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Leonard A. Lord
First Vermonter killed in action during World War I

Born in 1897 in Saint-Sebastien, Quebec, Leonard Lord spent his childhood in Swanton, Vermont. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on May 14, 1917, at Camp Ethan Allen, assigned to Company B of the 103rd Machine Gun Battalion, 26th Infantry "Yankee" Division. Lord was shipped overseas on October 3, where he engaged the enemy throughout northeastern France near the German border. On April 12, 1918, Lord was killed during heavy artillery bombardment in Bois Brûlé when attempting to reach his machine gun emplacement. He was the first Vermonter killed during the Great War. Governor Phil Scott proclaimed April 12th as Corporal Leonard Lord Day in 2018 and the Swanton Armory was named in his honor.

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Cpl. Leonard A Lord 1897-1918 Company B 103rd Machine Gun Battalion 26th Infantry Division
First Vermonter killed in action during WWI

Born in Saint-Sebastien, Quebec, Canada Leonard spent his childhood working on his fathers farm in Swanton. Leonard enlisted in the U.S. Army on May 14, 1917 at Camp Ethan Allen & was assigned to a Machine Gun Battalion in the 26th Infantry "Yankee" Division. During heavy artillery bombardment from the enemy on April 12, 1918 in Bois Brûlé, France, Corporal Lord was killed in action at 20 years old while going to his machine gun emplacement, and became the first Vermonter killed during the Great War. Governor Phil Scott proclaimed April 12th as Leonard Lord's Day in 2018 & the Swanton Armory is named in his honor.