

# FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 1978 Name Herbert G. Luscombe Corps \_\_\_\_\_

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

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>Herbert G. Luscombe</u>       |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>9. British Square</u>         |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>yes</u>                       |
| 4. What is your Age? .....   | 4. <u>20</u> Years <u>3</u> Months. |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. <u>Drapery</u>                   |
| 6. Are you Married? .....  | 6. <u>no</u>                        |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? .....                             | 7. <u>no</u>                        |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? .....  | 8. <u>yes</u>                       |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? .....   | 9. <u>yes</u>                       |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? .....                                     | 10. { 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. <u>yes</u>                      |

I, Herbert G. Luscombe 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.

Herbert G. Luscombe SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Edward W. [Signature] Signature of Witness.

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

I, Herbert G. Luscombe 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, Nfld.  
on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1915.

Signature of the Attesting Officer. [Signature]

### † 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1915

Place \_\_\_\_\_

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, the 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 OF**

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

Name Herbert G. Luscombe  
 Apparent age 20 years 3 months. Height 5 feet 5/2 inches.  
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36 inches.  
 Range of expansion 5 inches.  
 Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.**

Name and Address of next of kin Mrs. ... Co., 9 British Lane  
 | Relationship Y...

**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	Promotions, 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>15 11 15</u>									
Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>November 15/15</u>									
<u>Embarked St John's</u> <u>trans to St John's</u> <u>18 7 15</u>									
<u>Embarked Southampton</u> <u>14-16 June</u> <u>Battalion</u> <u>13-7-16</u>									
<u>Killed in Action France</u> <u>12-10-16</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above ... ..									

Total Service towards Engagement to 12-10-16 (date of discharge)    years 332 days  
 " " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "

C.R. 1978

Herbert G. Luscombe was attested for General Service with  
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on November 15th 1915.

Regimental No. 1978 was allotted to Pte H.G. Luscombe.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger

Dept. of Militia

March 25th 1919

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Extract from Nominal Roll Entrained St. John's for Overseas  
June, 19. 1915. "H"

1978 Bpa. Luscombe Herbert. G

C.R. 1978

Extract from Nominal Roll of the Mfld. Regt. Draft  
No. 6 from 2nd Bn., Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F.  
Embarked Southampton 14-6-18.

1978 Cpl. H. Hascombe

To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists of the Regular Army.

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Luscombe

OR

Christian Name Herbert



Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County N. York

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	on	5 day of Nov 1913	on	day of 191
Declared Age	at	56 John's N. York	at	
Trade or Occupation		20 years days		years days
Height		5 feet 5 1/2 inches		feet inches
Weight		142 lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded... Range of expansion..		36 inches		inches
		3 inches		inches
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks { Arm Number	Right	Left	Right	Left
		2		
When Vaccinated	1907			
Vision	R.E.—V==	4/6	R.E.—V==	
	L.E.—V==	4/6	L.E.—V==	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	(b)		(b)	
Approved by (Signature)	<u>L. Armit Paterson</u>			
(Rank)	Capt			
	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at	56 John's	at	
	on	5 day of Nov 1913	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	1st N. York Regt	1978		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
(Signature)	on	day of 191	on	day of 191



C.R. 1978

PROMOTION.

Regimental Order.

By Lt. Col. Sir Walter E. Davidson, Officer Commanding.

The Lt. Col. has been pleased to approve the following appointment.

"H" Company.

To be Corporal,

Pte. H. G. Luscombe.

(to date from 17th December, 1915).

**PAY LIST.**

to 12th October 1916. Voucher No.

**NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.**

Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland  
 No. 1978 Rank Corporal Name H. Luscombe  
 Died (Intestate) at France on the 12th of October 1916.  
 Deserted at on the of 191

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

Commanding Squadron, Troop,  
 Battery or Company.

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.**

Form 1

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month .....				Balance Cr. last month ..... 12/10/16 .....	2	16	5
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at from to			
	£ s. d.				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
191					Messing allowance days at from to			
"								
"								
"								
	Consolidated stoppage .....							
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity .....			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	2	16	5	Balance due to the Paymaster .....			
	£	2	16	5	£	2	16	5

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to / / and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ is correctly chargeable against the Public<sup>(b)</sup>.

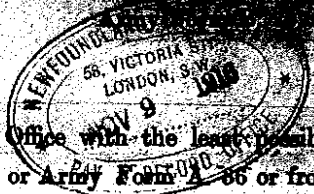
Dated at  
 this 21st day of FEBRUARY 1917

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Paymaster

(a) Ascertain whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form C. 1814.  
 (b) Where it is to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

**DUPLICATE. FIELD SERVICE.**



REPORT of Death of a Soldier 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 86 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } 1st Bn. "1st Newfoundland Regt." Squadron, }  
CORPS } } Troop, Battery } C. Co.  
or Company }

Regtl. No. 1978 Rank Corporal.

Name Luscombe, H.

Died { Date 12/10/16.  
Place France.  
Cause of Death\* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213, 14/10/16.

By whom made O.O. Unit.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Not received.  
Date ditto.  
By whom reported \_\_\_\_\_

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received.  
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) ditto.  
(c) as a separate document \_\_\_\_\_

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, 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 soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } [Signature] LIEUT. COLONEL  
Officer i/c Regular Infantry Section No. 1  
General Headquarters, 3rd. Echelon.

Station and Date 31/10/16.

Regimental Number 1978

Company G.

THE  
1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

I hereby enlist for service at home or abroad in the King's  
Forces under the following conditions:

For the duration of the present war, or until my  
discharge.

Subject to the Army Act, the King's Regulations,  
and to such ordinances as may apply or may  
be made to apply to the British Regular Army.

Subject to the Newfoundland Volunteer Act,  
5 George V., Chapter IV.

Signed

*H. G. Muscoube*

Witness

*H. R. Howell (2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut)*

Dated at

*Capr.*

*May 24<sup>th</sup> 1916*

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&R.O.  
October 27th 1916.

1978, Cpl. H. Luscombe.

Killed in Action 13.10.16. r/b O.C. Bn. 14.20.16.

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27th October, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I regret to inform you that  
the Record Office of the First Newfoundland  
Regiment, London, to-day advises that No.  
1978, Corporal Herbert G. Luscombe, was  
Killed in Action on the 12th October.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Andrew Luscombe,  
9 British Square.

July 7th.1917.

Mr. Andrew Luscombe,  
9 British Square,

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$25.12,  
being th balance of the estate of your late son,  
No. 1972, H. Luscombe.

Yours truly,

Lieut.  
Deputy Paymaster.

# NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

CABLES AND TELEGRAMS.

"SYNOPTICAL,"  
LONDON.

TELEPHONE:  
VICTORIA 147.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE  
PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/C. RECORDS.  
AND THE FOLLOWING NO. QUOTED:

PAY & RECORD OFFICE,

58, VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S.W..

28th November, 1916.

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The Colonial Secretary,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

Sir,

No. 1978, Pte. H.G. Luscombe, Decd.

With reference to your telegram 30/10/16:

"Synoptical, London.  
"Return parcel boots addressed 1978 Luscombe  
"care your office .....  
Colonial Secretary."

it is understood that the parcel concerned was one  
which reached this office 21/10/16 and was thereupon  
forwarded to the B.E.F., subsequent to which advice was  
received that Luscombe was killed in action 12/10/16.

In the ordinary course this parcel, among others  
for deceased soldiers, should be returned here, but  
so far it has not arrived. Should it do so, it will  
be sent back to Newfoundland as is customary in such  
cases.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



*See also file -*

*Book  
1 against the lighter  
26/2/17 -*

British Square,

St. John's, Newfoundland

April 17th, 1917

Major H.A. Timewell

Nfld Pay & Record Office

Dear Sir:-

Permit me to take up a few moments of your time on a matter that is of much concern to myself and family. Some time ago I received word that my dear son Corporal Herbert Luscombe No 1978 Co C was killed in action, October 12th, in France. Beyond the Official notification received from the Hon J.R. Bennett and some private letters from some of his chums I have not heard anything, neither have I received any of his personal effects.

My son was a member of the St. John's Rifle Association and ~~assisted the Musketry Committee in training the Volunteers at the Rifle range here previous to his enlistment and when leaving for England the gentlemen presented him with an Address and purse of Gold with which he was to purchase a wristlet watch ~~and~~ having same suitably engraved.~~ <sup>of the Committee</sup> From letters received from him while at the Depot he mentioned having purchased the watch which naturally he prized very much and which we now would value beyond mention if procurable.

It is with this object in view that I am now writing you, knowing that if at all possible you will enlighten me and advise me as to the proper authorities to apply. I have been informed that some parents have been advised as to the location of their son's grave, but I have not heard a word and needless to say the lads mother and myself are much concerned. If you could give me any information or assistance in my endeavour to gain some knowledge about my sons belongings or burial I would be under a debt of gratitude that I would never be able to repay.

I trust that I am not putting you to any inconvenience and can assure you that both my wife and self will be ever grateful if you can put us in the way of getting in touch with the proper authorities.

Looking forward to a favorable reply

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant

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Andrew Linscombe  
9 British Square  
St Johns  
N.H.L.

2nd May, 7.

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Andrew Luscombe, Esq.,  
British Square,  
St. John's, Nfld.

Sir,  
No. 1978, Cpl. H. Luscombe, deceased.

With reference to your letter of 17/4/17, it is regretted that the only Effects belonging to your late son which have so far reached this office are:

1 Book and  
1 Cigarette lighter.

These were shipped to Headquarters, St. John's, on 26/2/17, and it is understood will have been dealt with by the Deputy Paymaster, to whom any further enquiries concerning them should be made. Nothing is known in this office about the watch, but an enquiry has been forwarded to the appropriate quarters in France.

With regard to his Grave Site, it is also regretted that no information has so far been received here, and the War Office, on reference being made thereto, has not been able to give any particulars of the location.

In many cases some time elapses before particulars are received, whereupon they are transmitted to Headquarters as customary, and should be passed to those concerned.

A further communication will be made as and if additional information may be received.

I am,

Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Major,

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

HT/IV

C O P Y.

Officer i/c  
Effects Branch  
G. H. Q.  
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Stamp  
1st Newfoundland Regiment  
Orderly Room B. E. F.  
14 - 5 - 17.

Ref attached.

Corpl Luscombe was known to be in possession of a Wristlet watch presented by the Members of the St. Johns Rifle Asscn which he always had in his possession.

As far as we are aware no effects other than those already mentioned were recovered from his body.

2nd Lieut S.E. Goodyear of this Unit saw the body two days after the attack and it being so badly mutilated it was impossible to recover further effects.

(Sgnd) K. Keegan ? Lieut & A/Adj  
for Lieut Col  
Commanding 1st Newfoundland Regt.

Stamp  
Effects Branch  
17 May, 1917.  
R.18417.E.1955.  
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J.

Dept. of Militia,  
St. John's.

*June* ..... 192*1*

I beg to acknowledge receipt of

Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of  
the late No. *1978* Bank *Capt.*

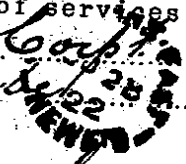
Name *Herbert H. Lunan*  
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

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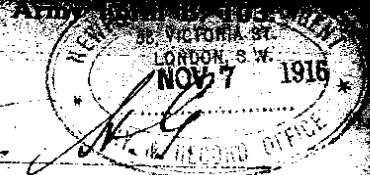
*Andrew Luscombe* (Sgd.)

*Feather* Relationship.

Address *9 British Square*



### Casualty Form—Active Service.



*certified true copy*

Regiment or Corps *Newfoundland*

Regimental No. *1978* Rank *Corn* Name *Luscombe*

Enlisted (a) *15.11.15* Terms of Service (a) *One year* Service reckons from (a) *15.11.15*

Date of promotion to present rank } *15.12.15* Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. }

Extended *Wahou* Re-engaged *L.H.S. 16* Qualification (b) *5*

Report		Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 86, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			
	<i>Embarked Southampton</i>		<i>14.6.16</i>	
	<i>Disembarked Rouen</i>		<i>15.6.16</i>	
	<i>Unit joined Battalion France</i>		<i>12.7.16</i>	<i>B213</i>
<i>H. V. B. Unit</i>	<i>Killed in Action France</i>		<i>22.08.16</i>	<i>B213</i>

*Sp. W. Ledger*  
*Officer in Charge Regular Infantry Section*  
*1st Bn. 2nd Coy. New Zealand Expeditionary Force*

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
(b) e.g., Signaller; Shooting Instructor, etc., etc.; also special qualifications in Technical Corps duties.

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

W. P. Griffith & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.  
 [343] W.1481/804 40ms 3/15-1 98 56

Number of Sheet

Regiment of 2/1st New Brunswick

Signature of O. C. Company

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay

No.	Regimental Number and Name			Enlistment	Trade	Signature of O. C. Company
1978	A. Lewcombe			Age on 70 years 3 months	Drafter	Signature of O. C. Company
Joined	Date	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment	Religion		
Joined	Date	Date	Nov. 15th 1915	Methodist		
Joined	Date	Date	Period of { with Colours 332 days with Reserve years	Place of Birth	St. John's	

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award at order of unit	By whom awarded	REMARKS
				Killed in Action 12/16					

To be carried over