

FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM



HOWARD E. BLAKENEY.

Color sergeant with the original 17th Battalion, the eldest of the five sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Blakeney, 45 Allen Street, to don the khaki the day war was declared. After sailing for England he was transferred to 1st Divisional Train Army Service Corps. Was instructor at Shorncliffe for a year and offered rank of Captain to remain as such, but instead gave up his color sergeant's crown and went to France in the A. M. C. In April, 1918 he came home on furlough and was instructor in the Depot Battalion, Aldershot.

CLARENCE A. BLAKENEY.

Second eldest son, had served in the 66th for about 15 years, holding sergeant's stripes. When war broke out along with his brothers he answered the first day. Trained three months in Sussex with the 64th and sailed to Quarter-master Sergeant last day of March. Reverted to private to go to France. At Vimy Ridge he was recommended for a commission and got his Lieutenancy, with which rank he returned.

RAYMOND C. BLAKENEY.

Fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. Blakeney. Of the original 66th Battalion and sailed with the 1st contingent. On the way he was made corporal and reverted to go to France in 1st Field Ambulance. During an engagement he had a leg broken and was sent to "Blighty." After a year there he was transferred to the 25th and again sailed for France March 1918. After again recovering from wounds received he was stationed at the Base, France.

HAROLD K. BLAKENEY.

Fourth eldest son. Enlisted with the original 25th and sailed with them for England. Was badly gassed at Courcellette and sent to England where he was physical instructor with "C" Co., 2nd C. C. D. at Bramshott Camp.

J. ARTHUR BLAKENEY.

Third eldest son, was with the original 66th and transferred to the Royal Engineers; after two years' service was discharged unfit for poor eyesight.