



**Raymond Chesley Mercer**  
**World War I**  
**Royal Newfoundland Regiment**  
**Regimental No. 2839**

Raymond was born on 27<sup>th</sup> of July 1891 to parents Robert and Ruth Wells of Bay Roberts.

At the age of 24, Raymond would enlist in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. The date was June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1916. On his enlistment papers, Raymond noted that was a clerk by trade and Church of England by faith.

After some basic training, Raymond's service record shows he:

- 1) Embarked St. John's on the S.S. Florizel for Winsor on January 1, 1916.
- 2) Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force) June 11, 1917.
- 3) Joined the Battalion on July 2, 1917
- 4) Was wounded and admitted to field hospital at Etaples, France, suffering

from gun shot wound to his left ankle on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1917

- 5) Discharged on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1917
- 6) Re-joined the battalion in the field on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1918.
- 7) Admitted to field hospital again and then transferred to camp on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1918.
- 8) Discharged to camp May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1918, and joined base depot
- 9) Re-joined unit on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1918
- 10) Transferred from Rouen to Winchester April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1919
- 11) To Newfoundland for demobilization on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1919, and arrived in Newfoundland on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1919
- 12) Demobilized May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1919

He had served a total of 3 years and 344 days. During his time of service, Pte Mercer was promoted to L/Corporal on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1919, and then to RQMS on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1919.

Once discharged, Raymond resumed his civilian life and in 1921, he is living in St. John's and is married to young lady, Jeanette of St. John's.

The 1935 census shows a family of five in total now, Raymond, Jeanette and 3 children still living in St. John's, where Raymond is now and accountant.

The couple remained in St. John's all their married lives. Raymond passed away in 1983. His beloved Jeanette had died in 1977. They are buried in the Anglican Cemetery, in St. John's.