



# THE ROYAL NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 5024 Name Chealey Mercer Corps Inf

### Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

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|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? .....  | 1. <u>Chealey Mercer</u>      |
| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>Pal. Roberts Bay</u>    |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>                 |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>18</u> Years .....      |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. ....                       |
| 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. ....                       |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? .....                                     | 10. Name .....<br>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, Chealey 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.

Chealey Mercer SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.  
James Pittman Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Chealey 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 Pal. Roberts Bay on this 10 day of May, 1916

Signature of Attesting Officer Roberts

### 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 compiled 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).....



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| 2. What is your full Address? .....  | 2. <u>Bay Roberts Bay</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? .....  | 3. <u>Yes</u>             |
| 4. What is your age? .....   | 4. <u>18</u> Years .....  |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? .....  | 5. .....                  |
| 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>            |

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James Pittman Signature of Witness.

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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 Bay on this 15th day of May 1915

Signature of Attesting Officer Edwards Lieut

### 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 .....

Place .....

Approving Officer.

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# DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT

5034

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

Name Chesley Mercer  
 Apparent age 18 years 0 months. Height 5 feet 6 3/4 inches  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 35 inches  
 Range of expansion 4 inches  
 Distinctive marks \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT

Name and Address of next of kin Maude Mercer Bay Roberts  
Bay | 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) 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 final engagement reckons from <u>115-5-18</u>									
Joined at <u>St Johns</u> on <u>May 15 1918</u>									
<div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">                     Discharged <u>1918</u> <u>3925011</u> <u>20-5-1918</u> </div>									
Total Service forfeited as above.....									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>20-5-18</u> (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days									
Pensions " " " " " " " " " " " "									

*V. C. Depot  
what is the  
procedure in this  
case.*

Catalina Nfld

**DEPOT**

August 11 th 1919

The Dept. of Militia.

St. John's.

Dear Sirs:-

I wish to know if a person discharged from the regiment "Under Age" is entitled to any discharge papers.

I was discharged after six days service as I was a few months short of eighteen. As I volunteered I see no reason against my having papers to show.

My number was 5034, I was posted to C Company and I enlisted on the 27 th of May 1918. When discharged I was told I would be again called on when needed.

Hoping for the favor of an early reply.

Yours very truly

*Bushley M. Mercer*



C.R. ~~5034~~

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal  
Hfls. Regt. St. John's, dated May 23rd, 1918.

5034. Pte. C. Mercer.

~~5034 Pte. C. Mercer~~ (7)

As appeared in Daily Orders Part 11 No. 86 of May 18th,  
1918 should read 5034 Pte. C. Mercer granted leave without  
pay to finish College examination from 15.5.18 to 1.7.18  
Authority Officer Commanding Depot.

C.R. ~~5304~~  
5034

Extract from Daily Orders part 11, from Unit The Royal  
Mfld.Regt.St.John's, dated May 20th, 1918.

#5304 Pte. C. Mercer.

5034

Struck off the strength from 20.5.18. Authority  
K.R. & R. Para 392 Sub Section (vi)

Extract from Daily Orders par 11, from Unit The Royal  
Hfld. Regt. St. John's, dated May 16th, 1918.

#5034 Pte. C. Mercer.

to report 1.6.18.



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

## MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname MenceChristian Name Chealey

Table I—GENERAL TABLE

Birthplace:—Parish May RobertoCounty Nfld

	SPECIAL RESERVE		REGULAR ARMY	
	on	day of	on	day of
Examined .....	15	May	1918	191
at	<u>St. Johns</u>		at	
Declared Age .....	18	years		days
Trade or Occupation .....				
Height .....	5	feet	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	inches
Weight .....	119			lbs
Chest Measure: { Girth when fully expanded ...	35			inches
	4			inches
Physical Development .....				
Vaccination Marks { Arm .....	Right	Left	Right	Left
		<u>Recs</u>		
When Vaccinated .....	<u>4 mths ago</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)				
(Rank)				
	Medical Officer.		Medical Officer.	
Enlisted .....	at <u>St. Johns</u>		at	
	on	15	day of	May
		1918		191
	Corps.		Regtl. No.	
Joined on Enlistment .....	<u>The Royal Nfld Regt</u>			
	<u>Nfld Regt</u>			
Transferred to .....				
Became non-effective by .....	on	day of	191	on
(Signature)			day of	191
(Rank)				

Discharged from 20-5-18  
 H.R. & R. Para 92  
 D.O. Part II 97  
 20-5-18

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Medical Examination Held at

210 quarters May 15/18

1. Name Jesley Merew Age (a) Declared 18 yrs  
(b) Apparent

2. Do you know of anything wrong with you? no

What severe illnesses have you had? none

3. Height 5 ft 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  " 50 24 Weight 119  
4. Eyesight (a) Left 4/6 (b) Right 4/6  
5. Physical Defects (Examine after strenuous exercise)

6. Examination of Lungs n  
Measurement (a) Expiration 34 (b) Inspiration 35  
~~37 1/2~~

7. Examination of Heart n

8. Examination of Urine ✓

9. Examination of Mouth—(Defective Speech)

Teeth

Throat

Nose

Ears—(Otorrhea)

(Deafness)

10. Have you been successfully vaccinated, and when? Yes 4 months ago, 12 years 4/11/18

11. Name and address of next of kin Mother Mary Bay Roberts Don Bay

REMARKS--

A 11

W. B. Gordon  
Archibald



# DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA  
AND QUOTE NO.

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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

May 18th., 1918.

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From:- D. M. S.

To:- S. M. O., Depot.

CHESLEY M. M. MERCER

Please note correspondence re marginally  
noted man.

Kindly return letter.

*Cluny Macpherson*

ENCLOSURE.

Major, D. M. S.

*To. OC for information*

*W. Patterson  
S.M.O.*



Thursday, May 16. 18:

Dear Macpherson,

~~Macpherson~~  
Mercey.

One of my boarders, Charles M. M. ~~Macpherson~~  
enlisted yesterday (Wednesday) giving his age as 18,  
and was accepted.

He will not reach his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday till October 18<sup>th</sup>  
and as I know him as rather a weakling physically, I do  
not consider it quite fair that he should be allowed  
to reflect himself upon the Regiment without the  
authorities' knowing that he is under age.

It is only fair to say that he has managed to get  
out of his mother (who is a widow) her permission to join  
though he is under age.

If he is accepted it is likely that during the  
next few days a number of others who are under age  
will endeavour to get accepted.

If I thought the boy could be of any use I might be  
tempted to say nothing, but I have known him for years  
as being very delicate, and to this day he is unable  
to compete physically with those of his own age.

All that need be done to discover his age is to  
ask for his birth certificate. As he has lived in Boy Roberts  
all his life he can easily produce this - if he chooses.

Yours sincerely  
Ralph R. Wood.



May 16<sup>th</sup> 1918.

I hereby certify that Chesley M. M. Mercer is a student at Bishop Field College and is preparing for the Associate in Arts Examination (Senior) of the Council of Higher Education, which examination ends on June 29<sup>th</sup> 1918.

(Signed) Ralph J. Wood.

Headmaster.

J. D. Phelan

Report July 1918 # 5034

Granted leave without pay for the purpose of finishing <sup>college</sup> examinations from 15<sup>th</sup>/<sub>18</sub> to 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>18</sub>.  
Authority O. C. Dept

Mercer, C.

5034

Ray Sept,



*Cadet Maddick*

5034

8265

Catalina Mfld.

September 1 st. 1919.

Officer Commanding.  
Discharge Depot.  
Royal Mfld. Regt.

Sir:-

I wish to ascertain the whether or not, I am eligible for a discharge badge. My number is 5034 and I hold Discharge Certificate No. 3793, which I received only two weeks ago although I was discharged May 20 th. 1918.

I do not know the requirements for these badges but as I do know they have been granted to soldiers never overseas I see no reason why I should not obtain one.

Should I be eligible, would you please consider this application for same.

Hoping that you will interest yourself on my behalf, (and pardon the liberty I have taken in writing).

Yours respectfully,

5034 Pte. *L. W. Mercer*

