

ARTHUR BOUCHETTE THOMPSON, son of Edward A. and Elizabeth E. Keating Thompson, was one of the first Canadians to volunteer after the declaration of War. He joined the 3rd Battalion, was at Valcartier with the other "Originals", and crossed to France in 1915. He took part in the Battles of St. Julien, Festubert, and Givenchy, and won the 1915 and General Service Medals.

He was killed on June 22, 1915, in the Battle of Givenchy. His platoon was in a support-trench only a few yards from the firing-line, when a huge "Jack Johnson" lit near by and buried the Lieutenant and some of his men. Arthur was the first soldier to come to the rescue. But just as he had succeeded in digging out his Commanding Officer, he was shot and instantly killed. The place of his burial is not known.