



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 1928 Name Robert Meneer Corps _____

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Robert Meneer</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address? | 2. <u>Blackiston</u>
<u>Trinity Bay</u>
<u>St. John's</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your Age? | 4. <u>Int. Years</u> <u>11</u> Months. |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? | 5. <u>Odor</u> |
| 6. Are you Married? | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? | 7. <u>Canadian Militiam</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? | 8. <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? | 9. <u>Yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? | 10. { Name
Corps |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted? | 11. <u>Yes</u> |

I, Robert Meneer do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
Signature of Witness.

Robert Meneer
OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.
I, Robert Meneer 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 Blackiston on this 11th day of October 1915.
Signature of the Attesting Officer. Robert Meneer

† Certificate of Approving Officer.
I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the : _____
If enlisted by special authority, such will be attached to the original attestation.
Date _____ 1915
Place _____ } Approving Officer.

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.— (Name) _____ re-enlisted in the (Regiment) _____ on the (Date) _____



FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.



ATTESTATION OF

No. 1928 Name Robert Menece Corps _____

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. What is your name? | 1. <u>Robert Menece</u> |
| 2. What is your full Address?..... | 2. <u>Market St</u> |
| 3. Are you a British Subject? | 3. <u>Yes</u> |
| 4. What is your Age?..... | 4. <u>17</u> Years <u>11</u> Months. |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling?..... | 5. <u>Colet</u> |
| 6. Are you Married?..... | 6. <u>No</u> |
| 7. Have you ever served in any Branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so,* which? } | 7. <u>Canadian Mounted</u> |
| 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? } | 8. <u>Yes</u> |
| 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? } | 9. <u>Yes</u> |
| 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?..... | 10. { Name |
| | Corps |
| 11. Are you willing to serve upon the conditions as embodied in the roll of service to be signed by you if you are accepted?..... | 11. <u>Yes</u> |

I, Robert Menece do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

Robert Menece SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
S. J. ... Signature of Witness.

Robert Menece OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.
 I, Robert Menece do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.
 The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.
 The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.
 I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at _____ on this 17th day of October 1915
S. J. ... 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 _____ 1915
 Place _____ } Approving Officer.

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
 ‡ Here insert the " Corps " for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.—
 (Name) _____ re-enlisted in the (Regiment) _____ on the (Date) _____

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

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

Name Robert Mercer

Apparent age 24 years 11 months. Height 5 feet 4 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 Chief Mercer, Blacktown
Trinity Bay | 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>22-10-15</u>									
Joined at <u>St John's</u> on <u>October 22/15</u>									
<u>Embarked</u>	<u>St John's train to Southampton</u>	<u>to St John NB</u>		<u>18th 15</u>					<u>Embarked</u>
<u>Southampton</u>	<u>14-6-16</u>	<u>Disembarked</u>		<u>15-6-16</u>					<u>Joined</u>
<u>Battalion</u>	<u>30 6-16</u>								
<u>Missing 1-1-16</u>									
Total Service forfeited as above									
Total Service towards Engagement to <u>1-7-16</u> (date of discharge) <u>—</u> years <u>253</u> days									
" " " Pension " " " " " " " " " " " "									

Regimental Number 1928

Company G.

THE
1ST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT.

I hereby enlist for service at home or abroad in the King's Forces under the following conditions:

For the duration of the present war, or until my discharge.

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

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

Signed Robert Mearns

Witness J. R. Howsell
(2nd Lieut.)

Dated at St. John's

May 24th 1916

C.R. 1928

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

AUTHORITY:

Record Ledger,

Dept. of Militia.

March 25th 1919

C.R. 1928

Extract from Medical Roll of R.F.C. Regt. Draft No. 6
from 2nd Bn., Depot, to 1st Bn., R.F.C. Embarked
Southampton, 24-6-18.

1928 Pte. R. Mercer.

C.R. 1928

May 15, 1918.

Dear Mr. Mercer:-

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

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

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

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Captain.

Mr. Eliot Mercer,
Blaketown, T.B.

Enc'l 1.

November 23rd, 1916.

Dear Sir,

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

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

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

With sincere sympathy,

Believe me to be,

Your obedient servant,

Mr. Eliel Mercer,
Blaketown, T. B.

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 1928

EXTRACT OF CASUALTY LIST RECEIVED FROM THE P & R O 7.11.16.

"REPORTED MISSING JULY 1ST 1916."

#1928 MERCER R4

G.

28th September, 1916.

Dear Sir,

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

Yours truly,

Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Garnet Cook,
Blaketown, T.B.

On behalf of said person.
Your humble servant
Garnet Cook
Ch. of Eng. Teacher

Blaketown
Trinity Bay
Sept. 19th/16

To Honourable J. R. Bennett.
Dear Sir

On
behalf of Mr. Eliot Mercer of this
settlement I beg to ask for
information regarding his son
Robert Mercer who according to
latest reports received he was
numbered with the missing
during the big drive of July 15th/16
when the Infed. Regiment
sustained such a heavy loss.
It would not at all be possible
I suppose for him to be a
prisoner of war in some

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

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

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

Communication might be sent
to me or his father.

I have the pleasure to remain

C.R. 1928

1928 MERCER R.

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

"MISSING."

✓
M 126
✓

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

Dated

To

31st July, 1916.

Mr. Eliot Mercer,

Regret to inform you that the Record Office,
Blaketown.

London, officially reports _____

_____ No. 1928 Private Robert

~~is increasing~~ ~~Missing.~~ Further information I shall immedi-

ately wire you.

J. R. BENNETT,

Colonial Secretary.

C.R. 1928

Extract of Casualties received from Pay & Rec rd Office,
London, dated July 21, 1916.
(Extract from Army Form B, S15 from G.C. Dfile Regt.
dated 11/7/16)

#1928 Pte. R. Mercer, B.Co., ✓

M i s s i n g. 1/7/16.

C.R.

1928

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

#1928 Pte.R.Mercer.

C.R. 1928

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

1928 Pte. Mercer Robert.

R. Mercer.

C.R.

1928

P.R.O.

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

MEDICAL HISTORY

OF

Surname Marcen

Christian Name Robert



Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY	
	County			
Examined	on <u>22</u> day of <u>Oct</u> 191 <u>6</u>	on	day of	191
	at <u>St. John's Nfld</u>	at		
Declared Age	<u>24</u> years	days	years	days
Trade or Occupation				
Height	<u>5</u> feet	<u>4</u> inches	feet	inches
Weight		<u>125</u> lbs.		lbs.
Chest Measurement	Girth when fully expanded... <u>36</u> inches		inches	
	Range of expansion... <u>3</u> inches		inches	
Physical Development				
Vaccination Marks	Right	Left	Right	Left
		<u>1</u>		
When Vaccinated				
Vision	R.E.—V= <u>4/6</u>	R.E.—V=		
	L.E.—V= <u>4/6</u>	L.E.—V=		
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	(a)	(a)		
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to Cause Rejection	(b)	(b)		
Approved by (Signature)	<u>Samuel Paterson</u>			
(Rank)	<u>Capt</u>			
	Medical Officer.			Medical Officer.
Enlisted	at <u>St. John's</u>	at		
	on <u>27</u> day of <u>Oct</u> 191 <u>6</u>	on	day of	191
	Corps.	Regtl. No.	Corps.	Regtl. No.
Joined on Enlistment	<u>1st Nfld Regt</u>	<u>1928</u>		
Transferred to				
Became non-effective by				
	on	day of	191	on
(Signature)		day of	191	
(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. 8/15	1 st Inoculation
" 20/15	2 nd " "
21. 12. 15	Tacc.

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 N' L'pt					

515

Army Form O. 1625.

PAY LIST.

to 10 July 1916 Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps *1st Newfoundland*
 No. *1928* Rank *Cpl* Name *P. Marcus*
 Died (a) *Interstate* at *France* on the *12* of *July* 191*6*
 Deserted at on the of 191*6*

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>1</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>5/2</i>
	Cash issues (Date of each issue to be stated)				Pay days at from to			
		£ s. d.			Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to			
	191				Messing allowance days at from to			
	"				Kit allowance			
	"				Amount produced by the sale of Effects from Form 2			
	Consolidated stoppage				Amount of Savings Bank balance, including interest (if no balance, to be so stated)			
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity			
	Balance due by the Paymaster	<i>1</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>5/2</i>	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	<i>1</i>	<i>16</i>		£	<i>1</i>	<i>16</i>
				<i>5/2</i>				<i>5/2</i>

I hereby Certify that the above account is correct in every particular, and that the debtor balance of £ *1 16 5/2* is correctly chargeable against the Public^(a).

Dated at

this

day of

191

Paymaster.

- (a) Here state whether the soldier died intestate, or whether he left a Will. In the latter case the Will should be annexed hereto, if not already sent to War Office with Army Form B. 2090 or Army Form O. 1815.
 (b) Words in Italics to be struck out when there is no debtor balance.

Mercer, L.

1928

Aug - Oct.

July 7th, 1917.

Mr. Mlier Mercer,
Blaketown, T.B.

Dear Sir:-

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

Yours truly,

Lieut.
Deputy Paymaster.

COPY.

Casualty Form—Active Service.



Regiment or Corps 2/1st Newfoundland
 Regimental No. 1928 Rank Pte Name Mercers Robert
 Enlisted (a) 23/10/16 Terms of Service (a) Duration Service reckons from (a) 24.5.16
 Date of promotion } _____ Date of appointment } _____ Numerical position on } _____
 to present rank } _____ to lance rank } _____ roll of N.C.Os. } _____
 Extended _____ Re-engaged 24.5.16 Qualification (b) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 211, 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.		14.6.16.	
		D.O. as _____		16.6.16	
30.5.16	Unit.	Joined Battalion.	In the Field	10.6.16	B213.
11.7.16	do.	Missing.	France.	1.7.16	do.
					J. Lodge Lieut. for. C of S, Reg. Inf. Section. S.H.G. 2nd Fch.

(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.

PAY LIST. to 1st July 1916. Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland
 No. 1928 Rank Private Name R. Mercer
 Died (a) Intestate at France on the 1st of July 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 July.....1/16.....	1	16	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	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			
	"							
	"							
	Consolidated stoppage							
	Balance due by the Paymaster	1	16	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Balance due to the Paymaster			
		£	1	16		£	1	16
				5 $\frac{1}{2}$				5 $\frac{1}{2}$

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^(b).

Dated at

this

FEB 21 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.

PAY LIST.

to 1st July 1916. Voucher No.

NON-EFFECTIVE ACCOUNT.

Regiment or corps 1st Newfoundland
 No. 1928 Rank Private Name R. Mercer
 Died (a) Intestate at France on the 1st of July 1916.
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(Commanding Squadron, Troop,
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Form 1.

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	Balance Dr. last month				Balance Cr. last month July.....1/16.....	1	16	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	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)				
					Deferred Pay or Gratuity				
	Balance due by the Paymaster	1	16	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Balance due to the Paymaster				
		£	1	16		£	1	16	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

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

Dated at

this

NEWFOUNDLAND CONTINGENT
 FEB 21 1917

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.

PAY LIST

No. 101 1918 1918

NON-APPLICABLE ACCOUNT

Regiment or corps 1st New York State
 No. 1028 Rank Private State N. Number
 Date of enlistment at Fort... on the 1st of July 1918
 Discharged at on the of 1918

I Certify to the correctness of above in every particular.

[Commanding Squadron, Troop,
 Battery or Company]

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Form 1

Date	Dr.		Cr.	
	Balance Dr. last month		Balance Cr. last month JULY 1/18	
	Cash Issues (Date of each issue to be stated)		Pay days at from to	
	191		Proficiency, Service or good conduct pay days at from to	
			Missing allowance days at from to	
	Consolidated Savings			
	Balance due by the Paymaster		Balance due to the Paymaster	

This account is in accordance with information received at the Pay & Record Office to FEB 22 1918 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 above balance of \$ is correctly chargeable against the Paymaster.

Dated at
 1918

113041 Blatton Aug 1920

Mr Houbey Sir some
June ago been
advised & wrote you regarding
some money due me by the
Lath Pro Robert Mercer no 1022
P.M.P. for Boarding before he
enlisted and as there is
money laying to his credit i
hear what Lay claim to same
this is my third time writing
you got no Reply

Plas anser me on
The matter & Remeny

Yours ect
Josiah Smith

P.O. Address
Blatton

Exhibit was paid to exhibit
mercer June 24 1919 J.S.

September 17, 1920

Joshua Smith,
Blaketown.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of August 20th. concerning the late Pte. Robert Mercer please be advised, that if you have any claim against his estate, it is to be settled between his next-of-kin and yourself.

Yours truly,

Capt.

For Paymaster.

POSTAL DEPARTMENT, NEWFOUNDLAND.

Post Office at Blaketown
 Oct 29th 1898
 To Lieut-Houley St-John

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

and Oblige
 Yours Truly
 E M. Smith p^{rs}
 Blaketown
N.S.

1928

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

(2)

four daughters all of which are
married only one, now Mr Eldred
Mercer has received the allotment
since his father died and now
the daughters say they have as
much right to receive their
fathers money as Mr Eldred
Mercer their brother, the reason
I am writing this to you is I
heard that Mr Eldred Mercer
said if I would give his fathers
allotment-money out of my office
to any person beside him self he
would bring me in trouble so
I dont want to get in any trouble
about it, so if Mr Eldred Mercer
want to receive same out of my
office he will have to get it come
addressed in his own name

November, 8th., 1917.

Postmaster,
Blaketown, T.B.

1928
Dear Sir,-

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

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

Yours faithfully,

Capt & Paymaster.

M-1928

Sept 20th. 1929.

Mr. Ernest Ellis,
BISHOP FALLS.

Dear Mr. Ellis:

With reference to our conversation early in August in connection with your brother-in-law, 1928, Robert Mercer, Royal Mfld. Regiment, I wish to submit my findings from records in connection with allotment and balance of his estate. This soldier was reported missing on July 1st. 1916. Father, Mr. Eliol Mercer, died on August 28th. 1926 and allotment which had been paid monthly to father was discontinued as from date of his death. On July 7th. 1917, a cheque for \$26.86 being balance of soldier's estate was mailed to Mr. Eliol Mercer, Blaketown and it is presumed was received by his son, Eldred Mercer, Postmaster of that place. This is the only amount that has ever been paid on this account as according to the Act brothers and sisters are not eligible for dependents pension.

Trusting this information will cover all you require,

Yours very truly,

For Secretary.

TML/MS.



May 10th.1929.

Mr. Ernest Ellis,
Bishop Falls.

Dear Mr. Ellis,

Yours of May 1st., to hand, and contents noted. I am forwarding your letter to Mr. Hussey, Sec. of the Pension Board, and asking him to reply to you direct, giving you all information available re Mr. Mercer, and you will no doubt hear from Mr. Hussey in due time.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

K.M.BROWN

Per. *J*

Robert Mercer

Blackburn

Parents dead

Wife of his was Ernest - Ellis

Bishop Falls

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December 10, 1925.

Major J. M. Howley, M.B.E.,
Archivist,
General Post Office.

Dear Sir,-

I am enclosing herewith some notes which refer to
the account of No. 1928 Robert Mercer, for your kind
attention.

Yours faithfully,

H.W. Lambert
Dominion Secretary.

Enclosure.

C O P Y.

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

Brother of Eldred Mercer, Postmaster Blaketown.

Father died August 28, 1916.

Pay Book opened June 10, 1916.

June 17, 1916 drew 5 Francs.

June 24, 1916 " 5 "

June 24, 1916, Clothing Charges 2/6.

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

Net daily rate of pay 2/5½ 60¢

Nothing received after June 24, 1916.
