



**Edwin Charles Mercer**  
**WW I**  
**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**  
**Service No. 5301**

**Born:** 17 September 1893

**Died:** 17 May 1955

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts, Conception  
Bay North, Newfoundland

**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

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

After his discharge, Edward returned to his former occupation as a fisherman.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census finds him married to Annie Mildred (nee Mercer); both are twenty-seven (27) years old. His mother, Harriet is now a widow, and she is living with her son Thos. (an abbreviation for Thomas) and his wife Fannie.

Edward appears in the 1935 census at age 40 married to a lady by the name of Clara (30), having lost his first wife in November 1930. Clara and Edward have a family of 7 in all, which includes 3 stepchildren of Clara, two (2) from Edward's previous marriage and two (2) from their union.

By 1945, Edward, now 51 and Clara 41 have increased their family by another 4 children. There are now 7 living at home with them.

Edward passed away in May 1955 at the age of sixty-one (61). He is buried in the United Church Cemetery at Bay Roberts.

Here is a copy of his obituary from the Daily News:

**The Daily News**

**May 27, 1955**

**Page: 8**

**Mercer** - Passed peacefully away on **Tuesday, May 17th, Mr. Edwin G.**

**Mercer**, aged 60 years, a resident of Mercer's Cove, Bay Roberts.

Left to mourn their sad loss, are his widow, five sons, Eugene in Toronto, Tom with the R.C.A.F. in Quebec, John, David, Ray at Bay Roberts; five daughters, Lillian in Corner Brook, Carrie in Beverly, U.S., Doris in Cavendish, Ida and Patricia at home; one step-son, Robert Badcock, with the U.S.A.F. in Japan; two step-daughters, Vera and Phyllis in Beverly, U.S.; two brothers, John B. Mercer and Eugene Mercer, both residing at Bay Roberts.

The late Mr. Mercer was a veteran of the First World War who served in the Army. While not being very active of late, he was nevertheless, not feeling too well of late.

The funeral took place on Thursday, May 19th, to the United Church and Cemetery, Bay Roberts, with the minister, Rev. J. S. H. Moran, B.A., officiating. In attendance were members of the Bay Roberts Branch Canadian Legion with a Guard of Honour, Firing Party, and bugler from the C.L.B. Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Death Certificate for Edwin Mercer:

Dept. of Health  
Vital Statistics Division

NEWFOUNDLAND  
Certificate of Registration of Death

001860

1. Name of Deceased Mercer - Mr Edwin.

2. Residence Bay Roberts 034-17

3. Place of Death General Hospital. | April 1, 1955.  
ST. JOHN'S 558-20 (If in hospital or institution, give date of entry here)

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

4. I Hereby Certify that Mercer - Mr Edwin.  
died on May 17. 1955 and that to the best of my knowledge and belief  
the cause of death was as herein stated.

IMMEDIATE CAUSE 445 X  
Pneumia

DUE TO marked heart failure with chronic pyelonephritis

Signed by Edward K. Schopf M.D.  
(A registered Medical Practitioner)

Address General Hospital Date May 17/55

5. Sex <u>m.</u>	6. A G in E	Years <u>61.</u>	Months	Days	If less than one day	7. Single Married Widowed

8. Occupation <u>Fisherman</u>	10. Rel. Denomination <u>UC.</u>	12. Undertaker
9. Birthplace <u>Bay Roberts</u>	11. Place of burial <u>Bay Roberts</u>	13. Registration date <u>JUN 28 1955</u>

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