

Ernest Ivon Leaden

Service Number: 123107

Rank: Private

Branch: 39th and 18th Battalion

Year Served: 1916

Summary: Ernest Ivon Leaden was a tinsmith who attested in the 70th Btn in London Ontario on the 4 Sept 1915. He was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal before reverting to the ranks to join the 18th Btn in France. He was killed in action in an attack north of Courcellette on the 3 Oct 1916. His body must not have been identified after the attack because he is remembered on the Vimy Memorial.

Name: Ernest Ivon Leaden

Birth Date: April 1, 1896

Relatives: Father - John Leaden. Mother - Elizabeth J. Leaden. Brother - Albert Edward

Address: Grew Up - Offord Rd., Buckden Hunts, England. Last Known - London, ON

Attestation Date: September 4, 1915

Death Date: October 3, 1916

Memorial Site: Vimy Ridge Memorial



Date	Particulars
4 Sept 1915	Tinsmith born 1 Apr 1896 at Buckden Hunts England attested in the 70 th Btn at London On No previous military experience
25 Feb 1916	Medical clear, 5' 6 1/2 " tall, 120 lbs, Dark complexion, grey eyes, Dark brown hair, Methodist
16 Apr 1916	To be L Cpl
5 May 1916	Embarked for England on SS Lapland from Halifax NS
8 Jun 1916	Arrived in Liverpool England
25 Jun 1916	On command School of Musketry Shorncliffe
6 July 1916	Promoted L Cpl Shorncliffe
27 Aug 1916	Transferred and TOS (<i>Taken on Strength</i>) 39 th Btn Shorncliffe
28 Aug 1916	SOS (<i>Struck off Strength</i>) to reinforce 18 th Btn France, reverts to Ranks to go overseas
3 Oct 1916	TOS 18 th Btn Field
19 Oct 1916	Killed in Action in attack north of Courcellette
19 Apr 1922	Card - Killed in Action 3 Oct 1916
	Medal card – Scroll and plaque to mother Mrs. Elizabeth Leaden Offord Rd Buckden Hunts, England
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - P&S to John Leaden at the same address - Not eligible for 4/15 Star - Memorial cross to mother

Attestation Paper:

ATTESTATION PAPER.

TRIPPLICATE

No. 123107

Folio. 123107

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

1. What is your name? *Ernest Ivon Leaden*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Buckden, Hunts, Eng.*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *(Mother) Mrs. Elizabeth Leaden*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Buckden, Hunts, Eng.*
5. What is the date of your birth? *April 11, 1896*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Ironsmith*
7. Are you married? *No*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? *Yes*
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 engagements? *Yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the } *Yes*
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? }
- Ernest Ivon Leaden* (Signature of Man.)
J. W. Thomas (Signature of Witness.)

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Ernest Ivon Leaden*, 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-Seas 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.

Ernest Ivon Leaden (Signature of Recruit.)
Date *Sept 4* 1915. *J. W. Thomas* (Signature of Witness.)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Ernest Ivon Leaden*, 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 in 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.

Ernest Ivon Leaden (Signature of Recruit.)
Date *Sept 4* 1915. *J. W. Thomas* (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 his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *London* this *4* day of *Sept* 1915.

W. T. Chittick (Signature of Justice)

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

Erst. Ivon Leaden (Approving Officer)

Description of E. J. Leaden on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 19 years 5 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 signify the same, and acknowledge in any previous service, except a stip to that effect, for the information of the Approving Officer.

Height 5 ft 6 1/2 ins.

Girth when fully expanded 35 ins.

Range of expansion 31 1/2 ins.

Complexion Dark

Eyes Grey

Hair Dark Brown

Church of England

Presbyterian

Methodist X

Baptist or Congregationalist

Other Protestants (specification to be stated)

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 Overseas Expeditionary Force.

Date 4 Sept 1915

Place London

"Insert here 'fit' or 'unfit'."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of refusal:—

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER COMMANDING UNIT.

Earnest Ivon Leaden 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 correctness of this Attestation.

W. R. Butler Major (Signature of Officer) St. Col.

Date Sept 7th 1915 Comd 70th Overseas Bn. C.E.F.

Casualty Form:

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UNIT Rank Name LEAHN Ernest Ivom
Unit 30 Bn. (If on perm. Corps. What Unit?)
Place and Date of Enlistment London Sept. 4th. 1915
Name and Address, Next-of-Kin Mrs Elizabeth Leaden.
Buckden Hunts. Eng.
Assigned Pay Monthly \$ Payable to Relationship Mother
Separation Allowance \$ Payable to Relationship
Discharge, Date and Place Reason Character

Report.		Reason of promotion, reduction, transfer, commendation, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	REMARKS. Taken from Official Documents.
Date.	From whom received.				
		Arrived in England		6 MAY 1916	
9.6.16	CO 70 th	On Commence 1st of July leave	Plaffie	8.6.16	172-0111
27.6.16	-	To be 1/4 pl from	-	27.6.16	" " 172
10.7.16	-	Up to 39 th Bn	-	8.7.16	" " 172
11.7.16	70 39	Taken on strength.	to Landing	6.7.16	" " 172
29.7.16	" 39	S.O.S to reinforce 50 th Bn	France	29.7.16	" " 172
25.8.16	17 39	Replaced in 39 th Bn in order to permit reinforcement	to Landing	25.8.16	A-2 20 16
17.9.16	17 th	P.O.O. from 39 th	Field	28.8.16	" " 39
20.10.16	17 th	Killed in Action	Field	2.10.16	Com. List A 265
16.10.16	"	" " "	"	2.10.16	Reg. 2 47

ALB. HQ CHECKED
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Other Documentation:

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=pffww&id=522429&lang=eng>