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931284

ATTESTATION PAPER

No.

Folio

"....." No. 2 CONSTRUCTION Bn. C.E.F. of .....

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your name ? Bruce — Merrel
2. In what Township or parish, and in or near what Town and in what County or Country were you born ? — In or near the Town of Shelburne; in the County of N.S.; in Lasphone Hotel N.S. Lockport
3. *What is the name of your next of kin ? — Mother Mrs John Bruce
4. *What is the address of your next of kin ? — Shelburne
5. What is the date of your birth ? — June 4 1893
6. What is your trade or calling ? — Labour
7. Are you an apprentice ? — .....
8. Are you married ? — Single
9. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? — Yes
10. Do you now belong to the Active Militia ? — No
11. Have you ever served in His Majesty's Regular Army, Royal Marines, Royal Navy, Royal Naval Reserve, Indian or Auxiliary Forces, Territorial Force, Canadian Permanent Force, Canadian Naval Service, or in any Corps of the Active Militia of Canada, or the Royal North-West Mounted Police ? †† — No

†† If so, state particulars of former Service, and produce Certificate of Discharge, or transfer to Army Reserve.

12. Do you understand that enlistment into the Permanent Force does not involve your discharge from the Army Reserve, but that if required for duty as an Army Reservist you will be discharged from the Permanent Force ? .... — Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Regular Army, Royal Marines, Royal Navy, Royal Naval Reserve, Indian or Auxiliary Forces, Territorial Force, Canadian Permanent Force, Canadian Naval Service, or in any Corps of the Active Militia of Canada, or the Royal North-West Mounted Police?.... — No
14. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement?.. — Yes
15. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the ..... or for General Service for the term of ..... — .....

(Signature of Man) Merrel Bruce

(Witness) W. Tolliver

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Merrel Bruce, do sincerely and solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above answers to the foregoing questions made and signed by me are true; and that I am willing to be attested for the term of war, provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Merrel Bruce { Signature of Man. } John Lambert { Signature of Witness. }

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Merrel Bruce, do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to his Majesty.

Witness my hand.

(Signature of Man) Merrel Bruce

(Witness Present) John Lambert

The above questions were asked of the said Merrel Bruce and answered by him in my presence, as herein recorded ; and the said Merrel Bruce made the above Declaration and Oath before me at Truro this 2 day of October One Thousand Nine Hundred and 16 at 3 o'clock P. M.

~~† Signature of Commanding Officer of Squadron, Battery or Company, or~~ Justice of the Peace. } C. H. Rees Capt

* To be verified in the month of January in *each year*.

† But only at the Headquarters of the Corps for Permanent Units, and in cases where the Commanding Officer has taken the same oath before a Justice of the Peace. (*See* K. R. & O. for the C. M., and the Militia Act.)

M. F. B. 235.

25M.-2-16.
H. Q 1772-39-87.

[OVER]

Searched 27.3.17. MMK

Description of Bruce Merrel on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 28 years ..... months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height	5 ft. 3½ ins.
Weight	130 lbs.
Chest measurement. Girth when fully expanded	37 ins.
Chest measurement. Range of expansion	3½ ins.
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Religious denomination. Church of England	Church of England
Presbyterian	
Methodist	
Baptist and Congregationalist	~~Baptist~~
Roman Catholic	
Jewish	
Other Protestants (Denomination to be stated.)	

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer).

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him* Fit for the Permanent Force,

Date Sept. 27th 1916.

Place Truro N.S.

H. V. Kent Major A.M.C.
Medical Officer.

*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the following Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING OR ADMINISTERING THE CORPS

Merrel Bruce having been finally approved and inspected by me this day, and his Name, Age, Date of Attestation, and every prescribed particular having been recorded, I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this Attestation.

C. H. Reis Capt. (Signature of Officer)

Date OCT 23 1916 191 .

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MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET

Surname Bruce Christian Name Russel

Examined on 27 day of Sept. 1916 at Truro N.S.

Birthplace City or Town Lockeport County Shelburne N.S.

Apparent age 23

Trade or occupation Cutter

Height 5 feet 5½ Inches

Weight 131 lbs.

Chest measurement Minimum 37 inches Maximum expansion 37½ inches

Physical development good

Small-pox Marks none

Vaccination Marks Arm Right Left X Number one

When Vaccinated last 10 yrs ago

(a) Marks indicating congential peculiarities or previous disease No

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection

Approved by H V Kent

Rank Major A.M.C. M.O.

Date	Fit or Unfit	Examined for Re-Engagement	
			M.O.
			M.O.
			M.O.
			M.O.
			M.O.
			M.O.
			M.O.

Date	Result	Vaccinations	
			M.O.
			M.O.
			M.O.

Date	Result	Anti-Typhoid Inoculations, Etc.	
24/10/16	R.G.R.	H V Kent Major A.M.C.	M.O.
31/10/16	R.G.R.	H V Kent Major A.M.C.	M.O.
7/11/16	R.G.R.	H V Kent Major A.M.C.	M.O.

Slight Elargment of Three Joints both left one or Two Small Glands

Enlisted on 22 day of Sept 1916 at Shelburne

	Corps	Regt'l Number	Habits	Date
Joined on enlistment	No. 2 CONSTRUCTION, B'n. C.E.F.	931284		22/9/16
Transferred to				

EXAMINED OR DISCHARGED BY A MEDICAL BOARD

Station	Date	Disease	Result

N.B.—This sheet to be disposed of in accordance with instructions in the Regulations for Army Medical Servcie, on the man becoming non-effective; the date and cause being stated on next page.

M. F. B. 313.
500M.—3-16.
H. Q. 1772-39-439.

Surname Brunt Christian Name Merrel

STATION	Date of Arrival at the Station	Dates of Admission into Hospital			Dates of Discharge from Hospital			DISEASE	Number of days in Hospital	Remarks on nature of the disease; how induced; if mild or severe; if completely recovered from; whether any particular treatment was adopted. In venereal cases state nature of primary disease, and whether mercury has been given. If an accident, state whether it occurred on duty and whether a Court of inquiry was held. Date of issue and particulars of artificial teeth or surgical appliances supplied. Particulars of prophylactic inoculations.	Signature of Medical Officer
		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year				

CANADIAN CONTINGENT EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

LAST PAY CERTIFICATE

This form to be used for all Ranks (Vide Articles 122, 130 and 141, Financial Instructions, 25715c, C.E.F.,1916).

Regimental No. 931284 Rank Pte Name Merrill Bruce

Corps # 2 Construction Battn. CEF who was* Discharged

On March 15th 1917 191..., to

*Insert "discharged" or "transferred."

The following is a statement of the account of the above named from Mar. 1-17 191..., to Mar. 15-17 191..., the inclusive date of transfer or discharge.

Dr.	$	c	Cr.	$	c
Bal. Dr. from prev. month			Bal. Cr. from prev. month	10	00
Advances by Cheques } No. 8014	7	00	Regt'l Pay 15 days at $ 1 c 00	15	00
Advances by Cheques } No.			Field Allow. 15 days at $ c 10	1	50
Assigned Pay No.			Other Allowances*		
Other Charges* Canteen	3	00			
Payment on transfer or discharge No. 8805	16	50	Other Credits*		
Balance Cr. (to be paid by the new unit)			Bal. Dr. (to be deducted by new unit)		
Total	26	50	Total	26	50

*Give Particulars.

A monthly stoppage of $ 15.00 (†) has not (‡) been paid on account of Assigned Pay for the month of March 1917 to (Assignee) Mrs Catherine Bruce

(Address) Shelbourne N.S.

(†) Insert amount to be assigned, whether it has been paid or not.
(‡) Insert "not" if amount has not been paid for period of account.

On Transfer of an Officer.

Outfit Allowance of $..... has been paid by Paymaster, Military District No.....

REMARKS:—

State (1) date of enlistment Sept/22-1916

(2) if married and if a Separation Allowance Card has been submitted no.

(3) cause of discharge and authority Medically Unfit 6D 59-B-585 12-3-17

If discharged from the Contingent, state if Stop Payment advice for Assigned Pay has been forwarded, and date

I have carefully examined this statement of account and find it to be a correct extract from the Pay-list of the unit.

Date March 16th 1917

Place Truro N.S.

Captain
Paymaster
P. M. No. 2 Construction Batt'n. C. E. F.

N.B.—For purposes of transfer this form is to be made out in quadruplicate. One copy to Paymaster of new unit; one to District Paymaster; one to accompany the pay-list at the end of the month, and; one for retention as a record.

For purposes of discharge it is to be made out in triplicate. One copy to accompany discharge papers; one copy to accompany pay-list at the end of the month, and; one for retention as a record.

M. F. W. 44.

200M.—6-16.
H. Q. 1772-39-903

To be made out in duplicate. ORIGINAL H.Q. 54-21-23-53

PARTICULARS OF FAMILY OF AN OFFICER OR MAN ENLISTED IN C. E. F.

INSTRUCTIONS.

(a) This form is only required for men joining units for Overseas Service and must be completed immediately the man is warned for draft overseas.

(b) Care must be taken to see that a man is allotted his correct Regimental Number. No numbers must be duplicated and once it has been allotted to a man, even if he is subsequently discharged, the same number must never be allotted to another man.

(c) All questions, etc., must be answered.

(d) One copy of the form is to be forwarded by Officer Commanding unit for each Officer and man to Officer Commanding Division or District at least seven days before man leaves his station to proceed overseas, for transmission to Accountant and Paymaster General, Ottawa.

(e) Duplicate copy is to be forwarded direct to Officer in charge of Records, C.E.F. London, immediately after arrival in England.

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(1) Name of Overseas Unit which Soldier joins #2 Construction Batt

(2) Regimental Number 931284

(3) Full Name of Soldier Merrel St Clair Bruce

(4) Place of Birth Lockeport

(5) Are you married, or not? —

(6) If married, state,
(a) Full name of your wife —

(b) Present Postal Address Shelburne Co. N.S.

(7) Are you a widower? —

(8) Have you any children? —

If so, give number of boys and girls —

Also their names and ages —

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(SEE OTHER SIDE.)

(9) Is your Father alive? no

If so, state name and address —

(10) Is your Mother alive? yes

If so, state name and address Mrs Katherine Bruce Shelburne St. 8

(11) If your Mother is a widow. yes

Are you her sole support, or not? yes

(12) If sole support of widowed mother, state what amount you have given her per month prior to your enlistment, also reason she has no other support than yourself.

$13.00

(13) If you have no wife, father, mother or children, state the name and relationship with full postal address of your next of kin, to whom you would desire any communication to be sent concerning you.

mother

(14) If you have a wife, or children, or a widowed mother who depends on you as her sole support, have you applied to the Paymaster of your unit for Separation Allowance? If not, this must be done.

Yes

(15) Are you insured? no

If so, in what Company? —

Have you made arrangements for payment of your Insurance premium —

If not, and it is a monthly premium, you can assign the amount in addition to any other assignment you wish to make.

C. H. Reis Capt
for *Officer Commanding.*

Date OCT 25 1916

SURNAME. Bruce

CARD NO. ✓

S.O.S. Dis. 15-3-17. FOLL. 6

CHRISTIAN NAMES Merrel

REGL. No. 931284 RANK Pte.

UNIT No. 2. Construction Bn.

FORMER CORPS nil.

NEXT OF KIN.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAMES IN FULL Bruce, Mrs. John

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER Mother.

ADDRESS Shelburne, N. S.

COUNTRY OF BIRTH Canada Lockeport, N.S. DATE June 4th. 1893.

PLACE OF ATTESTATION Truro, N. S. DATE Oct. 2nd. 1916.

L. L. 6945. M. & D. 6994. M. F. W. 22. 100M.—8-16. H. Q. 1772-39-339.

MARRIED SINGLE Yes. WIDOWER

TRADE OR CALLING Laborer RELIGION Church of England

DESCRIPTION.

APPARENT AGE 23 YEARS MONTHS

HEIGHT 5 FEET 5½ INCHES

CHEST MEASUREMENT 37 INCHES EXPANSION 3½ INCHES

COMPLEXION Dark EYES Brown HAIR Black.

DISTINGUISHING MARKS not stated.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION. PLACE Truro, N. S. DATE Sept. 27th. 1916

Present address not stated.

No. 931284 RANK Pte. NAME Bruce Merill.

T. O. S. 22-9-16 UNIT No 2. Construction Battalion.
D.O. 37. 28-9-16

M. D. 6

PAID FROM	PAID TO	SIG. OR REC'T	PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, DISCHARGES, ETC.	
			PARTICULARS	AUTHORITY
1916	1916			
Sept 22.	Oct. 31	✓		
	Nov.	✓		
	Dec.	✓		
1917	Jan 1917	✓		
	Feb.	✓		
Mar 1.	Mar 15	✓	Discharge (M.U.) 15-3-17	D.O. 63. 15-3-17
			a/c closed by payment C.	

List of Discharge Documents.

Reg. Conduct Sheet,	Militia form B. 263.	Attestation Paper,	Militia Form B. 235.
Squadron / Battery / Company Conduct Sheet,	" B. 263a.	Proceedings on Discharge	" B. 218.
Copies of Convictions, by C. P.	in MS.		
Med. Hist. Sheet,	Militia Form B. 313		
Medical Report for Invalid*	" B. 227.		
Statement of Man's Account on Transfer and Last Pay Certificate,	" D. 877.		

*Only if discharged "Medically unfit."

In the case of recruits who are rejected on final approval, the discharge documents will consist of

(a) Proceedings on Discharge.

(b) Attestation.

(c) Medical History Sheet (in the event of such having been prepared.)

N. B.—In the case of a man discharged by purchase, the date and number of Deposit Receipt with amount of same is to be noted hereon.

This space to be for numbers.

Proceedings on Discharge.

(When forwarded for confirmation these proceedings should be accompanied by the documents specified on fourth page.)

No.	931284.
Rank	Private.
Name NOTE—The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment unless changed subsequently by authority.	Murrel Bruce.
Corps (Squadron, Battery or Company)	No.2 Construction Battalion. C.E.F.
Date of Discharge	March 15th.1917.
Place of Discharge	Truro.N.S.

1. DESCRIPTION AT THE TIME OF DISCHARGE.

Age 23 years 7 months.
Height 5 feet 3½ inches.
Complexion Dark.
Eyes Brown.
Hair Black.
Trade Laborer.
Intended place of residence (To be given as fully as practicable.) Shelbourne, N.S.

Descriptive Marks

2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of

Medically Unfit.

N.B.—The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identified with that on the character certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the number and date of the letter to be quoted.

To be in the handwriting of the Commanding Officer, who will himself make identical entries on the character certificate and initial them.

3. Conduct and character while in the service have been, according to the records, etc.

Good.

N. B.—This will be assessed when practicable, by the Commanding Officer, in the presence of the soldier and the Officer Commanding his Squadron, Battery or Company:

4. Special qualifications for employment in civil life. (Vide para. 332, K. R. & O., Canada.)

M. F. B. 218.
100m.—6-16.
H. Q. 1772-39-113.

(OVER)

5. He is in possession of the following number of G. C. Badges:

Nil.

No reference to G. C. Badges is to be made on either the discharge or character certificate.

6. Medals and Decorations Nil.

To be copied by the Commanding Officer on to the parchment Discharge Certificate.

7. His account is correctly balanced, and signed by the Officer Commanding his Company. (*Squadron or Battery*), and I have impartially enquired into all matters brought before me in accordance with Regulations.

(Place) Truro. N.S. Lieut-Col.

(Date) March 15th. 1917. *Commanding* #2 Const. B'n. C.E.F.

8. **Certificate to be signed by the Soldier on Discharge**

I hereby acknowledge that I received all my Pay, Allowances and Clothing, and all just demands, up to the present date, subject to the reservations of the claims noted on the third page.

(Place) Truro. N.S. M Bruce *(Signature of Soldier.)*

(Date) March 15th. 1917. M N Edwards Sgt *(Signature of Witness.)*

When a soldier is absent through illness or any other cause and it is not desirable to forward these proceedings to him for signature, a manuscript copy should be sent for the man to sign, and when returned, should be attached here.

9. **Additional Certificate in the case of a Soldier who takes his discharge on his own request.**

I hereby declare that I do of my own free will request to be discharged from His Majesty's Service.

(Signature of Soldier.)

10. **Statement of Service.**

Service toward Engagement to.....(the date to which the Record of Service is completed).....years.....days.

Total.....years.....days.

11. **Confirmation of Discharge.**

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed.

(Place) Truro. N.S. D. J. Sutherland

(Signature) Lieut-Col.

(Date) March 15th. 1917.

Reservations referred to at Para. 8.

(To be signed by the soldier. When there are none, it is to be so stated, and signed by the soldier.)

M Bruce

(OVER)