



THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

5383

ATTESTATION OF

No. ~~5392~~ Name Alex. Mercer Corps Meth.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Alex Mercer</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Port Albert,</u>
<u>Twilg. Dist.</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>21</u> years |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Fisherman</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, Alex 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.

Alexander Mercer SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
W. R. Power Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Alex 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 fully 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 20 day of May 1915
Signature of Attesting Officer

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:

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

5383

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

Name Alex. Mercer

Apparent age 21 years months. Height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches

Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 39 inches
 Range of expansion 4 inches

Distinctive marks

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin William Mercer
Port about | Relationship Father
Switz. Dist 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 L'epot	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>23-5-18</u>										
Joined at <u>St. As's</u> on <u>23-1918</u>										
<u>Discharged August 8th 1919</u>										
<u>Embarked St. As's St. Sebastia to Halifax N.S. 22-7-18</u>										
<u>Left for demobilization 24-6-19</u>										
<u>Arrived home from abroad 1-7-1919</u>										
<u>Demobilization St. As's 8-8-1919</u>										
Total Service forfeited as above.....										
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>8-8-1919</u> (date of discharge)					1	years	78	days		
" " Pensions " " " " " "										

C.R. 5383

FEBRUARY 28th 1919.

Mrs. William Mercer,
Port Albert, Twillingate.

Dear Madam:

I am directed by the Minister of Militia to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., in which you inquire as to when the next Draft is likely to return to Newfoundland, and whether your son, #5383 Pte. A. Mercer, would be included. I may say that at the present time we have no definite information of any Draft coming, but I shall keep your letter by me, and upon receipt of any information in relation to your son, I shall again communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,

C.C.B.

Captain,
Military Secretary.

Port Albert.
Feb 19 ~~th~~ / 1919.

J. P. Bennett.
Minister of Militia
St Johns.

ANSWERED
FEB 2 1919

ANSWERED
FEB 25 1919

Dear Sir:-

I am just writing you a few lines
to ask you if you will be so well
pleased to right and tell me if you
no what time the Soldier's Boys
will be coming across the ones who
went across in July as my son
Alexander is with them and I would
like to no what time he will be
coming home please write and tell
me if you knows

Yours Truly,
Mrs William Mercer.

Address
Mrs. William Mercer.

5583

Port Albert.

Dist Twillingate
Nfld.
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C.R. 5383

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal Nfld. R
Regt. St. John's, dated July 25, 1918.

The following man embarked for overseas on H.M.S.
"Columbella" July 22, 1918.

#5383 Pte. Alex. Mercer.

C.R. 5383

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal Mfld.
Regt. St. John's, dated May 25, 1918.

#5383 Pte. Alexander Mercer.

Attested for General Service with the Royal Mfld. Regt.
from 23.5.18



THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ATTESTATION OF

No. 5383 ~~3392~~ Name Alex. Mercer Corps Math.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Alex Mercer</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Port Albert,</u>
<u>Twilg. Dist.</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>yes</u> |
| 4. What is your age? | 4. <u>21</u> years <u>0</u> Months |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Fisherman</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> |
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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 23 day of May 1915

Signature of Attesting Officer

†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 } Approving Officer.
Place.....

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Joined at <u>M.A.'s</u> on <u>23-19-18</u>									
<u>Discharged August 8th 1919</u>									
<u>Embarked M.A.'s St. Helena to Halifax N.S. 22-7-18</u>									
<u>Left for demobilization 24-6-19</u>									
<u>Arrived home from abroad 1-7-1919</u>									
<u>Demobilization M.A.'s 8-8-1919</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>8-8-1919</u> [date of discharge]					<u>1</u> years	<u>78</u> days			
" " Pensions " " " " " " " " " " " "									

A. Mercer

C.R. 5383

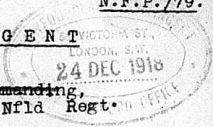
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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT



From:

Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
Pay & Record Office,
58, Victoria Street,
London, S.W. 1.

To: ~~Officer Commanding,~~
2/Bn Royal Nfld Regt.
Winchester.

20th December 1918

1918

Subject: 5383, Pte. A. Mercer

With reference to the following telegram (11033) from the Hon. Minister of Militia, received

Pay to 5383 Mercer £4:0:0

Draft £ 4:0:0 is enclosed for payment to this Soldier. Kindly obtain his receipt hereon.

Receipt hereunder.

Chambers

LIEUT. COLONEL,
COMMANDING 2nd BN. ROYALS NEWFOUNDLAND REGT.
Royal Newfoundland Regiment.

Received the sum of four

Pounds on account of cable remittance from Newfoundland.

Private Alex Mercer

No. 5383 Rank Private

Witness J. P. Humeby

F. H. Marshall
Chief Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

Mercer, A

5383

Ray sept

August 8th 1919.

#5383, Pte. A. Mercer,
Port Albert, Twill.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find Discharge Certificate
3608.

Yours truly,

Capt. &
Officer in Charge Records.

RS/.

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

PROCEEDINGS ON DISCHARGE

1. No. 5383 Rank. Pte Name Messer A.
 Intended place of residence. Port Albert.

2. Occupation fisherman
 Classification of soldier. E Medical Category. AI

3. The above named man is discharged in consequence of

DEMOBILIZATION

Eligible for War Service Gratuity

4. His accounts are correctly balanced and I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me, in accordance with Regulations.

Place, ST. JOHN'S

Date JUL 11 1919

L. Messer Lt
 Commanding Discharge Depot
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER ON DISCHARGE

5. I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my pay and allowances (including clothing allowance) and all just demands up to the present date, and hereby release the Discharge Depot, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, of all financial responsibility in my connection.

Place, ST. JOHN'S

Date JUL 11 1919

A. Messer
 Signature of soldier

W. J. ... Lt
 Signature of witness

CIVILIAN RE-ESTABLISHMENT CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY SOLDIER

6. I hereby certify that I am in a position to resume civilian occupation immediately on discharge.

Place, ST. JOHN'S

JUL 11 1919

Date

A. Messer
 Signature of soldier

W. J. ... Qms
 Signature of witness

STATEMENT OF SERVICE

7. Enlisted for service. 23-5-18 No. of days on Military
 Discharged from service. JUL 25 1919 Plus 14 days Service. 443

APPROVAL OF DISCHARGE

8. The discharge of the above mentioned soldier is hereby approved to be confirmed by the Officer in Charge, The Royal Newfoundland Regiment, twenty-eight days from date.

Place, ST. JOHN'S

Date

JUL 25 1919

N. R. Cooper Capt
 Officer Commanding Discharge Depot
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

CONFIRMATION OF DISCHARGE

9. The discharge of above mentioned soldier is hereby confirmed

Place, ST. JOHN'S

Date

August 8/1919

M. Howley Capt
 Officer in Charge
 The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

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The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Class for Demobilization: 6

Report of Demobilization
Travelling Board, held on soldier for
discharge.

Discharge Depot: Headquarters The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Date 10.7.19

Regimental No. 5383

Name Murphy Alex

Address Post Albert Swillingate

Present Medical Category A1

Recommended for:— { (a) Immediate discharge
(b) ~~Standing Medical Board~~

Members of Board {

R.H. East Major
O.C. Discharge Depot.

J. Parsons
Senior Medical Officer

J. C. Burdett
M. O. Depot

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 5383 Rank Plt Name Maced A
 Date of Enlistment 23-5-18 Address Port Albert District 2 Gate
 Occupation Postman Classification for Discharge F Medical Category A
 Recommendation S.M.B. Disability Rating

Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N.F. P36	B 268	B 121	1	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	1
B 178	W 3494	B 122		Board 1st	" 2	
B 178a	1 D 400A	1 B 1915	1	do 2nd	" 3	3
B 179	D 400B	Form L		do 3rd	" 4	
B 179a	1 D 400C	Form K		do 4th	" 5	
B 179b	B 103	ME 2			" 6	
B 179c	B 120	M 93				

Date 10-7-19O. C. Discharge Depot. M. H.

PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

1. Civil Re-Establishment.

I am / in a position to resume civilian occupation.

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action.

Date

2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

(a) Clothing Allowance payable #60.00

(b) Clothing Supplied White boots

Date 11-7-19

O i/c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. ¹⁹²³⁴¹ to his home at ^{colbert} and Release Certificate No. ³⁴⁴⁵ issued.

Date ¹¹⁻⁷⁻¹⁹ *J.A. Snowcroft*
Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to ⁸⁻⁸⁻¹⁹

Date ¹¹⁻⁷⁻¹⁹ *J.A. Snowcroft*
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for ²⁵⁻⁷⁻¹⁹

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P/36	B 268	B 121	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1.
B 178	W 3494	B 122	Board 1st	" 2.
B 178a	D 400A	B 1915	do 2nd	" 3.
B 179	D 400B	Form L.	do 3rd	" 4.
B 179a	D 400C	Form K.	do 4th	" 5.
B 179b	B 103	ME 2		" 6.
B 179c	B 120	M 93		

J.A. Snowcroft
Demobilization Officer.

Date ¹¹⁻⁷⁻¹⁹ *J.A. Snowcroft*
Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—
Officer i/c Records.
Board of Pension Commissioners.
with following additional documents.

Eligible for War Service Gratuity

Date ^{JUL 25 1919} *K.R. Cooper Capt.*
O. C. Discharge Depot.

Received the above noted documents from O. C. Discharge Depot.

Date

Civil Re-establishment Committee



I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have had an interview with the Vocational Officer of the Civil Re-establishment Committee or other recognized vocational agent of the Committee who has explained to me the provisions made by the Committee for the industrial re-training of disabled or partially disabled sailors and soldiers as well as the readiness of the Committee to assist any returned sailors and soldiers (whether disabled or not) to find employment. My decision is as follows:

To resume former Occupation.
To resume former Occupation.

A. Mercer

Signature of Man.

J. A. Newell

Reg. No. 5383

Signature of the Vocational Officer or his Representative.

Place

St. John

Date

11-7-78

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname Mercer OF Christian Name Alex.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish Port Albert Wellington Co. Nfld.

	SPECIAL RESERVE		REGULAR ARMY	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined	25 th	May		
at	St John's.			
Declared Age	21	years		
Trade or Occupation	Fisherman.			
Height	5	feet 5 ¹ / ₂ inches		
Weight	160 lbs.			
Chest Measurement	39 ¹ / ₂ inches			
	Range of Expansion			
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
	/	/		
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V=	6/6	R.E.—V=	
	L.E.—V=	6/6	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>Wm. H. Atkinson</u>			
(Rank)	Major			
Enlisted	at	St John's.		
	on	23 rd day of May 1918	on	day of 191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regt. No.	Corps.	Regt. No.
	Regiment.	8383		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on	day of 191	on	day of 191
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Table II.—Only for admission to hospital or to the sick list in case of Warrant Officers treated in quarters.

Name of Hospital	Admitted to Hospital			Discharged from Hospital			Disease	Number Days in Hospital	Remarks bearing on the cause, nature or treatment of the case likely to be of interest or of future use. In case of syphilis, admissions and re-admissions to hospitals will be shown. The subsequent progress, including particulars of treatment out of hospital, transfers, etc., will be given in the special syphilis case sheet.	Signature of Medical Officer
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				
Hazely Down	29	8	18	3	9	18	Tonillitis	5	Recovery. Slight herpes about mouth. Disch'd to duty.	<i>Ellmore</i> <i>M.D.</i> R. A. M. C.



Descriptive Return of a Soldier Discharged on Account of Disability

INSTRUCTIONS—This form is to be completed in the case of every discharged soldier whose claim to pension, on account of disability, is to be submitted for the consideration of the Pensions and Disabilities Board.

This section should be completed in the Hospital at which a man is attending at the time of his examination by a Medical Board, or, if the man is not in Hospital, by the Medical Officer of the Unit or Command Depot. The Soldier should be given a full opportunity of examining it, as, if awarded a pension, his subsequent identification depends on his confirming this declaration. The "Rank," "Station" and "Date" should be in his own handwriting.

The form will then be attached to the Proceedings of the man's Medical Board and will be forwarded to the O. i c Records together with the remainder of the man's documents.

Changes occurring in the description subsequent to the date of admission to pension should be noted in red ink.

Name in full

Mercer, Alex.

Regiment from which discharged **Royal Newfoundland**

Regimental number

5383

Intended address

Port Albert. 2. gto.

Height on discharge

5 Feet 9.

Color of hair on discharge

Dark.

Complexion

Fair

Color of eyes

Blue.

Descriptive Marks

Tall.

Figure on discharge

Christian name of Father

William.

Christian name of Mother

Mary.

Wife's maiden name in full

Date and place of marriage

Christian names of children

Place and date of soldier's birth

Port Albert, 1 Jan. 1897.

Nature and locality of civil employment required

I declare that I am the soldier referred to above and that all the particulars contained in the above statement are, to the best of my knowledge, correct

(Soldier's signature in full)

Mercer Alexander

(Rank)

Private

Station

ST. JOHN'S.

Date

7.7.19

I certify that the above named soldier signed the foregoing declaration in my presence, and that the above description and details are, to the best of my knowledge correct.



Medical Officer i/c Hospital.
Unit or Command Depot.

Station

Date

NOTE.—This Form is only to be forwarded to the Ministry of Pensions in cases of discharge under para. 392 (xvi. or xvii.), King's Regulations, and in cases of discharge under para. 392 (vi.), King's Regulations, when the soldier has suffered impairment in health since his entry into military service, or in cases of transfer to Class P., or P. (T), of the Reserve.

In cases of soldiers not discharged or transferred to the Reserve as above, but who are qualified by length of service to consideration for a Service Pension this Form is to be sent to the Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, S.W. 3.

Medical Report on a Soldier Boarded Prior to Discharge or Transfer to Class W., W. (T), P., or P. (T), of the Reserve.

1. Unit and Corps. *R. N. Coy.*
2. Regt. Nos. *5883* 3. Rank.....
4. Name *McNee*.....
(Surname) (Christian Names)
5. Age last birthday. *27*.....
6. Posted for duty on..... at.....
in category (or grade).....
7. Former Trade or Occupation } *Jackman*
- 7a. If the soldier claims previous service in Army, he should state—
(a) Former Regts. or Corps; with Regt. Nos.
8. If the disability is an injury was it caused
(a) in action (b) on field service
(c) on duty (d) off duty? (b) Date of Discharge;
(c) Cause of Discharge.
9. If a Court of Inquiry was held on an injury state:—
(a) When (d) Particulars of Pension or Gratuity
(b) Where (if any)
(c) Opinion of Court

NOTE.—The foregoing particulars are to be filled in and A.F.B. 179a (statement by the soldier) completed before the soldier is seen by the Officer in charge of the case.

Statement of Case.

NOTE.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Medical Officer in charge of the case. In answering them he will take care to confine himself exclusively to the medical aspect of the case and to such information as may be recorded in the invalid's military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish and clearly state when cases are due to venereal disease.

10. If brought forward for invaliding, disability in respect of which invaliding is proposed to be stated here. (Other disabilities should be reported upon in answer to question No. 19). If no disability enter "nil."
11. Date of origin of disability. *nil*
12. Place of origin of disability. *nil*
13. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability in so far as it is recorded in the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case and in other relevant official documents. *nil*

14. State whether the disabilities are
- | | (a) attributable to | (b) aggravated by |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| (i.) Service during the present war | / | |
| (ii.) Previous active service.. .. . | / | |
| (iii.) Climate in pre-war service | / | |
| (iv.) Ordinary military service before the war | / | |
| (v.) Serious negligence or misconduct on the man's part. } | / | |
- 14 (a). If not due to any of these causes, to what specific condition do you attribute it? }

No complaint of his disability

In all cases such as facial injuries, eye, ear, nose and throat disabilities, etc., a specialist's report is to be attached with radiographs where possible; and in cases of amputation the exact position should be stated.

15. What is his present condition ?
- (A note should be made as to Weight in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.)

16. Was an operation performed ? If so, when and what was its nature ?
17. If not, was an operation advised and declined ?
18. *In the case of loss or decay of teeth,—Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease directly attributable to active service or through service under such conditions that dental treatment was unobtainable ?
19. Give particulars of any other disabilities existing, but not in themselves sufficient to cause invaliding. State whether or not they are attributable to or have been aggravated by service during the present war, and if so, to what or by what specific military conditions ?

20. Do you recommend—
- (a) Discharge as permanently unfit ?
- (b) Change to United Kingdom ?

Repatriation

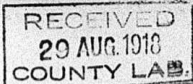
Note—(b) is only applicable to soldiers invalided at Foreign Stations.

W.E. Prosser Capt. R.A.M.C.
 Medical Officer in charge of case.

Station .. *Hazeley, D.P.*

Date .. *2/2/19*

* Loss of teeth on or immediately after active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause



Outfit Number... X

Result of the examination of the specimen of... *swab* taken from

Reg. No. *5383* Rank... *Pte.* Name... *Mercer A.*

Corps... *2/1 R. Newfoundland*

Result... *Diphtheria bacilli not found*

Aug 30 191*8*

K. A. Hyatt

Specialist Sanitary Officer.

TO BE LEFT BLANK.

August 16, 1919

Mr. Alexander Merwer,
Port Albert,
TWILLINGATE DIST.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your application I enclose cheque for
Seventy dollars (\$70.00), being amount of first payment due
you on account of War Service Gratuity.

Yours truly

Captain & Paymaster.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA.

WAR SERVICE GRATUITY.

St. John's, Newfoundland.

Declaration required of Officers and men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, who claims War Service Gratuity under Order-in-Council dated January 28th. 1919.

A complete reply must be given to every question in this Declaration There must be no blanks and no dashes, if any questions are not applicable, the words "NOT APPLICABLE" must be written out.

On completion this Declaration is to be returned to THE OFFICER I/C RECORDS, PAY & RECORD OFFICE, ST. JOHN'S.

- Christian name..... *Alase* 2. Surname..... *Menas*
3. Rank..... *Pte* 4. Regtl. No..... *5383*
5. Address in full to which future payments of gratuity are to be forwarded..... *Port auber 1. Swilling, a/c 2001*
- *NTB*
6. Date of enlistment in the Regiment..... *Mon 23/19*
7. Name of dependent, if any, to whom Separation Allowance is being issued, or was being issued, immediately prior to your discharge..... *No*
8. Relationship of such dependents..... *—*
9. Address in full of such dependents..... *—*
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10. Is said dependent, now, or was said dependent at any time in receipt of Separation Allowance on account of another soldier?..... *—*
11. Were you on active service only in Hfld. If so, give dates and particulars of such service..... *Menas*
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12. Give total length of time which you served on active service, whether in Hfld. or Overseas..... *fourteen months*
- *1 1/2*

13. Have you had more than one enlistment? If so, give particulars of discharge and re-enlistments, and under what regimental numbers.

no

14. Have you already received any payment of Post Discharge pay or War Service Gratuity? If so, state amount you and your dependents have already received and by whom paid.

15. Have you been issued with a War Service Badge?

16. Have you, during the present war, served in the Imperial Forces?

17. Are you entitled to receive, or have you received any Gratuity in the nature of Post Discharge Pay from the Imperial Forces? If so, state amount received, or to which you are entitled.

18. Did you revert Overseas to a rank lower than the substantive rank held by you on your arrival in England?

(b) If so, was such reversion in consequence of misconduct or inefficiency?

19. Are you now serving in the Res? no If not give: (a) Date of discharge. July 22/19 (b) Reason for discharge. Demob

20. Did you at any time serve at the front in an actual theatre of War? If so give particulars of places, and dates of such service. England

21. (a) Are you receiving treatment from the Civil Re-Establishment Com. (b) If so are you in receipt of full pay and allowances from that Committee.

And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under Oath.

Signature of Applicant: *Alex Mercer*

Place of Residence: *Port Albert, Inverclyde Dist*

Declared before me at: *St Johns*

This *11* day of *July* 19*15*....

Signature of Barrister of the Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of affidavits. *John McLaughlin*

POST DISCHARGE PAY.					
Date paid	Paid Soldier.	Paid Dependent.	War Service Gratuity.		Net amount due
.....
.....
.....
Certified correct.					Paymaster

FORM K

Nº 4735



1ST. NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

ALLOTMENTS

I, Alexander Mercer, Regl. No. 5383

hereby agree, until further notification by me, and in similar official form to make an Allotment of Dollars and Fifty Cents, per diem, from my Pay, to, and for the benefit of the undermentioned Person ^{and}/_{or} Persons, such payment to be made on proof of identity of, and production of the relative Identity Certificates by the Person ^{and}/_{or} Persons concerned, viz.:

Allotment begins July 1 1918

Identity Certificate No.	Whether Wife, Child, other Relative or Friend	NAME (in full)	ADDRESS	AMOUNT (each person)
4362	Father	^(son) Mr William Mercer	Port Talbot N D B	50
			Total Allotment, \$	50

NOTE.—This form must be completed by the Officer Commanding Company, signed by the Volunteer, counter-signed by the Officer Commanding Company and handed to the Paymaster as authority to make the required payments on application.

Sig.) Swatson Lieut
 Officer Commanding
 E Company
SA Johns
June 12 1918

(Sig.) Alexander Mercer
 (Rank) Nb

C.R. 5383

Counter No. _____

NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.



Cable Connection with all the World

All Messages Sent are Subject to the Following Conditions:

The Management may decline to forward the Message, though it has been received for transmission; but in case of so doing shall refund to Sender the amount paid for its transmission.

In case the Message shall never reach its destination by reason of any neglect or default of the N. P. T. or its Servants whilst the Message remains under the control of the N. P. T., they will refund the amount paid by the Sender for such Message.

The N. P. T. shall not be liable to make compensation beyond the amount refunded as above for any loss, injury, or damage arising or resulting from the non-transmission or non-delivery of the Message, or delay or error in the transmission or delivery thereof, howsoever such transmission, non-delivery, delay, or error shall have occurred.

The control of the N. P. T. over the Message shall be deemed to have entirely ceased for the purposes of these Conditions at any point where, in the course of the transit of the Message to its destination, it may be entrusted by the N. P. T. (and the N. P. T. shall have full power so to entrust the Message) for further transmission by or through any system, service, or line of Telegraph belonging to or worked by any administration or authority controlled by the N. P. T. exclusively, although worked as part of or in connection with the Telegraphic system or service of the N. P. T.

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 _____ Address Militia Dept.

Number _____	Rcd _____	By _____	Sent _____	by _____	Check _____
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Dated **June 5th. 1919.**

To **MRS. MERCER, PORT ALBERT. BEAVERTON.**

**BEG TO INFORM YOU THAT 5383 ALEXANDER MERCER DID NOT ARRIVE
BY CORSICAN.**

A. E. HICKMAN
MINISTER OF MILITIA.

CHARGE TO DEPT. OF MILITIA.

FOR TYPEWRITER

C.R. 5383

Extract from Daily Orders Part 11 Unit The Royal Rifles.
Regt. St. John's, July 15, 1919.

The discharge of the undernoted on demobilization has been
APPROVED by O.C. Discharge Depot with effect from 25-7-19.

5383 Pte. A. Mercer.

C.R. 5383

Extract from Daily Orders Part III Unit The Royal Nfld. Regt.
St. John's, July 24th 1919.

5383 Pte. A. Mercer.

Reported at Headquarters 1-7-19 ex "Cassandra" which sailed
Glasgow 24th June, 1919.

C.R. 5383

extract from daily orders part II Royal Newfoundland Regiment
dated August 19th 1919. Depot St. John's

The discharge of the undernoted on demobilisation has been
CONFIRMED by Officer i/c Records from noted date 8-8-19.

5383, Pte. A. Mercer.

Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Army Form B. 121.

Forms
B 121.
39.

Regiment of Royal Newfoundland

Number of Sheet 02

Signature of O. C. Company C. S. Dickson Lieut

Regimental Number and Name		Enlistment		Trade	Good Conduct Badges, Service pay or proficiency pay				
No.	Name	Age on	years	months	Trade				
5383	Miles, Alex	21			Fisherman				
Joined	Date	Place and Date of Enlistment		Religion					
Joined	Date	St John's		Meth					
Joined	Date	23.5.18		Place of Birth					
Joined	Date	Period of		with Colours					
		with Reserve		1 ⁷⁸ / ₃₆₅ years.					
				365 years.					
				Port Albert, Twillingate					

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Cases of Drunkenness	OFFENCE	Name of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
				Demobilized	St John's	8/19			

To be carried over.

Army Form B. 121.

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

5383

DEMOBILIZATION OF

Reg. No. 5583 Rank Pr. Name Mexes A
 Date of Enlistment 23-5-18 Address Post Albert District 2 Gate
 Occupation Postman Classification for Discharge T Medical Category A
 Recommendation S.M.B. _____ Disability Rating _____
 Passed to Demobilization Officer with following documents:—

N.F. P/36	B 268	B 121	N.F. Med.	D.F. 1
B 178	W 3494	B 122	Board 1st	" 2
B 178a	D 400A	B 1915	do 2nd	" 3
B 179	D 400B	Form L	do 3rd	" 4
B 179a	D 400C	Form K	do 4th	" 5
B 179b	B 103	ME 2		" 6
B 179c	B 120	M 93		

Date 10-7-19

O. C. Discharge Depot. *[Signature]*

PARTICULARS FOR DEMOBILIZATION

1. Civil Re-Establishment.

I am / in a position to resume civilian occupation.

Particulars passed to Vocational Officer for information and action. *[Signature]*

Date _____

2. Clothing.

Certified that Clothing Regulations have been complied with:—

- (a) Clothing Allowance payable £60.00
 (b) Clothing Supplied While in service

Date 11-7-19

O i/c. Re-clothing.

3. Transportation and Release Certificate.

The above named has been provided with Travelling Warrant No. 192.341 to his home at Port Albert and Release Certificate No. 3445 issued.

Date 11-7-19

J.A. Snowball
Demobilization Officer

4. Pay and Allowances.

The herein named soldier's accounts have been correctly balanced and all matters in connection therewith settled. He has received pay and allowances to 6-8-19

Date 11-7-19

J.A. Snowball
Depot Paymaster.

Discharge approved for 15-7-19

Forwarded with following documents to O.C Discharge Depot.

N.F. P36	B 268	B 121	✓ N.F. Med.	D.F. 1	✓
B 178	W 3494	B 122	Board 1st	" 2	✓
B 178a	✓ D 400A	✓ B 1915	do 2nd	" 3	✓
B 179	D 400B	Form L	do 3rd	" 4	✓
B 179a	✓ D 400C	Form K	do 4th	" 5	✓
B 179b	B 103	ME 2		" 6	✓
B 179c	B 120	M 93			✓

Date 11-7-19

J.A. Snowball
Demobilization Officer.

APPROVED.

Documents as above forwarded to:—

Officer i/c Records.
Board of Pension Commissioners.

with following additional documents.

Eligible for War Service Gratuity

Date 23 1919

D.R. Cooper Capt.
O. C. Discharge Depot.

Received the above noted documents from O. C. Discharge Depot.

Date Aug 7/19

W.H.

Reg. No. *5383* Rank *Yb* Name *Mercer A.*
Attested Address *St. Albert, Alberta*
Allotment Allottee
Date of Allotment Returned from Overseas *JUL 1 1919*
Returned on S S. *Cassandra* Cause *Discharge*

11-7 19
25th 19

PASSED TO DEMOBILIZATION OFFICER
DISCHARGE APPROVED ON DEMOBILISATION.

C.R. 5383

NOTE.—This Form is only to be forwarded to the Ministry of Pensions in cases of discharge under para. 392 (xvi. or xvii.), King's Regulations, and in cases of discharge under para. 392 (vi.), King's Regulations, when the soldier has suffered impairment in health since his entry into military service, or in cases of transfer to Class P., or P. (T), of the Reserve. In cases of soldiers not discharged or transferred to the Reserve as above, but who are qualified by length of service to consideration for a Service Pension this Form is to be sent to the Secretary, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, S.W. 3.

Medical Report on a Soldier Boarded Prior to Discharge or Transfer to Class W., W. (T), P., or P. (T), of the Reserve.

- 1. Unit and Corps. *Royal Newfoundland Land* } Former Trade or Occupation } *fisherman*
- 2. Regtl. No. *5083* 3. Rank. *Plb* 7a. If the soldier claims previous service in Army, he should state—
- 4. Name *Murphy* *Albert* (a) Former Regts. or Corps; with Regtl. Nos.
- (Surname) (Christian Names)
- 5. Age last birthday. *21*
- 6. Posted for duty on..... at..... in category (or grade).....
- 8. If the disability is an injury it was caused
 - (a) in action (b) on field service
 - (c) on duty (d) off duty ?
- 9. If a Court of Inquiry was held on an injury state :—
 - (a) When
 - (b) Where
 - (c) Opinion of Court

- (b) Date of Discharge ;
- (c) Cause of Discharge.
- (d) Particulars of Pension or Gratuity (if any)

NOTE.—The foregoing particulars are to be filled in and A.F.B. 179 a (statement by the soldier) completed before the soldier is seen by the Officer in charge of the case.

Statement of Case.

NOTE.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Medical Officer in charge of the case. In answering them he will take care to confine himself exclusively to the medical aspect of the case and to such information as may be recorded in the invalid's military and medical documents. He will also carefully distinguish and clearly state when cases are due to venereal disease.

- 10. If brought forward for invaliding, disability in respect of which invaliding is proposed to be stated here. (Other disabilities should be reported upon in answer to question No. 19). If no disability enter "nil."
- 11. Date of origin of disability. *nil*
- 12. Place of origin of disability. *nil*
- 13. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability in so far as it is recorded in the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case and in other relevant official documents. *nil*

14. State whether the disabilities are (a) attributable to (b) aggravated by
- (i.) Service during the present war ✓
- (ii.) Previous active service ✓
- (iii.) Climate in pre-war service ✓
- (iv.) Ordinary military service before the war ✓
- (v.) Serious negligence or misconduct on the man's part. } ✓
- 14 (a). If not due to any of these causes, to what specific condition do you attribute it? } ✓

In all cases such as facial injuries, eye, ear, nose and throat, disabilities, etc., a specialist's report is to be attached with radiographs where possible; and in cases of amputation the exact position should be stated.

15. What is his present condition?
(A note should be made as to Weight in all cases when it is likely to afford evidence of the progress of the disability.)

No complaints of no disability

16. Was an operation performed? If so, when and what was its nature?
17. If not, was an operation advised and declined?
18. *In the case of loss or decay of teeth,—Is the loss of teeth the result of wounds, injury or disease directly attributable to active service or through service under such conditions that dental treatment was unobtainable?
19. Give particulars of any other disabilities existing, but not in themselves sufficient to cause invaliding. State whether or not they are attributable to or have been aggravated by service during the present war, and if so, to what or by what specific military conditions?

20. Do you recommend—
 (a) Discharge as permanently unfit?
 (b) Change to United Kingdom?

Refatuated

Note—(b) is only applicable to soldiers invalided at Foreign Stations.

W. E. Goumier. Capt Rame
 Medical Officer in charge of case.

Station *Magley Down*

Date *7/4/19*

* Loss of teeth on or immediately after active service, should be attributed thereto, unless there is evidence that it is due to some other cause

C.R. 5383

Apr. 15th

19

Mr. Wm. Mercer Sr.,

Port Albert, N.D.B.

5383 Pte. Alex. Mercer

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., with reference to your son's repatriation, and I am directed to inform you that owing to the possibility of ice being around the coast, the shipping firms of the United Kingdom will not agree to send ships direct to St. John's before the middle of May, consequently, there will not be a repatriation draft of a large proportion leaving for here before that time. If at any time a smaller draft is being returned via Canada, arrangements will be made to have your son included in such draft.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut. Col.

Chief Staff Officer.

FAE/MP.

Port Albert.

April 8th 19

Capt J. M. Howley,
Royal Nfld Regt.

Stoll ~~Bldg~~ Bldg.

St-John's.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you to ask you if I can get my son home for the fishery who his now over in England he his my youngest son and only support I have, and as the war is over I want him back with me as I have no other help, and I am an old man so if you please get him home for me by the time of fishing I saw by the papers, that some of the men, are getting there sons home in time for the fishing voyage, so as I have no other one to get around with me I thought I would try and get him back as he his the only help I have, and now the war is over and I am badly in need of him as he was my only help when he was.

talker for the war so if you please try
and get him home for to help me.
his name and no. are 5393. Pls. Alex. Mercer
please right back and give me reply of
what you are going to do for me.
also please oblige

yours Truly
William Mercer Sr.

address.

Mr. William Mercer Sr.
Port Albert.
N. D. Bay.

Have no separation
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