

WILLIAM GORDON TOUGH, only son of Robert J. and Margaret Mackey Tough, graduated from the University of Toronto as a Civil Engineer three years before going overseas. He enlisted with the 70th Battery, and, after training at the Royal School of Artillery at Kingston and afterwards at Petawawa, he went overseas in October, 1916. After further training in England, he proceeded to France in February, 1917, as Reinforcement Officer to the 2nd Canadian Heavy Battery. He served at the Battle of Vimy Ridge in the spring of 1917, and at the Battle of Passchendaele in the autumn of the same year. Returning to France, he had a brief respite from fighting, then went into action December 22, in front of Maroc. In 1918 his Unit took up a position north of Arras. In September they relieved an Imperial Battery at Villers-Cagnicourt, and near this place, on September 14, 1918, Gordon was fatally wounded. The young Lieutenant and another officer were going back to the Battery from Brigade Headquarters in the late afternoon when a high-velocity shell pitched at their feet. Gordon was struck in three places. His brother officer carried him to a near-by dressing-post, and thence he was taken to Casualty Clearing Station at Aubigny, where he died the next day. He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Aubigny, about ten miles behind Arras.

In his school days Gordon was prominent in athletics, being proficient at Rugby and other field sports.