

Henry Leonard Pembleton

Service Number: 126948

Rank: Private

Branch: 54th Battalion

Years Served: 1916 - 1917

Summary: Henry Leonard Pembleton attested in the 71st Btn at Guelph Ontario on the 28th Sept 1915. He proceeded to France with the 54th Btn. On the 3 March 1917 he was killed in the trenches south of Givenchy. His body was never identified and he is honoured on the Vimy Memorial. In 1918 a memorial was published in the Strathroy Age by his wife Mahala Pembleton "Your life for your country you noble gave. No friends stood near you to say goodbye. But safe in God's keeping now you lie" His sorrowing wife and children.

Date	Particulars
28 Sept 1915	Card – 126948 Pte Pembleton, Henry Leonard, Unit 54 th Btn , Theatre – France, Date of Service 18 Aug 1916, Latest address – Mrs. M. E. Horner, 400 Princess Ave London ON, Large red "D", Wood turner born 28 Nov 1879, attested in 71 st Btn at Guelph ON, next of kin Mrs. H. Pembleton, Box 119 Strathroy ON,
1 Apr 1916	Medical – 5'4 ½ " 140 lbs, Dark complexion, Hazel eyes, black hair, Clear medical on joining 71 st and on transfer to 54 th Btn , Church of England
11 Apr 1916	Embarked Halifax SS Olympic,
28 May 1916	Disembarked Liverpool England
27 July 1916	Transferred to 54 th Btn
13 Aug 1916	Will signed leaving estate to wife Mrs. Eleanor Pembleton 58 Bedford Street, Guelph, ON
3 Mar 1917	Proceeded overseas with 54 th Btn
8 Oct 1922	Killed in Action in the trenches south of Givenchy
	Medal Card- not eligible for 1914-15 Star,
	Medals and Decorations to Mrs M. E. Horner (widow) 400 Princess St, London ON
	Plaque and Scroll – as above
	Memorial Cross – Mrs. E Pembleton (mother) , 1 Parkers Row, Hall St, Sherwood, Nottingham England

Biography:

Name: Henry Leonard Pembleton

Birth Date: November 28, 1879

Relatives: Wife - Mahala E. Pembleton.

Mother - E. Pembleton

Address: Born - 1 Parkers Row, Hall St., Sherwood, Nottingham, England.

Latest - 400 Princess Ave., London, ON

Attestation Date: September 28, 1915

Death Date: March 3, 1917

Memorial Site: Vimy Memorial

Attestation Paper:

Description of Pembleton Henry Leonard on Enlistment.

Apparent Age... 35 years 10 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, when the same soldier is in the service of the Government, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the recruiting officer.)

2 Small wgs. scars on left arm

Male 1" to left of cervical spine

Male below centre of right olecranon

Male center of cervical spine

Height... 5 ft. 4 1/2 ins.

Weight when fully expanded... 345 lbs.

Range of expansion... 3 ins.

Complexion... Dark

Eyes... Blue

Hair... Black

Church of England... X

Presbyterian...

Methodist...

Baptist or Congregationalist...

Other Protestants...
(Indicate on the list.)

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-Sea Expeditionary Force.

Date... Sept. 28th 1915.

Place... Guelph Ont.

(Insert here "fit" or "unfit".)

NOTE: Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the following Certificate only in the case of those who have been attacked, and will testify to the cause of the illness.

Unfit at present varicose Since been operated on

for same fully recovered

F.W.

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

P. H. Leonard 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 same.

(Signature of Officer)

Date... Sept 28th 1915.

Continuing For R.T.C.E.F.

ATTESTATION PAPER.

Triplicate
No. 126748

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEA EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your name? Henry Leonard Pembleton
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Nottingham Eng.
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Mrs. H. Pembleton
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? # 22 Nottingham St. Guelph Ont.
5. What is the date of your birth? 29th. Nov. 1879
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Woodturner
7. Are you married? Yes
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes A.L.P.
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-SEA EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? Yes

Henry Leonard Pembleton (Signature of Man.)

B.W. Kelly (Signature of Witness.)

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, H. L. Pembleton, 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-Sea 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.

Henry Leonard Pembleton (Signature of Recruit)

Date Sept. 28th 1915. B.W. Kelly (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, H. L. Pembleton, 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 is 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.

Henry Leonard Pembleton (Signature of Recruit)

Date Sept. 28th 1915. B.W. Kelly (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 he gives to each question his true answer, and that the Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Guelph Ont. this 28th day of Sept 1915.

B.W. Kelly (Signature of Justice)

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

M. W. D. D. D. (Approving Officer)

Rank *Plt.* Name **THOMAS, Henry Leonard.** Reg't No. **176646.**
 Unit **71st. Tn.** If in perm. Corps, What Unit? **Married or Single** **Married.**
 Place and Date of Enlistment **Guelph. 28th Sept. 1916.** Place of Birth **Potttingham, Eng.**
 Name and Address, Next-of-Kin **Mrs. H. Penkleton.**
58 Nottingham St. Guelph. Ont. Canada. Relationship
 Assigned Pay Monthly \$ **Payable to** **M** Relationship
 Separation Allowance \$ **Payable to** Relationship
 Discharge, Date and Place Reason Character
A.E. S.S. AT 2604
176 21 SEP 1918 1/4
Category R.A.

Report.		Board of promotion, reduction, transfer, discharge, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	REMARKS. Taken from Official Documents.
Date.	From where sent.				
		<i>Arrived in England</i>	<i>L.S. Olympic</i>	<i>11 APR 1918</i>	
<i>29.5.16</i>	<i>20.4.18</i>	<i>Transferred to 71st Bn</i>	<i>Onuy CP</i>	<i>29/5/18</i>	<i>200 210 215/18</i>
<i>30.5.16</i>	<i>24.5.18</i>	<i>L.O.S. from 71st Bn</i>	<i>Bramshott</i>	<i>27.5.18</i>	<i>Put to 150 AFB</i>
<i>18.8.16</i>		<i>Proceeded Overseas</i>		<i>13-8-18</i>	<i>Put to 150 AFB</i>
<i>11.4.17</i>		<i>Killed in Action</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>21.3.17</i>	<i>24.4.18</i>
<i>6-4-17</i>		<i>Killed in Action</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>21.3.17</i>	<i>24.4.18</i>

Other Documentation:

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=574486&lang=eng>