

Frederick Leonard Teman Snow Canadian Expeditionary Force Service No. 669962 and 2688592 World War I

**Born:** 10 October 1885 (1887?)

Died: 17 December 1960

**Place of Birth:** "The Motion" Clarke's Beach, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

Parents: Isaac and Elizabeth (Drover) Snow

Frederick's CEF (Canadian Expeditionary Force) enlistment or attestation papers are quite unique in that there are two (2) service numbers assigned him and two (2) separate birth date along with them.

One service number is 669962 with the correct name and a birth date of 10 October 1885, while the second number is 2688592 with the birth date of 10 October 1887. The numbers assigned are to the same person

"Frederick Leonard Teman Snow," born in Clarke's Beach, or more specifically the area of Clarke's Beach locally known as the "Motion".

Nonetheless, this is the same person who enlisted at Camp Petawawa, Ontario on 02 August 1918.

Described in his enlistment papers as being 5' 5 ½" tall, was 132 lbs, having dark brown hair and grey eyes, Frederick has an identifying tattoo on his right forearm of a "flag, heart and star". He also had a scar on the tips of his left forefingers. He was a Methodist, twenty-six (26) years old and married, although he noted that his wife "Lena" had deserted him in 1916. They had been married on 03 Dec 1913 in Ontario. His wife was Helena Gertrude Stott, born in Darlington, Ontario in 1897.

He gave his place of residence as Rochdale Avenue, Ontario, and trade as an electrician. Previous military service included three (3) months in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Petawawa Guards and four (4) years in the United States Marines.

Upon enlistment, Frederick gave his next of kin Fred Charles Snow, his son in the guardianship of Mrs. W. H. Dawe of Smiths Falls, Ontario.

Frederick was declared fit for duty following his physical examination at Ottawa on 08 August 1918.

Frederick was assigned to the 166<sup>th</sup> Overseas Battalion of the Queens Own Rifles of the CEF. His Service Record contains the following entries by date:

- 1. 10 March 1916: Enlisted at Toronto
- 2. Appointed L/Cpl (Lance Corporal)
- 3. 12 October 1916: Unit sailed

4. 14 September 1918: Discharged as medically unfit.

Confusing to say the least but a plausible explanation may be found in the theory that Frederick did enlist in 1916 and was subsequently discharged as medically unfit in September 1918.

He then reapplied for service in August 1918 and was accepted under a new service number (thus the different birthdate) and then released a short time later as being medically unfit. This is just a theory, however.

What is known for certain is that his wife, Helena ("Lena") passed away in 1953 at the age of fifty-five (55) in Chicago, Illinois, while Frederick died in 1960. No burial site has been found for either after exhaustive research.