

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2150 Name Nathan Mercer Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Nathan Mercer</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Upper Island Cove</u>
<u>Conception Bay</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>23</u> Years <u>5</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Teacher</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 |
| | { 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, Nathan Mercer 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.

Nathan Mercer SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

E. Ed. 21st R. P. Haslam Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Nathan Mercer 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

on this 28th day of February 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer R. P. Haslam

†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 Rank.

If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.

Date.....1916 } Approving Officer.
Place.....

† 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, 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)

C.R. 2180

Nathan Mercer was attested for General

Service with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT ON February 21st 1916

Regimental No. 2180 was allotted to Ptes N. Mercer

AUTHORITY:

Recrd Ledger,

Dept. of Militia.

March 25th 1919

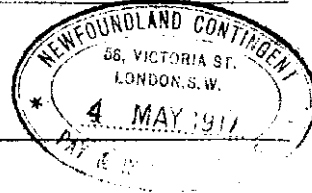
C.R. 2180

Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas,
Mar. 23, 1916.

2180 Pte. N. Mercer.

of a Soldier's Report, or from other official sources, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } **NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.** Squadron, } **C Company**
 or } Troop, Battery }
 CORPS } or Company }



Regtl. No. **2180** Rank **Private**

Name **MERCER, N.**

Date **April 21st., 1917.**

Died { Place **8th. Casualty Clearing Station, France.**

Cause of Death* **Died of wounds received in action.**

Nature and Date of Report **Memo, 22/4/17.**

By whom made **O.C., 8th. C.G.S., France.**

* 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 _____
 Date _____
 By whom reported _____

State whether he leaves a will or not { **Not to hand.**
 (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) _____
 (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 Office at the Base } **Srd. Nelson, 22/4/17.**
Srd. Nelson, 22/4/17.

Station and Date _____

C.R. 2180

Extract from War Office List C.1179.

NFIELD REGIMENT.

#2180 Pte. N. Mercer.

Died of Wounds 21-4-18 R/B. O.C. 8th C.C.S. 22-4-18

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.

Cable Connection with all the World

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I request that the following Telegram may be forwarded according to the foregoing Conditions, by which I agree to abide.

(NOT TRANSMITTED)

Signature of Sender _____

Elijah Mercer

Address _____

Upper Island Cove, C.B.

Line Number	Rcd	By	Sent	by	Check

Dated

May 1, 1917.

To

Mr. Elijah Mercer,

Upper Island, Cove, C.B.

Regret to inform you Record Office, London, today reports No. 2180, Private Nathan Mercer, died of wounds at Eighth Casualty Clearing Station, France, April twentyfirst.

J.R. BENNETT

Colonial Secretary.

NOTE FOR OPERATOR:

This message is not to be sent until receiving office notifies that message to Rev. E.E. Rusted, Upper Island Cove, has been delivered and acted upon.

FOR TYPEWRITER

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July 25, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I beg to inform you that in a report respecting Gravesites, which has been received from the Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries, it is stated that No. 2180, Private N. Mercer was buried at Duisans British Cemetery, 4 miles W.N.W. of Arras.

Yours faithfully,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mercer,
Upper Island Cove, C.B.

PAY LIST

NON EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT

Regiment or corps

No. 2180

Rank Pte.,

Name Mercer, N.

Died (e) Will 333

at France

on the 21st of April,

1917

Deserted at

on the of

1917

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 month21/4/17.....	21	11	11
	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							
					This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to 27 / 7 / 17 and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be necessary			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	21	11	11				
		£ 21	11	11		£ 21	11	11



I Certify that the above account is correct in every particular and is correctly chargeable against the Public Account.

[Signature]
PAYMASTER & OFFICER IN CHARGE

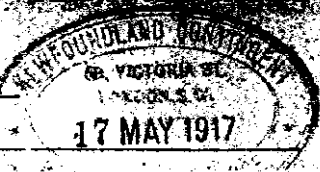
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If the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be forwarded to War Office with Army Form B. 3090 or Army Form O. 1915.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 1st Newfoundland Regt.

Regimental No. 2180 Rank Pvt. Name Mercer W.



Enlisted (a) Feb 21/16. Terms of Service (a) Duration of War Service reckons from (a) _____

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

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ 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				
		Embarked	Southampton	9.7.16	
		Disembarked	Rouen	10.7.16	
	Unit	Joined Battalion	France	21.7.16	
15.4.17	Unit	Wounded in Action.	With Batt. France	23.1.17	
28.4.17	8. C. Co.	Ad. G.S.W. Regt. Mult.	Do.	15.4.17	B213. ED.3547.
22.4.17	8. C. Co.	Died of Wounds. (G.I.W. Back)	France	21.4.17	Memo. 9/3745/1

*Sgt. Hookell
 040 No 1 Reg. Inf Section
 G.H.Q. 3rd Ex. Section.*

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or called into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.

December 20th. 1917.

Mr. Elijah Mercer,

Upper Island Cove, C.B.

Dear Sir,-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$108.70, being the amount due you as Administrator of the Estate of the late Private N. Mercer. I also enclose letter of Administration.

Yours faithfully,

Capt. & Paymaster.

JH/
Encl. 2

4645

expected address

April 16 / 19

2180

Hon J. Bennett

Cheque returned & mailed April 21/19

Dear Sir

I am writing to inform you that the time has come for me to my allotment due from March and I haven't yet received it.

But there is a cheque lying in the Post Office addressed to Elizabeth Mercer of Hy. I am thinking as there is no such person in the place that probably that cheque was intended for me. It has been lying there since April 8th.

My cheques are signed Elijah Mercer of Henry. So it's very like that it's my money. You know it affects me a great deal as it's my only support. My only son being killed in the war two years ago. Please answer and let me know if my money has been forwarded to me and say what's to be done with the cheque lying in the Post Office on account of the way it's signed. Yours truly Elijah Mercer of Henry.

Elijah Mercer of Henry
Upper Island Cove
Conception Bay
Newfoundland

My son who was killed
two years April 14th /17
private Nathan Mercer
2180

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

Copy of "Will"

of

2180, Pte. N. Mercer.

July 28/7/16.

In the event of my death I give the whole of my
property to my father Mr. Elijah Mercer Upper Island Cove
Conception Bay, Newfoundland.

Signature. Pte Nathan Mercer

No 2180 2/1st Nfld Reg.

Certified True Copy,

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

F.W. Marshall. Lieut.

The Rectory
Upper Island Cove

April 15, 1916

Lieut Holloway.

Dear Sir

Mr Elijah Mercer of this place has requested me to write and ask you whether his son Nathan Mercer made any arrangements before leaving

for England, re - ~~the~~ making over a part of his pay. Mr Mercer is ill and entirely dependent on his son's support. He is 67 years of age and has been ill during the past 18 months and unable to earn anything whatever.

I think Nathan Mercer left with the group of men who arrived in England about a week or fortnight ago. Nathan is the only son of Mr Mercer.

Hoping to receive a favourable reply.

W. J. Darley

Yours faithfully

E. S. Rustad

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

SPAIN
Aug 15th 1921

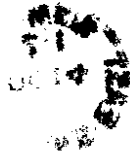
I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 2180 Rank *Plt*

Name *Nathan Mercer*
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Elijah Mercer (Sgd.)

Father Relationship.

Address *Upper Island Cove.*



OCT 8 1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. Elijah Mercer (Father)

in respect of his service as No. **2180** Rank **Pte.**

Name **Nathan Mercer** **Royal Nfld. Regt.**
~~Nfld. Engineers Corps.~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received *Victory and war medal*

Signature *Elijah Mercer*

Date *Oct 8th 1921*

Address *Upper Island Cove*

[P.T.O.]

Receipt for Army Book 64

No. 2180 Name W Mercer

To Certify that I have received the AB 64 of the above
named Soldier.

Name Elijah Mercer

Date Aug. 20th 1922

Place Upper Island Cove

N.B. For completion and return to the Department of Militia
insert in corner of envelope "AB 64"

Upper Island Cove.
June 9th /20

Dear Sirs

C.R. 2180

I have been looking forward to receiving the money belonging to my son the late pte Nathan Mercer no 2180. That was withheld from him during his stay in France which was from August 1916 to April /17 But as I have had no word concerning it - I have decided to write the militia asking why I have not received the money or at least an explanation as to when and how I am to get it. So asking that you will please give this your kind consideration and oblige me by satisfactory answer I remain Dear Sirs

yours. Respectfully

Elijah Mercer

Church Hill

Upper Island Cove

Rfd.

P.T.O.

C.R. 218

June 11th 1920

Mr. Elijah Mercer,
Church Hill,
Upper Island Cove

Dear Sir:-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 9th relative to the estate of No. 2180 Private Nathan Mercer, and to state with reference to your enquiries therein, that administration papers were received at this Department on 13th Dec. 1917, and the balance of his estate was paid on 18th Dec. 1917. The amount due was \$108.70. There is nothing further due by this office on account of this man.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.

Chief Staff Officer