

Evelyn V. McKay

Evelyn Verrall McKay, youngest daughter of Mark McKay and Sarah Maria Verrall, was born on November 24, 1891, in Galt, Ontario. McKay attended the Galt Public School before entering the Galt Collegiate Institute in 1905. She graduated from GCI in 1909, and was also a graduate of Macdonald Hall in Guelph. From there she went to train as a nurse at Grace Hospital in Toronto.



In 1915, McKay joined the Army Medical Service and worked as a nursing sister at the Base Hospital in Toronto for a year. She then enlisted for overseas service in November 1916, and arrived in England the following month, where she was posted at Moore Barracks Hospital in Shorncliffe. In August 1917, McKay was in France and stationed at 3rd General Hospital in Boulogne. In October 1918, she contracted bronchopneumonia and was reported dangerously ill by October 30th and sent to No. 14 General Hospital in Wimereux. She succumbed to her illness on November 4, 1918.

Sources:

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Photograph of Nursing Sister E. V. McKay taken by the Canadian Army Medical Corps (retrieved from Canadian Virtual War Memorial).