

# Gillis, Francis Leo - WW1

## 1. Soldier's Personal Profile

- Full Name: Francis Leo Gillis (p. 1)
- Date of Birth: June 4, 1897 (p. 1)
- Place of Birth / Residence: Morar, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, Canada (p. 1)
- Trade / Occupation: Farmer (pp. 1, 7)
- Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary Gillis (Mother), residing in Morar (p. 1)
- Marital Status: Single (p. 1)
- Religious Denomination: Roman Catholic (p. 2)

## 2. Physical Description upon Enlistment

- Apparent Age: 18 years old (p. 7)
- Height: 6 feet, 0 inches (pp. 2, 7)
- Chest Measurement: 35 inches minimum, with a maximum expansion up to 38 inches (p. 7)
- Complexion: Light (p. 2)
- Eye Color: Blue (p. 2)
- Hair Color: Fair (p. 2)

## 3. Military Service Record

- Regimental Number: 902248 (pp. 1, 3)
- Rank: Private (Pte) (pp. 3, 5)
- Unit / Regiment: 193rd Overseas Battalion, CEF (Nova Scotia Highlanders) (pp. 2-3)
- Date of Enlistment / Attestation: March 31, 1916 (pp. 1, 5)
- Place of Enlistment: Antigonish, Nova Scotia (pp. 1, 5)
- Officer Commanding Unit: Lieutenant-Colonel John Stanfield (p. 2)

## 4. Discharge Details

- Date of Discharge: April 28, 1916 (pp. 5, 9)
- Place of Discharge: Truro, Nova Scotia (p. 5) (Struck off Strength)
- Reason for Discharge: Medically Unfit (pp. 3, 5)

A Medical Board formally reviewed his condition and recorded "Valvular Disease of the Heart – Mitral Regurgitation." His heart valves were unable to properly close, causing blood to leak backward, which led to severe exhaustion and shortness of breath under physical strain.

- Total Length of Service: 29 days (p. 5)
- Service Status: He was discharged prior to the unit sailing overseas to England and his official account was closed with final payment in May 1916 (p. 9). [\[1\]](#)