



# THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. *5732* Name *Jonathan Truesdell* Corps *Capt*

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <i>Jonathan Truesdell</i> .....         |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <i>St. Barbe Street</i> .....           |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <i>yes</i> .....                        |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <i>28</i> Years ..... Months .....      |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <i>Yeoman</i> .....                     |
| 6. Are you Married? .....  | 6. <i>No</i> .....                         |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? }                                 | 7. <i>No</i> .....                         |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 8. <i>yes</i> .....                        |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....   | 9. <i>yes</i> .....                        |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning. and who gave it to you? .....                                     | 10. <i>yes</i> ) Name .....<br>Corps ..... |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? ..... | 11. <i>yes</i> .....                       |

I, *Jonathan Truesdell* do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

*Jonathan Truesdell* SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

*5.7.18*

*Capt. W. H. ...* Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Jonathan Truesdell* do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at *St. John's* on this *5* day of *July* 19*18*.

*P. B. ...* Signature of Attesting Officer

### †CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date *6.7.18* 1911

Place *St. John's*

*H. ...* } Approving Officer.

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.  
† Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

\* If so, Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz:—(Name) ..... re-enlisted in the (Regiment) ..... on the (Date) .....

# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

Name *Jonathan ...*

Apparent age *23* years *4* months. Height *5* feet *5 1/2* inches

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded *36 1/2* inches  
 Range of expansion *4* inches

Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin *Mrs Jessie Cunningham*  
*Engle St Barber Beach* | Relationship *Mother*

Particulars as to Marriage

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.  
 (c) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

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

## Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

## STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, 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 _____									
Joined at _____ on _____									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service-towards Engagement to \_\_\_\_\_ [date of discharge] \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ days

" " Pensions " [ " " ] " " "



# THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 5432 Name Jonathan Masler Corps CofC.

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your name? ..... 1. Jonathan Masler
2. What is your full Address? ..... 2. Englee St Barre Street
3. Are you a British Subject? ..... 3. yes
4. What is your age? ..... 4. 23 Years ..... Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ..... 5. Yorker
6. Are you Married? ..... 6. No
7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,\* which? } 7. no
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ..... } 8. yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service?.. 9. yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?..... } 10. Name .....  
Corps .....
11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted?..... } 11. yes

I, Jonathan Masler do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Jonathan Masler ..... SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
Corp Masler ..... Signature of Witness.

5-7-18

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Jonathan Masler do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at Englee on this 5 day of July 1915.

Signature of Attesting Officer C. B. Dicks

### †CERTIFICATE OF APPROVING OFFICER.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the .....  
 If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 6-7-18 191.....  
 Place H. Johns ..... } Approving Officer.  
H. Johns

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.  
 ‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

\* If so, Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz:—(Name).....re-enlisted in the (Regiment).....on the (Date).....



# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

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Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

Name Jonathan Treacher  
 Apparent age 23 years 0 months. Height 5 feet 5 1/2 inches  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36 1/2 inches  
 Range of expansion 4 inches  
 Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Mrs Jessie Canning  
Engle St Barbours Diet | Relationship Mother  
 Particulars as to Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.  
 (c) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

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

## Particulars as to Children

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth

## STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

Corps in which served	Rgt. or Depot	Promotion, 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>5-7-18</u>									
Joined at <u>Albans</u> on <u>July 5 1918</u>									
<u>Discharged May 31/1919</u>									1918 23 8
<u>Tried by R.C.M. Institution 7-9-18 and convicted to 28 days imprisonment. Sentence expired 10-9-18</u>									
<u>Reinstatement 31-5-1919</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 31-5-1919 [date of discharge] 33 years 331 days  
 " " Pensions " [ " " ] " " " " " "



C.R. 5732

~~Extract~~ of Preliminary Report of a Medical Board  
held on Friday Afternoon, April 4th. The following  
was the finding.

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Recommended Discharge from the Army.  
ADMISSION TO ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

#5732 Pte. J. Mesher.

C.R. 5732

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Rifles.  
Regt. Depot, St. John's, June 10th, 1919

The discharge of the undersigned on demobilization has been  
APPROVED BY C.O. Discharge Depot with effect from ~~22nd~~  
3-5-19.

5732 Pte. Jonathan Mesher.

C.R. 5732

Extract from Daily Orders Part II Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
Regiment dated June 6th 1919 depot St. John's.

The discharge of the undernoted on demobilization has been  
CONFIRMED by Officer i/c Records from noted date  
31/5/19.

5732, Pte. Jonathan Mesher



C.R. 5732

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, Depot St. John's dated  
January 20th., 1919.

#5732 Pte. J. Mesher.

At a Court of Enquiry held on 11-1-19 the marginally noted man  
was declared to be absent without leave from 2-11-18 and was  
deficient of kit to the amount of \$35.48 on that date.



# NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

CABLE CONNECTION WITH ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

Line No. \_\_\_\_\_ Sent by Paradise (25) Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_ Check 10/5 No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place from \_\_\_\_\_

To via Battle Hill

Minister of Militia



I my Son Stanley Mesher  
who is a prisoner well.

Selina Mesher

C.R. 5732

Extract from Daily Orders (Part II) Depot, St. John's,  
January 20th 1919.

5732 Pte. J. Mesher

At a Court of Enquiry held on 11/1/19 the marginally noted man was declared to be absent without leave from 2/11/18 and was deficient of kit to the amount of \$75.48 on that date.



CR. 5432

January 8, 19.

From: District Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland.

To: Director Medical Services.

#5432 Private Jonathon Masher.

I enclose communication from the Officer Commanding Depot in connection with the above soldier. I am of opinion that this case should not be disposed of until the man has been the subject of a Medical Board and his mental condition established. I shall be glad if you will take what steps are necessary in this connection.

Please return correspondence with your report.

Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.

ENCLOSURE.

C.R. 5732

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Depot St. John's dated Sept. 12th18

#5732 Pte. J. Mesger.

REGIMENTAL COURT-MARTIAL:- Using Insubordinate & Filthy language to his Superior Officer.

When in lawful custody attempting to escape.  
Sentenced to 28 days Court Martial. Sentence  
Confirmed 10-9-18 . In arrest 7-9-18

C.R. 5732

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Wfld.  
Regt. St. John'sm 3-9-18.

5732 Pte, J. Mesher.

Discharged from Donovans Con. Hosp. 2-9-18.



C.R. 5731

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal  
Newfoundland Regiment, St. John's, dated July 6th, 1918.

#5732 Pte. Honathan Mesher.

Attested for General Service with the Royal Nfld.  
Regt. St. John's 5-7-18

C.R. 5732

January 8, 19.

From: District Officer Commanding,  
Newfoundland.

To: Officer Commanding Depot,  
City.

#5432 Private Jonathon Mesher.

I have your communication of 2nd instant in connection with the above named soldier. I assume that he has been posted as absent without leave, and in the ordinary course of events, court of enquiry would be held in connection with his continued absence.

If this has not been done please see that such a court is constituted as required by the regulations.

In the meantime I am placing the matter before the Director Medical Services, as the man should not be discharged or disposed of until a further investigation has been made and his mental condition established by a Medical Board.

Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.

C.R. 5732

Draft entrained for Overseas at St. John's, Sept. 22, 1918.  
Extract from telegram from Officer Commanding draft, Port-  
au-Basque, dated Sept. 24/9/18.

Absentee from draft:

5732 Pte. J. Mesher.

C.R.

5732

Extract from Daily Orders West 21 Unit The Royal Rifles, Regt.  
St. John's, dated 20-1-18th, 1918.

5732 Pte. J. Mesher,

Discharged from Billets 5-9-18.

C.R. 5732

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal  
Nfld. Regt. St. John's, dated July 23, 1918.

#5732 Pte. J. Mesher

Admitted to M.I.D. Hospital July 22, 1918.



C.R. 5732

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal  
Nfld. Regt. St. John's, dated August 9, 1918.

5732, Pte. Mesher, J.

Discharged from M.I.D. Hospital and admitted to Denovans  
9/8/1918.

CR. 5732

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The  
Royal Nfld. Regt. St. John's, dated July 23, 1918.

#5732 Pte. J. Mesher.

Admitted to Barracks Hospital Jul 20, 1918.

Mesher, J

5732

Ray Sept.

June 5<sup>th</sup> 1919

#5732 Pte. Jonathan Mesher,

Englee,

St. Barbe.

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed

Discharge Certificate No. 2242."

Yours truly

Paymaster & O. i/c Records. Captain.



# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE

1. No. 5732 Rank Private Name Meshes Jonathan  
 Intended place of residence Englee

2. Occupation .....  
 Classification of soldier ..... Medical Category .....

3. The above named man is discharged in consequence of.....  
**DEMOBILIZATION.**

4. His accounts are correctly balanced and I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me, in accordance with Regulations.

Place ST. JOHN'S .....  
 Date MAY 3 1919 .....  
 Commanding Discharge Depot  
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

### CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE

5. I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances (including clothing allowance) and all just demands up to the present date, and hereby release the Discharge Depot, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, of all financial responsibility in my connection.

Place and date ST. JOHN'S .....  
MAY 3 1919 .....  
 Signature of soldier .....  
 Signature of witness .....

### CIVILIAN RE-ESTABLISHMENT CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER

6. I hereby certify that I am in a position to resume civilian occupation immediately on discharge.

Place and Date ST. JOHN'S .....  
 Signature of soldier .....  
 Signature of witness .....

### STATEMENT OF SERVICE

7. Enlisted for service 2.7.16 ..... No of days on Military  
 Discharged from service 3.5.19 Plus 28 days ..... Service 130 330

### APPROVAL OF DISCHARGE

8. The discharge of the above mentioned soldier is hereby approved to be confirmed by the Officer in Charge, The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, twenty-eight days from date.

Place ST. JOHN'S .....  
 Officer Commanding Discharge Depot  
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.  
 Date .....

### CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE

9. The discharge of above mentioned soldier is hereby confirmed.  
 Place St. John's, Nfld. .....  
 Date May 31/1919 .....  
 Officer in Charge  
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

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7.6.2079/5242



# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 5732 Rank Pvt. Name Mesher Jonathan!  
 Date of Enlistment 5.7.18 Address Englee District S. Barbice  
 Occupation Fisherman Classification for Discharge B Medical Category E  
 Recommendation S.M.B. Permanently unfit Disability Rating 100% 3 months  
 Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N.F. P36	B 268	B 121	1	N.F. Med	D.F. 1	<i>Form of Committee to Military Dept. for 3 years 1 medical Certificate!</i>
B 178	W 3494	B 122		Board 1st	" 2	
B 178a	D 400A	B 1915	2	do 2nd	" 3	
B 179	D 400B	Form L		do 3rd	" 4	
B 179a	D 400C	Form K	1	do 4th	" 5	
B 179b	B 103	ME 2			" 6	
B 179c	B 120	M 93	1			

Date 8.11.19 for H. Muns H O. C. Discharge Depot.

### PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

#### 1. Civil Re-Establishment.

I am.....in a position to resume civilian occupation.

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date.....

#### 2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

- (a) Clothing Allowance payable.....  
 (b) Clothing Supplied ✓.....

Date..... O i/c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. \_\_\_\_\_ to his home at Engle A. Banks and Release Certificate No. 2214 issued.

Date 3-5-19 J.A. Snow  
Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to (31) 31-5-19

Date 3-5-19 H. M. ...  
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 3-5-19

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P. 36	B 268	B 121	1	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	<i>Person of Account to H. J. ... ... ... ... Certificate</i>
F 173	W 3494	B 122		Board 1st	" 2	
F 178a	D 400A	B 1915	2	do 2nd	" 3	
B 179	D 400B	Form L		do 3rd	" 4	
B 179a	D 400C	Form K	1	do 4th	" 5	
B 179b	B 103	ME 2			" 6	
B 179c	B 120	M 93	1			

Date 3-5-19 J.A. Snow  
Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:-

- Officer in Records.
- Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.



Date MAY 3 1919 R.H. ... Capt.  
O. C. Discharge Depot.

Received the above noted documents from O. C. Discharge Depot.

Date .....



Medical Certificate

Asylum for the Insane,

St. John's, Newfoundland.

April - 4 1919.

There is not much improvement in John Mesher's mental condition since last board. He is frequently flighty, irritable, and would refrain in bed all the time if allowed.

John L. Duncan

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

RELEASE CERTIFICATE No ..... 2214

Reg. No. 5732 Rank Pte Name Matthew Jonathan  
 Address Binglee St. Bonaventure Dist.

This certifies that in consequence of demobilization discharge has  
 been approved for ..... 3-5-19 .....

Regular Discharge Certificate will be mailed by Officer i/c Records 28 days from date of approval.

The wearing of uniform is prohibited after discharge is confirmed except with permission of competent authority.

Date 3-5-19 .....

*J. A. Snow*  
 O. C. Discharge Depot.



Department of Militia, Newfoundland  
Medical Department

*Medical Report on an Invalid*

NOTES :

- (a) This report is solely concerned with Pensions.
- (b) A single copy only is required.
- (c) "Aggravated" being now a technical term, carrying right to pension, discrimination in its use is essential.
- (d) Be as brief as possible compatible with lucidity.
- (e) Avoid dubiety—"perhaps," "possibly," "might" and the like.
- (f) Only sufficient clinical data need be given to establish the degree of disability and assist the Board in arriving at a decision.

STATEMENT OF CASE

Station.....ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.....

Date.....JAN. 14/1919.....

1. Unit *Royal Newfoundland*

5. Age last birthday **24 YWARS.**

2. Regimental No. **5732.**

6. Enlisted on

3. Rank **PTE.**

at

4. Name **MESHER J.**

7. Former trade or occupation

8. Disability

9. History

**SENT TO ASYLUM BECAUSE HE WAS VIOLENT & THREATENED TO INJURE SOME PEOPLE.**



10. What is his present condition ?

**DELUSIONAL INSANITY. He says that he has HOLES THROUGH HIS WILL & THAT IT IS THE**  
brief—the clearer the case the less  
need be written. Read note f above).

**WILL OF GOD. HAS A DIFFERENT TROUBLE EVERY MORNING.**

11. Was sanatorium advised and refused ?  
operation **NO.**

12. Do you recommend discharge as  
permanently unfit ? **YES.**

Signature ..**JOHN C. DUNCAN. M.D**

Rank or Qualification .....

Remarks if any by Officer i | c Hospital.

**IT WILL PROBABLY BE A CONSIDERABLE TIME BEFORE IMPROVEMENT TAKES PLACE. .**

Place ..... Signature .....**JOHN DUNCAN.**

Date .....**JAN. 14TH. 1919.**Rank .....

# Opinion of the Medical Board

In para. 13, the President should write "may" or "cannot" at x  
Erase inapplicable words

13. For pension purposes, the disability x **MAY** be considered as aggravated by :-  
~~due to~~  
(a) ~~Service during this war~~ (b) ~~Climate~~ (c) Ordinary Military Service  
Remarks if any :-
14. Does the Board concur in preceding report? (see Sect. 10). If not give differing opinion and additional findings.

**YES.**

15. (a) **THE ENTIRE DISABILITY**—To what extent is his capacity lessened at present for earning a full livelihood in the general labor market? **100%.**  
(b) **PENSIONABLE DISABILITY**—To what extent is his capacity at present for earning a full livelihood in the general labor market lessened by that portion of his disability to or incurred during service?  
(State in percentage.) **(?) 40% 3 MONTHS.**  
Remarks if any :- **ENQUIRE PREVIOUS HISTORY.**

16. Is the disability permanent?
17. Has the disability been aggravated by (a) Intemperance (b) Misconduct
18. The refusal of operation sanatorium is :- (a) Reasonable (b) Unreasonable  
Remarks if any :-

19. If fit subject for Hospital do you recommend admittance to **ASYLUM YES.**  
{ General Hospital  
Naval and Military Convalescent Hospital,  
Jensen Tuberculosis Camp.
20. We recommend discharge from retention in the Army  
Remarks if any :-

**N.S. FRASER.**

President

Signatures **ARCH. C. TAIT.**

**L. PATERSON. MILLOR.**

Place **ST. JOHN'S.**

Date **APRIL 4TH. 1919.**

APPROVED

Station

Date



**(SGD) CLUNY MACPHERSON. MAJOR.**

Administrative Medical Officer.

# ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

Medical Examination Held at Headquarters July 5/18

1. Name Jonathan Mesher Age (a) Declared 23  
(b) Apparent

2. Do you know of anything wrong with you? no

What severe illnesses have you had? none

eyes  
pump  
marks

brown  
fair

3. Height 5' 5 1/2" Weight 133

4. Eyesight (a) Left 6/6 (b) Right 6/6

5. Physical Defects (Examine after strenuous exercise) no

6. Examination of Lungs no  
Measurement (a) Expiration 32 1/2 (b) Inspiration 36 1/2

7. Examination of Heart no

8. Examination of Urine no

9. Examination of Mouth—(Defective Speech)  
Teeth  
Throat  
Nose  
Ears—(Otorrhea)  
(Deafness) no

10. Have you been successfully vaccinated, and when? yes Sympson, 1st Lt Am

11. Name and address of next of kin Mother Jessie Ganning  
Englee St Charles

REMARKS--

A 11

L. Paterson  
S. W. Bordeu  
Medical Examiners.

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## THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

### ALLOTMENTS

I, William Mesher, Regl. No. 722  
 hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of  
 ..... Dollars and ..... Cents, per diem, from my Pay,  
 to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons, such payment to be made on proof  
 of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons  
 concerned, viz :

Allotment begins August 1 1918

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
4724	Uncle	William Mesher	England	40
Total Allotment, \$				40

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, counter-signed by the Officer Commanding Company and handed to the Paymaster as authority to make the required payments on application.

(Sig.) W. G. Jones  
 Officer Commanding  
7 Company  
St. John's  
6th July 1918  
 1918

(Sig.) W. Mesher  
 (Rank) Pte







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ALLOTMENTS

I, Jonathan Mesher, Regl. No. 5782

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of 75 Dollars and 00 Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person <sup>and</sup>/<sub>or</sub> Persons concerned, viz.:

Allotment begins August 1<sup>st</sup> 1918

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
4724	Uncle	William Hopkins	Engineer St. John's Dist	40
Total Allotment, \$				40 <sup>c</sup>

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, countersigned by the Officer Commanding Company and handed to the Paymaster as authority to make the required payments on application.

(Sig.) D. G. James  
Officer Commanding  
F Company  
St. John's  
July 6<sup>th</sup> 1918

(Sig.) Jonathan Mesher  
(Rank) Pte



**THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
HEADQUARTERS

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

~~April~~ May 3rd, 1919 *191*

From Adjutant,  
 Discharge Depot

To Paymaster and Officer i/c Records,  
 Militia Department

5732 Pte. J. Mesher

The discharge of the above mentioned has been approved from today's date, but he is still confined as a patient in the Lunatic Asylum, and is therefore unable at present to handle any money. The balance due to him and which in the ordinary way would be paid to him today on discharge is \$252.40, made up as follows:

\$144.00	Regimental Pay
28.80	Subsistence Allowance
60.00	Clothing Allowance
19.60	Discharge Pay
<i>752.40</i>	

Will you please take this account on your books to be paid to him whenever he can receive it. We have now squared off his account here.

LRC/C

*L.R. Coople*  
*Lieut & Adjt.*

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$252 <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Sept 9' 1950

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of Two hundred fifty two <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars.  
on account of Pay.  
balance

Jonathan W. Dyer

Ch. No.	2382	Initials	[Signature]
Pay Ledger	241	Initials	[Signature]
Gen. Ledger		Initials	[Signature]

J. C. D.

No.

Rank

No. 5732 Rank *Plt*

Name *Misher J.*

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.  
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$70<sup>00</sup>

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1920

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment  
the sum of Seventy \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars.  
on account of Pay. W.S.L. Rest.  
balance

Jonathan W. Mosher

Ch. No. 4256	Initials R.H.
Pay Ledger 399	Initials R.H.
Gen. Ledger	Initials

Regtl. No. 5732

Rank Pte.

J. C. R.



No. 5732.

Rank Private

Name Jonathan W. Mesher.

## Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Forms  
B 121.  
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Regiment of

The Royal Newfoundland

Signature of O. C. Company

Number of Sheet

OneC. B. Dickson / Lieut

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service pay or proficiency pay				
No.		Age on	years months						
<u>5732</u>	<u>Jonathan Meade</u>		<u>23</u>	<u>Fisherman</u>					
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment		Religion					
Joined	Date	<u>St. John's</u>		<u>C. of E.</u>					
Joined	Date	Period of	with Colours <u>33 1/2</u> years.	Place of Birth					
Joined	Date		with Reserve <u>3 1/2</u> years.	<u>Angley St. Barthe</u>					
Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Case of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Name of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>Princes Rink</u>	<u>16/7/18</u>	<u>Pte</u>		<u>I Incertum C: N.C.O.</u>	<u>Lt. Reall</u>	<u>7 days <del>detention</del></u>	<u>16/7/18</u>	<u>Capt. Tait. M.C.</u>	<u>N.G.J.</u>
<u>Princes Rink</u>	<u>7/9/18</u>	<u>Pte.</u>		<u>II Striking on N.C.O.</u>	<u>Lt. Martin</u>	<u>detention</u>			
				<u>1 Using insubordinate and filthy language to his superior Officer.</u>	<u>Lt. W. Clare</u>	<u>28 days detention</u>	<u>10/9/18</u>	<u>Regimental Court Martial</u>	<u>N.G.J.</u>
				<u>II. When in lawful custody, attempting to escape.</u>	<u>Lt. R. N. James</u>				
				<u>III. Not complying with an order of Guard</u>	<u>Lt. R. N. James</u>	<u>14 days detention</u>	<u>21-9-18</u>	<u>R. H. Tait Capt.</u>	<u>N.G.J.</u>
<u>Princes Rink</u>	<u>20-9-18</u>	<u>"</u>		<u>Insolence to the Commander of Guard</u>	<u>Lt. R. N. James</u>				
				<u>Demobilized St. John's</u>	<u>Lt. Murphy</u>				
					<u>31 5/9</u>				

To be carried over.

# The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

## DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 5732 Rank Plt Name Master Jonathan  
 Date of Enlistment 5.7.18 Address Englee District St Barbe  
 Occupation Fisherman Classification for Discharge B Medical Category E  
 Recommendation S.M.B. Permanently unfit Disability Rating 40% 3 months  
 Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N.F. P36	B 268	B 121	1	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	Form of Commitment to Military Dept for medical certification!
B 178	W 3494	B 122		Board 1st	" 2	
B 178a	1. D 400A	B 1915	2	do 2nd	" 3	
B 179	2. D 400B	Form L		do 3rd	" 4	
B 179a	D 400C	Form K	1	do 4th	" 5	
B 179b	B 103	ME 2			" 6	
B 179c	B 120	M 93	1			medical certification!

Date 8.4.19

for H. Mans. Jr.  
O. C. Discharge Depot.

### PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

#### 1. Civil Re-Establishment.

I am.....in a position to resume civilian occupation.

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date.....

#### 2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

- (a) Clothing Allowance payable.....  
 (b) Clothing Supplied.....

Date.....

O i/c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. \_\_\_\_\_ to his home  
at Englewood, N. Dakota and Release Certificate No. 2214 issued.

Date 3-5-19

J. A. Snow  
Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection  
therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 3-31-19

Date 3-5-19

J. A. Snow  
Depot Paymaster

Discharge approved for 3-5-19

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P36	B 268.	B 121.	1	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1.	<i>Sum of Committed to M. L. L. H. H. L. J. A. Snow J. A. Snow J. A. Snow</i>
B 178.	W 3494.	B 122.		Board 1st.	" 2.	
R 178a.	D 400A.	B 1915.	2	do 2nd.	" 3.	
B 179.	D 400B.	Form L.		do 3rd.	" 4.	
B 179a.	D 400C.	Form K.		do 4th.	" 5.	
B 179b.	B 100.	ME 2.			" 6.	
B 179c.	B 120.	M 935.	1			

Date 3-5-19

J. A. Snow  
Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to—

Officer in Records.  
Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

~~REDACTED SECTION~~

MAY 3 1919

Date \_\_\_\_\_

R. J. [Signature]  
O. C. Discharge Depot.

Received the above noted documents from O. C. Discharge Depot.

Date 3/5/19

J. A. Snow  
Depot Paymaster



Reg. No. 5732 Rank Pte Name meslrs Jonathan  
 Attested 5-7-18 Address Conger White Bay  
 Allotment 40 Allottee William Hopkins (Anels)  
 Date of Allotment 1-8-18 Returned from Overseas  
 Embarked for Overseas Cause

1-7-18	Vacc. 1 <sup>st</sup> inoc 11-7-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> inoc 25-10-18
21-7-18	admitted To Barracks. No.
22-7-18	Discharged from Barracks Ids, & adm. to M. P. Hospital
23-7-18	awarded 7 days detention
9-8-18	Disch'd from M. P. Hosp. Admitted to Honours
2-9-18	do From Honours Tablets
5-9-18	Discharged from Tablets
10-9-18	Awarded 12 <sup>day</sup> detention by R.C.M.
14.3.19	Dis. from the Army. & adm. to Asylum for the insane.

8-4-19

PASSED TO DEMOBILIZATION OFFICER

3-5-19

DISCHARGE APPROVED ON DEMOBILIZATION.

CHARGE.

Army Form B 252.  
(See King's Regulations)

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

F COMPANY

D 5732

CHARGE against No 5732 4th of March

Place	Date of Offence	Offence	Names of Witnesses	Punishment Awarded	By Whom Awarded
Princes Rink	7-9-18	1. Insubordination to an officer 2. Breaking away from escort 3. Refusing to take punishment	Gr. Clare R. F. Inkpen O.S. Sgt. Anthony R. P. . .	Remanded for Regimental C.M.	R. W. Hart Capt. 9/9/18

Investigated  
W. J. C. F

Company,  
The Royal Nfld. Regiment



**THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT**  
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*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

April 8th, 1919

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From Officer Comanding,  
Discharge Depot

To ~~Office of Pensions~~ <sup>Office of Pensions</sup> Commissioners,  
Militia Bldngg

5732 Pte. J. Mesher

Above noted man was before the Standing Medical Board  
on 4-4-19 and was recommended for discharge as perman-  
ently unfit and admission to Asylum for Insane.

His discharge on demobilization has been approved by the  
Officer Commanding, effective from 8-4-19 and I am send-  
ing him herewith for your attention and necessary action please.

Copy of his Medical Board will be forwarded you in due  
course.

*H. Bailey Case*

Adjutant

Discharge Depot

Copy to Bd. of Pension Commissioners



September 10th/18

From Asst. Adjutant,  
Depot

To Officer Commanding,  
Depot.

Herewith please find annexed proceedings of Regimental  
Court Martial held on #5732, Jonathan Mesher (Private) this afternoon.

CCD:W



THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT  
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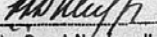
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The proceedings should be signed by each Officer composing the Board, etc.

PROCEEDINGS of a Regimental Court Martial  
assembled at Princes Park Barracks

on the 10th September 1918

by order of Officer Commanding Depot.

for the purpose of Trial of No. 5732 Private

Jonathan Washel, Depot Battalion  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment's Coy  
charged attached

PRESIDENT.

Capt. J. Evans, M.C.

MEMBERS.

A. L. Summers, Lieut  
H. H. Small, 2/Lt.

IN ATTENDANCE.

The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to  
take evidence

PROCEEDINGS of a Regimental Court Martial  
assembled at Princes Rink, Barracks

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The proceedings should be signed by each Officer composing the Board, etc.

on the 10<sup>th</sup> September 1915

by order of Officer Commanding Depot

for the purpose of Trial of No. 5732 Private  
Jonathan Wether, Depot Battalion  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment on  
Charge attached

PRESIDENT.

Capt. J. Sumners M.C.

MEMBERS.

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H. H. Small 2/Lt.

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Name    Number    Regiment  
5732    Pte. Jonathan Mashev  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Charge    Assessed

Plea    Guilty

Finding    Guilty

Sentence    28 Days Detention

J. Vining, President  
A. G. Summers (1/11) } members  
H. H. Small (2/11) }

Date    September 10<sup>th</sup> 1918

Confirmed by:-

R. H. Last Capt.

Commanding Officer  
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.  
St. John's, Nfld.

10/9/18.

Promulgated & necessary extracts taken  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1918.

R. H. Last Capt.



## Medical Officer's Report

I certify that No. 5732 - Pte Jonochan Mether  
of Royal New Regt. is in a good state of health,  
and fit to undergo Imprisonment with or  
without hard labour; and that his present appearance and  
previous medical history both justify the belief, that  
hard labour employment will neither be likely to origi-  
nate nor to reproduce disease of any description.

Archibald

Medical Officer.

Station

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Date

SEP 10 1918

DAILY ORDERS FOR TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH. 1918.

BY CAPT. R. H. TAIT, M. C.  
COMMANDING.

COURT MARTIAL.

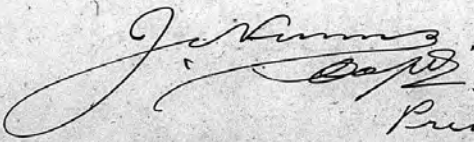
A Regimental Court Martial will assemble at 10.30 a. m. to-morrow, September 10th., 1918 for the trial of 5732 Pte Johathan Mesher.

President.	Capt. Jos. Nunns. M. C.	Royal Nfld. Regiment.
Members.	(Lient. A. L. Summers.	do
	(2/Lt. H. H. Small	do

The following witnesses will attend at the hour named.

Lient.	Clare.
2/Lt.	James.
5718	L/Cpl. R. L. Inkpen.
4695	Pte. A. Anthony.

  
Asst Adjutant  
Depot The Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
St. John's, Nfld.

  
President  
10-9-18



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SEPTEMBER 9th, 1918. 191

**LIST OF WITNESSES FOR PROSECUTION AND DEFENCE.**

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2/Lieut. N. James. ) ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.  
5718. Pte. R. F. Inkpen. )  
4695. Pte. A. Anthony. )

FOR DEFENCE. NIL :-

*R. H. Dait*

CAPTAIN.

O.C. DEPOT.



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I:

**CHARGE SHEET**

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**USING INSUBORDINATE AND FILTHY LANGUAGE TO HIS  
SUPERIOR OFFICER,**

Section 8 (2b)

in that he, on 7th September, 1918, at St John's,  
Nfld., having been awarded a punishment by his  
Company Officer, said to Lieut. Clare, his Com-  
pany Commander, "Go fuck yourself, I won't take  
your punishment."

*R. H. East* **MAJOR**

Commanding Depot,  
The Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
St. John's, Nfld.

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*J. V. ...*  
*10-9-18* *President*



SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE IN THE CASE OF

5732 PTE. JONATHAN MESHER, DEPOT BATTALION, ROYAL N.F.L.D. REGT.

FOR THE PROSECUTION.

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M. J. Clare Lieut

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R. F. Inkpen L/Cpl

FOR THE DEFENCE

Accused states he has no statement to make and has no witnesses to call on his behalf.

406 Certified that R.P.4 c,d,e have been complied with.

Taken down by me in the presence of the accused at Rink Barracks this ninth day of September 1918.

W. H. ... Adjutant  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
Depot The Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
St. John's, Nfld.





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**CHARGE SHEET**

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Section 22.

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*R. H. East*  
Commanding Depot

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment,  
St. John's, Nfld.

*J. King*  
*10-9-18* President

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*Alex<sup>Lis</sup> X Anthony Pte*

(Witness). *J. A. O'Leary<sup>mark</sup> Corp'l.*

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FOR THE DEFENCE.

Certified that R.P.4 c,d,e have been complied with.

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*W. H. G.*  
Asst Adjutant  
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*certified correct.*

*W. M. J.*  
Asst Adjutant  
Depot The Royal New Zealand Regiment  
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FOR DEFENCE.                    NIL 1-

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January 2nd/18

From Officer Commanding,  
Depot.

To D.O.C., Newfoundland,  
Militia Dept.

5732, Pte. Jonathan Masher

The above mentioned man is at present in the Lunatic Asylum having been brought there from his home at Englee by some of his friends.

This man has had a bad record in the Regiment since he was attested on the 5th July 1918 and has spent a great deal of his time in ~~xxxx~~ detention for various offences.

On the 10th September he was tried by Regimental Court Martial for "Insubordination to an Officer, (2) Breaking away from Escort" and was awarded 28 days detention. Shortly after this period was completed he disappeared altogether and he could not be traced. It was reported at the time that he had left St. John's on a schooner and the intimation in the papers that he had been admitted to the Lunatic Asylum was the first definite report of his movements that we received.

I rang up the Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane and he states that Private Masher was admitted on the 21st December but it is likely that he will be discharged from there before very long.

Will it be necessary to wait until Masher is discharged from the Lunatic Asylum before his discharge on demobilization can be effected, please?



## DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA  
AND QUOTE NO.

ST. JOHN'S. NEWFOUNDLAND.

January 13th., 1919

From:- D. M. S.

To:- D. O. C.

5432, Pte. Mesher, J.

Will you be good enough to have the marginally noted man escorted from the Asylum for a Medical Board on \* evening at 8.45 and returned to the Institution at the conclusion of the Board?

*Cluny Anapherson*

Major, D. M. S.

CM-AMB.

\* as advice from the Police

*of Dept.*

*Will you arrange please and have any papers you have sent before I.M.B. Beas for*



December 11/18

part of time as I have been  
absent for some time in  
feeling much better to day  
of my complaint. Since I  
I have demand justice so far  
as much as to go by my  
discharge from the Seniors  
Service and to take it on  
myself to leave Army as I  
have times seen the Seniors  
captain about my affairs  
which he was going to see  
about but fail to do so  
and as I believe that Right  
is every man's Right  
according to the statute of  
Life I take it on me to  
escape from the P. & P. Regt.  
as I should never have been  
part of it as I did not know that  
I was the only man called  
to the colors at that time  
I enlisted with the <sup>100th</sup> Regiment  
that I would have to go to  
and did not take my discharge

lost-

from the navy with me  
found out after i got in  
the army that i was the  
only one again that was  
called up seen the captain  
of the Regt - he said i shall  
find out from the Lt. Gov.  
Bretton about you but  
was to meet and never  
done so each time i asked  
him it was the same  
thing over to seek for  
further information apply  
to the Bretton and you  
will find out that my  
discharge was officialy  
Right i was late de  
Sir please send money  
money that his due to  
me it was three months  
as was in the regt & Regt  
& please send my kit  
Bag as i have the  
price in close in it -

35 H



Quick I would like to  
have very much I was  
home when I heard the  
war was over, very glad  
that it is peace with  
us again just about to  
close this few lines  
this day Friday greets  
you by wishing you  
a happy new year

Jonathan Williams

Respect  
official number  
in navy 1833  
Army was  
5732  
awaiting your  
Reply



Who never sanctioned my Request  
Was Capt. O'Grady Sir



THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT  
HEADQUARTERS

*St. John's, Newfoundland,*

Jan. 11th, 1919

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SIR:

I have the honour to enclose herewith a report of the Court of Enquiry held on this date at the Empire Barracks, for the purpose of enquiring into the illegal absence and deficiency of Kit of 5432 Pte. Jonathan Mesher.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Captain  
Adjutant  
Discharge Depot-Newfoundland

To Officer Commanding,

Depot

PROCEEDINGS of a Court of Inquiry

\*N.B.—The Form being applicable to any Board of Officers, or Committee, or Court of Inquiry, this blank to be filled in accordingly.

assembled at Empire Banquets, St. John's,

The proceedings should be signed by each Officer composing the Board, etc.

on the 11<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. 1919.by order of Capt. R. H. Fair M. C.for the purpose of Inquiring into the absence  
without leave and loss of kit (if any)  
of # 5733 Pte Jonathan Mesher,  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

PRESIDENT.

W. L. Woods Esq.

MEMBERS.

L. S. A. Guild Esq.  
H. S. Knight Esq.

IN ATTENDANCE.

The Court having assembled pursuant to order, proceed to  
take evidence, as follows:—First witness:— R. S. M. H. Pelwick States:—" On November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1918, it was reported to me  
that # 5733 Pte J. Mesher was absent from 9.30 pm  
Roll call. He remained absent, and is still  
absent.On December 27<sup>th</sup> 1918, it was reported to me

that the accused had been admitted to the Asylum for the Insane, on December 21<sup>st</sup> 1918. He is still a patient there." M. Patrick D.M.

Second witness: - Corporal Madduck states:-

"Under various dates from July 6<sup>th</sup> 1918 to October 9<sup>th</sup> 1918, a complete kit was supplied to 5727 Ste J Master. Since then, none of the said kit has been returned to the Quarter Master stores.

The complete <sup>kit</sup> included the following articles:-

- 2 pair boots.	14.00
- 4 bushes (hair, tooth, clothes, shoe).	1.79
- 1 Service cap.	1.25
- 2 pair drawers	4.00
- 1 Great Coat.	17.75
- 1 Kit Bag.	2.25
- 1 Pair Boots	2.75
- 2 Top Shirts.	8.10
- 3 pair socks.	1.44
- 1 Service Tunic	11.00
- 1 Service Trousers.	7.00
- 2 Towels	.90
- 2 Undershirts	4.00
- 1 Haversack.	.25
	\$75.48

John W. Madduck  
Corp

The Court Submits the attached declaration

St. Lloyd Woods President

Members  
Harold Street





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From Adjutant,  
Depot.

To Officer Commanding,  
Depot.

I attach list of Equipment issued to #5432, Pte Jonathan Meshier who has been absent without leave since November 2, 1918

The Quartermaster advises me that no article of his Equipment has been recovered. He is therefore deficient of his complete issue.

TJW:

*J. J. O'Leary*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Captain  
Adjutant  
Depot-Newfoundland



#5432, Pte. Jonathan Mesher issued with full Kit July 6-18.

4 Brushes.....	16. 14. 17. 32.....	.79
1 Kit Bag.....		2.25
2 Prs Drawers.....	@ \$2.00 ea.....	4.00
2 Top Shirts.....	@ \$4.05 ea.....	8.10
3 Prs Socks.....	@ .48 ea.....	1.44
2 Towels.....	@ .45 ea.....	.90
2 Undervests.....	@ \$2.00 ea.....	4.00
2 Prs Boots.....	@ <u>July 10th</u> \$7.00 ea.....	14.00
1 Cap.....		1.25
-1 Pr. Puttees.....		2.75
1 Tunic & Trousers.....		18.00
1 Great Coat.....	<u>Oct. 23rd</u>	17.75
1 <i>Awlsack</i> - - - - -		<u>25</u> \$75.45

## Declaration

The Court declare that #5732 the Jonathan Mosher, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, illegally absented himself without leave at St. John's barracks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1918, and that he is still so absent, that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1918, he was defenit, and is still defenit of the following articles:-

2 pair boots	14.00
4 Brushes	79
1 Service Cap.	1.25
2 pair drawers	4.00
1 Great coat.	17.75
1 Hat Bag.	2.25
1 pair Gaiters	2.75
2 Topshirts	8.10
3 pair socks	1.44
1 Service Tunic	11.00
1 Service Trowsers	7.00
2 Towels	90.
1 Handkerchief.	25
2 Under Vests	4.00.
Total	\$75.48

The Eleventh day of January 1919

A. Lloyd Woods <sup>Pres</sup> President

~~H. A. ...~~ } Members.  
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DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ST. JOHN'S January 8, 1919.  
NEWFOUNDLAND

From: District Officer, Commanding,  
Newfoundland.

To: Officer Commanding Depot,  
City.

#5432 Private Jonathan Mesher.

I have your communication of 2nd instant in connection with the above named soldier. I assume that he has been posted as absent without leave, and in the ordinary course of events, court of enquiry would be held in connection with his continued absence.

If this has not been done please see that such a court is constituted as required by the regulations.

In the meantime I am placing the matter before the Director Medical Services, as the man should not be discharged or disposed of until a further investigation has been made and his mental condition established by a Medical Board.

Major.  
District Officer Commanding.  
Newfoundland.



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From Asst. Adjutant  
To Officer Commanding

5732 Pte. J. Mesher.

I note by the "Daily Star" that above noted man has been placed in the Lunatic Asylum, having been brought from his home by some of his friends owing to his violent condition. This man is still on the strength of the Depot and circumstances connected with him are as follows:

5-7-18	Attested
16-7-18	Awarded 7 days detention
21-7-18	Admitted to Barracks Hospital
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5-9-18	Discharged from Billets to duty.
10-9-18	Awarded 28 days detention by Regtl. Court Martial

Shortly after the period of his last award was computed <sup>W.C.</sup> he disappeared and has not been heard of since, until now. The last record of his being on parade is on evening of Nov. 1st, 1918.

*W.C.*  
Assistant Adjutant & Paymaster  
Discharge Depot - Newfoundland





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From Officer Commanding,  
Discharge Depot.

To Commanding Officer,  
H.M.S. "BRITON"

#5732, Pte Jonathan Mesher, Englee

The above named soldier enlisted in the Regiment on the 5th July 1918 and at present is a patient in the Asylum for the Insane. He claims, in a letter recently, that he was discharged from the Royal Naval Reserve some time ago. In order to find out what claims he has, will you kindly let me know whether this man has been on the strength of the Royal Naval Reserve and what his record of service is, if any?

*R. H. Lait*

Captain,  
Officer Commanding,  
Discharge Depot.

TJW:



The Officer Commanding  
Discharge Depot  
Royal Wtd Regiment

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Jonathan Mesher joined the  
Newfoundland Rmt. on 29th June 1915,  
and was discharged June Expired on  
16th March 1918. His Official No. is 1833X

There is a sum of money in  
Mrs Briton due to this man,  
which can be paid to his next of  
kin.

Mesher

Mrs Briton  
4 Jan'y. 1919.

Commander (Act)  
WYW

Jan. 2nd, 1918

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