

**FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.****ATTESTATION OF**No. 1978 Name Herbert G. Luscombe Corps _____

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Herbert G. Luscombe</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address?..... | 2. <u>9, Victoria St. St. John's, Nfld.</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your Age? | 4. <u>20</u> Years <u>3</u> Months. |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Printer</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, Herbert G. Luscombe 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.

Herbert G. Luscombe SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Donald W. Goss Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Herbert G. Luscombe 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, Nfld.

on this 15th day of November 1915

Donald W. Goss
Signature of the 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 _____ 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, 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) _____

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

1978.

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

Name Herbert S. Duncombe
 Apparent age 20 years 3 months. Height 5 feet 5/2 inches.
 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36 inches.
 Range of expansion 3 inches.
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Mrs Andrew Duncombe, 9 British Spire
 | 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	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. C. Pay	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					years days	years days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from _____							<div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive; margin-bottom: 20px;">K.A. 12/10/78</div>
Joined at _____ on _____							
Total Service forfeited as above							
Total Service towards Engagement to _____ (date of discharge) _____ years _____ days							
" " " Pension " _____ (") _____ " _____							

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Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment

1. What is your name? 1. Herbert G. Luscombe
2. What is your full Address? 2. 97 British Square
3. Are you a British Subject? 3. Yes
4. What is your Age? 4. 30 Years 5 Months.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. None
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, Herbert G. Luscombe 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.

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

6 Nov. 15th 1915

Signature of Witness.

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 Chest measurement { Girth when fully expanded 36 inches.
 { Range of expansion 3 inches.
 Distinctive marks _____

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

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 | 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	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. C. Pay	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
					years days	years days	
				Service towards limited engagement reckons from <u>15-11-15</u>			
				Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>November 15/15</u>			
				<u>Embarked St John's</u> <u>trans to St John</u> <u>15/15</u>			
				<u>Embarked Southampton</u> <u>14-6-16</u> <u>June</u> <u>Discharged</u> <u>12-7-16</u>			
				<u>Killed in Action France</u> <u>12-10-16</u>			
Total Service forfeited as above							
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>12-10-16</u> (date of discharge)					years	<u>332</u> days	
" " " Pension							

Regimental Number 1978

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

H. G. Muscoube

Witness

H. R. Rowell (2nd Lieut)

Dated at

Ady.

May 24th 1916

Luscombe, N.Y.

1978

May 1 Sept.

July 7th.1917.

Mr. Andrew Luscombe,
9 British Square,

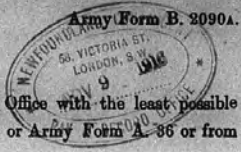
Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith cheque for \$25.12,
being th balance of the estate of your late son,
No. 1978, H. Luscombe.

Yours truly,

Lieut.
Deputy Paymaster.

DUPLICATE. FIELD SERVICE.



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 } 1st Bn. "1st Newfoundland Regt." } Squadron,
CORPS } } Troop, Battery } O. Co.
or Company }

Regtl. No. 1978 Rank Corporal.

Name Luscombe, H.

Died { Date 12/10/16.
Place France.
Cause of Death* Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213, 14/10/16.

By whom made O. C. Unit.

* Specially state 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 Not received.
Date ditto.
By whom reported

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received.
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) ditto.
(c) as a separate document

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.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } *[Signature]*
LIEUT. COLONEL
Officer i/c. Regular Infantry Section No. 1
General Headquarters, 3rd. Echelon.

Station and Date 31/10/16.

PAY LIST.

to 12th October 1916. Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland
 No. 1978 Rank Corporal Name H. Luscombe
 Died/Intestate at France on the 12th of October 1916.
 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 <u>12/10/16</u>	2	16	5	
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated) £ s. d.				Pay days at from to				
	191				Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to				
	"				Messing allowance days at from to				
	"								
	Consolidated stoppage								
					Defered Pay or Gratuity				
	Balance due by the Paymaster	2	16	5	Balance due to the Paymaster				
		£	2	16		£	2	16	5

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to _____ and is therefore subject to amendment if, and as may be found necessary.

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

Dated at _____

this 21st day of October 1916

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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	191				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				allowance			
					amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
					amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
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C.R. 1978

Herbert G. Luscombe was attested for General Service with
the NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT on November 15th 1915.

Regimental No. 1978 was allotted to Pte H.G. Luscombe.

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger;

Dept. of Militia;

March 25th 1919

C.R. 1978

Extract from Nominal Roll of the Wfld. Regt. Draft
No.6 from 2nd Bn., Depot, to 1st Bn. B.E.F.
Embarked Southampton 14-6-18.

1978 Cpl. H. Incombe

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NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

CABLES AND TELEGRAMS:
"SYNOPTICAL."
LONDON.

TELEPHONE:
VICTORIA 147.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
PAYMASTER & OFFICER I/c RECORDS,
AND THE FOLLOWING NO. QUOTED:

PAY & RECORD OFFICE,
58, VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON, S.W..

28th November, 1916.

5112/42

The Colonial Secretary,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

Sir,

No. 1978, Pte. H.G. Luscombe, Decd.

With reference to your telegram 30/10/16:

"Synoptical, London.
"Return parcel boots addressed 1978 Luscombe
"care your office
Colonial Secretary."

it is understood that the parcel concerned was one
which reached this office 21/10/16 and was thereupon
forwarded to the B.E.F., subsequent to which advice was
received that Luscombe was Killed in Action 12/10/16.

In the ordinary course this parcel, among others
for deceased soldiers, should be returned here, but
so far it has not arrived. Should it do so, it will
be sent back to Newfoundland as is customary in such
cases.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. A. Minwell
Capt.,

Paymaster & O. i/c Records.

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DUPLICATE
MAIL COPY
Posted DEC 8 1916

POST OFFICE
55, VICTORIA ST.
LONDON, S.W.
PAY & RECORD OFFICE

28th November, 6.

5112/42

The Colonial Secretary,
St. John's,
Newfoundland.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Capt.,
Paymaster & C. i/c Records.

HT/NW

G.

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27th October, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I regret to inform you that the Record Office of the First Newfoundland Regiment, London, to-day advises that No. 1978, Corporal Herbert G. Luscombe, was Killed in Action on the 12th October.

Yours faithfully,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Andrew Luscombe,
9 British Square.

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&R.O.
October 27th 1916.

1978, Cpl. H. Luscombe.

Killed in Action 13.10.16. r/b O.C. Bn. 14.MO.16.

C.R. 1978

Extract of Casualty List received from P.&.R.O.
October 27th 1916.

The following Casualty in the 1/1 Newfoundland Regiment
with the British Expeditionary Force is reported under
various date.

1978, Cpl. H. Luscombe. ✓

KILLED

GR 1948

Extract from Nominal Roll of Draft which embarked for
B.E.F. on or about 20th June 1916.

#1978 Corpl. H. Luscombe.

C.R. 1978

PROMOTION.

Regimental Order.

By Lt. Col. Sir Walter E. Davidson, Officer Commanding.

The Lt. Col. has been pleased to approve the following appointment.

"H" Company.

To be Corporal,

Pte. H. G. Luscombe.

(to date from 17th December, 1915).

C.R. 1978

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

1978 Bpa. Luscombe Herbert.G

H. Luscombe

C.F.

1978

P.R.O.

PAY LIST.

to 17 October 1916. Voucher No.NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps

No. 1978Rank CorporalName MuscumbeDied (a) Intestateat Spainon the 17 of October 1916.

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 <u>17.10.16</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>
	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			
	"				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
	Consolidated stoppage				Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster			<u>7 16 5</u>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
	£			<u>7 16 5</u>	£			<u>7 16 5</u>

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ 7 16 5 is correctly chargeable against the Public^(a).

Dated at

this

day of 17 1917

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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 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.

FIELD SERVICE.

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REGIMENT } "1st Bn. 1st Newfoundland Regt." Squadron,
1st Bn. } Troop, Battery
CORPS } or Company }



Regtl. No. 1978 Rank Corporal.

Name Luscombe, H.

Died { Date 12/10/16.

Place France.

Cause of Death Killed in Action.

Nature and Date of Report B 213, 14/10/16.

By whom made O.C. Unit.

* Specially state 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 Not received.

Date ditto.

By whom reported _____

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Not received.
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) ditto.
(c) as a separate document _____

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.

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Signature of Officer in charge
of Section Adjutant-General's
Office at the Base

H. J. ...
LIEUT. COLONEL
Officer in Charge Regular Infantry Section No. 1
General Headquarters, 3rd. Echelon.

Station and Date 31/10/16.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname LuscombeChristian Name Herbert, Jnr.

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County Nfld.

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	Right	Left	Right	Left
Examined	on <u>5</u> day of <u>Nov</u> 191 <u>5</u>	on	day of	191
	at <u>56 Johns St. Nfld.</u>		at	
Declared Age	<u>20</u> years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation				
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>5½</u> inches	feet	inches
Weight		<u>142</u> lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement {	Girth when fully expanded...		inches	
	Range of expansion...		inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks {	Arm			
	Number	<u>2</u>		
When Vaccinated	<u>1907</u>			
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>L. Amos Paterson</u>			
(Rank)	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at <u>St. Johns</u>	at		
	on <u>5th</u> day of <u>Nov</u> 191 <u>5</u>	on	day of	191
Joined on Enlistment	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
	<u>1st Nfld Regt</u>	<u>1974</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by	on	day of	191	on
(Signature)				
(Rank)				

Table III.—Boards: Courts of Inquiry, Vaccination, Inoculations, &c.: Examination for Field or Foreign Service, Extension, Re-engagement, or prolongation of Service; Issue of Surgical appliances; Particulars of Dental Treatment, &c.

Date	Brief Details, and Signature
Nov. 20 th /15	1 st Inoculation
Dec. 9 th /15	2 nd
24.12.15	"Race"
12.10.16	Killed in Action. France. <i>[Signature]</i>

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
56. Johns 12.144					

3985/1

3953/2
DAG

No. 1972, the late Cpl. Herbert Luscombe

~~Killed~~ in Action, France, 12/10/16 -
site, not yet reported -

Only personal effects received at this office
viz: one book + one cigarette lighter were
transmitted to H.Q., 26/2/17.

15/1/17

W 3082

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DAG

via 12/10/16 -

Book

*1 cigarette lighter
26/2/17 -*

British Square,

St. John's, Newfoundland

April 17th, 1917

Major H.A. Timewell

Nfld Pay & Record Office

Dear Sir:-

Permit me to take up a few moments of your time on a matter that is of much concern to myself and family. Some time ago I received word that my dear son Corporal Herbert Luscombe No 1978 Co C was killed in action, October 12th, in France. Beyond the Official notification received from the Hon J.R. Bennett and some private letters from some of his chums I have not heard anything, neither have I received any of his personal effects.

My son was a member of the St. John's Rifle Association and assisted the Musketry Committee in training the Volunteers at the Rifle range here previous to his enlistment and when leaving for England the gentlemen ^{of the Committee} presented him with an Address and purse of Gold with which he was to purchase a wristlet watch ~~SWK~~ having same suitably engraved. From letters received from him while at the Depot he mentioned having purchased the watch which naturally he prized very much and which we now would value beyond mention if procurable.

It is with this object in view that I am now writing you, knowing that if at all possible you will enlighten me and advise me as to the proper authorities to apply. I have been informed that some parents have been advised as to the location of their son's grave, but I have not heard a word and needless to say the lady's mother and myself are much concerned. If you could give me any information or assistance in my endeavour to gain some knowledge about my son's belongings or burial I would be under a debt of gratitude that I would never be able to repay.

I trust that I am not putting you to any inconvenience and can assure you that both my wife and self will be ever grateful if you can put us in the way of getting in touch with the proper authorities.

Looking forward to a favorable reply

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant

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Andrew Luscombe
9 British Square
St Johns
N. H. L.

2nd May, 7.

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Andrew Luscombe, Esq.,
British Square,
St. John's, Nfld.

Sir,

No. 1978, Cpl. H. Luscombe, deceased.

With reference to your letter of 17/4/17, it is regretted that the only Effects belonging to your late son which have so far reached this office are:

1 Book and
1 Cigarette lighter.

These were shipped to Headquarters, St. John's, on 26/2/17, and it is understood will have been dealt with by the Deputy Paymaster, to whom any further enquiries concerning them should be made. Nothing is known in this office about the watch, but an enquiry has been forwarded to the appropriate quarters in France.

With regard to his Grave Site, it is also regretted that no information has so far been received here, and the War Office, on reference being made thereto, has not been able to give any particulars of the location.

In many cases some time elapses before particulars are received, whereupon they are transmitted to Headquarters as customary, and should be passed to those concerned.

A further communication will be made as and if additional information may be received.

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Major,

Paymaster & C. i/c Records.

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HT/NW

The Paymaster & O. i/c Records,
Newfoundland Contingent,
58 Victoria Street,
L O N D O N, S.W.

EFFECTS BRANCH
G.H.Q. 3RD ECHELON
B. E. F.

19 MAY 1917

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1/Newfoundland Regt. With reference to your No.3953/2, dated 1st instant,
No. 1978 regarding watch the property of the marginally named; the
Cpl. Luscombe, H. fullest investigations have been made in the matter and a
copy of the correspondence is attached for your information.

No effects whatever on account of Cpl. Luscombe have
been received in this Branch.

C/S.

Effects Branch (Men),
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,
19th May 1917.

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Captain,
Staff Captain.

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 3953/2

From
 PAY & RECORD OFFICE.
 58, VICTORIA STREET,
 LONDON, S.W.
 1st May, 1917.

To The D. A. G.,
 Infy. Section No. 1,
 Effects Branch,
 Headquarters,
 3rd Echelon.

HT/NW

SUBJECT: EFFECTS:
 No.1978, Cpl.H. LUSCOMBE,
 Deceased.

REPLY

Dated

1917

Reference Nos.

The following is an extract of a letter addressed to this office by Mr. A. Luscombe, 9 British Square, St. John's, Newfoundland:

" . . My son was a member of
 "the St. John's Rifle Assoc'n.
 "and assisted the Musketry
 "Committee in training the
 "Volunteers at the Rifle range
 "here previous to his enlist-
 "ment and when leaving for
 "England the gentlemen of the
 "Committee presented him with a
 "an Address and purse of Gold
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 "a wristlet watch, having same
 "suitably engraved. From
 "letters received from him
 "while at the Depot he mentioned
 "having purchased the watch
 "which naturally he prized very
 "much and which we now would
 "value beyond mention if pro-
 "curable . . ."

So far the only effects of this N.C.O. which have reached this office are:

1 Book and
 1 Cigarette lighter,
 received on 15/1/17 and subsequently transmitted to Newfoundland.

I shall be glad if you will have all enquiries practicable made concerning the watch and report result to this office, please.

A. A. Quinn Major,
 Paymaster & O. I/c Records.

MAY 17
 1917
R. J. 12955

The Officer Commanding,

1st Newfoundland Regiment.

B. E. F.

1/Newfoundland Rgt.

No. 1978.

Opl. Luscombe, H.

An enquiry has been received in this Branch concerning the personal effects of the marginally named. (See copy ~~attached~~ attached)

It will be noted that the following is/are particularly required :-

CASUALTY.

Killed in Action.

12/10/16.

PERSONAL EFFECTS INCLUDING WATCH.

There is no trace of anything having been received in this Branch and not included ~~in the list of effects referred to in the above mentioned case~~

Will you kindly cause the fullest enquiries to be made, and forward information on the following points:-

- (1) Whether or not Opl. H. Luscombe was known to be in possession of the Watch referred to prior to his death.
- (2) Only One Book & Cigarette Lighter have been received on account of this N.G.O. If no effects (other than these) were recovered on behalf of the above mentioned can a report be submitted which will enable a satisfactory reply to be made to the enquiry.
- (3) Whether or not any personal effects were recovered from his pack.
- (4) If effects have been recovered and forwarded will you please state to whom the parcel was addressed the date and method of despatch and the registered number of the parcel and the F.P.O. at which same was handed in.
- (5) Is it possible that the articles were buried with him or that they could not be removed from his body.
- (6) The Book and Cigarette Lighter referred to did not pass through this Branch. Were they sent direct to Record Office by you ?

Effects Branch (Men),
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon,
8th May 1917.

John Lawrence Bunn
Captain.
Staff Captain.

COPY OF OR EXTRACT FROM ENQUIRY.

SEE ATTACHED.

NOTE:- PLEASE REPLY ON REVERSE.

C O P Y.

Stamp

1st Newfoundland Regiment
Orderly Room B. E. F.
14 - 5 - 17.

Officer i/c
Effects Branch
G. H. Q.

Ref attached.

Corpl Luscombe was known to be in possession of a Wristlet watch presented by the Members of the St. Johns Rifle Assocn which he always had in his possession.

As far as we are aware no effects other than those already mentioned were recovered from his body.

2nd Lieut S.C. Goodyear of this Unit saw the body two days after the attack and it being so badly mutilated it was impossible to recover further effects.

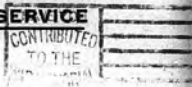
(Sgnd) K. Keegan ? Lieut & A/Adj
for Lieut Col
Commanding 1st Newfoundland Regt.

Stamp

Effects Branch
17 May, 1917.
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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE



To the Officer in Charge of Records,

The Royal Nfld. Regt.

Dept. of Militia,

ST. JOHN'S. Nfld.

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Dept. of Militia,

St. John's.

June 1922

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
Memorial Plaque issued in respect of services of
the late No. 1978 Bank

Name Robert H. Luscombe

Royal Newfoundland Regt.

Andrew Luscombe (Sgd.)

Father Relationship.

Address 9 British Square





Casualty Form—Active Service.

Confidential

Regiment or Corps: Newfoundland

Regimental No. 1978

Rank Corn

Name Zuscombe

Enlisted (a) 10.11.15

Terms of Service (a) One year

Service reckons from (a) 15.11.15

Date of promotion to present rank } 18.11.15

Date of appointment to lance rank } 18.11.15

Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s. } _____

Extended Wakon

Re-engaged 24.11.16

Qualification (b) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 86, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked Southampton		14.6.15	
		Disembarked Rouen		15.6.15	
		Unit joined Battalion	France	12.7.16	D 213
14.10.16	Unit	Killed in Action	France	12.10.16	D 213

Sgt W Sedgwick
Officer in Charge
Regulate Infantry Section 1
Platoon
23rd October

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shooting Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

