | s | d | £ | s | d |
|--|---|----|---|---|----|--------|
| Balance Dr. from _____ | | | | | | |
| Allotment <u>1/2</u> days @ <u>50¢</u> | 1 | 50 | | | | |
| Cash Payments: | | | | | | |
| Balance Cr. from <u>19/11/18</u> | | | | 1 | 00 | |
| Pay <u>1/4</u> days @ <u>10¢</u> | | | | 1 | 70 | |
| Field Allowance <u>1/4</u> days @ <u>10¢</u> | | | | 1 | 70 | |
| Other Allowances days @ <u>10¢</u> | | | | | | |
| Other Debits: | | | | | | |
| Money in his possession | | | | | | 3 4 |
| Total Debits | | | | | | |
| Balance due by Paymaster | 2 | 50 | | | | |
| Total Credits | | | | 2 | 16 | |
| Balance due to Paymaster | | | | | | 2 16 2 |

I have carefully examined this Statement of Account and find it to be a correct extract from the Pay Book of _____
Wm. M. Cameron Capt.
 (Place) _____ (Date) April 25 1918
 O.C. "C" Company.

Made up/Checked in accordance with information received in the Pay & Record Office _____ to _____
 and is therefore subject to amendment if and as may be found necessary.
 Pay & Record Office, London,

Chief Paymaster & Officer i/c Records.

Counter No. _____

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CR. 4131



Cable Connection with all the World

All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

The Management may decline to forward a Message, though it has been received for transmission; but in case of so doing shall refund to the Sender the amount paid for its transmission.

In case the Message should never reach its destination by reason of any neglect or default of the N. P. T. or its Servants whilst the Message remains under the control of the N. P. T., they shall refund the amount paid by the Sender for such Message.

The N. P. T. shall not be liable to make compensation beyond the amount refunded as above for any loss, injury, or damage arising or resulting from the non-transmission or non-delivery of the Message, or delay or error in the transmission or delivery thereof, howsoever such transmission, non-delivery, delay, or error shall have occurred.

The control of the N. P. T. over the Message shall be deemed to have entirely ceased for the purposes of these Conditions at any point where, in the course of the transit of the Message to its destination, it may be entrusted by the N. P. T. (and the N. P. T. shall have full power so to entrust the Message) for further transmission by or through any system, service, or line of Telegraph belonging to or worked by any administration or authority not controlled by the N. P. T. exclusively, although worked as part of or in connection with the Telegraphic system of service of the N. P. T.

I request that the following Telegram may be forwarded according to the foregoing Conditions, by which I agree to abide.

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender _____ Address Dept of Militia.

| Line Number | Rcd | By | Sent | by | Check |
|-------------|-----|----|------|----|-------|
| | | | | | |

Dated April 19th, 1918.

To William Norris, Bay St. George.

Regret to inform you that Record Office. London reports to-day that No. 4131, Private Harold T. Norris died april 19th at Military Hospital, Hazeley Down Camp Winchester England. Cause of death not yet diagnosed.

J.E. Bennett
Actg. Minister of Militia.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:
THIS MESSAGE IS NOT TO BE DELIVERED UNTIL BEING NOTIFIED THAT MESSAGE TO CHURCH OF ENGLAND MINISTER OR SCHOOL TEACHER HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND ACTED UPON.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R.

4131

EXTRACT OF CASUALTY RECEIVED FROM RECORD OFFICE

LONDON , DATED 22nd/5/18

GRAVE SITE

4131, Pte. H. Morris was buried at Magdalen Hill Cemetery
Winchester (Grave No. K 101.)

C.R. 4121

June 19th 1918.

Mr. Wm. Norris,

Bay St. George.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the death of your son, the late #4151 Pte. Harold G. Norris, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, which occurred at Military Hospital, Hazeley Down Camp, Winchester, England, on April 19th. I beg to inform you that as the cause of his death was not known at that time, a Post-mortem was held, and it was found that there was Morphia present in the stomach. Death was due to Morphia Poisoning, but there was nothing to show as to how or where the Morphia was obtained.

Yours faithfully,

C.C.B.

Captain,

for Chief Staff Officer.

8057/681/R.a.C.

Chief Pmr. & O. Id. Records,
Newfoundland Contgt.,
58, Victoria Street,
S.W. 1.

Officer Commanding,
2nd Bn. Royal Nfld Regt.,
Winchester.

HA/NV

Pay & Record Office,

22nd May, 1918.

4131 PTE. H. MORRIS,
Deceased.

Will you please say if a
Military Court of Enquiry was
held in the case of this man
whom the Coroner's inquest
found to have "died from
morphia poisoning, but that
there was no evidence to show
how he obtained the poison"?

Major,

Chief Paymaster & C.i/c Records.

Vice

Versa.

Hazeley Down Camp,
Winchester,
23rd May, 1918.

No Court of Enquiry has
been ordered or held.

(Sgd) C. KARN, Capt. for

Lt.-Col.,
Commanding 2nd Bn.,
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

In. Ref. No. 4707.

COPY.

A.D.M.S.,
Portsmouth.

1372.

Reference A.E.A27 forwarded to you on the 19th ult with notification of death of No.4131 Pte. Morris H. 2/1 R. Newfoundland Regt, at a Coroner's Inquest held here yesterday the S.S.O. gave evidence that the stomach contained Morphia and that in his opinion death was due to Morphia poisoning.

The jury returned the following verdict:-

That Harold Morris died from Morphia poisoning but that there was no evidence to shew how he obtained the poison.

I presume that any necessary Military Court of Enquiry will be arranged by the O.C. the man's unit as the man was already in a dying condition on admission to this Hospital.

(Sgd) C.G.H. MORSE,

Capt. R.A.M.C. (SR)

Officer i/c., Military Hospital.

Hazeley Down,
3/5/18.

STAMP:

Southern Command, Central Registry,
Salisbury, 5 May, 1918.

MEDICAL CASE SHEET No. 1412. C.

| | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|------------------------------|
| No. in Admission and Discharge Book. 87 (a). Year 1918. | Regimental No. 4131 | Rank. Pte. | Surname. Morris | Christian Name. Harold |
| | Unit. Royal Newfoundland Regt. | | Age. 19 ³ / ₁₂ | Service. 3/ ₁₂ |

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| Station and Date. Hazeley Down Winchester. 18/4/18. | <p>Disease POISONING (Morphia)</p> <p>A request sent to the Hospital for the ambulance to remove a mental case to Alexandra Hosp. (Cosham) from the Newfoundland lines, about 3.30 p.m. 18/4/18 the Sergt. of the Medical Hut came to the Hospital asking for a Medical Officer to see the case as he thought he was dying. Two Medical Officers at once went to the Hut and found the patient in a comatose condition and moribund, the pupils equal and pinpoint, resp. slow about 12 per minute, pulse 42. Examination of chest revealed nothing, reflexes absent everywhere, at once removed to Hosp. where he continued to remain in the same condition until his death 5 a.m. 19/4/18. His condition on admission was so extreme that accurate diagnosis could not be made but suggested 1st late Meningeal Disease, 2nd, Narcotic poisoning. P.M. was made on 19/4/18 and revealed every organ apparently healthy. The stomach was removed intact and sent for analysis of contents.</p> |
|---|--|

(Sgd) H.B. LAWSON, Capt.,
R.A.M.C.

(Sgd) O.G.H. MORSE, Capt.,
R.A.M.C. (G.)
Officer i/c Military Hosp

P.T.O.

and Date.

On inquiry of Medical Officer of Unit, the man reported sick on 12/4/18 and he appeared to be an imbecile, he complained that he was sick but could not say what he complained of. He was placed under observation and continued to behave in an imbecile manner but his condition did not suggest anything serious.

22/4/18

On instructions from O.C. Alexandra Hospital Cosham, I have to-day examined the body of this man. I can find no cause for death and have made a careful examination of the brain and spinal cord with no result. There is no pathological condition whatever to explain this man's death.

I understand that the stomach is in the hands of the county analyst.

(Sgd) H. St.A. AGATE,

Capt. R.A.M.C.

Pathologist Alexandra Hospital.

1/5/18

At an inquest held at this Hospital this day the S.S.O. Winchester reported that morphia was present in the stomach and in his opinion was the cause of death. The Jury returned a verdict that the death was due to morphia poisoning but there was no evidence to shew how the deceased obtained the morphia.

(Sgd) O.G.H. MORSE,

Capt. R.A.M.C. (G.R.)

O. 1/a H.

C.F. 4131

Aug. 25th 1919.

Mr. Morris Esq.,
Bay St. George.

Dear Mr. Morris:

I am sending under separate cover, photograph of the grave of your late son No. 4151 Pte. H. Morris, who was buried in Magdalen Hill Cemetery near Winchester, Hants Grave No. K.101, which we received from London a few days ago.

Yours faithfully,

Edw. S. S. S.

Chief Staff Officer.

(Use for Field Services.)

Life ORIGINAL
Army Form B. 2000

Report of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office immediately after the date of Death.

REGIMENT 2nd Bn. Royal Newfoundland Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company Regiment.

22 APR 1918

Regtl. No. 4131 Rank PRIVATE

Name Morris, Harold.

Date and Place of Birth Jany. 16th 1899, Bay St. George, Newfoundland.

Trade or Calling Fisherman.

Enlisted—When and Where November 12th 1917, St. John's, Newfoundland.

Died { Date April 19th 1918.

Place Military Hospital, Hazley Down Camp, Winchester,

Cause of Death N.Y.D.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
VICTORIA ST.
LONDON, S.W.
23 APR 1918
SECOND OFFICER

*Specially state if died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury (including heat-stroke) while on military duty (annex a separate statement showing fully the circumstances in which the injury was received).

Account, or (in India) Casualty Return, in which the non-effective balance will probably be included -----

Whether he leaves a Will or not Unknown.
(Any Will left should be forwarded with this Report.)

20 APR 1918

Whether in receipt of an annuity for meritorious service, or distinguished conduct -----

Medals, if entitled to any, and how disposed of -----

Whether known or supposed to have been married } Not married

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O.C. H.Q.
ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D.
N.F.P. No. 8510/66
DATED 30 MAY 1918

If married, whether on married Establishment } -----

Name and address of widow and children, if any } -----

Latest information as to Kin (if any known) with address } father, William Morris
Bay St. George, Newfoundland.

Small Book to be forwarded with this report. If not, explanation must be given.

I hereby certify that the next of kin has been informed.

W. M. E... Commanding } 2nd Bn. Royal Squadron
"Q" Battery } Newfoundland Troop
Company } Regiment.

Station and date Hazley Down Camp, Winchester, Transmitted 22 APR 1918.
April 19th 1918. LIEUT. COLONEL

to transfer
to deceased
subjects

2240

St Georges
Aug 12 1918

Capt J. M. Howley.

Dear Sir

I wrote to you some time ago asking you about my Brother's allotment which he left 15.50. to me. monthly. & he died over in England, on April. 19 which I understand that I should get the allotment until war is over. it is ^{nearly} three months gone & I have not got any. I waited until this pay & I see I have not got it yet. I would like to get it altogether as I am in need of it. very much please let me know what the reason you dont sent it.

are if you dont intend to
send any more.

Yours Truly

Theresa Morris.

P.S. all the rest of the people
that I know of got there
sons dead & get there money.
so I would like to know the
reason I dont get mine.
I should get it as well as
the rest of them.

Aug. 16th. 18

Theresa Morris,
St. George's,
Nfld.

Dear Madam:

With reference to your letter of August 12th. I beg to inform you that instructions were given to this office to discontinue payments of allotments of deceased men, when payable to other than mother or father, therefore as you are a sister of the allester on his death your allotment ceased. It was considered however, that if such were dependents, they would write in explaining their circumstances, therefore if you consider you are a dependent on the late soldier, kindly write to the Pension Commissioners, and they will consider your claim for pension.

Yours truly,

Lient.
For Paymaster

Casualty Officers
for your information please
J.H.H.

4131

St Georges
Dec 13th 1918

Capt J M Houley

Dear Sir

I would be very much obliged if you get my brother money what he had about him when he died the amount was twenty five dollars I send him eight dollars when it reached him he was dead I am supposed to get the money what he had on him when he died I find it very queer about the Pension form you send me to get filled in I got it done and send it on and never got any answer since please try

And find the money for me
because I need it badly

Miss Theresa Morris

Seal Rocks

St Georges

nfld

Please answer write away

Theresa Morris from London

4131 Pt

Harved Morris

Military Hospital

Hazely Down Camp

Eng

April 19/18

Cause of death NOT known

May 21, 1919

Mr. Wm. Morris,
Bay St. George.

Dear Sir:

I enclose cheque for \$22.25, balance
of estate of late Pte. H. Morris, due you as Adminis-
trator of his estate.

Yours truly,

A. C. R.

Capt.
Paymaster.

