

Stevens, Ballington R. J.

Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force

85th Battalion

Regimental No. 223528

World War I

Born: 09 Oct 1895

Died: 26 Jun 1917

Parents: Azariah and Julia Stevens of Bareneed, Newfoundland

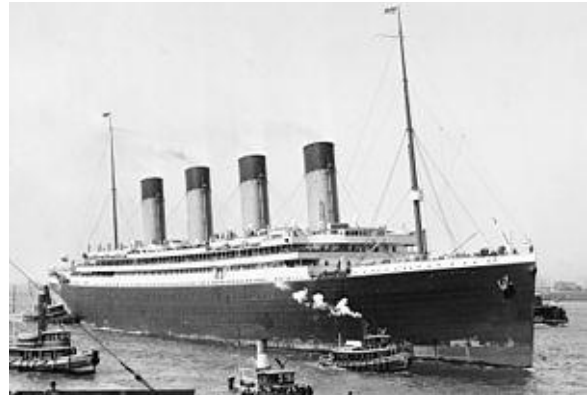
Ballington (Bal) enlisted in the CEF (Canadian Expeditionary Force) on 16 March 1916. Although born in Newfoundland, he enlisted from New Glasgow, Nova Scotia where he and his family were living at the time.

Bal's enlistment papers provide a clear record of this twenty-one (21) year old who was working as a clerk. He stood 5' 6" tall, was of fair complexion and had dark brown

hair and brown eyes. He had two (2) summers previous experience in the militia. He indicated he was Presbyterian by faith.

Bal was assigned to 85th Battalion of the CEF and his service record reads as Follows:

1. 12 Oct 1916: Sailed from Halifax on the S. S Olympic



RMS Olympic



2. 18 Oct 1916: Arrived Liverpool, England
3. 10 Feb 1917: Proceeded overseas and disembarked at Boulogne, France
4. 26 Jun 1917: Reported wounded, then Killed in Action

Bal's mother Julia, now living in Nova Scotia was widowed having already lost her husband, now she had lost a son. A second son, Maxwell had also joined the CEF and had in fact sailed on the same ship out of Halifax for service in October 1916.

Ballington has no known final resting place but is memorialized on the Vimy Memorial, France.