



PHILLIPS, ROSCOE LEONARD



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EARLY LIFE

Dec 17, 1892

Born in Warton, Ontario to Robert and Mary (Carley) Phillips.

1901 Census

Age 8

Lived in Vaughan, Ontario with Robert Phillips (head of house – father, age 48), Mary Phillips (mother, age 43), Mina Phillips (sister, age 15) and Clifford Phillips (brother, age 12).

Sep 20, 1914

**Attestation
Paper**

MILITARY SERVICE

Attested to the 48th Highlanders, Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force

- **Number:** 27570
- **Present address:** Woodbridge, Ontario
- **Next of kin given:** Mrs. Mary E. Phillips (Mother) in Woodbridge, Ontario
- **Trade or calling:** Patrolman
- **Married:** No
- **Previous military experience:** Yes – 12th York Rangers (5 years)
- **Religion:** Wesleyan
- **Physical attributes:**
 - **Age:** 24 years
 - **Height:** 5'8 ½"
 - **Complexion:** Fair
 - **Eyes:** Blue
 - **Hair:** Fair
 - **Distinctive marks:** mole on back, scar on small finger left hand

Feb 8, 1915

Age 23

Mrs. Mary Phillips received word that her son Private Roscoe Leonard Phillips was seriously ill.

Feb 16, 1915

Age 23

Roscoe died of pneumonia. He is remembered at **Netheravon (All Saints) Churchyard** in Wiltshire, United Kingdom.

MENTIONED IN LASKAY TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY

Women's Institute – Laskay: War Records

Honour Roll 1914-1918

HONOR ROLL - 1914 - 1918

Roscoe Phillips - made the supreme sacrifice.

Harold Campbell

Lorne Campbell

Earl Campbell

Harold Boys

Aubrey Marshall - made the supreme sacrifice

Frank Teasdale

James Allen

Thomas Wise

Charles Williams

William Bowler

George Tate

Percy Butler

Sidney Stratford

Wallace Marchant - made the supreme sacrifice

John Mullen

Frank Rolf

John Kewell

Chester Ward

Harry Malseed

Sidney Goodswain

George Bainbridge

John Stubbs

George Howard

Samuel Moss



IN THE NEWS

Announcement of Illness

The Toronto Star

Tuesday, February 9, 1915 pg. 12

WOODBIDGE MAN ILL.

Soldier At Salisbury Who Came From Near Toronto.

Special to The Star by a Starr Reporter

Woodbridge, Feb. 9.—Pte. Roscoe Phillips, son of Mrs. Mary E. Phillips, who lives on a farm near Woodbridge, is officially reported to be seriously ill at Salisbury Plains. His mother received word last night to this effect. Pte. Phillips was well known in Woodbridge and Maple, and was one of the popular young men of the district. For a short time before he enlisted he was employed by the Dominion Messenger and Signal Company in Toronto, and when war broke out he enlisted with the 48th Highlanders.

Writing to his mother recently, he says that his battalion expected to leave for the front on February 7. Although quite well at the time of writing, he speaks of the wet and mud at Salisbury Plain as being a danger to health. Pte. Phillips is 22 years old.

Death Announcement

Undated Newspapers

WOODBIDGE SOLDIER DIED OF PNEUMONIA

More Casualties in Princess Pats
Officially Reported From
Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The following casualties among the Canadian expeditionary force were announced by the Militia Department last night:

Death—Pte. R. L. Phillips, 15th Battalion; pneumonia. Next of kin, Mrs. Mary E. Phillips, Woodbridge, Ont.

Dangerously ill—Pte. C. Miller, F.P.C.L.L., at No. 12 General Hospital, Rouen, with enteric fever. Next of kin, Charles Miller, 43 Wilton road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, Eng.

Pte. R. L. Phillips
Private Cecil Miller enlisted in Saskatoon, and was a member of No. 4 company, which is comprised of Western men.



Pte. R. L. Phillips was born and lived the greater part of his life on his parents' farm not far from Maple. He was twenty-two years old, and left the farm about a year ago to work for the Dominion Messenger and Signal Company in Toronto. When war broke out he joined the 48th Highlanders, and left with the first contingent quota of that regiment. He leaves a widowed mother, Mrs. Mary E. Phillips, living on the farm.

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