



Leonard St. Albin Field
World War I
Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Regimental No. 2375

Born: 11 January 1897

Parents: Rev G.H. Field

Place of Birth: Bay Roberts, Newfoundland

Leonard would enlist in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on April 1st, 1916. He gave his age as 19 years, 3 Months and from his original Papers he stood 5' 5 ½ "tall, weighed 124 lbs, was Church of England by faith (his father being a minister) and a bank clerk by occupation.

His service record covers a period of just over 3 years, dating from October 3rd, 1916, to October 17th, 1919.

Leonard's service record is quite detailed. Here is a somewhat condensed version:

1. Enlisted 1st April 1916
2. Promoted to L/Cpl 9th May 1916

3. Embarked for BEF on 3rd October 1916
4. Joined the British Expeditionary Force Battalion 14th October 1916
5. Wounded 9th October 1917 and admitted to the Duchess of Westminster hospital in Le Touquet, France suffering from severe wounds.



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7. **Duchess of Westminster's hospital at Le Touquet, WW1**
The casino at Le Touquet, converted into a hospital by the Duchess of Westminster for British and Allied soldiers in 1914, pictured covered in snow. The hospital could accommodate up to 350 men at any one time and the Duchess herself assisted by a Mrs. Whitburn, gave particular attention to the linen room!
Date: 1914.
8. Invalided to England 10th October 1917
9. To Newfoundland on sick leave 4th January 1918
10. Arrived in Newfoundland 21st January 1918
11. Medical board found him unfit for service for a three-month period 14th March 1918
12. Attached to base in St. Johns conducting draft which left Newfoundland 28th Feb 1918 and arrived in the UK 19th April 1918

13. He was transported to Newfoundland via 2nd May 1918 and arrived 2nd June 1918
14. Attached to base St. Johns for duty 16th January 1919
15. Demobilized 17th October 1919

During his wartime service, Pte Leonard was promoted to L/Cpl, then to Corporal, to QMS and then to 2nd Lieutenant on 15th October 1918.

The wounds he suffered on 9th October 1917 in France were severe and were the result of “shell wounds.” Medical record shows that he suffered wounds to his forearm and that the ulna bones incurred compound fractures. He was deemed medically and permanently unfit for any further service.

1921 finds him living in Brooklyn, New York, USA.

Leonard died in 1965 at the age of 68. He and his wife, Violet Lee, are buried in the Skyway Memorial Gardens, Palmetto, Manatee County, Florida.