



Augustus Mercer
World War I
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Regimental No. 5252

Born: July 1899

Place of Birth: Country Road, Bay Roberts

Parents: Isaac and Mahala Mercer

Augustus's enlistment documents dated May 21, 1918, provides some information about him.

- a) Stood 5 feet 6 inches tall
- b) Was just 18 years old
- c) Was a millwright
- d) Was Church of England
- e) Was educated

His service record covers 228 days in total from enlistment to discharge. Since it was late in the war when Augustus joined, his service record reflects that and shows that he did not serve overseas.

1. 10 July 1918 assigned "special duty" in home defence at Cape Ray
2. 14 September 1918, returned to HQ at St. John's
3. 24 September special duty, home defence at Bell Island
4. 13 November 1918, returned to HQ
5. 3 January 1919, demobilized

Once back to civilian life, the 1921 census entries show Augustus (22) at home with his parents.

The next Newfoundland census of 1935 finds Augustus (36) married to wife, Greta (35) and they have three (3) children, Janice, Raymond and Joyce and are living in Grand Falls.

The 1945 Newfoundland census for the community of Harmon Field, Bay of St. George's District shows Augustus now 45 working there. He provided his birthplace as Conception Bay and his place of Residence as Grand Falls Valley Road. There are no entries for his family but there is an official notation that " Dwelling, family members and relationships were omitted on a number of original pages."

No additional information is available at this time. Any further information will be added as it becomes available.