



Charles Stevens

The Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Regimental No. 2433

World War I

Born: ?? Oct 1900

Date of Death: 05 September 1918

Place of Birth: Bareneed, Newfoundland

Parents: John Samuel and Fannie (Butt) Stevens

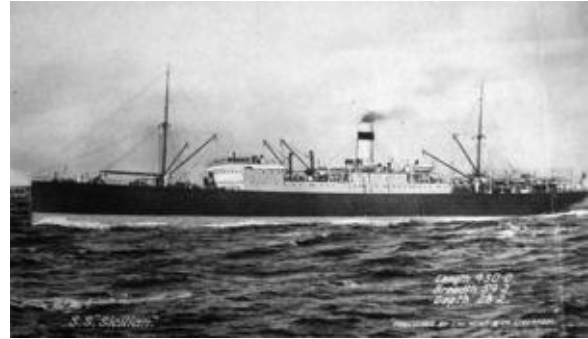
Charles was just 18 when he enlisted in the 1st Newfoundland Regiment for the duration of the war at St. John's on 06 of April 1916.

His enlistment (Attestation) papers describe Charles in detail as being 5' 7" tall, weighing 129 lbs, of fresh complexion, with brown hair and blue eyes. He is single, of the Church of England faith and a fisherman by trade.

Charles had enlisted for the duration of the war but was discharged in May 1918 prior to the war actually ending. Read on to discover how and why this happened.

The Service Record for Pte. Charles Stevens of the 1st Newfoundland Regiment has the following handwritten entries:

1. 19 – 07 – 16: Embarked St. John's S.S. Sicilian for UK



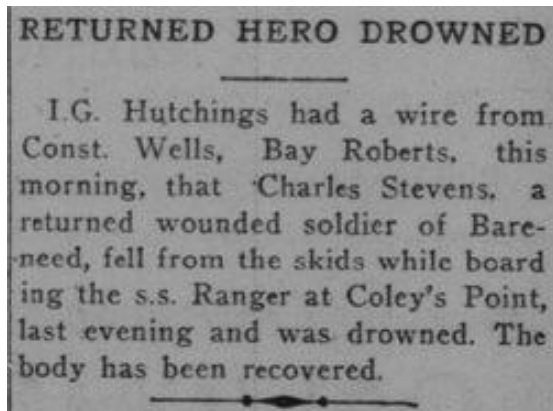
S.S. Sicilian

2. 03 – 06 – 17: Embarked for BEF (British Expeditionary Force) France
3. 03 – 06 – 17: Disembarked Boulogne
4. 16 – 08 – 17: Wounded GSW (gunshot wound right side)
5. 16 – 08 – 17: Admitted to hospital Etaples
6. 28 – 09 – 17: Invalided to England
7. 28 – 09 – 17: Admitted to London general hospital Denmark Hill
8. 08 – 01 – 18: Admitted to Wandsworth general hospital
9. 06 – 04 – 18: Furloughed then attached to Nfld
10. 08 – 04 – 18: Furlough extended
11. 09 – 04 – 18: To Nfld for demobilization
12. 20 – 05 – 18: Arrived Newfoundland
13. 25 – 05 – 18: Discharged as "medically unfit"

Throughout his service record are items of correspondence to his father noting how dangerously ill his son was and the continuing efforts to help him heal. His wounds were severe and took away his ability to breathe easily as the bullets had

damaged his right lung. After months of convalescence, it was decided to send him back home on a medical discharge.

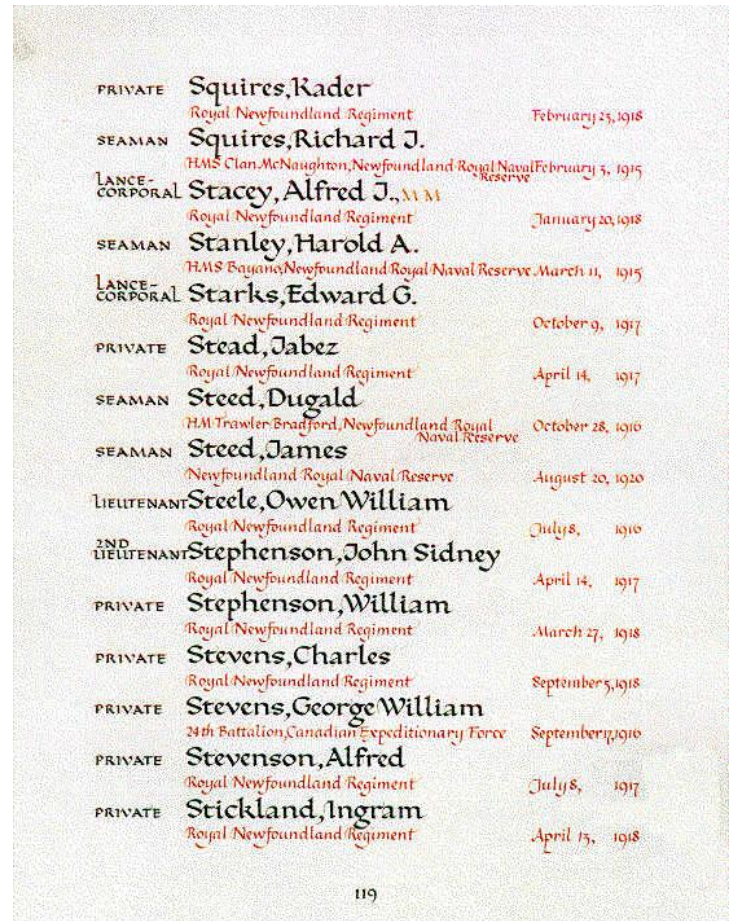
Charles did return home but was never the same and then an accident and Charles drowned. Here is a newspaper clip of the tragic event.



Charles was the son of John Samuel (b. 1862) & Fannie nee Butt of Barened enlisted in the R.N.R in 1916. Charles was wounded in action on 16 Aug 1917 (gunshot wound to side), was transferred to a hospital in England, after 8 months in hospital he was sent home from hospital in April 1918 awaiting discharge, was discharged as medically unfit 25th May 1918, he was transferred back to Newfoundland, on the 2nd of Sept., 1918 he was awarded a medical disability pension and on the 5th of Sept., 1918 he drowned while boarding a ship at Coley's Point (burial considered a War Grave. by Military).

Point of Interest:

Charles Stevens is commemorated on page 119 of the Newfoundland Book of Remembrance on Parliament Hill, Ottawa.



Charles is buried in St. Mark's Anglican Cemetery in Barened, NL.