

## THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

# **HEADQUARTERS**

St. John's, Newfoundland,

April 24th. 1918.

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From Assistant Adjutant, Depot.

To Paymaster and Officer i/c Records, Department of Militia..

8296 Pte. Merchant, T.

Marginally noted man was recommended for discharge as permanently unfit by Medical Board held on April 23rd.
1918.

I sm sending him herewith for your attention and necessary, action, please.

Depot The Royal Newfoundland Regiment
St. John's, Nild.

# Medical Report on an Invalid.

Station Wilitary Hospital, Perth
Date 8/3/18

1. Unit Nfld. Forestry Co.

2. Regimental No. 8296

3. Rank Private

4. Name Merchant, Thomas

5. Age last birthday 18

6. Eulisted on St. John's, Nfld.

7. Former Trade | Shoemaker

7A. If with previous service in Army, state-

(a) Former Unit;

(b) Regimental No.;

(c) Dute of Discharge;

(d) Cause of Discharge.

8. Disability in respect of which invaliding is Proposed.

(Other disabilities should be reported upon in answer to question No. 19).

NO. 404 A CATARRHAL BRONCHITIS

### Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he will carefully discriminate between the man's unsupported statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical decuments. He will also carefully distinguish cases entirely due to venereal disease.

9. Date of origin of disability. 1/11/17 (Man's statement)

10. Place of origin of disability.

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 Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, noting entries on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case. He states that he suffered from Bronchitis since early boygood. Since joining the Army he has had periodic attacks
His B178 shows that he was in Perth Mil.
Hosp. suffering from Bronchitis from 1/11/1
to 8/1/18 and again from 19/1/18 - 15/2/18

- 12. Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability, stating whether in your opinion it is—
  - (a) attributable to or aggravated by service during the present war, climate, or ordinary military service. (The specific condition to which it is attributed should be stated, see Notes on page 3).
  - (b) constitutional or hereditary, and not aggravated by service during the present war.
  - (c) attributable to or aggravated by want of proper care on the man's part, e.g., intemperance, misconduct, &c.

Aggravated by ordinary mil. service

Constitutional and aggravated by ordinary military service

13. What is his present condition?

Weight should be given in all cases when it is likely to afford acidence of the progress of the disability.

- 14. If the disability is an injury, was it caused—
  - (a) In action?
  - (b) On field service?
  - (c) On duty?
  - (d) Off duty?
- 15. Was a Court of Inquiry held on the injury?

If so-(a) When?

- (b) Where?
- (c) Opinion?
- 16. Was an operation performed? If so, what?
- 17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?
- 18. In case of loss or decay of teeth. Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease, directly\* attributable to active service?
- 19. Give particulars of any other disabilities existing, but not in themselves sufficient to cause invaliding, and state whether they are attributable to or have been aggravated by service during the present war.

None existing

20. Do you recommend—

(a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or

(b) Change to England?

Discharge as Permanently Unfit for military service of any kind

He suffers from occasional paileft side. He has a cough and expectoration. Brequently he

exacerbations which totally in

him for duty

(Sgd) J. N. MEADE, CAPT. R.A.M.C.

Officer in medical charge of case.

I have satisfied myself of the general accuracy of this report, and concur therewith, except † not in hospital

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Officer in charge of Hospital.

Date\_

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† Delete this word if no exceptions are to be made.

#### Opinion of the Medical Board.

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  - (ii.) Climate;
  - (iii.) Ordinary military service;
  - (iv.) Want of proper care on the man's part, eg., intemperance, misconduct, &c.; or
  - (v.) Whether it is constitutional or hereditary.
  - (b.) If due to one of the first three of these causes, to what specific conditions do
- 22. Has the disability been aggravated by any Yes, by ordinary labour service of the conditions mentioned in Question 21, and if sc. which?
- 23. Is the disability permanent? Resurrent
- 24. If not permanent, how soon do the Board recommend re-examination?
- 25. What is the degree of disablement at which, in the Board's opinion, he should be assessed for pension purposes at present?

Degrees of disablement should be expressed in the following percentages:—
100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, less than 20. or nil.

- 26. If an operation was advised and declined, was the refusal unreasonable?
- 27. Do the Board recommend-
  - (a) Discharge as permanently unfit, or
  - (b) Change to England?
- 28. If discharge is recommended it should be stated whether further medical treatment (including orthopædic training) is desirable in a-
  - (a) Sanatorium;
  - (b) Hospital;
  - (c) Convalescent home;
  - (d) Asylum; or
  - (e) Other institution either as an in-patient or an out-patient, and if so the period for which recommended.
- 29. With reference to Army Council In-struction No. 144 of 1917, is any surgical appliance recommended?
- 30. Does the man require the constant attendance of another person?

Constitutional

20%

Discharge as Permanently Unfit

Signatures :-	(Sgd)	P. MACLILLAN DEWAR, MAJOR R. A.	C. Mresident.
Edinburgh		A. L. MACKINNON, MAJOR	)
18/3/18		ALEX F. FRASER, CAPT.R.A.M.C.	Members.

Approved. (SHD) P. MACLILLAN DEWAR, MAJOR R. A. M. C. DO Station

Administrative Medical Officer.

Date\_

Station

Date\_

# Proceedings on Discharge.

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# Report of Medical Board.

Station

St. John's, Mfld.

No. and Rank

8296 - Private

Name

Merchant, Thomas

Unit

Mfld. Forestry Co.

Address

Former Trade

Sho emaker

Enlisted at

St. John's on 6/8/17

Disease or Disability · Original

NO. 404 A.

Subsequent

Date April 23rd., 1918

Height

Complexion

Eyes Brown

(The Board will please note how the soldier's appear ance corresponds with above description.)

CATARRHAL BRONCHITIS

Present Condition (Compare with previous Board)

PULSE 68: TEMPERATURE NORMAL. NO PHYSICAL SIGNS

Has he been employed, and by whom?

Average Weekly Earnings

To what extent is his capacity for earning a full liveli-hood at his employment, or in the general labour market, lessened at present?

NIL

Recommendation of Medical Board DISCHARGE AS PERMANENTLY UNFIT

Members of Board

(SGD) N. S. FRASER

J. S. TAIT

L. PATERSON, Major

Approving Medical Officer

CLUNY MACPHERSON, Major .

D. M. S. NEWFOUNDLAND.

APR 23 1918 A EW FOUNDLAND

. To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname merchant

Christian Nane Thomas

## Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

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Signature of Medical Officer

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CAPTAIN, R.A.M.C.

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Army Form B. 178\* to be used for Special Reserve recruits and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

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Surname // (erchan	Christian Name Thomas	ad_
Birthplace Parish	MABLE I CENERAL TABLE. County	
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Declared Age		days.
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Date

Records. [OVER,

# Descriptive Return of a Soldier discharged on account of Disability.

INSTRUCTIONS.—This form is to be completed in the case of every discharged soldier whose claim to pension, on account of disability, is to be submitted for the consideration of the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital.

Statement A should be completed in the Hospital at which the man is attending at the time of his examination by a Medical Board, and the soldier should be given a full opportunity of examining it, as, if awarded a pension, his subsequent identification depends on his confirming this declaration. The "Rank," "Station" and "Date" should be in his own handwriting.

The Form will then be attached to the Proceedings of the man's Medical Board, to be completed by the Officer i/c Records when received by him, and will be forwarded by him, together with the remainder of the man's documents, to the Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London, S.W.

Chalsea, London, S.W.

Changes occurring in the description subsequent to the date of admission to pension should be noted in red ink.

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# Medical Report on an Invalid.

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- 1. Unit NEW FOUNDLAND FORCOY
- 2. Regimental No. 8 296
- 3. Rank Progle
- 4. Name MERCHANT, THOMAS
- 5. Age last birthday 18
- 6. Enlisted on 6. 8. 1917 at SI blues newpowsland
- 7. Former Trade | Shown allow
- 7a. If with previous service in Army, state-
  - (a) Former Unit;
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  - (c) Date of Discharge;
  - (d) Cause of Discharge.

Disability in respect of which invaliding is Proposed.

(Other disabilities should be reported upon in answer to prestion No. 19). O.C. H.Q.

No. 4046 Calarthal Bronetihis

ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D. 1 38, No. 4660/24 DATED . \$5 MAR 1918

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### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS

## DEATH NOTIFICATION AVIS DE DÉCÈS

TO:

Ottawa, Ont. May 6, 1970 DATE ..

NAME MERCHANT, Thomas NOM

Service No.

8296 WWI Matricule Nild Forestry Corp. CPC No. CCP No ..

290332

WVA No. AAC NO ..... 228150

Information Received from: S.P.M.E. C.P.C. St.John's Nfld April 27, 1970 Information recue de: .

Date of Death Date du Décès April 18, 1970

Place Endroit

not stated

Distribution: WSR-DASG

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for Chief, Central Registry Division.

Dépôt central des dossiers.