

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 1928 Name Robert Meneer Corps _____

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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|---|---|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Robert Meneer</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address?..... | 2. <u>Blackburn</u>
<u>Trinity Bay</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your Age?..... | 4. <u>24</u> Years..... <u>11</u> Months. |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling?..... | 5. <u>Order</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>Canadian Militia</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, Robert Meneer 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.

Robert Meneer SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Oct 22 1915 [Signature] Signature of Witness.

Robert Meneer OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.
I, _____ 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 _____
on this 22 day of October 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) _____

C.R. 1928

Robt. Mercer was attested for General
Service with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT ON October 22nd 1915
Regimental No. 1928 was allotted to Pte Robt. Mercer

AUTHORITY:

Recrd Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th 1919

C.R. 1928

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

1928 Pte. Mercer Robert.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Mercer

OF
Christian Name Robert

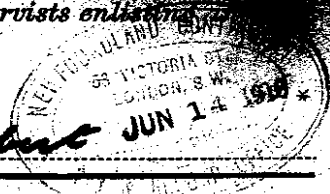


Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County N'ld

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>22</u> day of <u>Oct</u> 191 <u>8</u>	on	day of	191 <u>8</u>
	at <u>St John N'ld</u>	at		
Declared Age.....	<u>24</u> years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation				
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>4</u> inches	feet	inches
Weight		<u>125</u> lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded...	<u>36</u> inches		inches
	Range of expansion..	<u>3</u> inches		inches
Physical Development.....				
Vaccination Marks {	Arm			
	Number	<u>1</u>		
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V==	<u>4/6</u>	R.E.—V==	
	L.E.—V==	<u>4/6</u>	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>Samuel Paterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Capt</u>			
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St John</u>	at		
	on <u>27</u> day of <u>Oct</u> 191 <u>8</u>	on	day of	191 <u>8</u>
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1st N'ld Regt</u>	<u>1928</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of	191 <u>8</u>	on
(Signature)			day of	191 <u>8</u>
(Rank)				

PAY LIST.

NON-RESERVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *10th Newfoundland*
 No. *1928* Rank *Cpl* Name *P. Marcus*
 Died (s) *Intestate* at *France* on the *12* of *July* 191*6*
 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 I.

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month JUL 1 1916	<i>1</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>5/2</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>1</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>5/2</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	<i>1</i>	<i>16</i>		£	<i>1</i>	<i>16</i>
			<i>5/2</i>				<i>5/2</i>	

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 1 16 5/2 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 G. 1815.
- (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

Regimental Number 1928

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 [Signature]

Witness

[Signature]
(2nd Lieut)

Dated at [Signature]

May 24th 1916

C.R. 1928

1928 MERCER R.

EXTRACT OF CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED FROM THE P & R O DATED
AUGUST 5, 1916.

"MISSING."

On behalf of said person.
your humble servant
Garnet Cook

Ch. of Cong. Teacher To Honourable J. R. Bennett.

Blaketown
Trinity Bay
Sept. 19th/16

Dear Sir

On
behalf of Mr. Eliot Mercer of this
settlement I beg to ask for
information regarding his son
Robert Mercer who according to
latest reports received he was
numbered with the missing
during the big drive of July 18th/16
when the Infed. Regiment
sustained such a heavy loss.
It would not at all be possible
I suppose for him to be a
prisoner of war in some

of the prison camps of Germany.
no word has been received from
him by his father for a long
time, and his people seem rather
anxious as to his whereabouts.
The slightest information regarding
him would be gratefully received
by his father.

Should anything be known
would like to receive it at your
earliest convenience.

Hoping I am not trespassing
(as I am fully aware of your
position) and that you will do
your best.

Communication might be sent
to me or his father.

I have the pleasure to remain

20th September, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, asking information on behalf of Mr. Eliol Mercer regarding his son Robert, who has been numbered among the Missing in the big drive of the 1st July. I very much regret that I am unable to furnish any further information than what has already been communicated. As regards Prisoners in Germany, it is not possible for us to know anything of such prisoners until the official communication has been made by the German Government, or until the Prisoner himself may by letter or postcard communicate with his relatives. It is very difficult to say anything definite in this connection, and while relatives may still hope for the best, yet so much time has already elapsed that the probability of his being a Prisoner becomes less and less. As soon as any definite information is received, it will be communicated with out delay to the next of kin.

Yours truly,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Garnet Cook,
Blaketown, T.B.

November 23rd, 1916.

Dear Sir,

For some time past the Imperial Government have been making enquiries in relation to those men of the First Newfoundland Regiment who have been reported missing since the action of the 1st July. I very much regret to state, however, that from the correspondence which has taken place, a copy of which I enclose, it is evident that none of them are Prisoners of War in Germany, and the authorities are, therefore, reluctantly forced to the conclusion that all these gallant men, whose names are given in the enclosed list, and one of whom was very dear to you, were killed in that fateful action on the 1st of July.

I desire to express to you on behalf of the Government, as well as for myself, the sincerest sympathy in this time of sorrow. We feel the loss of our loved ones, but it will, no doubt, be some consolation to you to think that he, for whom you now mourn, willingly answered the call of King and Country, did his part nobly, and fell, facing the foe, in defence of the principles of Righteousness, Truth and Liberty. Though he has laid down the earthly weapons of warfare, he now wears the Soldier's Crown of Victory, and his name will be inscribed upon the Glorious Roll of Honor, and be held in fragrant memory by all his fellow-countrymen. When the victory is won, and Peace again reigns upon the earth, it will be a comforting thought to you that in this glorious achievement he bore no small part.

I trust that you may have the Grace and consolation of the Great Father of us all at this time.

With sincere sympathy,

Believe me to be,

Your obedient servant,

Mr. Eliel Mercer,
Blaketown, F. B.

Colonial Secretary.

May 15, 1918.

Dear Mr. Mercer:-

I am writing to inform you that it is my regrettable duty to forward to you, by EXPRESS one KIT BAG, which belonged to your son, the late #1928 Pte. Mercer of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

I am enclosing herewith, receipt. Will you kindly sign same and return at your earliest convenience.

Assuring you of my deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and in the added sorrow which the receipt of ~~the receipt~~ entail.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Captain.

Mr. Eliot Mercer,
Blaketown, F.B.

Enc' 1 1.

July 7th, 1917.

Mr. Elmer Mercer,

Blaketown, T.B.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$26.86,
being the balance of the estate of your late son,
No. 1928, R. Mercer.

Yours truly,

Lieut.
Deputy Paymaster.

11341 Blaketown Aug 1920

Mr Houlby Sir some
June ago been
advised & wrote you regarding
some money due me by the
Lath Pro Robert Mercer no 1212
P.M.P. for boarding before he
enlisted and as there is
money lying to his credit i
hear what lay claim to same
this is my third time writing
you got no reply

pleas answer me on
the matter & remove

yours ect

Josiah Smith

P.O. Address
Blaketown

enlisted over 1919
never paid
1919
to
D

September 17, 1920

Joshua Smith,
Blaketown.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of August 10th. concerning the late Pte. Robert Greer please be advised, that if you have any claim against his estate, it is to be settled between his next-of-kin and yourself.

Yours truly,

Capt.

For Paymaster.

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would you kindly advise
me about same by return
mail if possible

and Oblige
Yours Truly
E M Smith p/m
Blaketown
F.D.

1928

POSTAL DEPARTMENT, NEWFOUNDLAND.

Post Office at Blaketown

Oct 29th 1928

To Lieut-Houley
St John's

Dear Sir as I am post-master
at Blaketown I would like to
know what I am to do with Mr
Eloil Mercers allotment money
Mr Eloil Mercers is dead now
and the money still comes
addressed in his name now
I am not supposed to give that
out of my office to any person
else without permission to do so
and the next time the allotment
comes addressed to Mr Eloil Mercers
I will have to send it back to St
John's again now Mr Eloil Mercers
has a son here in Blaketown and

(2)

four daughters all of which are
married only one, now Mr. Eldred
Mercer has received the allotment
since his father died and now
the daughters say they have as
much right to receive their
father's money as Mr. Eldred
Mercer their brother, the reason
I am writing this to you is I
heard that Mr. Eldred Mercer
said if I would give his father's
allotment money out of my office
to any person beside him self he
would bring me in trouble so
I don't want to get in any trouble
about it, so if Mr. Eldred Mercer
want to receive same out of my
office he will have to get it come
addressed in his own name

November, 8th., 1917.

Postmaster,
Blaketown, T.S.

1928

Dear Sir.-

Referring to your letter of October 29th., please do not deliver any letters from this Department addressed to Eloil Mercer, until you receive further instructions.

I am making inquiries as to whom the letters are to be delivered, and will advise you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Capt & Paymaster.

M-1928

Sept 20th. 1929.

Mr. Ernest Ellis,
BISHOP FALLS.

Dear Mr. Ellis:

With reference to our conversation early in August in connection with your brother-in-law, 1928, Robert Mercer, Royal Field. Regiment, I wish to submit my findings from records in connection with allotment and balance of his estate. This soldier was reported missing on July 1st. 1916. Father, Mr. Eliel Mercer, died on August 28th. 1926 and allotment which had been paid monthly to father was discontinued as from date of his death. On July 7th. 1917, a cheque for 326.86 being balance of soldier's estate was mailed to Mr. Eliel Mercer, Blaketown and it is presumed was received by his son, Elfred Mercer, Postmaster of that place. This is the only amount that has ever been paid on this account and regarding to the Act brothers and sisters are not eligible for dependents pension.

Trusting this information will cover all you require.

Yours very truly,

For Secretary.

TME/MS.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Number of Sheet

Signature of O. C. Company

Regiment of *21st L. W. Highland*

Printed and Sold by Gale & Polden, Ltd., Wellington Works, Aldershot. 2/6 per 100.20,712-s.

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay	Punishment awarded	Names of Witnesses	By whom awarded	REMARKS
No.	Name	Age on	months						
1928	<i>R. Mervin</i>	24	11	<i>Sider</i>					
Joined	Date	Date of Enlistment <i>Oct 22, 1916</i>		Religion					
Joined	Date	Period of		<i>CE</i>					
Joined	Date	with Colours							
Joined	Date	with Reserve							
Place	Date of Offence	OFFENCE							
<i>Plum School</i>	<i>9/5/16</i>	<i>absent from tattoo</i>		<i>Cpl Mervin</i>		<i>1 Day</i>	<i>new</i>	<i>Capt. E. S. Byrne</i>	<i>CSG</i>
		<i>Missing 1 7/16</i>							
		Case of Drunk. cases							
		Rank							
		<i>Private</i>							
		To be carried over							

C O P Y.

No. 1928 Robert Mercer killed in action July 1, 1917.

Brother of Eldred Mercer, Postmaster Blaketown.

Father died August 28, 1916.

Pay Book opened June 10, 1916.

June 17, 1916 drew 5 Francs.

June 24, 1916 " 5 "

June 24, 1916, Clothing Charges 2/6.

Allotment of 2/- ^{3/4} 50¢ stopped at death of Father. Brother and sister have been unable to get it.

Net daily rate of pay 2/5½ 60¢

Nothing received after June 24, 1916.
