



John Hayward Mercer
World War I
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Regimental No. 5902

Born: February 14, 1893

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts

Parents: Levi and Elizabeth Mercer

John enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on August 3rd, 1918, and according to the information contained in these papers, John is:

- a) 25 years old
- b) A sailor
- c) A Methodist
- d) Is 5 feet 7 inches tall
- e) Has dark brown hair, blue eyes and is of fair complexion

His service record, which covers about a year began with his enlistment on August 3rd, 1918 and ended on August 4th, 1919. His record reads:

1. Embarked St. John's by train to Halifax, Nova Scotia on the 22nd of September 1918
2. Embarked for overseas on 23rd of September 1918
3. To Newfoundland for demobilization 24th of June 1919
4. Arrived Newfoundland the 1st of July 1919
5. Demobilized on the 4th of August 1919

In 1921, John is living at home with his parents and is now married to wife, Fannie Violet, who is 21.

In 1934, there is a letter in John's file that shows he was in Ossining, New York, where he wished to join the American Legion. Ossining is a village in Westchester County, New York, United States. It is known as the home of the Sing Sing Correctional Facility, one of the most well-known prisons in New York State.

1935 shows John and Fannie with a family of four (4) children

The 1945 census shows John (52) and Fannie (45) living in Bay Roberts and they have three (3) children, Gertrude, David and Isabella, at home with them.