

ALAN VINCENT FRANKE TRIMBLE, son of Wm. J. and Ellen M. Jones Trimble, enlisted with the First Canadian Contingent, but was not accepted. In the autumn of 1914 he ran away from home and joined the Army Medical Corps, but his father located him at Exhibition Camp and had him taken out as under age, his mother promising that he might go with the Third Contingent.

In May, 1915, when seventeen years of age, he was accepted and joined the signalling section of the 35th Battalion. A month after he had donned the khaki he marched, in the uniform his Mother had promised to let him wear, to pay his last respects to her as her body was conveyed to the cemetery.

He went overseas in October with the 35th, but he was delayed in getting to the front, being four times in hospital. However, he reached France eventually and served with the 35th and 49th Battalions, taking part in the Battles of Sanctuary Wood and the Somme. He was wounded in the Battle of Courcellette in September, 1916, and, after his recovery, he was for a time an Instructor in Signalling in England. Later he joined the R. A. F. as a Lieutenant and returned to France, serving with the 41st Squadron. He was reported missing on August 25, 1918, a few days before he would have celebrated his 21st birthday. No further information concerning his fate has come to hand.