# FERGUSON, LEONARD LLEWELLYN

## **EARLY LIFE**

Jan 8, 1885

Born in King, Ontario to Thomas Kerr and Rose Ann (McKellar) Ferguson.

1891 Census

Age 6

Lived in King, Ontario with Thomas Ferguson (head of house – father, age 40), Rose Ferguson (mother, age 28), Elmer Ferguson (brother, age 10), Charles Ferguson (brother, age 4), Laura Ferguson (sister, age 1) and James McKellar (maternal uncle, age 23).

1901 Census

Age 16

Lived in King, Ontario with Thomas Ferguson (head of house – father, age 50), Rose Ferguson (mother, age 38), Elmer Ferguson (brother, age 20), Charles Ferguson (brother, age 13), Laura Ferguson (sister, age 11), George Ferguson (brother, age 9), Iva Ferguson (sister, age 7), Bertha Ferguson (sister, age 5) and Mildred Ferguson (sister, age 2).

# **MILITARY SERVICE**

Feb 19, 1916

Attestation Paper

Drafted under Military Service Act, 1917, 1<sup>st</sup> Depot Battalion, Canadian Engineers

Number: 3056113

Present address: Frankford, Ontario

Next of kin given: Rose Ferguson (Mother) in King, Ontario

Trade or calling: Civil Engineer

Married: No

Previous military experience: No

Religion: Presbyterian

Physical attributes:Age: 33 years

■ *Height:* 5′9″

• Complexion: Fair

Eyes: BlueHair: Brown

Mar 4, 1918

Age 33

Sapper Leonard Ferguson died on the R.M.S. Metagama. He is remembered at the *Halifax Memorial* in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Mar 5, 1918

Age 33

There was a court of inquiry for his death. It was ruled that: "During a strong South East gale on March 4<sup>th</sup>, between 5:00pm and 6:00pm, the glass of a porthole close to the bunk occupied by #3056113 – Sapper L.L. Ferguson, # 29 O.S. Draft, Canadian Engineers, St. John's Quebec was smashed in with a tremendous crash. Sapper Ferguson lost consciousness and never regained same. The doctor was sent for at once and came just as soon as he head finished dressing the wounds of another man hurt by the same accident. He died about 10 or 15 minutes afterwards from natural causes directly due to the shock".

#### MENTIONED IN ALICE FERGUSON'S REMINISCENCES OF EVERSLEY

#### Honour Roll 1914-1918

REMINISCENCES OF EVERSLEY, ONTARIO, King Township by Alice A. Ferguson (1950)

On the walls of St Andrews Presbyterian Church at Eversley hang two Honour Rolls of the boys who took part in both Wars.. How well I remember we would meet every week to fill boxes of food and things for these boys, sew them up in cotton and send them off. ReM Robert Brydon was minister at this time with dear old Dr.Carmichael assisting. He had retired after 50 years of service to the Tawse Manse House next to the Church. For 50 years had lived at Strange, in the house that the congregation had built for him when he came to St Andrews Church in 1860 as the assisting minister to Rev John Tawse whose health was failing.

The Sunday School was flourishing and the YoungPeople's Society and the Church Services were well attended every Sunday. All members of the families would attend divine worship, sometimes two pews were allotted to one family.

1914-1918 Roll of Honour

Pte Harper F. Wells
Pte Alex McDonald
Lieu Jas.T Jenkins
Pte Melville Mitchell
Corp T Harry Bovair
Pte Septimus Ball
Pte Norman Lloyd
Pte Roger Gellatly
Lieu Walter S Jenkins
Lieu Roy Wells
Pte Wm Cairns
Pte Alfred Hurst

Pte Henry S Ferguson
Pte Fred Hope
Pte Leonard Ferguson
Pte Leslie Hope
Pte Harvey Gellatly
Pte J.Pearson Wells
Pte Cecil L. Wells
Pte Lorne Mitchell
Pte Arwood Cairns
Pte Lindsey Ferguson
Pte Arthur Bovair

#### **Aurora War Memorial**

The Aurora Banner Friday, March 20, 1925

# Aufora War Memorial

The names given below are those of the fallen men of Aurora, King and Whitchurch, as ascertained up to the present time by the War Memorial Committee.

Will every reader of the Banner in Aurora, King and Whitchurch, please look carefully over the list and draw attention to any error in initials or spelling of name, or omission of any name, communicating with the Editor of the Banner or with J. G. McDonald, Secretary of the War Memorial Association, without delay.

The Whitchurch list is an official list that has been checked over-and pronounced correct; but it is included in above so that any typographical error, if any,

any typographical error, if any, may be noticed and corrected.

Although—some—of—the names on these lists may and do appear on some local memorials, it will not be too much honour to these men that their names should also appear on this larger memorial—which from its location, its great size and architecture, will be visited by thousands of motorists and visitors aside from the people of Aurora, King and Whitchurch.

### Township of King. Brown, Sherman Brown, Harold Clift, Russell Doyle, Max Doyle, Wilfred Ferguson, John Ferguson, Leonard Green, Percy Green, Roland Harper, Roy Howard, George Little, Telford McMaster, Thos. Merchant, Wallace Marshall, Aubrey Barker, Russell Routledge, John Stewart, Harry Stocks, Roy Watson, Townley Woodroof. Chas.