

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 994

Name in full Allan Mercer Age 18

Address South River CB

Married Single Height 5.4 Weight 111

Color Dark Hair Dark Brown Eyes Light Blue

Other distinguishing marks _____

Nearest relative Susana Mercer (mother)

Address South River CB

Dependents None

Occupation Grocery Clerk Present Wage 12.00 per week

Previous service _____

Decorations _____

General Remarks _____

Date of Enlistment 30/10

Handwritten notes:
To be inserted in 10/10
Allan Mercer
Chas. J. [unclear]

_____, do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty, and that I will faithfully serve His Majesty in any place where I may be needed (or in the Colony of Newfoundland, as the case may be) against all His enemies and opposers whatsoever, according to the condition of my service.

Allan Mercer

Declared before me this Feb 9 day of Feb 1914 5

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

(To correspond with Entries on the Medical History Sheet)

Applicable to all ranks.

Reg-20-272

Name Allan Mercer

Apparent age 18 years months. Height 5 feet 4 inches.

Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded inches.
Range of expansion inches.

Distinctive marks Color: Dark, Hair: Dark Brown, Eyes: Light Blue

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Susanna Mercer, South River, C. Bay, Nfld.

Relationship Mother

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	Regt. 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>30/1/15</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>30th January '15</u>									
<i>Embarked S.S. St. Stephens 20/7/15 Embarked to Co. A 20/7/15 Disembarked Mex. and entrained for Cairo 31/7/15. Embarked for Gallipoli 13/8/15. Landed at Salva Bay. night of 19-20 Sept. 1916. Evacuated and arrived Mex 15/10/16. Proceeded to Mex 16/10/16. Embarked Port Aug 14/11/16. Disembarked Hamilton 22/11/16. Received on 7/12/16. Admitted to the 45th Reg. 2-7-16 Discharged to duty 27-7-16. Joined 13th Battalion 14-8-16 Admitted 14th C.P.S. (Amateur) 27-11-16. Transferred to duty 27-11-16. 14th Battalion 20-1-17.</i>									
<i>Settled in Action 14-4-17</i>									
Total Service forfeited as above									

Total Service towards Engagement to 14-4-17 (date of discharge) 2 years 75 days

Pension

C.R. 994

Allen Mercer was attested for General service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT onJan. 30th 1915.
Regimental No 994 was allotted to Pte. Allan Mercer,

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.

C.R. 994

Extract from National Roll of Credit submitted for
Approval per S.S. Stephens March 20th 1915.

No. 6. Fintoon.

Pte. 994 A. Mercer.

C.R. 994

Extract from Memorial Roll of "D" Co. 1st Inf. MFLA.
Regt. Embarked at Newport for Active Service
20-8-15.

994 Pte. A. Mercer.

Disembarked Alexandria 21-8-15 Proceeded to Abbasia,
Cairo, same date. Embarked Alexandria for Gallipoli,
15-9-15.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Murcer

OF
Christian Name Alan

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Birthplace:—Parish.....			County.....	
Examined	on <u>28th</u> day of <u>Jan</u> 191 <u>5</u> on		day of 191	
	at <u>St John's</u> at			
Declared Age.....	<u>18</u> years days		years days	
Trade or Occupation.....	<u>Grocery clerk</u>			
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>4</u> inches	feet	inches
Weight		<u>111</u> lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded... <u>33</u> inches		inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>35</u> inches		inches	
Physical Development.....				
Vaccination Marks {	Arm			
	Number			
When Vaccinated	<u>1905</u>			
Vision	R. E.—V==		R. E.—V==	
	L. E.—V==		L. E.—V==	
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)		(a)	
	(b)		(b)	
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection				
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Chas Macpherson</u>		<u>L.P.</u>	
(Rank)	<u>Capt.</u>			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St John's</u> at		at	
	on <u>30th</u> day of <u>Jan</u> 191 <u>5</u> on		day of 191	
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	<u>1st Med Regt</u> <u>994</u>			
Transferred to.. ..				
Became non-effective by.				
	on day of 191		on day of 191	
(Signature)				

Trusting to hear from you in
the near future,

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

H. C. Ross.

P.S.

No. 994.

Pte. Allen Mercer.

MAILED
1916

46, Wyndham Street,
Toronto, Ontario,
Canada.

February 14th 1916.

Militia Department,
Newfoundland.

Dear Sirs,

I trust you will excuse the
liberty I am taking in writing to you.

Owing to being unable to obtain
Newfoundland casualties in this city, I
should esteem it a great favour if you
could furnish me with a complete
list.

My friend was in the first
contingent and his number is 994. He
went to the Dardanelles and I have
not heard for some months.

9th March

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Mr H.C. Ross,
46 Wyndham Street,
Toronto, Ont.,

Dear Sir,-

Referring to your letter of February 14th., Owing to press of other matters in this office at the present time, we have been unable to get the Casualty lists into proper shape, and consequently I cannot ^{tell you} without a considerable amount of trouble, whether No. 994 Pte. Allen Mercer appears or not, however I expect to be able to get the matter straightened up in a few days, and will let you know if I come across his name.

Yours very truly,

J.M.H/B.M.W.


Deputy Paymaster.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated

July 10, 1916.

To

Mrs. Susannah Mercer,

South River, C.B.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,

~~No. 994, Private Allan Marshall~~

~~London, officially reports~~
was at Eighth Stationary Hospital, Wimereux, July third,
suffering from gunshot wound in leg.

~~Upon receipt of further information I shall immedi-~~

~~ately advise you. I trust that the next report will~~

~~be of his benefit.~~

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

AR 994

Statement of Commission received from the Record Office,
London, dated July 12, 1916.

#994 Pte. A. Mercer. ✓

Wound right Leg acc. Trans. to 1 Con.Dep. Boulogne, ex
8 Sty.Hosp. 4th July 1916.

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Ex ract from War Office List C1175 23-4-17

NAME .CORPUS EDR

#994 Pte .A. Mercer.

Killed in Action 14-4-17 R/O G.O. Unit 15-4-17

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(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender

David M. Murray

Address

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	Check
		<i>for Dept Sec</i>	<i>Sec</i>	

Dated April 26, 1917.

To Mrs. Susannah Mercer,
South River, C.B.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London,
today reports No. 994, Private Allan Mereer, was
killed in action April fourteenth.

J.R. BENNETT
Colonial Secretary

FOR TYPEWRITER

ORIGINAL
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 A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT. Squadron, }
or } Troop, Battery } D Company
CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 994 Rank Private

Name MERCER, A.

Date April 14th., 1917.

Place France.

Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213, 15/4/17.

By whom made O.C., 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.

Place

Burial Date

By whom reported

State whether he leaves a will or not

- (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not to hand.
- (b) in Small Book (if at Base) do
- (c) as a separate document do

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 } *Hoohie* Lieut. for Lt. Col.,
Office at the Base } Officer i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1,
3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

Station and Date 3rd. Echelon, 22/4/17.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

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Regiment or Corps Newfoundland
 Regimental No. C.R. 994 Rank Plt Name Marsel A
 Enlisted (a) Jan 30/15 Terms of Service (a) 1 year Service reckons from (a) Jan 30/15
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s. _____
 Extended Duration of War Re-engaged Aug 10/15 Qualification (b) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				

				20.3.15	COPY SENT TO C.O. HQ. ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D. 279 No. 3115/16 28 APR 1917
				1.9.15	
				13.9.15	
		Emb'k'd Port Suez		14.3.16	
		Disemb'k'd MARSEILLE S.		22.3.16	
	8 th Bty	as 9 th Bty	Monmouth	3.7.16	NA 539
	16 th Bty	as 16 th Bty	Boulogne	7.7.16	NA 552
	29 th Bty	as 29 th Bty	as 29 th Bty	21.7.16	NA 556
	14 th CAS	admitted 14 th CAS	France	28.7.16	Home Roll
	14 th CAS	admitted 14 th CAS	Belgium	14.8.16	B 213
	14 th CAS	admitted 14 th CAS	France	24/11/16	ED 6456
	14 th CAS	admitted 14 th CAS	France	27/11/16	ED 6956

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted (in Section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g. Signaller, Shoemaker, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. [P.T.O.]

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc. During active service, as reported on Army Form E. 213, Army Form A. 28, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 218, Army Form A. 28, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received.				
15.4.17.	53 F.A. D. oc. Unit	Admitted I.C. I. Foot. Discharged to Duty Killed in Action	WITH BATT. 25th LI France Unit France	16/1/17 25/1/17 14 APR 1917	BD. 9297 BD 176 B 213
					<p><i>J. J. J.</i></p> <p>FOR G. 140 No. 1 Reg. Infantry Section G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon</p>

PAY LIST.

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NON EFFORTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

No. *994*

Rank

Pte. France.

Name

Marat. A.

Died (e) *Intestate*

at

on the *1st* of *April* 191*7*

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 <i>1st 17</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i> ✓
	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			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	Consolidated stoppage				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>9</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		<i>£</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>14</i>		<i>£</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>14</i>

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the

deb or balance of *£ 9 14 3* is correctly chargeable against the Public (a).

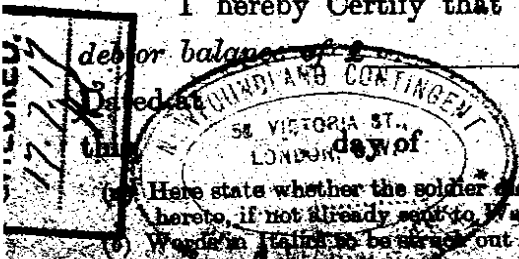
NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

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Paymaster.

(a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.

(b) Words in italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.



C.R. 994

Extract from telegram sent to Synoptical London,
Mar. 28th, 1919.

Are there available any effects of 994 Mercer
when may non-effective account to expected

C.R. 994

Extract from tel. from Syn. to Mil. dated Mar.
30th., 1919.

In answer to your telegram March 26th. 994
Mercer effects have not been received noneffective
account ~~of~~ has been received
see my letter July 17th., A.F.B. #279/91 credit
balance £9.14. 3.

May 23, 1919

Mrs. Susannah Marshall,
South River,
Port de Grave.

Dear Madam:

I enclose cheque for \$50.86
balance of estate of late Pte. A. Mercer
due you as Administratrix of his estate.

I am also enclosing Letters
of Administration.

Yours truly,

Capt.
PAYMASTER & C i/o Records.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.
REGIMENTAL PAY BRANCH.

PAY VOUCHER.

\$ 56⁸⁶

April 26 1919

Received from the First Newfoundland Regiment
the sum of Fifty Six ⁸⁶ Dollars.
on account of Pay. Estate
balance

Ch. No. 19856	Initials. J. E. W.
Pay Ledger 183	Initials. J. E. W.
Gen. Ledger.....	Initials.....

Regtl. No.

Rank

J. E. W.

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE

To the Officer in Charge of Records,

The Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

Aug. 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 994 Rank Private

Name... *William M. Mearns*

Royal Newfoundland Regt.



Susannah M. Mearns (Sgd.)

Mother Relationship.

Address... *South River St.*

C.R. 994
The Passage
Salmon Cove
Smith River
B.B.
March 3rd 1942

To H. C. Jones
2nd Lt

Dear Sir
I am requested
by Mrs. Mercer of Smith River
to acknowledge receipt of the 8th
- ribbon
Thanking you for same
I remain
Yours faithfully
Frank Severn.

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FW

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 Forms E. 121.
 26.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121

Regiment of *Newfoundland*

Signature of O. C. Company *[Signature]*
 Good Conduct Badges, Services Pay or Proficiency Pay

Number of Sheet *1*

No. *994* *Musket A*
 Trade *Blotch*
 Religion *Ep. England*
 Place of Birth *Ep. England*
 Age on 18 years 3 months
 Place and Date of Enlistment *St Johns*
 Period of *from 30 1915*
 (with Reserve *2 1/2* years)
 (with Reserve *3 1/2* years)

OFFENCE		Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or order along with title	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<i>Edinburgh</i>	<i>9/4/15</i>	<i>Sgt. [Name]</i>	<i>2 days</i>	<i>10/4/15</i>	<i>Capt. March</i>	
<i>Edinburgh</i>	<i>5/7/15</i>	<i>[Name]</i>	<i>1 week</i>	<i>1/6/15</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
<i>Edinburgh</i>	<i>7/7/15</i>	<i>[Name]</i>	<i>2 days</i>	<i>7/7/15</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
			<i>2 days</i>	<i>8/7/15</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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To be carried over

Army Form B. 121

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South River
Conception Bay
Mar. 3rd 1917

J. M. Howley Esq.
Dear Sir.

Would you be able
please to let me know if there is any back
pay belonging to my son in France he was
killed in April 1916. Pls Allan Mercer. No 994.
As it is now almost two years since he was killed
and I have heard nothing I thought I would
ask you. I am all alone he was all the help
I had. Two daughters in Toronto.

Yours truly

Susannah Marshall

Address Mrs Susannah Marshall
South River
Via Clark's Beach
Conception Bay

Obai 56.00
M J J