LEONARD SEPTIMUS READING (1892-94)

Date of Birth	26 December 1878		
School Information	None		
Career Information	Inspector of assurance		
Date Of Death	18 March 1918		
Cause of Death	Killed in action		
Location	France		
Cemetery	Unknown		
Rank	Unknown		
Branch of Service	Royal Flying Corps		

The above information has come from the 1968 Green Register but there seems some doubt as to whether this is accurate.

There is no reference on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website of him having been killed during WW1 and in fact other research on the internet appears to show that he died in California in 1946 after marrying in 1903 in Lewisham. He appears to have had 4 children before moving to California and having his 5th and final child there in 1909.

It would seem that it should have been **VERNON JOHN (JACK) READING (1907)** on the war memorial. He was born on 13 September 1895 and was the nephew of Leonard Septimus Reading (1892-94). 2nd Lieutenant

Vernon Reading served in the Royal Flying Corp and was killed during WW1 on 26 March 1918. He is remembered on the Arras Flying Services Memorial.

It is possible that Vernon Reading and his observer, 2nd Lieutenant Matthew Leggat, were "victims" of Baron Manfred Von Richthofen - the Red Baron.

On the following pages are the evidence that Leonard migrated to America, including his Ellis Island entry form and Registration form.

My thanks to Andy Pritchatt in establishing this.





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