



Jabez Mercer

United States Army

Service No. 1093

Spanish-American War

Born: 14 Aug 1876

Died: 17 Oct 1901

Place of Birth: Shearstown (Spaniard's Bay Pond), Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Ananias and Joanna (nee Dawe) Mercer

Baptised on November 9th, 1877, Jabez was the first child born to Ananias and Joanna.

In all, the Mercer's had eight (8) children: Jabez born in 1876, Mary in 1878, Rachel in 1880, Ananias 1882, William in 1885,

Elizabeth in 1888, John Charles in 1889 and George in 1891.

Jabez enlisted in the United States Army at Bangor, Maine, in March 1898 and was assigned to Company B, 21st Regiment of the U.S. Infantry. Twenty-one (21) at the time, Jabez is described as 5'6', of ruddy complexion with brown hair and blue eyes.

Jabez was sent to the Philippines during the Spanish-American War (1898-1902). It was here that Jabez died on October 17th, 1901, in Sipa, Philippines from acute dysentery.

He is buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery at San Francisco, California and remembered with an inscription on his parent's grave marker at St. Marks Anglican Cemetery at Shearstown, Newfoundland.