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<b>INFORMATION</b>		<b>DETAIL</b>		<b>SOURCE(S)</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Surname		Appleby			
Forenames		Andrew James		Baptism record All Saints, Newcastle, 25 Mar 1866	
Date/Place of Birth		20 Feb 1866, Newcastle upon Tyne, NBL (though stated 1879 on enlistment papers)			I have assumed he did not lie about his date, just the year.
Last Recorded Address pre enlistment		31 Leazes Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NBL			No address is given on attestation record or elsewhere in service record.
1911 Census Address & details (or latest available)		31 Leazes Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NBL		1911 census RG14PN30562 RD558 SD2 ED5 SN282	
Schools/Colleges attended					
Religion/Church attended pre enlistment		Church of England		Attestation paper	
Organisation/Society/Club membership					
Occupation/Trade pre enlistment		Bookkeeper – clerk at steamship insurance firm		Attestation paper 1911 census	He gave the former on his attestation paper; the latter on 1911 census.
Place of Work pre enlistment		Unknown			
Name of Father		Henry Appleby (1839-1891)		Find My Past census and vital records	
Name of Mother (maiden name if possible)		Ann (Annie) Stoker (1843-1911)		Find My Past census and vital records	
Parental Address (if known)		31 Leazes Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NBL		1911 census	
Parent's marriage(s)		1863, Newcastle upon Tyne, NBL		Marriage index record	
Siblings	Number	6		Find My Past census and vital records	Named as Next of Kin  Married Robert Wilson; died after 1939 Married Thomas Robson – death probable but unverified May have died 25 Feb 1902 during Boer War.  Emigrated to Canada 1912. Also served.
		Mary Helen Appleby (16 Aug 1864 – 1936) – recorded as Mary Ellen on birth record. Jane Appleby b. 1868  Ann (Annie) Appleby (1874-1906)  John William Appleby b. 1878  Isabella (Bella) Appleby b. 1882 Henry (Harry) Appleby b. 17 Nov 1885			
Wife's name and maiden name					
When and where married		Not Married			
Children's names	Number				
Remarriage of widow (if applicable)					
Relationship to other subjects		Older brother of Henry Appleby			
Date of death and age		Date:	18 Aug 1919	Age:	53
Regiment at end of service		Canadian Army Medical Corps		Service record	
Battalion at end of service					
Rank at end of service		Private		Service record	

Service Number at death/end of service	34120			Service record	
Place of death (if pre 1921)	Montreal, Quebec, Canada			Montreal Gazette, 19 Aug 1919	
Place of death (if post 1921)					
Address at death (if post 1921)	St. George Hotel, Montreal			Montreal Gazette 19 Aug 1919	Address given on discharge documents is Khaki Club, Dorchester St, Montreal.
Occupation at death (if post 1921)					
Battle at death (if applicable/known)					
Field of action at death (if applicable)					
Cause/Circumstances of death (if known)	Murdered			Montreal Gazette 19 Aug 1919	
Location of Grave/Memorial	Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal			Find A Grave	
Grave/Memorial reference (if known)					
Local/other memorials recorded on					
Details of any other WW1 service: Rank Service Number Regiment Battalion	1 Sationary Depot, Shorncliffe, England 2 <sup>nd</sup> Field Amb, France 1 Can. Hospital, Etaples	17 Apr 1915  14 May 1915 27 Aug 1916	Service record		
Date of Enlistment (if known)	25 Sep 1914			Attestation paper	
Place of Enlistment	Val Cartier, Quebec			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=B0200-S020">http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.item/?op=pdf&amp;app=CEF&amp;id=B0200-S020</a>			Library and Archives Canada	See notes at end
Destination Country	Canada				
Departure from UK	Date:	Vessel:	Port:	Passenger Lists leaving UK 1890-1960	
	15 Aug 1913	Laurent ic	Liverpool		
Arrival at Destination	Date:	Port		Canada Passenger Lists 1881-1922	States going to join his brother, a farmer. Occupation labourer, final destination shows as Toronto via Grand Trunk Railway.
	23 Aug 1913	Quebec City			
Return to England (if applicable)	Date:	Vessel:	Port:		
Other Immigration Info (if stated)	He states his occupation as ironworker and age 47. Since there is no first name on the record this is a "high probability" source.				

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

Henry Appleby, Andrew's father, was a cork cutter – one of 6 people employed in that trade in Newcastle in 1881 – working with cork to make stoppers for bottles and other containers. His sisters Mary Helen and Ann went on to be school teachers. In the 1881 census Andrew is shown as “office boy” and in 1891 as a clerk. In both the 1901 and 1911 census records he is shown as a clerk in a marine insurance office. This would line up with his attestation declaration of bookkeeper as his profession. He emigrated to Canada in August 1913, ostensibly to join his brother Henry who had left a year earlier.

Andrew Appleby seems to have lied about his age in order to volunteer for the Canadian Expeditionary Force. I was able to find no record of a person born in 1879 with that name, while the census records for his sister Mary Helen (or Ellen as she was registered) clearly show him as the younger brother born in 1866. This also corresponds with his age on his discharge papers and medical files.

He had a colourful experience in the Canadian Army Medical Corps. After arriving in England and being posted to the Canadian Army depot at Hampstead in late 1914 his record shows 3 instances of forfeiture of pay and fines, culminating in a 14 day detention. In the summer of 1916 he receives 14 days punishment in a field prison for being drunk while on duty – twice! On 16 Sep 1916, after being reassigned to the field hospital he is admonished for being absent for a whole day; on 18 Nov he is sentenced to 10 days in the field prison for drunkenness on duty; on 6 July 1917 he is deprived of 4 days pay and awarded 10 days CB for being improperly dressed when walking out; not being in possession of AB64 and stating a falsehood to military police, and on 6 Oct 1917 he receives 10 days CB for being absent from duty 6:45 pm 2 Oct to 6:45 a.m. on 4 Oct and is deprived of 2 days pay.

Throughout his time on active service he had money sent to his sister Mary Helen Appleby in Newcastle upon Tyne: \$25 a month from March 1915 to July 1916 and \$20 a month thereafter until discharge in 1916. She also received a war service gratuity of £189 9s 10d. His final pay sheet is in his service record showing he received \$1 a day pay and 10 cents a day for being on active service.

On 25 May 1918 he was admitted to hospital with a gunshot wound to his left hip, this having occurred on 20 May 1918 during an enemy air raid. On 19 November 1918 he was sent back to Canada on the Scandanavia and was discharged on 11 Feb 1919. On his discharge papers he states his occupation as “Farmer” and his future place of residence as Montreal. He was admitted to hospital again on 28 Feb 1919 with influenza and an infected wound on his left foot and discharged on 27 Mar 1919. Service record shows this as PCM Hospital, presumably a military hospital in Montreal.

I was unable to find any trace of an Andrew Appleby in the 1913, 1914 or 1919 Montreal city directories, the 1921 Canadian Census, nor any record of a return to England. However the burial record in Mount Royal Cemetery revealed two newspaper articles about the killing of one Andrew Appleby aged about 50 in a hotel in Montreal. I checked the 1911 Canadian census and could find no record of an Andrew Appleby, nor any other record of a person of that name coming to Canada. I conclude, therefore, that this murdered man could well be Andrew James Appleby. There may be further details in the coroner's inquest records but those for Montreal are not on line. Following is the second article from the Montreal Gazette which gives some details of the adjourned inquest.

# FIND NO CLUE TO HOTEL TRAGEDY

Mystery Surrounds Violent  
Death of Andrew Appleby,  
Returned Soldier

INQUEST OPENS TODAY

Autopsy Reveals That Man  
Succumbed to Effects of  
Blows With a Blunt  
Instrument

Mystery surrounds the death of Andrew Appleby, 50 years of age, who was found lying dead in a pool of blood at the St. George Hotel, corner of St. Antoine and Inspector streets, yesterday morning. An autopsy performed yesterday afternoon by Dr MacTaggart, of the Coroner's Court, showed that Appleby had died from concussion of the brain, brought on by severe blows, probably dealt with some blunt instrument.

Detectives Labine and O'Donnell, who were placed at Coroner McMahon's disposal by Chief of Detectives Lepage, worked all day yesterday, but failed to discover any clue as to who might have killed the man. All available witnesses were told to be at the coroner's court this morning for the inquest.

Appleby was found in his room with the door open, and dressed only in his shirt and one sock. Other clothing was later found in one of the bedrooms upstairs occupied by a man who gave his name as Kelly. He was unable to explain how the clothing came to be in his room, and said he did not remember having seen Appleby during the night.

The victim occupied a room bearing No. 14 on the first floor of the hotel, where he had stayed at frequent intervals. He was a returned soldier and was said to be quiet and well behaved. No one on Sunday night saw anything of him. It was nearly 7 o'clock yesterday morning when A. Cummings, who occupied room No. 15, next to Appleby's, saw the body lying on the floor. Cummings immediately notified the manager and proprietor of the hotel, G. W. Smith, who informed the police.

Lieut. F. McCall, of the Montfort street station, went with Constable Liboliron to investigate and the body was removed to the morgue.

A preliminary examination revealed that the man had received a violent blow on the head, and this seemed to have been the cause of death. It was thought possible the man might have fallen against the wall or struck his head on the corner of a small table in the room. The autopsy, however, showed the man had received several blows.

Questioned by the police, Ovide Perrault, the night watchman of the hotel, said he heard no disturbance in or near Appleby's room. In Appleby's pockets, beyond a small sum of money, some discharge papers and a few letters, nothing of importance was found.