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Maxwell Stevens

Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force

85th Battalion

Regimental No. 222921

World War I

Born: 29 Dec 1897

Died: 03 Oct 1918

Parents: Azariah and Julia Stevens of
Bareneed, Newfoundland

Maxwell was the second son of the Stevens to enlist in the CEF (Canadian Expeditionary Force). Maxwell was 2 years younger than his older brother Ballington.

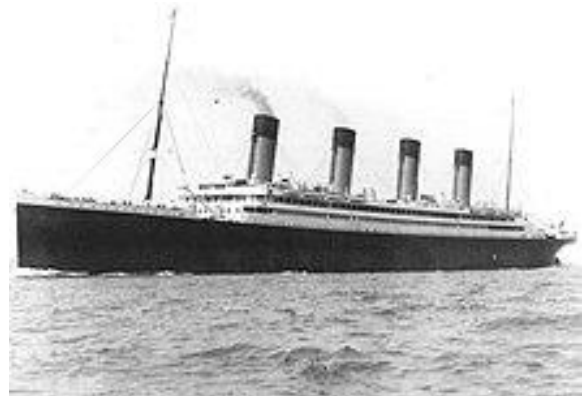
Although originally from Newfoundland, like his brother, Maxwell's enlistment papers show he enlisted from New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

He enlisted on the 22nd of October 1915 at the age of 18. His enlistment papers describe

him as just 5' 3 ½ "tall, weighs 116 lbs and has dark brown hair with brown eyes. Maxwell gave his trade as machinist and his faith as Salvation Army.

Maxwell's Service Record does not have many entries, but the following are taken directly from it:

1. 12 Oct 1916: Sailed from Halifax on board the S. S. Olympic.
This is the same date and vessel that his brother had sailed from Halifax on. So, they left Canada together.



2. 18 Oct 1916: Arrived Liverpool, England.
3. 08 Dec 1916: TOS (taken on strength) of the 13th Battalion,
4. 03 Mar 1917: Transferred to the 85th Battalion from the 13th.
5. 29 Sep 1918: Killed in Action

The Stevens family was one family than lost two sons in the war. Mrs. Stevens, Julia, had lost her older son in June of the previous year, 1917 and now she had lost a second son as well. Mrs. She was a widow at the time of the loss of both boys.

Maxwell is buried in Bournon Wood Cemetery, France. This cemetery is part of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemeteries.