



MERCHANT, JOHN WALLACE



Earl Campbell's letters

EARLY LIFE

Aug 16, 1898

Born in Worfield, England to John and Agnes Merchant.

1912

Immigrated to Canada with his family.

Age 14

MILITARY SERVICE

Feb 12, 1916

Attested to the 127th York Rangers, Overseas Battalion, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

**Attestation
Paper**

- **Number:** 778743
- **Present address:** King, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** John Merchant (Father) in King, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Farmer
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** Yes – 12th York Rangers
- **Religion:** Church of England
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 18 years
 - **Height:** 5'9"
 - **Complexion:** Fair
 - **Eyes:** Blue
 - **Hair:** Light brown

Sep 15, 1917

Sapper Wallace Merchant died from his wounds he sustained in the field. He is remembered at *Dozinghem Military Cemetery* in Belgium.

Age 19

MENTIONED IN EARL CAMPBELL'S LETTERS HOME

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MENTIONED IN LASKAY TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY

Women's Institute – Laskay: War Records

Honour Roll 1914-1918

HONOR ROLL - 1914 - 1918

Roscoe Phillips - made the supreme sacrifice.
Harold Campbell
Lorne Campbell
Earl Campbell
Harold Boys
Aubrey Marshall - made the supreme sacrifice
Frank Teasdale
James Allen
Thomas Wise
Charles Williams
William Bowler
George Tate
Percy Butler
Sidney Stratford
Wallace Marchant - made the supreme sacrifice
John Mullen
Frank Rolf
John Kewell
Chester Ward
Harry Malseed
Sidney Goodswain
George Bainbridge
John Stubbs
George Howard
Samuel Moss



IN THE NEWS

Death Announcement

The Toronto Star

Friday, September 28, 1917 pg. 22

PTE. JOHN W. V. MERCHANT.

The name of Private John Wallace Victor Merchant, of King, appears in



to-day's casualty list as having died of wounds.

His sister, who is employed with Mrs. Fairty, 134 Keewatin avenue,

North Toronto, has received no word of her soldier brother having been wounded, the only official intimation being that he died of

wounds on September 15th. He was born in Shropshire, England, twenty years ago, and came to Canada in 1912, locating at King, where he was employed on a farm until he enlisted in February, 1916. He had been in France ten months when he received the fatal wound.

IN THE NEWS

Arriving Home after the War

The Aurora Banner

Friday, Apr 11, 1919

KING

King boys who have just arrived home from overseas:

Corpl. A. Kelly, M.M.

A. Law.

Charley Williams.

H. Bovair.

John Miller.

M. M. Mitchell.

A. Hollingshead.

Honor Roll

A. Howard.

T. Little.

W. Marchant.

Harry Stuart.

TO KING CITY BOYS

Our glorious laddies

Are coming home,

For they brought peace

No more they shall roam.

They went away

To fight our fights

To save our country,

And to defend our rights.

Right well you are

Our soldiers true,

For you did your bit

For the red, white and blue

Many are lying

in Flanders field,

For when death came

They did willingly yield.

Father in heaven

Our thanks we give,

For our glorious heroes

Shall for evermore live.

A Subscriber.

Aurora War Memorial

The Aurora Banner

Friday, March 20, 1925

Aurora War Memorial

The names given below are those of the fallen men of Aurora, King and Whitechurch, as ascertained up to the present time by the War Memorial Committee.

Will every reader of the Banner in Aurora, King and Whitechurch, please look carefully over the list and draw attention to any error in initials or spelling of name, or omission of any name, communicating with the Editor of the Banner or with J. G. McDonald, Secretary of the War Memorial Association, without delay.

The Whitechurch list is an official list that has been checked over and pronounced correct; but it is included in above so that any typographical error, if any, may be noticed and corrected.

Although some of the names on these lists may and do appear on some local memorials, it will not be too much honour to these men that their names should also appear on this larger memorial— which from its location, its great size and architecture, will be visited by thousands of motorists and visitors aside from the people of Aurora, King and Whitechurch.

Township of King.

Brown, Sherman
Brown, Harold
Clift, Russell
Doyle, Max
Doyle, Wilfred
Ferguson, John
Ferguson, Leonard
Green, Percy
Green, Roland
Harper, Roy
Howard, George
Little, Telford
McMaster, Thos.
Merchant, Wallace
Marshall, Aubrey
Barker, Russell
Routledge, John
Stewart, Harry
Stocks, Roy
Watson, Townley
Woodroof, Chas.
Township of Whitechurch.