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The Editor

Via e-mail

Dear Editor:

Articles written by Stephen Llewellyn were published (11-04-11) in the online editions of the St. John Telegraph Journal ([Vimy Service Continues](#)) and the Fredericton Gleaner ([Soldiers gone but Vimy anniversary lives on](#)) wherein the Royal Canadian Legion's memorial service held in Fredericton to commemorate the 94th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge was described. Cadets were represented. At the service "A bugler played the Last Post after a cadet read a memorial poem".

The Sunday Herald of April 10 alerted Nova Scotia readers that a hundred NS army cadets of the Nova Scotia - Nunavut Command paraded on Saturday, April 9, at the Halifax Citadel in recognition of the anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. They have decided to make remembering Vimy an annual tradition: "*the Sea Cadets commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic, the Air Cadets commemorate the Battle of Britain. It was time for army cadets to step up...*" (Katlyn Dean, Halifax Cadet Parade Commander).

What a super idea for army cadets to undertake a project to pay tribute to the 3598 young lives lost amongst the 10,062 Canadian casualties of that horrendous four-day April 1917 battle for Vimy Ridge. The cadets deserve our warmest gratitude for developing a plan to annually perpetuate the memory of those of Vimy fame and remind us all to continue to give thanks and remember.

Largely through the generosity of the families and friends of the 73 Allisonians who left studies in favour of military service, and who paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the Great War, **MEMORIAL LIBRARY 1914 -1918** was constructed at Mount Allison University in 1927. This Cenotaph was of special significance to Maritime families who lost sons overseas; two Allisonians were killed at Vimy.

George Lyman Anglin* of Fairville, NB (64th Div. C.E.F.; 21st Div., C.E.F.) left his studies at Mount A to serve. Sadly, he was killed in action on 9 April '17 at Vimy – he was only 21. His Mt. A classmate, **Harlan Wilfred Borden**** of Avonport, NS (NS Regiment), was also killed in action at Vimy that same day– he too was only 21. Their remains were never recovered. In Canada, both these Allisonians are remembered via **MEMORIAL LIBRARY 1914 -1918** and overseas via the Canadian Monument at Vimy, France.

The celebrated architect Andrew R. Cobb of Halifax designed **MEMORIAL LIBRARY 1914 -1918** which was constructed by workmen of Sackville, NB from locally quarried sandstone. After WWII and the Korean conflict, plaques bearing the names of Allisonians lost in those hostilities were also dedicated and installed in **MEMORIAL LIBRARY 1914 -1918** which then became a Cenotaph for the Fallen of those wars - more young lives given so that we might be free. We enjoy our freedom at a price.

Words of King George V, referring to the Imperial War Graves Commission Monuments, are compelling: “In the course of my pilgrimage, I have many times asked myself whether there can be more potent advocates of peace upon earth, through the years to come, than this massed multitude of silent witnesses to the desolation of war”.

Some in prominent positions do not always show a level of respect comparable to that being demonstrated by the cadets. Now, the Administration and Regents of Mount Allison have decided to demolish **MEMORIAL LIBRARY 1914 -1918** in order to construct a new Fine and Performing Arts Complex on that site. (See: <http://eastmarket.com/smash/> for Mt A’s Honour Roll and other information). The Honour Roll Plaques have already been removed to the new Wallace McCain Student Center. It is the Cobb building that is the Cenotaph, not the plaques.

Canadians paid dearly for the right to “have a say” in our democracy. We have a responsibility to remember, to honour our veterans, to respect our Cenotaphs and to give thanks for our freedom. I would encourage all eligible cadets and other young people of age to exercise the privilege of voting in the May 2 federal election. I encourage Allisonian Alumni and others to sign the online petition to save **MEMORIAL LIBRARY 1914-1918** (<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/2/save-the-memorial-library/>) so that this Cenotaph can continue to stand a proud sentry at Mount Allison in honour of those who gave so Canada can remain “glorious and free”.

Respectfully submitted,

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* Eldest brother **Arthur Anglin** enlisted and shipped overseas in WWI. He survived and was awarded the Military Cross for “exemplary gallantry in action” at Amiens. He re-enlisted in WWII and served again. An officer of the First Canadian Div. he became Deputy Judge Advocate General in London and King George VI honoured him with an OBE. New Brunswickers will have known him better as Judge of the Trial Division (Queen’s Bench) and the Divorce Court of the NB Supreme Court, School Board Trustee and an active member of many local charities.

The second Anglin son, **Gerald**, had also studied at Mount Allison and also served. He, too, saw action at Vimy; he was seriously wounded at Passendaele. He was awarded the Military Cross and Bar for his “exemplary gallantry”. He likewise re-enlisted to face the hostilities of WWII. He became a Brigadier and was made a Commander of the OBE for his leadership commands. After the war, he managed Eastern Bakeries Ltd, founded the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council and served with the St. John Board of Trade.

** To date, efforts to locate further information about this Bordon family have been unsuccessful.