

First World War Service Record of Mansfield (Mansfeldt) Charles Nightingale Mills

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2/LIEUT. M.C.N. MILLS,

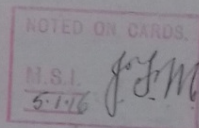
Royal Engineers.

"Killed in action 29th December, 1915."

Next of kin:-

M.H. Mills Esq. (Father)
St Margarets Bay,
DOVER.

M.S.3. Casualties,
3rd January, 1916.



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This Form is to be used for any candidate who is serving in the ranks of the New Armies, Special Reserve, or Territorial Force, and for any other candidate who is neither a cadet or ex-cadet of the Senior Division, Officers Training Corps, nor a member of a University.

Form M.T.
392 should be used for an Officers Training Corps (Senior Division) or University candidate, who is not serving in the ranks.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN THE REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The candidate will complete the following particulars and obtain certificates below as to character and educational qualification.

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| 1. Name in full | Surname. Christian names. | <i>Mills,</i> <i>Manuscript Charles Lightgate</i> |
| 2. Date of birth. | | <i>Feb. 9th 1891</i> |
| 3. Whether married. | | <i>No.</i> |
| 4. Whether of pure European descent. | | <i>Yes.</i> |
| 5. Whether a British subject by birth or naturalization. (State which, and if by naturalization attach a certificate from the Home Office.) | | <i>Birth.</i> |
| 6. Nationality by birth of father (if naturalized, state date). | | <i>English</i> |
| 7. Permanent address. | | <i>The Haven</i> <i>St. Margaret's Bay, Dover</i> |
| 8. Present address for correspondence. | | <i>The Haven</i> <i>St. Margaret's Bay - Dover.</i> |
| 9. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars. | | <i>No.</i> |
| 10. Whether able to ride. | | <i>Yes.</i> |
| 11. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces, or in the Officers Training Corps. If so, state :— (a) Regiment, Corps, or Contingent ... (b) Date of appointment ... (c) Rank ... (d) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge (e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ... | | <i>No.</i> |
| Whether an application for a commission has been previously made, if so, on what date and for what branch of the service. | | <i>No.</i> |

Accepted candidates will be gazetted to a general list. They may, however, state here—

13. The Branch of the Service (Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, or Army Service Corps) in which desirous of serving

Engineers. Tunnelling

14. The unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed

but no guarantee can be given that they will be appointed to any particular unit.

I certify, upon my honour, that the above particulars as to my qualifications, previous service are correct and complete. I request that I may be appointed to a temporary commission in the Army for the period of the war.

Date Aug. 6. 1915.

Mansfeldt. C. N. Mills.

Usual Signature of Candidate

Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age

Certificate of moral character during the past four years. If the candidate has been at school, college, or other educational establishment during any portion of the period the certificate should be signed by the head of the establishment, otherwise it may be signed by a responsible person (such as a near relative or connection), e.g., the minister of the parish or other local clergyman, a magistrate, or a senior officer of the Army or Navy who has been well acquainted with the candidate in private life during the period.

If the above-mentioned person cannot certify for the whole period of four years, a second certificate for the period not covered by the first should be signed by a similar person.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of Mansfeldt. C. N. Mills for the last 3 years.

Signature

S. R. Bastard

†Rank, office or occupation Chairman Champion Nigeria

Date 12th August 1915

Address Friars House New Broad St. E.C.

To be filled in when the above certificate does not cover four years.

I hereby certify to the good moral character of Mansfeldt C. N. Mills, whom I have personally known from childhood up to the present date.

Signature

H. E. Hightingale

†Rank, office or occupation

Actuary to the

Date 16th Aug/15.

Address

Royal Exchange Assurance. London

Evidence that the candidate has attained a good standard of education.

If the candidate has:—

(a) obtained a leaving or qualifying certificate as required of a candidate for admission to the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, 1912, the Certificate should be attached;

(b) qualified at an Army Entrance Examination, the date of examination should be stated;

(c) passed the matriculation examination of a University, or a test accepted in lieu thereof, the Certificate should be attached.

Failing one of the above, the following certificate must be signed by the Headmaster of a secondary school or other competent educational authority.

I certify from personal knowledge that M. C. N. Mills has attained a good standard of education.

S. R. James

State here educational position, e.g., Head of a College or School, etc. Late Headmaster, Malvern College

†Here state whether Tutor, Head of School or College, Minister of Parish or other local clergyman, or Magistrate, &c.

170th to 182nd (TUNNELLING) COMPANIES - ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Depot:

7, PRINCES STREET,

WESTMINSTER, S.W.

9th August 1915.

A.G.7.

THE SECRETARY,
WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have to-day interviewed Mr. Mansfield Charles Nightingale Mills, 25 years of age, of St. Margaret's Bay, Dover.

Mr. Mills was educated at Malvern College, and whilst there took a course of training in their engineering shops, and from there went to the Birmingham University for two years, and was under Professor Redmayne, the present Government Inspector of Mines. Mr. Mills then went to the Frickley Colliery, South Yorkshire, and helped to lay out their new underground headings, and remained with them for two years. He then had three years surface surveying in Spain, and has come home from Nigeria. He has a very complete knowledge of all instruments of surface survey and underground tunnelling, and appears to me to be in every way qualified for your recommendation for a Commission in one of the above Units.

Mr. Mills has had no military training, but for two years he was in the Cadet Corps at Malvern College.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
For 170/177 (TUNNELLING) COYS., R.E.

G. M. Miles-Bailey
OFFICER IN CHARGE

I declare upon my honour that:

1st. I have never suffered from any serious illness or injury, ~~except as stated below.~~

2nd. I am not as far as I know, at present suffering from any mental infirmity, or physical imperfection or disability, ~~except as stated below.*~~

3rd. I have never suffered from "fits" of any description, ~~except as stated below.*~~

4th. My vision for both near and distant objects is good with either eye without the aid of glasses, ~~except as stated below.*~~

5th. I have fully revealed to the Examining Medical Officer all circumstances within my knowledge that concern my health.

Signature Thursfeldt. C. H. Mills

Date August 6th 1915.

N.B.—A candidate who wears glasses should bring them with him when he attends for medical examination.

* The words in italics should be struck out in case there is no exception to record.

An Officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps will, after reading the above declaration, and examining the candidate, complete the following Certificate:—

I CERTIFY that I have examined Mr. Mr C. N. Mills

in accordance with the Instructions for the Physical and Medical Examination of

"Insert 'fit' or 'unfit.' If unfit, state cause of unsuitability."

Candidates for Commissions in the Regular Army and Special Reserve, and find

that he is* fit for Military Service.

Age 25

Station W.O.

C. H. Mills
Colonel

Date 11/8/15

The application will then be sent to the Secretary, War Office, London, S.W.,

as soon as practicable.

30.12.15

POST OFFICE



TELEGRAPHS.

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I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

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Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

TO {

M. H. Mills S. Margaret's Bay Dover

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| repl | regret | to inform | you | 31st M.C.N |
| Mills | R.E. | was | Killed in action | |
| 29th | Decr | Lord | Kitchener | expresses |
| his | sympathy | | | |

FROM {

SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE

The Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the space provided at the Back of the Form.

RAMS; "HOTEL CAMERON, SWANSEA."

E; 921 CENTRAL



Card
The Haven
Margaret Bay
Dover

Jan 1st 1916

Mr M. H. Mills begs to
acknowledge the receipt
of the telegram informing
him that his son was
killed in action on the
29th ulto he also wishes to
thank Lord Kitchener for
his sympathy in our
irreparable loss.

The Secretary War Office.

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at The Royal Hotel
Cardiff
Feb 4. 1916
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FEB 1916

Mrs Mansfield H. Mills
begs to thank the Military
Secretary for kindly informing
him that his son 2nd Lieut
M. C. H. Mills R.E. was
buried in Hon Sean Cemetery
Armentieres.
Mrs Mills wishes to say that
the Chaplain & O.C the Company
had kindly written all that
could be said

2 Fairfield Court
Temple
E.C.4

Certified Copy. (Sealed.)

Register No. 102,161/2.

Extract from Letters of Administration.
Probate of Will.

Dated 10th July 1916. Granted at The P. P. R.

1. Estate of Mansfield Charles Nightgale Mills, 2^d Lieut. R.E.

2. Date and Place of Death Died on the 29th of December 1915, in France, killed on active service - intestate, a bachelor.

3. Grantees Mansfield Henry Mills, of The Haven, St. Margaret's Bay, Dover, in the Co. of Kent. Esq^r, lawful father and next of kin of the 2^d intestate.

4. Gross value, £ 290. " 10. " 8.

5. Disposal of Medals

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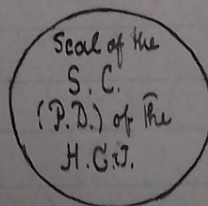
2. Tanfield Court.

Temple. E.C.4.

and to whom returned

by Re^d Pt 2/5/17.

Re^d 2/5/17.



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FIELD SERVICE.

Noted for 24/11

Report of death of an Officer to be forwarded to War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B 213, or Army Form A 30 or from other documentary sources.

Royal Engineers.....171st Company.

Rank 2nd Lieutenant Name Mills M.C.N.

By whom reported O.C. 171st Company, R.E.

Date 29th December, 1915.

Died Place or hospital I. 10. d. 8. 3. Sheet 36 N.W.

Cause of death Killed in action.

Place of burial Bon. Jean Cemetery, Armentieres.

State whether he leaves a will or not Not known.

All private documents and effects received from the Front, or Hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should at once be 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 War Office as soon as possible.

Harrison
Signature of Officer i/c Section, A.G.'s Office at the Base. Lieut. Colonel, R.E.
Officer i/c R.E. Base Records.

G.H.-Qrs., 3rd Echelon,

10th
January, 1916.

The Secretary.
War Office.

From,

The Standing Committee of Adjustment,

General Head Quarters,

3rd Echelon,

British Expeditionary Force,

13 / 1 / 1918.

To,

Messrs. Cox & Co's Shipping Agency, Ltd.,

16, Charing Cross,

London, S. W.

The undermentioned effects of the late
2nd Lieut; M. C. N. Mills, 171st Coy; R. E.
are forwarded herewith by registered post.

INVENTORY.

- ✓ 1 Wrist Watch.
- ✓ 1 Silver Cigarette Case. *up penny stamps*
- ✓ 1 Photo in case.
- ✓ 2 Cheque Books.
- ✓ 1 " " , Counterfoils.
- ✓ 1 Pass Book.
- ✓ 1 Letter.
- ✓ 1 Cheque, No. ^D416619, dated 20-12-15, for £1, } *paid W.*
payable to M. Mills.
- ✓ 1 Identity Disc.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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