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Ralph Turner

Canadian Expeditionary Force

Regimental No. 248466

World War I

Born: 24 Aug 1895

Place of Birth: Port de Grave,
Newfoundland

Parents: William and Amelia Turner

Although, born in Newfoundland, Ralph was living and working in Nova Scotia when he enlisted on August 14th, 1916. He enlisted at Sydney (N.S.) and is described in his papers as being 5' 5" tall, weighing 123 lbs, having brown hair with blue eyes. He had an identifying scar on his right ear, was single and 21 years old at the time. He gave his trade as a miner and religious faith as Church of England.

Ralph would eventually be assigned to the 1st CDAC (Canadian Divisional

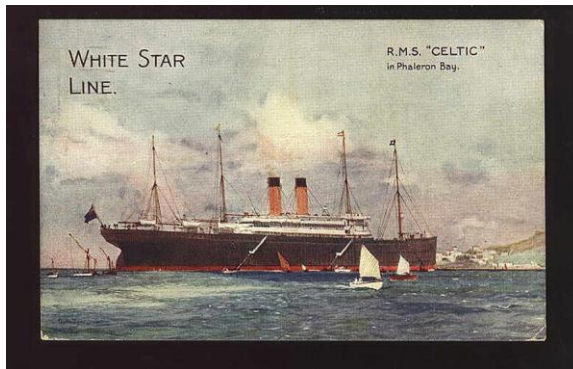
Ammunition Column) - railhead where divisional ammunition was stored before being shipped to the front as gunner.

He would go on to serve a total of 32 Months or 2 years 8 months in total and saw action in France and Belgium.

Ralph was no stranger to hard work. The 1911 census of Canada places him in New Aberdeen, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia at age 15 and working in the coal mines.

Service Record: The following excerpts are taken directly from Ralph's official service record and noted by date of entry (dd,mm,yy format):

1. 04 – 10 -16: Embarked Halifax
2. 13 – 10 – 16: Disembarked Liverpool
3. 13 – 10 – 16: TOS (taken on strength) Reserve Brigade CFA (Canadian Field Artillery)
4. 31 – 12 – 16: Arrived as reinforcement attached to the 1st CDAC (Canadian Divisional Ammunition Column) in the field
5. 05 – 01 – 17: Posted to 1st CDAC
6. 22- 12 – 17: Granted 14 days leave
7. 12 – 01 – 18: Rejoined unit from leave
8. 19 – 01 – 18: hospitalized
9. 21 – 04 – 18: Left for unit
10. Hospitalized again
11. 24 – 07 – 18 Rejoined unit from hospital
12. 17 – 01 – 19: Transferred to England. Posted to the N.S. Regiment Depot as miner for demobilization
13. 29 – 01 – 19: Posted to B Company
14. 10 – 03 19: Embarked Liverpool on board the HMT Celtic



HMT Celtic

15. 18 – 03 – 19: Disembarked Halifax

16. 30 – 03 – 19: Discharged

It is presumed that Ralph went back to his civilian life as a miner in Cape Breton. He would marry a lady by the name of Ellen who emigrated from England in 1905.

According to the 1933 census, Ralph and Ellen had three (3) children, Frank, Ralph, and Ellen. Ralph's father now 83 was also living with them at that time.

Ellen died in October 1975, while Ralph passed in April of the next year (1976). They are buried in St. Mary's Anglican Cemetery, Glace Bay, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.