

2374

Recruiting Form B, 1915.



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 2374 Name Percy Mercer Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your name? 1. Percy Mercer
- 2. What is your full Address? 2. Bay Roberts
- 3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
- 4. What is your age? 4. 20 Years 10 Months
- 5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Carpenter
- 6. Are you Married? 6. No
- 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? } 7. No
- 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? } 8. Yes
- 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? } 9. Yes
- 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. Yes

I, Percy 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.

Percy Mercer SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

R.P. Hallaway Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Percy 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 1st day of April 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer R.P. Hallaway

†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.....191.....

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, 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 ON ENLISTMENT

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

Name Percy Mercer
 Apparent age 20 years 10 months. Height 5 feet 6 1/2 inches
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 37 1/2 inches
 Range of expansion 3 inches
 Distinctive marks.....

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Bay Roberts. | Relationship Father

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	Promotion, 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>1-4-16</u>									
Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>April 1st 16</u>									
Embarked St John's Nfld. for 1916									
Embarked for 1916									
Disembarked Rouer 4-10-16									
Joined Battalion in the field 14th 16									
Missing 14-4-17									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									

Total Service towards Engagement to 14-4-17 (date of discharge) 1 years 14 days

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P. Mercer was attested for General Service with
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on April 1st 1916.
Regimental No. 2374 was allotted to Pte P. Mercer.

AUTHORISED BY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th 1919

C.R. 2374

Street from Council Hall checked St. John's for records.
per Ser. "Mullins" July 17, 1916.

2374 Pte. Mercer P.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Mercer

Christian Name Percy

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	1 st	April		
at	St Johns WA.			
Declared Age	20 years	10 mo		
Trade or Occupation				
Height	5 feet	6 1/2 inches		
Weight		149 lbs.		
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... 37 1/2 inches			
	Range of expansion... 3 1/2 inches			
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
		2		
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V=		R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V=		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)	<i>Harmon Paterson</i>			
(Rank)	Capt Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at	St Johns	at	
	on	1 st day of April	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.		Corps.	
	Regtl. No.	2374	Regtl. No.	
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
(Signature)	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Rank)				

PAY LIST.

NON-RETROACTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

No. *2374*

Rank *Private*

Name *Mercee, P.*

Died (a) *Intestate* at *France*

on the *14* of *April*

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Deserted at *MISSING 14/4-17.*

on the _____ of _____

191*.*

PRESUMED DEAD 17-11-17.
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.		
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month <i>14/4/17</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>11/2</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>11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>11/2</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster	<i>11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>11/2</i>
		£				£		
		<i>11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>11/2</i>		<i>11</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>11/2</i>

CHECKED.

AC.
30-5-18

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

Dated at _____

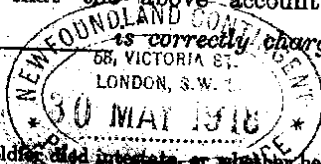
this _____

day of _____

191 _____

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.



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7 Alloway St.
Apr, 3-5-17.

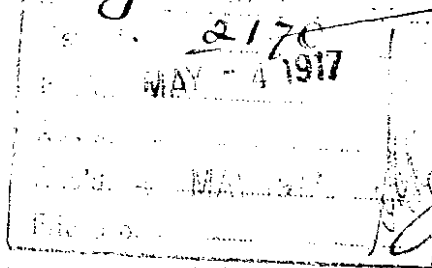
Could you please give
me any information
about the under
mentioned as to
whether he is still
at the front or not.

No. 2344,

Private Percy Mercer,
2/1, Newfoundland Regt.

and oblige,

Margaret Calderwood



C.R. 2374

Extract of Cablegram received from Pay & Record
Office, London, dated May 15, 1917.

2574 Pte. T. Mercer, I. Co.,

Reported Missing April 14th.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated ~~May~~ 13, 1917.

Mr. John Mercer,
To

Bay Roberts.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
London, officially reports ~~No. 2374, Private~~
Percy Mercer, missing April fourteenth.

Upon receipt of further information I shall immedi-
ately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

New Westminster
Nov 11-1917

The W.F.L.D., Pay & Record Office
58 Victoria St., London S.W. Eng.

Dear Sirs:-

I am writing you in regards to my brother
Private Percy Mercer.

2374 1st W.F.L.D. Rgt.,
5th Balt., A Company,
B.E.F. France.

This was his last address the last time I heard from
him about last march, my father, Mr John Mercer ^(Ph)
Bay Roberts.
W.F.L.D.

had a telegram about April 14 last stating that
Percy had been missing & we have heard nothing about
him since, I am writing you asking if you have
heard any-thing definite regarding him, if he is
killed or do you ^{know} if he is a prisoner of war
or not, do you think there is a possibility of him
being a prisoner. Kindly let me know if there is
any thing else regarding him since he has been missing.

NEWFOUNDLAND & ANTICOSTA
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.
NOV 11 1917
DEC 11 1917
CL. REC. 1917

oblige
yours truly
Address

R. C. Mercer
1026 London St.,
New Westminster
B.C.

The Guardian

C. E. RUSSELL, Editor and Proprietor
Water Street

C.R. 2374

BAY ROBERTS, Nfld.,

April 14 1917.

Hon. J. R. Bennett,
Minister of Militia
St. John's

Dear Sir:- No. 2374
Pte. Percy G. Ince, Nfld. Regt., enlisted April, 1916, and was missing since April 14th, 1917, at Monchy. He has been officially reported dead. His father, ^{Mrs. John Sheppard Ince} ~~never~~ received Separation Allowance, pension or gratuity. Will you let me know what his parents are entitled to and cause forms to be forwarded as the claim for same.

Yours truly
C. E. Russell, Jr.

C.R. 2374

April 17th 19

O.E. Russell, J.P.,
Bay Roberts

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of April 19th concerning the case of the family of No. 2374, Private Percy J. Harcor of Bay Roberts. I would state for your information that in reply to the points raised by you, Separation Allowance is payable to the dependent when it is proved to the satisfaction of the Board of Review on Separation Allowance claims that the soldier on whose account the Allowance is claimed, is the sole support of the dependent.

I am enclosing Separation Allowance Claim form which should be filled out and returned to this Department. This case will receive consideration in due course when the documents have been returned.

In the matter of Pension, I would refer you to the Board of Pension Commissioners. However, to avoid delay, I have procured a Pension Claim form which I am also enclosing herewith. It is likely that the Board of Pension Commissioners would inform you that practically the same conditions apply to the granting of the Pension as in the case of Separation Allowance, namely that the soldier must be proved to be the sole or main support of the dependent.

In the matter of War Service Gratuity I regret to state that nothing is payable except to the soldier himself on discharge, partly in the nature of a bonus for war services and partly to enable him to re-establish himself in civil life. In this particular case, therefore, it would appear without going further into details of the case, that if the father is himself the earning power for the household, no payments on account of the three Allowances you have referred to are payable to him.

Yours faithfully,

Minister of Militia.

2374
Lieut. Col W. F. Rendell
Chief Staff Office
Militia Building
St. John

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of Dec 28th
Also enclosed Memorial Seroll and Kings
message for which I thank you.
It is indeed a solace for the bereavement
suffered in the loss of our dear boy who died
at Antip's post:

We shall ever treasure it as a memento
I remain Dear Sir

respectfully yours

John Mercer
Bay Roberts

Jan 19th 1900

To Lieut. Col Rendell
St. John

May 23, 1919


Mr. John S. Mercer,
Ray Roberts.

Dear Sir:

I enclose cheque for \$63.46
balance of estate of late Pte. F. Mercer, due
you as Administrator of his estate.

I am also enclosing Letters
of Administration.

Yours truly,



Capt.
Paymaster & O i/c Records.

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

Aug 31 26 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of service of
the late No. 2374 Rank
Name Percy Hecker
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

John Mendenhall (Sgd.)
Father Relationship.

Address Bay Roberts

007 1921.

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

is/are forwarded herewith to

Mr. John Mercer (Father)

in respect of his service as No. 2374 Rank Pte.

Name Percy Mercer Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~Nfld. Forestry Corps~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Oct 11th

Signature John Mercer

Date Oct 12th 1921

Address Bay Roberts

[P.T.O.]

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

W. P. Gilfill & Sons Ltd., Printers, Old Bailey, E.C. 4.
 Form B. 121.
 (MSB 7/11/27) 10000 6/100 02 06

Regiment of 1st. Hussards
 Signature of C. O. Company [Signature]
 Number of Sheets 1

Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Probationary Pay

No.	2374	Name	James Parry	Enlistment	Trade	Regiment of	1st. Hussards
Age on	20	years	10	months	carpenter.		
Place and Date of Enlistment					Religion		
					Catholic		
Period of		with Colours	1 1/2	years.	Place of Birth		
		with Reserve	3 1/2	years.	Bay Roberts.		

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or order with which	By whom awarded	REMARKS
Upper	7/8/16	Pte		Late for 10 P.M. Parade Missing 14 47	Corp. M. G. [Signature]	3 days C. B.	8/1/16	3 days C. B.	A.P.H.

To be carried over

[Signature]

C.R. 2374

Feb. 20th, 1920

Mr. John Harcer
Bay Roberts

Dear Sir:-

I have received the Cemetery Register Form which you have returned; and with reference to your enquiries regarding inscriptions on Memorials for men classed as missing, I might say that when arrangements are concluded as to the form of ~~memorial~~ Memorial, a space for a personal inscription will doubtlessly be reserved. I am, therefore, returning the Form herewith for completion.

Attention should be given to the instructions on page four regarding this personal inscription; and care taken not to exceed the number of letters permitted

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,
Chief Staff Officer.