

FOSTER, Leonard

Service Number 180213

Rank Private

Canadian Infantry, British Columbia Regiment, 7th Battalion

Born January 7, 1898 Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England

Died February 26, 1917, No. 6 Casualty Clearing Station, France.

Occupation Farmer

Marital Status Single

In 1910, Leonard Foster's family emigrated from Darlaston, England, a coal mining town. They became one of the first two families to settle at the Salvation Army Colony in Coombs and took up Lot #1 to farm. Leonard's father, James, was also a bricklayer who built many chimneys throughout the Parksville and Qualicum area.

Leonard enlisted in February 1916 with the 88th Fusiliers, giving his date of birth as January 7, 1898, when in reality he was too young to enlist. He was transferred to the 30th Battalion and then the 7th, arriving in France and the Western Front in August 1916.

On February 21, 1917, Leonard was admitted to No. 6 Casualty Clearing Station, dangerously ill of pneumonia. He died on February 26, 1917.

Leonard Foster is buried in the Barlin Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.

Sources: Photo: Parksville Museum & Archives
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