



**Edward Mercer**  
**WW I**  
**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**  
**Service No. 5301**

**Born:** 17 September 1894

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts

**Parents:** Isaac and Harriet Mercer

Edward enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1918. He was 24 at the time.

Edward's service covers the period from May 22, 1918, to June 26, 1919, 13 months in all. His documented service is as follows:

1. Embarked St. John's on the S.S. Columbella to Halifax 22 July 1918
2. Embarked for Britain 22 July 1918
3. Disembarked France 25 November 1918
4. Joined the British Expeditionary Force 5 January 1919
5. Transferred to Rouen Camps (France) 22 April 1919

6. Arrived at Westminster, South Hampton 23 April 1919
7. Reported to Hazeley Down Camp (England) 30 April 1919
8. To Newfoundland for demobilization 22 May 1919
9. Arrived Newfoundland 1 June 1919.
10. Officially demobilized 10 July 1919. Discharge Certificate No. 2905

On a note of interest, Edward's medical upon discharge contains the notation that "he complains of no disability"

After his discharge, Edward is difficult to track. The 1921 census shows his mother, Harriet is now a widow. The household consists of her, her son Thos. (an abbreviation for Thomas) and his wife Fannie but there is no entry for Edward.

Edward appears in the 1935 census at age 40 married to a lady Clara (30) and they have a family of 7 in all, which includes 3 stepchildren and 4 of their marriage.

By 1945, Edward, now 51 and Clara 41 have increased their family by another 5 children. There are now 7 living at home with them

This biography will be updated when additional information becomes available.