



**George Mercer**  
**World War I**  
**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**  
**Service No. 2586**

George was born to parents Job and ??? on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1897, of Country Road, Bay Roberts.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1914, George enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment as a private and was assigned Service No. 2586.

From his enlistment documents, we learn that he was a Church of England lad, enlisted for the duration of the war, listed his occupation as paper maker, was 5 feet 7 inches tall and was able to write, since he signed the paper himself.

George's service record shows the following:

1. He embarked St. John's aboard the S.S. Sicilian bound for the U.K. on 19 July 1916.

2. He embarked for B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) on the Western Front on 11 October 1916
3. Wounded at the battle of Combles, France on 3 Feb 1917.
4. the Capture of Combles (25 September 1916) was a tactical incident that took place during the **Battle of Morval**, part of the Battle of the **Somme**, during the First World War. Combles lies 30 mi (48 km) north-east of Amiens and 10 mi (16 km) east of Albert.
5. Invalided to General Hospital at Wandsworth suffering from multiple wounds to head, face, arm, and feet from an exploding bomb.
6. Following convalescence, rejoined his battalion on the 24 of August 1917.
7. Sent to Newfoundland on 30 January 1919 for demobilization and arrived back in Newfoundland on 7 February 1919.

George returned to civilian life following the war and by 1921 was now married to a young lady named Idelle.

George passed away a relatively young man on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1927, at the age of 31. He is buried in the Old Valley Road Cemetery at Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland