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<b>INFORMATION</b>		<b>DETAIL</b>		<b>SOURCE(S)</b>		<b>COMMENTS</b>			
Surname		Appleby		Attestation paper					
Forenames		Charles William		Birth record, US immigration record					
Date/Place of Birth		11 Dec 1883, Darlington, Co. Durham		Birth record, headstone		See photo of headstone			
Last Recorded Address pre enlistment						No Canadian address recorded pre enlistment			
1911 Census Address & details (or latest available)		35 Dyke St, West Hartlepool, DUR Living with parents.		1911 census RG14PN29604 RG78PN1718A RD545 SD1 ED4 SN38					
Schools/Colleges attended									
Religion/Church attended pre enlistment		Church of England		Attestation paper					
Organisation/Society/Club membership									
Occupation/Trade pre enlistment		Labourer		Attestation paper		Medical history records pre enlistment trade as seaman.			
Place of Work pre enlistment						Unknown			
Name of Father		William Charles Appleby b. 1860 Barnard Castle; d. 1934 West Hartlepool, Durham		Census, FMP birth & death indexes		Middle initial appears in 1881 census & death index. Name Charles appears on service record of Harry Appleby as NOK			
Name of Mother (maiden name if possible)		Margaret M Smith b. 1861, Carlisle, Cumberland; d. 1939, West Hartlepool, Durham		Census, FMP birth & death indexes		Middle initial appears in 1881 census & death index			
Parental Address (if known)		7 Briar St, West Hartlepool, Durham		Discharge paper					
Parent's marriage(s)		1882, Darlington, Co. Durham		Darlington Registry Office index of marriages					
Siblings		Number 1		Harry Appleby. b. 1886, Darlington, Durham. Possible death 1930, Darlington, Durham		FMP birth & death indexes, censuses, Army Service Record.		Regt #14667, 3 <sup>rd</sup> batt. Kings Own Scottish Borderers.	
Wife's name and maiden name		Elizabeth Watt Hodgson b. 1884 Hartlepool, d. 15 Sep 1956, Amherst, Erie, NY.		Birth entry for sons		1 <sup>st</sup> marriage to David Matthews in 1908. Had 3 sons.			
When and where married		West Hartlepool, Durham, England 1922 1 <sup>st</sup> qtr.		Marriage index					
Children's names		Number 2		Harry Appleby b. 29 June 1921. d. Aug 1979  William Appleby b. 23 Jan 1923 Enlisted in Canadian Army July 1943 and discharged Oct 1945.		US social security death index; US WW2 enlistment record. US immigration record 1927.		Had 3 sons by 1 <sup>st</sup> marriage, 2 of whom accompanied her to USA.	
Remarriage of widow (if applicable)									
Relationship to other subjects									
Date of death and age		Date: 18 Aug 1956		Age: 72		Headstone and US social security death index			
Regiment at end of service		Canadian Expeditionary Force		All military information taken from service record.					
Battalion at end of service		36th Battalion							
Rank at end of service		Private							
Service Number at death/end of service		406024							
Place of death (if pre 1921)									
Place of death (if post 1921)		Amherst, Erie County, New York		Headstone					

Address at death (if post 1921)			
Occupation at death (if post 1921)	Retired. Last occupation listed is labourer, WPA project in 1940 census		
Battle at death (if applicable/known)			
Field of action at death (if applicable)			
Cause/Circumstances of death (if known)			
Location of Grave/Memorial			
Grave/Memorial reference (if known)			
Local/other memorials recorded on			
Details of any other WW1 service: Rank Service Number Regiment Battalion			
Date of Enlistment (if known)	19 April 1915		Attestation paper
Place of Enlistment	Hamilton, Ontario		Attestation paper
Medals, Decorations and Awards			
Service Record(s) if surviving.			<a href="http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/item/?op=pdf&amp;app=CEF&amp;id=B0201-S025">http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/item/?op=pdf&amp;app=CEF&amp;id=B0201-S025</a>
Destination Country	Canada		
Departure from UK	Date:	Vessel:	Port:
	30 July 1913	Virginian	Liverpool
Arrival at Destination	Date:	Port	Canadian passenger lists 1881-1922
	7 Aug 1913	Quebec City	
Return to England (if applicable)	Date:	Vessel:	Port
Other Immigration Info (if stated)	Lists occupation as boatman (medical records record that he said he was a seaman prior to service) on both lists. Destination given as Brantford, Ontario.		

#### Additional Information – include any information of note

William Appleby was the eldest son of William (Charles) Appleby and Margaret May Smith. They were married in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 1882. Although he states his birth date as 11 December 1885, I believe it to be 1883. His younger brother, Harry Appleby was born in the first quarter of 1886 and baptised on 28 April of that year in Holy Trinity Church, Darlington. Birth index entries for Darlington show birth of a Charles William Appleby in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 1883 and he uses that name once he moves to the United States.

William Charles Appleby was the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 7 children born in the first quarter of 1860 to William Harrison Appleby and Ann Wardle and was born in Barnard Castle, Co. Durham, although the family may have lived in Startforth, just across the river in Yorkshire. Margaret May Smith was born in Carlisle, Cumberland in 1861, was living with her widowed mother in Darlington, Co. Durham in 1871 and was a domestic servant in that town in 1881.

William's younger brother, Harry Appleby, was born in 1886. I was unable to find the family in the 1891 census but by 1901 they were living in West Hartlepool, Co. Durham and all 3 men were working in a ship yard there – the father as a fitter and the two sons as labourers. In 1911 William senior and William junior are living with Margaret at 35 Dyke St, West Hartlepool and both continue as labourers in a marine engine works, likely either Central Marine Engine Works or Richardson Westgarth, the two largest works in the town. Harry Appleby is not home at the time of the census and, I believe, was visiting a family in Seaton Carew, a few miles south of West Hartlepool.

William may have taken work as a seaman after the census was taken as he describes himself as a “boatman” on both

the outgoing and incoming passenger lists of the SS Virginian when he emigrates to Canada in August 1913. He states his destination as Brantford, Ontario and this is likely where he went as he enlists in the CEF in Hamilton on 19 April 1915. Although his father was still alive he lists his mother as next of kin and recipient of his monthly pay, while his brother Harry lists his father as next of kin, with William as second next of kin, on his attestation paper for the King's Own Scottish Borderers in September 1914.

William is described as 5'10" inches tall, of sandy complexion with blue eyes and light brown hair on his enlistment papers. He has a tattoo mark on his right forearm. The 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion was used as a reinforcing battalion with soldiers being sent to other battalions in France as required. The battalion left Canada for England on June 19, 1915 from Montreal aboard the S.S. Corsican with a compliment of 39 officers and 1004 other ranks under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel E.C. Ashton. They arrived in England on June 29, 1915 and Shorncliffe on June 30, 1915. It was at Shorncliffe that any doubt the battalion had with regard to their role as reinforcing battalion, was removed. Within the month they were reinforcing battalions at the front and absorbing others. The battalion moved to West Sandling on September 29, 1915.

In September 1915 William contracted diphtheria and spent most of that month in an infectious diseases hospital in Folkestone, Kent. He spends a further month in hospital in February 1916 with gonorrhoea and in August of that year received a gunshot wound in his left arm, likely while engaged in the Battle of the Somme. November and December 1916 find him in East Leeds general hospital in Yorkshire being treated for that wound and for French fever. He is released on 21 December 1916 and 1917 finds him with the battalion in the Ypres sector. On 6 November, in his own words, he is "buried by explosion of HE shell. Dazed but not unconscious. No bleeding or discharge from ears." From 14 November 1917 to 16 February 1918 he is treated at the Granville Carr Special Hospital in Buxton, England and is listed as suffering from shell shock. He does not return to the front and on 9 January 1919 returns to Canada on board the SS Olympic. He is officially discharged on 19 February 1919 in Toronto and returns to Brantford, Ontario. On 7 April 1919 he completes a war gratuity declaration and his address at that time was Fulton Steet, Grandview, Brantford.

His brother Harry also saw active service in France. He suffered gunshot wounds to his right arm on 25 September 1915 at the Battle of Loos and to his left forearm on 9 April 1917 in the Ypres sector. He was discharged as medically unfit for service on 28 August 1918.

On 22 June 1920 William leaves Canada aboard the SS Corsican bound for Liverpool and his home at 9 Briar St, West Hartlepool. He gives his occupation as cement worker. Early in 1921 he marries Elizabeth Watt Hodgson, although the marriage record states Elizabeth Matthews. Elizabeth was born in West Hartlepool in 1884 and had married one David Matthews, b. Glamorgan, Wales, in 1908. By 1911 they had 3 children, Trevor, Ivor and Sidney. David Matthews may have been killed in WW 1 or died in Newcastle in 1916; either way Elizabeth was free to remarry. William and Elizabeth have two children – Harry Appleby and William Appleby – and then decide to leave for North America.

On 10 August 1923 William arrives in Canada aboard the SS Montcalm, giving his reason for returning as "to take up a position as cement worker". He had £10 in his pocket and was going to his cousin, Mrs Groves in Belleville, Ontario. On 29 May 1925, Elizabeth boards the SS Montrose in Liverpool bound for Montreal. With her are sons Trevor (Matthews although listed as Appleby), Harry and William. They lived somewhere in Ontario until 2 May 1927 when William (registered as Charles W.) crosses to Buffalo to stay with a friend "Mrs Parrish". On 3 October 1927 Elizabeth and William are recorded as entering the United States at Buffalo.

The 1930 US census finds William, now registered as Charles William Appleby, living in rented premises at 440 Ontario St, Buffalo and working as a machinist in a machine parts factory. Along with Elizabeth, sons Harry and William are living there and attending school; while stepsons Ivor and Sidney Matthews are also in residence. By 1935 they had moved to 224 Royal Ave in Buffalo which is where they are living when the 1940 census is taken. Charles William is now a labourer on a WPA project so presumably had lost his machinist job during the depression. Son Harry is recorded as being a "new worker" aged 18 and William has no job.

Son William crossed back into Canada to enlist in the Canadian Army in July 1943 and returned to Buffalo in 1945 after receiving an honourable discharge. Son Harry is recorded as enlisting in the US Army on 23 January 1943.

Charles William and Elizabeth both die in 1956; he on 18 August and she on 15 September. They are buried in White Chapel Memorial Park, Amherst a suburb of Buffalo.

APPLEBY  
CHARLES W. ELIZABETH

DEC. 11, 1883

SEPT. 22, 1885

AUG. 18, 1956

SEPT. 15, 1956