

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 91

Name in full Fred Gustave Mellen Age 26

Address Cushodas Cove (Cable Co)

~~Married~~ Single Dark Height 5' 7" Weight 135 lbs

Color Dark Hair Dark Brown Eyes Brown

Other distinguishing marks _____
Nearest relative Father - Mr. J. O. Mellen

Address 0 Kenville N.S.

Dependents _____
Occupation Cable Operator Present Wage \$1000.00 p. year

Previous service _____

Decorations _____

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment _____

I, Fredrick Gustave Mellen, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty and that I will faithfully serve His Majesty in any place where I may be needed (or in the Colony of Newfoundland as the case may be) against all his enemies and opposers whatsoever according to the conditions of my service.

Fred. G. Mellen

Declared before me this 1st day
of October 1914

Geo. Leachy
Capt. A. Co

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

(To correspond with Entries on the Medical History Sheet)
Applicable to all ranks.

Reg. No. 91

Name Fred Courtney Mellor

Apparent age 26 years months. Height 5 feet 7 inches.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded inches.
Range of expansion inches.

Distinctive marks Color: Dark, Hair: Dark Brown, Eyes: Brown

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Rev. J. G. Mellor, Kentville, Nova Scotia

Relationship Father

Particulars as to Marriage.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES.

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries.
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>2/9/14</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>2nd September '14</u>									
<u>Embarked for U.K. 3/10/14.</u>									
<u>Granted Commission as 2nd Lieutenant 22/11/14</u>									
<u>Embarked for U.K. 17/15</u>									
<u>Embarked for B.E.F. 23/15</u>									
<u>(Qualifies for military Cemetery, 44 miles N of Beirut)</u>									
<u>Killed in Action</u>									
<u>Arrived hospital 5-5-15</u>									
<u>Discharged to U.K. 10/15</u>									
<u>Buried at Hailly Hall, 11 miles N of Beirut 3-19-16 (last)</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>1-7-16</u> (date of discharge) <u>1</u> years <u>303</u> days									
Pension									

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<u>Embarked of "Hornet" for U.K. 3/10/14.</u>									
<u>Granted Commission</u>									
<u>as 2nd Lieutenant 27/11/14</u>									
<u>Embarked Spfld. Hospital 23rd for Newfoundland. Arrived Newfoundland 5th 15</u>									
<u>Embarked for U.K. 17th Arrived U.K. 27th Lieutenant 16th 15.</u>									
<u>Embarked for B.E.F. 23rd Killed in Action 1st (Buried at Hailly Hall</u>									
<u>(Woolwich Military Cemetery, Hailly, 4 1/4 miles N of Hailly) 3.19.15 (Unit)</u>									
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" " " Pension (") " "									

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Extract of Regimental Orders

By Lieut. Col. Sir J.

Dated MAY 11, 1915.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments.

Pte. Frederick C. Meller.

To be 2nd Lieutenants.

C.R. 0-77

PROMOTE

Extract of Regimental Orders dated Nov. 1st 1915.
by Lieut. Col. Sir W. E. Davidson, K.C.M.G. Officer Commanding.

Lieut. Col. (Comd.) has approved the following promotion.

And. Lieut. F. C. Mellor,

To be Lieutenant: to date from Oct. 15, 1915.

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Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Newfoundland
Regiment G.H. 3rd Echelon April 15th, 1916.

Lieut. F.C. Mellor

Embarked at Southampton per H.T. "Archangel" 28-3-16.

COPY.
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Grenfell,
Granville Street,
Barnsley,

23rd July, 1916.

Mrs. Watherston,

Dear Madam,

*apparently in hand
to me
(P.W.)*

In a recent Casualty list I find the name "Killed in Action" of a nephew of mine Lieut F.C. Mellor, 1st Newfoundland Regiment. I have written to the Officers of the Canadian Record Office and other places for confirmation or otherwise of the report and for details but the only information I can get is a bare confirmation of the report that he is killed.

The British Red Cross Society have furnished me with your home and address in answer to my request for a list of Wounded Newfoundland Soldiers, as I have conceived the idea that some of these might be in English Hospitals and that there might be those who saw him fall and could tell me more about his end. We are naturally much out of it and are anxious to learn more as this was his home on this side, and my wife (who is his father's only sister) constituted herself his Mother, with absence of his father and Mother who were so far away in Nova Scotia.

As I asking too great a favour to request that you will kindly enquire from some of the Wounded N.C.O.'s or men of the 1st Newfd. Regt who would be with him at the engagement, and if possible learn some details of his death, the manner, whether by Bullet or Shell, and if he received a decent Burial, and the place if possible and any other details of interest which you would desire to know if placed in similar circumstances to myself.

If you can do this you will confer an incalculable favour upon us, but if that is impossible will you kindly send me the names of a few likely ones with whom I may communicate.

Believe me to be, with much admiration for your noble work.

Yours Sincerely,

Frank Marshall.

C.R. 0-77

26/11

NEWFOUNDLAND REG'T.

11th August, 1916.

Lt. F.C. MELLOR. Killed 1/10.1916. Details.

Witness said he saw the body of Lt. Mellor of B. Co. No. 7 Pl., brought down to "Knightsbridge Barracks" for burial. He was buried just behind the firing line on the Maily Front.

Reference: S. Evans, 1418, 1st Wfld, A. Co.
No. 29 I.B.D. Rouen.

Quarter No. _____

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



Cable Connection with all the World *M 106*

All Messages sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

The Management may decline to forward the Message, though it has been received for transmission; but in case of so doing shall refund to the Sender the amount paid for its transmission.

In case the Message shall never reach its destination by reason of any neglect or default of the N. P. T. or its Servants whilst the Message remains under the control of the N. P. T., they will refund the amount paid by the Sender for such Message.

The N. P. T. shall not be liable to make compensation beyond the amount refunded as above for any loss, injury, or damage arising or resulting from the non-transmission or non-delivery of the Message, or delay or error in the transmission or delivery thereof, howsoever such transmission, non-delivery, delay, or error shall have occurred.

The control of the N. P. T. over the Message shall be deemed to have entirely ceased for the purposes of these Conditions at any point where, in the course of the transit of the Message to its destination, it may be entrusted by the N. P. T. (and the N. P. T. shall have full power so to entrust the Message) for further transmission by or through any system, service, or line of Telegraph belonging to or worked by any administration or authority not controlled by the N. P. T. exclusively, although worked as part of or in connection with the Telegraphic system or service of the N. P. T.

I request that the following Telegram may be forwarded according to the foregoing Conditions, by which I agree to abide.

(NOT TRANSMITTED)
Signature of Sender *F. M. Moller* Address _____

Line Number _____	Recd _____	By <i>F. M. Moller</i>	Check _____
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Dated **July 6, 1916.**

To **Rev. E. C. Moller,**
Kentville, N.S.

Regret to inform you that Lieutenant Fred.
C. Moller was killed in action on July first.

J.R. BENNETT
Colonial Secretary.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 077

Copy of Cablegram to Governor St. John's Hfld.
from P.&R.O. 6/7/14.

Lieut Mellor. ✓

Killed in Action 1st July.

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NEWFOUNDLAND REGT

MELLOR, Lt. F.C.

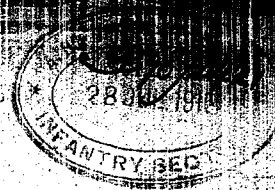
K. July 1-10 1915 Det:

Lt. Mellor was a signalling officer for the Battalion, dark complexion and hair, and a dark moustache. Medium build, about 5ft 7ins. About 37 years of age. The Newfoundland Regt. was with the 88th Brigade, and at exactly 9.10 a.m. on July 1st, left their trenches at St. John's Road, three miles from Maily. A few minutes after they started informant got wounded. He crawled back to the trenches he had just left, and from there walked to dressing station at Maily. While waiting there to be taken on down the line, a signaller in the Newfoundland Regt (whose name informant has forgotten), came in wounded. He told informant out of the 36 signallers in the regiment, only 3 including himself had come out all right. He said that Lt. Mellor was killed almost at the start, outright by a machine gun bullet.

Inf: E. Burt. 1152. I.D.
No. 8 Stationary Hospital.
BOULOGNE. Aug. 28th. 1916.



**ORIGINAL
FIELD SERVICE.**



C.P. 160590/242/16

Report of Death of an OFFICER to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

Unit) 1st. Newfoundland Regiment.

Rank) Lieutenant.

Name) Shortall, R.A.

	By whom reported	O.C., Unit.
DIED	Date of Death	July 1st., 1916.
	Place or hospital	In the Field, France.
	Cause of death	Killed in Action.
	Place of burial	Not yet received.

State whether he leaves a will or not Unknown.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A. B. Clark, Capt.
for Lieut. Colonel,
Officer i/c Inftry Sections,
Adjutant General's Office at the Base.

General Headquarters, 3rd. Echelon.

Date) 26/7/16.

C.R. 77
SEP 9 1921 1921.

The accompanying Victory Medal and/or British War Medal
are forwarded herewith to

Rev. J.G. Mellor (Father)

in respect of his service as No. _____ Rank Lieut.

Name Frederick G. Mellor Royal Nfld. Regt.
Nfld. Forestry Corps.

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received September 17 1921

Signature T. C. Mellor

Date September 17 1921 (Father)

Address St Luke's Rectory
Annapolis Royal
Nova Scotia

St. Luke's Rectory
ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
NOVA SCOTIA

C.R. 0-77

Oct: 25th 1921

My dear Lieut Col:

With grateful thanks I wish to acknowledge the receipt of the copies of the grave of my son Lieut J. P. Mellor.

You may be interested in the statement, that the cross erected on the place of interment was placed there by my other son, Lieut W. E. Mellor of the Canadian Engineers who had made the cross and the metal shield that had the name inscribed upon it, and carried it a distance of nearly 40 miles & placed it there as a tribute of love to a brother well beloved.

It was afterwards shelled and broken as depicted in the picture you sent to us.

Yours with many thanks and highest regard

I am
Yours faithfully

T. C. Mellor

C.F. 0-77
St. Luke's Rectory
ANNAPOLIS ROYAL
NOVA SCOTIA

May 14 1927

R
Lieut. Col. Rennels

Dear Sir. I am in receipt of photos
of my son's grave in France for
which I am deeply grateful.
Please accept my warmest thanks
for them.

I have been wondering whether
you are the son of a Mr. Rennels whom
I met over thirty years ago in St
John's when I was a passenger
to Halifax from Liverpool, or do
you may have been when I was on a
holiday from Halifax to Liverpool?
If so, and if he is still living, please
remember me to him.

Please note change of address
from Kentville to above.
Will there be a medal for my son?
With much regard

I am
Yours faithfully
F. C. Mello

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January 27, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that information, with respect to the gravesite of Lieut. F. C. Mellor, has now been received from the Pay and Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London.

Lieut. Mellor was buried in Knightsbridge Military Cemetery, 1 mile north of Meaux, 4½ miles north of Albert, France.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Rev. J.C. Mellor,
Kentville, N.S.

C.R. 0-77

St Luke's Rectory
Annapolis Royal
Nova Scotia
May 27th 1919

My dear Sir.

I trust I may be pardoned for writing to you on an important matter. My son, Lieut. Fred C. Mellor, was killed in action on July 1st 1916. He enlisted in August or Sept. 1914 and sailed with the first contingent. He received his Commission in Scotland. He was a Lieut when killed.

I have been given to understand that the British and Canadian Governments are giving war gratuities for those who have given their lives for the Empire. May I ask if the Newfoundland Govt. is doing the same? and if so, if I may expect to hear from the Govt. soon or when peace has been declared?

Believe me to be
Yours very faithfully
T. C. Mellor

C.R. 0-77

June 6th 19

Rev. F.C. Meller:

St. Luke's Rectory

Annapolis Royal

Nova Scotia

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of May 27th addressed to Mr. H.H. Mott has been passed to this Department, and I have been instructed to reply. I would state for your information that under the regulations governing the issue of War Service Gratuities, no payments are made on account of deceased soldiers. This gratuity is regarded as a personal payment to the soldier for his war service; the only payment issuable to the next of kin and dependents of deceased soldiers is the pension, which you are doubtlessly aware is payable only in cases where the soldier is proved to be the sole or main support of the applicant. I regret, therefore, that no payment on account of War Service Gratuities is due on account of Lieut. F.C. Meller.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

St. Luke's Rectory
Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

February 20th 1920

Dear Sir.

Vol. 6-77

I am writing to acknowledge
with grateful thanks the
^{beautiful} Memorial Scroll, and His Majesty's
^{precious} message. Also your note
of same, dated Dec^r 28th 1919.

I assure you I fully
appreciate these remembrances
of a dear Son & good Soldier.

With much respect

Yours faithfully

T. C. Mellor

P.S. Please note change

of address from Kentville to above address

C. R. 0-77

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's per S.S.
FLORIZEL, Oct. 4, 1914.

91 Mellon Fred C.

C.R. 91

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Fred. C. Miller. was attested for General Service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on Sept. 2nd, 1914
Regimental No 91 was allotted to Pte. Fred. C. Miller.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.

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Effects

5, August, 6.

L/Corp. W. E. Mellor,
1st Field Co., Canadian Engineers,
B. E. F.

Effects, Late Lieut. F. C. Mellor.

With reference to your letter of the 28th ult.
relating to the Effects of the above deceased Officer,
the matter will be given due attention. Meanwhile
owing to certain necessary formalities some time must
elapse before the final adjustment of the Estate can
be effected.

I may say that the Effects have not yet been
received at this Office.

2/Lieut.

for Paymaster & O.I./e Records.

F.M./N.M.

Pioneer School,

Reading.

April 2nd, 1917.

Dear Sir,

Having heard that the grave of Lieut. F.C. Mellor of the 1st Newfoundland Regt., was seen in September 1916, I feel it my duty to state that I found a body in the old "No Man's Land" opposite Beaumont Hamel on or about November 19th, 1916 with an identity disc on the left wrist on which was Lieut. F.C. Mellor, 1st Newfoundland Regt. I buried him in a shell hole and marked the grave. Some days later I gave the map reference of the site to the Divl. Graves Registration Officer and asked him if he could move the body to a cemetery. About a week after he told me he had done so.

I swear on my oath that the above statements are true.

(Sgd) R.T. Smith,

2/Lieut., 2nd Seaforth Hldrs.

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OFFICER'S ACCOUNT.

LIEUT. F.C.MELLOB.

Cash advanced at St.Johns-

May 14th. \$35.00

June 15th. 40.00

" " (from Mr E.A.Bowring) 100.00

Cash for travelling expenses, from

Liverpool to St.Johns.....\$36.50

Less amount received from Capt.

Timewell £5- 24.30-12.20 - \$187.20

Amount due Officer at St.Johns

Subsistence from May 6th/15

to June 17th/15-42 dys, @ \$2.50- 105.00

Balance to be charged on account

Officer's pay in Great Britain..... \$82.20

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JUL 13 1915

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

Aug 10th 1927

Very many thanks

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. *1* Rank *Serjeant*
Name *T. C. Melloe*

Royal Newfoundland Regt
T. C. Melloe (Sgd.)
Father Relationship.

Address *St Luke's Rectory*
Annapolis Royal
Nova Scotia