



# MERCHANT, JOHN WALLACE



Toronto Star

## 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 – 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

***Letters Home: Messages from the Trenches***

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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**

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**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.



**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.**