

FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM

WILLIAMS—No. 820757 Private John M. Williams enlisted in Manitoba during the Summer of 1916 in the 141st Battalion. Sailed for England from Halifax in May 1917. After completing his training there he was transferred to the 8th Battalion and served with this unit in France suffering no worse mishap than an attack of trench fever.

WILLIAMS—No. 44052 Gunner Walter M. Williams enlisted at the very outbreak of war in August 1914, in the 3rd Battery, First Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery. Sailed for England two months later and crossed to France the following March. Took part in all of the big battles that followed, including that of Ypres, and fortunately escaped without being wounded.

WILSON—Private Albert Edward Wilson joined the 112th Battalion at Windsor on December 8th 1915, and sailed for England the following July, crossing to France in January 1917. Fought with the 25th Battalion through several big battles and at Vimy Ridge was taken prisoner. For the next twenty months he suffered the indignity and discomfort of a German prison camp. Was repatriated and sent to England via Holland December 3rd, 1918.

WOOLLARD—Walter W. Woollard enlisted with the 64th Battalion in 1915 leaving for overseas March 19, 1916. When his battalion was broken up in England he was given work which kept him there until the close of the war. His brother Harold enlisted in the A. S. C. but was discharged because of ill health. Enlisted again in the 10th Siege Battery, reached France, and was wounded April 19th, 1917.

YEADON—Sergeant Walter I. Yeadon. Two classes have won acclaim in this war—the Old Contemptibles who fell fighting around Mons, and the Young Indomitables who from every part of the Empire rushed to the colours, though many of them were below the age at which they could be accepted for service.

Of this latter class was Walter Yeadon who enlisted October 1916 in the 10th Siege Battery, when 18 years of age. Although too young for overseas service, he was capable enough to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant in November 1917 and held the responsible position of Returns Clerk at Headquarters, Halifax.

YOUNG—Private Alexander Young enlisted in a draft of the 85th Battalion November, 1917 and sailed for overseas on December 4th. After reaching England was transferred to the 17th Battalion then back to the 85th when he went to France. Was wounded in the knee at Cambrai, October 1918. Went back to England convalescent.

YOUNG—Sapper James M. Young, following the example of his brother, enlisted in the Railway Company in 1916 and proceeded to France where he was attached to the Light Railway and Tunnelling Corps. On this Corps rests a great lot of responsibility, as they are responsible for the building of the light or narrow gauge railways which are pushed forward from the rail head, up as close to the front line as possible in order to facilitate the moving of ammunition and supplies to the Batteries and the front line, and at times are subjected to very heavy fire from the enemy while running their lines of communication. Sapper Young was a very popular soldier among his comrades.

The above named young men are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Young of Halifax.