

# Wilfred Vernon "Verne" Sullivan

**Service Number:** 803200

**Rank:** Private

**Branch:** 135th, 134th, and 19th Battalion

**Years Served:** 1916 - 1918

**Summary:** Born in Adelaide Township, Wilfred Vernon "Verne" Sullivan served as a school teacher before attesting in the 135th Btn on the 12th May 1916. He was drafted to the 19th Btn at Witley England and went to France. There was no information on his service file of how he died but it appears from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to have occurred on or about 27 Aug 1918. He is remembered on the Vimy Memorial.

**Name:** Wilfred Vernon "Verne" Sullivan

**Birth Date:** April 23, 1894

**Relatives:** Father - William Sullivan

**Address:** Adelaide Township, Middlesex County, ON

**Attestation Date:** May 12, 1916

**Death Date:** c. August 27, 1918

**Memorial Site:** Vimy Memorial



Date	Particulars
	Card- 803200, Pte Sullivan, Wilfred Vernon, 19 <sup>th</sup> Btn CEF, Theatre of War- France, Date of Service- 25 May 1917, Next of kin- Father, Wm Sullivan Esq, Box 49, Strathroy, ON
<b>23 Apr 1894</b>	Born Adelaide Township, Middlesex County, Ontario Canada
<b>12 May 1916</b>	School teacher from Adelaide Township On attested in 135 <sup>th</sup> Btn at London ON
	Medical- 5'9" 148lbs, fair complexion, hazel eyes, dark brown hair, clear medical
<b>6 Aug 1916</b>	Will completed leaving estate to father
<b>22 Aug 1916</b>	Embarked from Halifax NS for England
<b>30 Aug 1916</b>	Arrived England on SS Olympic
<b>17 Oct 1916</b>	TOS ( <i>Taken on Strength</i> ) 134 <sup>th</sup> Btn Bramshott England
<b>19 Oct 1916</b>	Isolation at hospital Aldershot England – rubella
<b>28 Oct 1916</b>	Discharged hospital
<b>23 Jan 1917</b>	SOS ( <i>Struck off Strength</i> ) to 19 <sup>th</sup> Btn Witley England
<b>24 Aug 1918</b>	Reported wounded and missing after action
<b>1 Nov 1918</b>	No further information
<b>23 Apr 1919</b>	Presumed to have died on or about 27 Aug 1918,
<b>Undated</b>	Medal Card – Medals and Decorations to Father Wm Sullivan Esq, Box 49 Strathroy ON,
	Plaque and Scroll – to father as above
	No Memorial Cross
	Not eligible for 1914/15 Star

135th O. S. Battalion *A. E. C.*  
**ATTESTATION PAPER.**

DUPLICATE  
 No. 803200

Folio.

**CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.**

**QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.**

(ANSWERS.)

1. What is your name? *Sullivan*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Wilfred Vernon*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Sullivan William (Father)*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Strathroy, Ont*
5. What is the date of your birth? *April 23rd 1894*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *School Teacher*
7. Are you married? *No*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? *Yes*
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *No*
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? *No*
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *Yes*

*W. Vernon Sullivan* (Signature of Man).  
*W. Campbell* (Signature of Witness).

**DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.**

I, *Wilfred Vernon Sullivan*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date *May 12th* 1916 *W. Vernon Sullivan* (Signature of Recruit)  
*W. Campbell* (Signature of Witness)

**OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.**

I, *Wilfred Vernon Sullivan*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date *May 12th* 1916 *W. Vernon Sullivan* (Signature of Recruit)  
*W. Campbell* (Signature of Witness)

**CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.**

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *London* this *12th* day of *May* 1916

*B. Robson H. G.* (Signature of Justice)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

*B. Robson H. G.* (Approving Officer)

# Description of *Wilfred Vernon Sullivan* on Enlistment.

Apparent Age *22* years *1* months.  
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

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.

Height *5 ft 9 ins.*

Chest measure { Girth when fully expanded *38 1/2 ins.*  
Range of expansion *2 1/2 ins.*

Complexion *Fair*

Eyes *Hazel*

Hair *Dark Brown*

Religious denominations { Church of England

Presbyterian

Wesleyan *Methodist*

Baptist or Congregationalist

Other Protestants (denomination to be stated)

Roman Catholic

Jewish

## 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 Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date *May 12* 191*6*

*C. H. M. Duggan Capt.*

Place *Stoney Creek*

*A. C. F. V. F. A. M.*

Medical Officer.

\*Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

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

## CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

*Wilfred Vernon Sullivan* 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.

*R. A. Brown M. C.* (Signature of Officer)

Date *20-5-* 191*6*

NAME *Sullivan Wilfred Vernon*  
 RANK AND CORPS *Pte 19th Bn. form 135d.*

REGT'L. No. *803200*  
 H. Q. FILE NO. 649

CABLE		NATURE OF CASUALTY
NO.	DATE	
<i>m. of K.</i>		<i>William Sullivan Father</i>
<i>99-2</i>		<i>Strathroy Ont.</i>
<i>Q 612</i>	<i>10-10-18</i>	<i>Rept. i. wdd. &amp; miss Aug. 27th 1918.</i>
<i>2-2</i>		
<i>W.S.M. 204</i>	<i>1-11-18.</i>	<i>Have no further information than that already furnished.</i>
<i>Autl Missing Section</i>		<i>Pres. apt. wdd &amp; missing now</i>
<i>23-4-19</i>		<i>for off. purposes presumed to have died on or since 27-8-18.</i>
<i>Enquirer</i>		<i>Duncan C. Ross, Esq., M.P.</i>
		<i>Strathroy. Ont. W.S.M. 6406, 18-10-18.</i>

FOLLOWS  
 NO.  
 FOLLOWS

L. I. 31493. M. & D. 8476.

M. F. W. 42-100M.-28-11-17.  
 H. Q. 1772-39-803.



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CARD NO.

SURNAME. *Sullivan*

CHRISTIAN NAMES *Wilfred Vernon.*

REGL. NO. *803,200* RANK *Pte.*

UNIT *135th* *Bn.*

FORMER CORPS *Nil*

NEXT OF KIN.

NAMES IN FULL *Sullivan, William.*

RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER *Father,*

ADDRESS *Strathroy, Ont.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Intd letter M.D. 1 dated June 14<sup>th</sup> 1916, H.Q. 593-3-17

COUNTRY OF BIRTH *Canada* *Adelaide Tp. Middlesex Co. Ont.* DATE *Apr 23rd 1894.*

PLACE OF ATTESTATION *London, Ont.* DATE *May 12th 1916.*

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Name *Wilfred Vernon Sullivan.* Rank *Pte.* Reg. No. *803200.*

Unit *134<sup>th</sup> Bn*

Next of Kin *Canada*

	Movement	Place	Casualty	List No.	Notified N/K O.	W.O. List
1916						
19-10	<i>Col. Asp. Claershot.</i>	<i>Hubella</i>	<i>6</i>			
28-10	<i>Discd.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>20.</i>		

Other Documentation:

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=258430&lang=eng>