

## **First World War Service Record of Jacob Andrew Norman Hessler**

The following is from the National Archives: WO 374/33011

Register No. 9/68/4464  
(Accounts 4.)

Extract from

~~Letters of Administration (Will annexed).~~  
Probate of Will.  
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dated 1st October 1918 Granted at The Principal Probate Registry  
~~Resealed~~

1. Estate of Norman Hessler of Wyndcliffe Seaton Carew West Hartlepool  
in the County of Durham a Captain Durham Light Infantry

2. Date and Place of Death Died on the 27th May 1918 in France

3. Will Forced 13th April 1918.

4. Grantees Victor Nilson the sole executor named in the said Will

5. Gross value £ 4011. 0. 0.

6. Disposal of Medals to widow.  
Decorations

7. Extracted by Messrs Turnbull & Tilley,  
Solicitors,  
West Hartlepool.

8. Produced by Victor Nilson, Esq.  
West Hartlepool.

9. Returned to

10. Date of Registration 26th October 1918.

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## FIELD SERVICE.

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.

REGIMENT or CORPS 1/5th Bn. DUNHAM LIGHT INFTRY. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company "D" Coy. TF

Rank CAPTAIN.

Name HESSLER Jacob A.N.

By whom reported O.C. Unit.  
Date of Death 27th May 1918.  
Place or Hospital Field (France).  
Cause of Death Killed in action.  
Place of Burial -

State whether he leaves a will or not Not forthcoming.

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.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base.

Major for Officer 1/  
Infantry Section No. 3.

Station and Date G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon.  
11th June 1918.



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From : -

Field Marshal Sir D. Haig, K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E.,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
British Armies in France.

To : -

The Secretary,  
War Office, Adastral House,  
London, E. C. 4.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

5<sup>th</sup> November, 1917.

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Sir,

With reference to G.H.Q. Letters numbered as above,  
dated 30-8-1917 and 23-9-1917 and War Office telegram No. 3699  
X A.M.D.2 dated 6-10-1917, I have the honour to inform you that  
Captain J. Hessler, 5th. Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, was  
discharged from Hospital cured 13-10-1917 and sent to his Unit  
on 15-10-1917.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. H. Fowler*

Adjutant-General,  
for Field Marshal,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
British Armies in France.

CONFIDENTIAL.

9/68/931  
Army Form A. 45.

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD

assembled at Blyth. on September 26<sup>th</sup>  
by order of The G.O.C. in C. Northern Command.  
for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the present ~~the~~ state of health of  
(Rank and Name) Captain J.A.N. Hessler. (Corps) 5 Bn Durham L.I.  
Age 25 Service 4 yrs Disability Sprain Ankle, Right  
Date of commencement of leave granted for present disability \_\_\_\_\_  
Date on which placed on half-pay for present disability \_\_\_\_\_

The Board having assembled pursuant to order, and having read the instructions on the back of the form, proceed to examine the above-named officer and find that

He has recovered from his disability.

Confidential.

To be used in cases of wounds or injuries received in action.  
(For instructions for preparing this report see back of form.)

PROCEEDINGS OF A MEDICAL BOARD assembled by order of \_\_\_\_\_

G.O.C. London District.

for the purpose of examining and reporting on the present state of a wound or injury sustained by Captain J.A.N. Hessler. 5<sup>th</sup> Bn L.I.  
at (Place of Injury) Reinnet. on the (Date of Injury) 16. 5. 16

The Board find that this officer sprained his  
ankle while jumping an obstacle on  
returning from the firing line. He was  
with range of the machine guns at the time.

The ankle is still very swollen & painful  
he cannot walk more than 200 yds at a time, &  
has only with a stick.

Improving slowly under  
light and electric treatment.



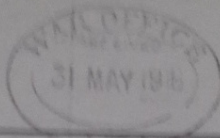
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WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.



No. 40.

1. Rank and Name

Captain Jacob Andrew Norman Gessler

(a) Regiment &amp; Brigade (or Division.)

(b) If attached to another unit Overseas, the Battalion &amp; name of Regiment must be stated.

5<sup>th</sup> Batt Durham Light Infantry  
150<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde.  
50<sup>th</sup> Div.

3. Address in United Kingdom.

Seaton Caru

West Hartlepool

4. Date of leaving Unit (Abroad)

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1916

5. Date of Embarkation for England

26<sup>th</sup> May 1916

6. Port of Embarkation for England

Calais

7. Port of Disembarkation (England)

Dover

8. Date of Arrival in England

26<sup>th</sup> May, 1916

9. Name of Ship

SSA Antwerpen?

10. Cause of Return

L injury to Right Ankle

11. Dates if on leave, from

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to

—

12. Authority

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13. Whether examined by a Medical Board since return from Continent

No.

(Date)

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(Signature)

Norman Gessler

Capt

5<sup>th</sup> Durham

