

NO. 117

First Newfoundland Regiment

ATTESTATION PAPER

Regimental No. 1535-

Name in full John Charles Piercy Age 19

Address Normans Cove, Trinity Bay

~~Married~~ Single Height 5ft 9 in Weight 148

Color Fair Hair Black Eyes Blue

Other distinguishing marks Scar on nose

Nearest relative Mother (Patience)

Address Normans Cove

Dependents Mother (partly)

Occupation Railroading Present Wage \$300 per year

Previous service

Decorations

General Remarks

Date of Enlistment May 11th 1915

I, John Charles Piercy, 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.

John Charles Piercy
his mark

Declared before me this 15 day
of May 1915

Witness
F. Miller

Name James Charles Piercy
 Apparent age 19 years _____ months. Height 5 feet 0 inches.
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded _____ inches.
 Range of expansion _____ inches.
 Distinctive marks Colors Fresh, Hair: Black, Eyes: Blue,

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Patience Piercy, Norman's Cove, Trinity 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) Signature of Officer verifying entry from certificate.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d) Verified from certificate.
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Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth	(d)
		Verified from certificate.

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. O. Pay		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>May 11/15</u>									
Joined at <u>St. John's</u> on <u>May 11/15</u> Embarked for U. K. <u>17/6/15.</u>									
<u>Embarked for B. E. F. via Egypt 13/3/16. Joined Batt. in the Field 1/1/16.</u>									
<u>Reported missing 1/7/16. Unit in Unit.</u>									
<u>Killed in Action Beaumont Hamel 1/7/16. Burial reported by</u>									
<u>OC 3rd Army, Malakal E. K. Unit 15/1/17.</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>1-7-16</u> (date of discharge) <u>X</u> years <u>51</u> days									
" " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "									

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John Chas. Piercey was attested for General service
with the NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT on ~~...~~ May 11th, 1915....
Regimental No 1535 was allotted to Pte. John Chas. Piercey

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia,

March 25th, 1919.

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Extract from Nominal Roll Embarked St. John's for Overseas, per
S.S. "Calgarian" June, 19. 1915. "F"

1535 Pte. Pearce J.C.

Table 1.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Germani Cove T.B. County P.F.L.D.

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>14th</u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>5</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191_____	
	at <u>St. John's</u>		at _____	
Declared Age	<u>19</u> years _____ days		_____ years _____ days	
Trade or Occupation	<u>Railroading</u>		_____	
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>9</u> inches	_____ feet	_____ inches
Weight	_____	<u>145</u> lbs.	_____	_____ lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>37</u> inches		_____ inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>5</u> inches		_____ inches	
Physical Development	_____		_____	
Vaccination Marks	Arm	_____	Arm	_____
	Number	_____	Number	_____
When Vaccinated	<u>Never</u>		_____	
Vision	R. E.—V=	<u>6/6</u>	R. E.—V=	_____
	L. E.—V=	<u>6/6</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>Fred W. Burden</u>		_____	
(Rank)	<u>Lieut</u>		_____	
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted	at <u>St. John's</u>		at _____	
	on <u>11th</u> day of <u>May</u> 191 <u>5</u>		on _____ day of _____ 191_____	
Joined on Enlistment	Corps. <u>1st P.F.L.D.</u>	Regtl. No. <u>1535</u>	Corps. _____	Regtl. No. _____
Transferred to	_____		_____	
Became non-effective by	_____		_____	
	on _____ day of _____ 191_____		on _____ day of _____ 191_____	
(Signature)	_____		_____	
(Rank)	_____		_____	

May 25
June 7th 15
25th 15

First Inoculation 500 Million
2nd 1000
Vaccinated at Sea

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TABLE IV.—SERVICE TABLE.

Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation.	Station or Troopship	Date of Arrival or Embarkation	Date of Departure or Disembarkation
St Johns Rifle					

Regimental Number 7585

Company _____

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.

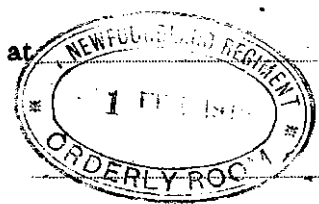
Subject to the Army Act, the King's Regulations,
and to such ordinances as may apply or may
be made to apply to the British Regular Army.

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

Signed ^{His} J. C. + Percy
Mark

Witness J. S. Dingham

Dated at _____



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Regiment or corps *1st New Zealand*
 No. *1533* Rank *Rt Lieut* Name *S. G. Purdie*
 Died (s) *Intestate* at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191 .
 Deserted at _____ on the _____ of _____ 191 .

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

 { Commanding Squadron, Troop,
 Battery or Company.

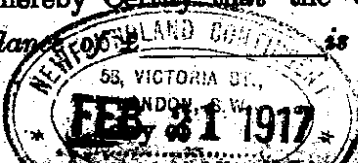
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

[Form 1.]

Date	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month <i>JUL 1 1916</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</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 _____			
	<i>191</i>				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>12</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>10</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	<i>12</i>	<i>11</i>		£	<i>12</i>	<i>11</i>
				<i>10</i>				<i>10</i>

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

Dated at
 this



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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, it should be annexed with Army Form B. 1090 or Army Form C. 1816.
 (b) Words in italics are to be used when there is no debtor balance.

ORIGINAL

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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 OR CORPS } NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company } B Comp.
Regimental No. 1535 Rank Private
Surname PIERCEY Christian Names J. C.

Died { Date July 1st., 1916. Place Beaumont Hamel, France.
Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report Burial Report, 15/6/17.

By whom made O.C. H.Q. 3rd. Army Mobile G.R. Unit.

* Specially stated 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 O.C. H.Q. ST. JOHNS, N.F.L.D. Date _____
By whom reported _____

States whether he leaves (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 54) No. _____ (b) in Small Book (if at Base) Not to hand.
a Will or other document (c) as a separate document. Not known.

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.

Station and Date } 6/7/17. Signature of Officer in charge of Section } [Signature] Lieut. Colonel,
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Off. i/c Records Reg. Inf. Sec. 1,
3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., B.E.F.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated

31st July, 1916.

To Mrs. Patience Piercey,
Norman's Cove, T.B.

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
London, officially reports No. 1535 Private John C.
Piercey as Missing.

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

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

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#1535 J.C. PERCEY.

EXTRACT OF CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED FROM THE PAY & RECORD OFFICE
LONDON DATED AUGUST 5th, 1916.

"MISSING."

November 23rd, 1916.

Dear Madam,

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,

Mrs. Patience Piercey,

Colonial Secretary.

Norman's Cove, F. B.

1535

G.

13th July, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I beg to inform you that a report has now been received from the Newfoundland Pay and Record Office, London, which states that the Officer Commanding the Third Army Grave Registration Unit reports, on June 15th last, that No. 1535, Private John C. Piercoy, who was previously presumed dead, was killed in action on July 1st, 1916.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. Patience Piercoy,
Norman's Cove, T.B.

NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM.

No. 1042/154. C.R. 1335

From
PAY & RECORD OFFICE.

58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

To
The Hon. the Minister of
Militia,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

FM/WF 20th, November 1917

SUBJECT:

1555, PTE. J. PIERCEY, DECEASED.

Reference Nos.

REPLY

Dated 1917

Please return ORIGINAL and retain DUPLICATE.

With reference to the following
letter from the mother of the
above deceased soldier 18/9/17
(8760),-

Long Cove,
Sept. 18/17

Pay & Record Office,
Dear Sirs,-

I am writing you about
my son's money. My son was killed
the 1st. of July, 1916 and the rest
of the mothers that had sons
killed got so much money. I am
a poor widow eight children in
family if there is any money for
these mothers can I get some?
My son's name Pte. John Piercey,
Nerman's Cove, Trinity Bay, No.
1555.

Yours truly,
(Sd) Patience Piercey.

She has been advised to
apply to you. Non-effective account
was sent 2/7/17.

[Signature]
Major,
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

The account of Pte. Piercey
is in the hands of the Minister
of Justice for administration,
and will be settled when letters
of administration have been
received.

[Signature]

Minister of Militia.

Dept. of Militia,
St. John's.

Augst 9th/₄ 1921

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 1535 Rank Private
Name John E. Pency
Royal Newfoundland Regt.

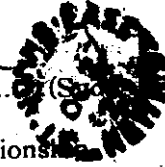
Mrs Patience ^{her} ~~Chawner~~ _{mark}

His Mother

Relations

Address

Bay Bulls Arm



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1921.

The accompanying **Victory Medal** and/or **British War Medal**
is/are forwarded herewith to:

Mrs. Patience Piercey (Mother)

in respect of his service as No. 1635 Rank Pte.

Name John C. Piercey Royal Nfld. Regt.
~~5th Battalion~~

Receipt of the same should be acknowledged hereon.

Received Victory & British War medals

Signature Mrs Patience Piercey

Date Nov 9th 1921

Address Bay Bulls Arm

[P.T.O.]

C.R. 1535

Long Cove.
Normans Cove.

Chappell Str.
Trinity Bay

March, 27th 1920

Dear Sir.

I am writing to see if I have any claim for reparation allowance. Having two sons in the 2nd Regt. & I having received no allowance for any of them & having lost one & as I receive no pension for him I think that something should be done for me as I have 3 young sons to support & 1 daughter who is unable to work. Hoping that I shall hear something in due course.

Mrs Patricia Percy

Long Cove. Va

Send S.A. claim (Regt)

Normans Cove.
Chappell Str.
Trinity Bay
2nd Regt

C.R.

April 26th 1920

Mrs. Patience Piercey,
Long Cove,
Norman's Cove,
Chapel Arm,
T.B.

Dear Madam:-

Reference your letter of 21st March relative to Separation Allowance on account of your son, I am forwarding herewith claim form which is to be completed and returned to this Department at as early a date as possible, when your case will be given consideration and reply sent you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut.-Col.,

Chief Staff Officer.

