

3965 Private FREDERICK JAMES ADEY

8th Irish Battalion, The King's Liverpool Regiment
Died 20 June 1915

Frederick Adey of 1 Hollyfield Road in Ellesmere Port was the son of Frank and Ellen Adey, later of 38 Victoria Rd., Ellesmere Port. Fred, like his mother and brothers and sisters, was born in West Bromwich, but like many other families from that area, moved to Ellesmere Port just before the war to work in the local iron works (they were still in West Bromwich on the 1911 census). His father, a Birmingham man, was a canal bargeman.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.														
Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.														
The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.														
* NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE					PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards				BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.
			State whether "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," or "Daughter," or "Boarder," or "Servant."	For infants under one year state the age in months as "one month," etc.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," or "Daughter," or "Boarder," or "Servant."	Completed years the present marriage has lasted. If less than one year write "under one."	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Total Children Born Alive.	Children still living.	Children who have Died.	Personal Occupation.			
1 Frank Adey	Head	40	Married	23					Boatman (off River)		04	West Bromwich	British	None
2 Ellen Adey	Wife	41	Married	23	10	4	3					"	"	"
3 Frederick Adey	Son	23	Single						Doubles in the Mill (Iron)		None	"	"	"
4 Frank Adey	Son	20	Single						Builder		4	"	"	"
5 Sidney Adey	Son	18	Single						Launderer (Phil. Dyeing)		0	"	"	"
6 Herbert Adey	Son	12	Single						School 390		0	"	"	"
7 Phyllis Adey	Daughter	11	Single						School		0	"	"	"
8 Arthur Adey	Son	9	Single						School		0	"	"	"

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that—

(1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper age column.

(2) I have counted the males and females in Column 3 and if separately and have compared these sums with the total number of persons.

(3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on this Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have personal such as appeared to be erroneous.

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Total	Males	Females	Persons
	6	2	8

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (Kitchens, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count outhouse, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.

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I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Frank Adey

Postal Address No. 1 Farley Street West Bromwich

At the time the war started Fred was a 26 year old single man and despite being only 5 feet 3 inches in height, he was made it through recruitment and he signed on in Liverpool on 22 February 1915, for the local Irish Battalion based at 75 Shaw Street. At the start of WW1 the battalion was mobilised and sent to Canterbury, Kent for training, which was only two months as they were formed before the war as a regular battalion. After training they sailed to France, arriving in Boulogne on 3rd May 1915, within weeks they were to face their baptism of fire. On 15th June 1915 they were in the Givenchy region when they were sent in to support the French at Artois. The 8th King's were ordered to attack on the afternoon of the 16th – however, three other battalions had attacked the previous day and had suffered heavy casualties, and the King's were now the only battalion at full strength and were to renew the attack.

The Artillery bombarded the German lines, and at 4.45pm on 16th June, Major Johnson led the 8th King's Irish out of the trenches. C company went first and stood little chance as the machine guns opened, most of their men fell in no mans land. A, B, and D companies followed and faced the same intense fire, although a number of men made it through to the German lines they were unable to hold the positions and a retreat was ordered. By midnight the battalion was back behind their lines and was sent for rest at Le Touret, their first action had cost them dearly with a total of 232

casualties. Fred Adey was badly wounded in the action, he was shot in the head and suffered a fractured skull, but succumbed to his wounds and died on 20 June 1915.

Frederick Adey is buried in plot II. A. 9 in Lillers Communal Cemetery, France. His brother Sidney later joined up to avenge his death, but he too lost his life. Both brothers are recorded on the Ellesmere Port War Memorial.

Campaign :- 1914-15				(A) Where decoration was earned.												
				(B) Present situation.												
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)												
(A) ADEY	L'pool R.	Pte	3965	H/2/2B/2												
(B) Frederick	-/-	-/-	-/-													
Action taken		<i>Deceased.</i>														
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Medal Card

LILLERS COMMUNAL CEMETERY, France

Lillers is a small town about 15 kilometres west-north-west of Bethune and the Communal Cemetery and Extension lie to the north of the town. Lillers was used for billets and headquarter offices from the autumn of 1914 to April 1918. At that time it was a hospital centre with the 6th, 9th, 18th, 32nd, 49th and 58th Casualty Clearing Stations in the town at one time or another. These units buried their dead on the right of the central path of the communal cemetery, working back from Plot I. In April 1918, the Germans advanced as far as Robecq; Lillers came under shell-fire, and the units holding this front continued to bury beyond the cemetery boundary, in the extension. The



Communal Cemetery contains 894 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 67 of which are unidentified. There are also 15 German graves in the Commonwealth plots. The extension contains 71 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, six of them unidentified.

Gen. No. 5595

TERRITORIAL FORCE

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 3965 Name Frederick Adey

Corps 5th (IRISH) BATT KING'S L'POOL RI

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name and Address? 1. Frederick Adey
1 Hollyfield Rd
Edinburgh Park, Glasgow
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 West to serve in the 5th (IRISH) BATT. KING'S L'POOL REGD 1914-1915 STAR
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. No
5. Are you a British Subject? 5. Yes

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, Frederick Adey 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.

Frederick Adey SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

S. M. G. [Signature] Signatures of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Frederick Adey 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, J. H. S. [Signature] 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 Liverpool on this 22 day of

Feb. 1915.

J. H. S. [Signature] 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. 501a. * Here insert County. † Here insert Corps.

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Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1/8th (IRISH) BATTALION THE KING'S **2-8-15**
 (L'POOL REGT.) F. Adey
 Regimental No. 3965 Rank Pte Name _____
 Enlisted (a) _____ Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. _____
 Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 214, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 214, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
Wounded in Action 16.6.15 B. 214. 20.6.15					
20.6.15	0667	Wounded in action 16.6.15	do.	17.6.15	A 36.
"	"	Transferred to 4th Cavalry 17.6.15	do.	17.6.15	A 36.
20.6.15	0666	Shot dead 16.6.15	do.	20.6.15	A 36.
"	"	Buried in France 16.6.15	do.	do	A 36.

Woodrington
CAPTAIN.
TERRITORIAL INFANTRY RECORDS
G. H. Q.; 3rd ECHELON.

(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. P.T.O.

Officer in Charge,
 Infantry Records
 Preston.
 26-1-21.

26-1-21. E. Adey,
 38 Victoria Rd,
 Ellesmere Port,
 W. Birkenhead.

Dear Madam,

Reference your post-card regarding Memorial Plaque in respect of the late No. 3965. Pte. F. Adey, The King's (Liverpool Regiment).

I beg to inform you, that owing to the large number of these Memorials being required, some considerable time may elapse before they are all ready for issue, but when completed the Plaque will be forwarded to you direct from the works.

No further correspondence is necessary on this subject except to notify this Office of any change of address.

Yours faithfully,

Leisl. for.
 Officer of Infantry Records

Three extracts from Fred Adey's war record.

Ellen Adey, Fred's mother, had still not received his memorial plaque in 1921 as this letter testifies.

Researched and written
 by
 Mike Royden