

Acting Bombardier James Adamson[©]
Regimental number: 109267
158th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery

born: 18 March 1889 – died: 1 September 1917

Acting Bombardier James Adamson was born on 18 March 1889.¹ He enlisted in the army in Alloa, Clackmannanshire. On 1 September 1917, he was admitted to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station with shrapnel wounds in his back and abdomen.² He died the same day³ and was buried the next day in Adinkerke (Grave Reference: D. 2).⁴ He was a Presbyterian.

Adinkerke Military Cemetery is 20 kilometres east of Dunkirk, in the community of De Panne, just across the border into Belgium. There are 168 Commonwealth soldiers from the Great War buried in the cemetery.⁵

His wife Elizabeth was his next of kin.⁶ She was living at Skin Flats, Bothkenner, near Falkirk, Scotland, when she was notified of his death. She and her children received the monies owing to him from the army upon his death.⁷

His wife may have been the former Elizabeth Robb.⁸ If so, they married on 2 June 1911 and had at least one child—Janet, born on 12 June 1915, when they were living at 22 Forks Street in Alloa, Scotland. James was a police constable.

James was awarded the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918) and the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre).⁹

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¹ "Web: International, Find A Grave Index," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.co.uk) entry for Acting Bombardier J Adamson

² "Record of Deaths, 17 February 1916 to 10 February 1919, a record maintained at No. 1 CCCS," *Library and Archives Canada*, (records accessed 2013 and 2016), Record group: 9, Series: IIC10, Volume: 4556, Record number: 353

³ The journal of the chaplains at No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station indicates that he died on 2 September 1917. However, his other military records suggest that he died on 1 September.

⁴ *Commonwealth War Graves Commission*, (www.cwgc.org: accessed 7 July 2016), entry for Adamson, J., Service No: 109267

⁵ "Adinkerke Military Cemetery," *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* (<http://www.cwgc.org/>: accessed 30 April 2016)

⁶ *Commonwealth War Graves Commission*, (www.cwgc.org: accessed 7 July 2016), entry for Adamson, J.

⁷ "UK, Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901–1929," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.co.uk: accessed 7 July 2016), entry for James Adamson

⁸ "Statutory Registers–Marriages," *ScotlandsPeople* (<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>: accessed 18 July 2016) entry for Adamson, James, District: Bothkennar, City/county: Stirling, GROS data: 481/B1 0006

⁹ "British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914–1920," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.co.uk: accessed 7 July 2016), entry for James Adamson