In August 2016 additional information about Pvt. Leo Poisson was located on Ancestry.com at the Hamburg Library.

The 1930 Census\(^1\) shows Leo living with his parents 183 Amber St. along with his 5 sisters and brothers. By 1940\(^2\) he had two additional sisters in their home on Amber St. He had completed two years of high school by that time and was a delivery boy for a drug store.

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\(^1\) Fifteenth U.S. Census, Buffalo NY First Ward, Block 164, Enumeration District 15-12, Sheet 5A Row 31

\(^2\) Sixteenth U.S. Census, Buffalo NY First Ward, Block 1, Enumeration District 64-23, Sheet 2A Row 31
He graduated from South Park in 1942. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Death File for him\(^3\) he enlisted in the U.S. Army on January 5, 1943.

An article in the Courier Express\(^4\) reported that on July 24, 1943 he and Norine Schmittendorf of Eden Valley were issued a Marriage license.

The Courier Express\(^5\) reported,

“Memorial Service Held for Soldier

Relatives and friends of Pvt. Leo W. Poisson, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delore J. Poisson, 183 Amber St., who died April 14th of injuries suffered while training at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., last night attended a memorial services at St. Thomas’ Episcopal Church, 501 South Park Ave., conducted by the Rev. Charles J. Burton. Pvt. Poisson, who has been in the Army 14 months, was the first casualty of 102 members of the congregation in this war. The Rev. Mr. Burton announced that services in memory of parishioners in the armed services are being held each Thursday, and that there will be monthly communion services for war workers.”

Pvt. Leo V. Poisson is buried in St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Cemetery, Eden, NY, in Row 1, Plot 27. He was 21 years old.

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\(^3\) Ancetry.com August 31, 2016
\(^4\) Courier Express, July 25, 1943, Pg 3B
\(^5\) Courier Express, May 17, 1944, Pg 20