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118th Battalion

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Description Level: Item

Accession Number: P009603

Material Details: Postcards

Physical Description: 13.5 cm (W) X 8.5 cm (H)
13.8 cm (W) X 9 cm (H) with mat/border

Language: French

Date Range: [between 1914 and 1918]

Scope and Content:

Black and white portrait postcard of members of the 118th Battalion during the First World War.

Storage Location: PB4

Subject Access: Military uniforms
Photographic postcards
Soldiers
World War 1914-1918
118th Battalion
Luft, Frederick Christian, 1897-1966

Notes: The photograph might have been taken in France, as the reverse of the postcard bears French text only.

Frederick Christian Luft is in the back row, sixth from the right hand side.

Fred Christian Luft, born 17 February 1897 in Berlin, Ont., was the son of Julius and Susanna (Hopp) Luft. Fred attended Kitchener Collegiate Institute from 1910 to 1912. He enlisted on 17 April 1916 with the 118th Battalion. He married Emma Hiller in 1921. Fred died in 1966.

This photograph is part of the "Waterloo County Soldier Portraits" group.

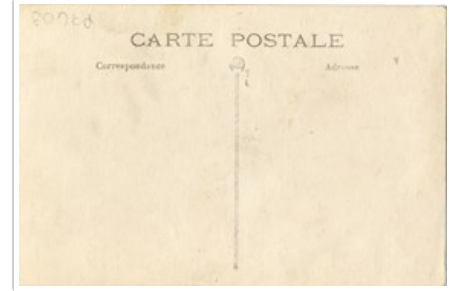
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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

Collection: Photograph Collection

Images



118th Battalion soldiers in Victoria Park, Berlin, Ontario

<https://makinghistory.kpl.org/en/permalink/descriptions10080>

Description Level: Item
Creator: Denton, Ernest, 1883-1957, Photographer
Accession Number: P010396
Material Details: Photographs
Physical Description: 30.5 cm (W) X 20.4 cm (H)
30.5 cm (W) X 20.4 cm (H) with mat/border
Language: English
Date Range: 16 Feb 1916
Date of Publication: 1916-02-16
Scope and Content:

A black and white photograph of members of the 118th Battalion in Victoria Park, Berlin (now Kitchener), Ontario. The soldiers are gathered around the 1897 Peace Memorial, the top of which is visible under the vertical banner.

The banner bears the phrase "Berlin will be Berlin No Longer". The medallions showing the likenesses of Bismark and Von Moltke can be seen in the hands of two soldiers, who are standing below and to the left of the bottom of the banner.

The large house in the background, on the right, is on Roland Street. The large house in the background on the left, is 101 David Street, also known as the Quickfall House.

Storage Location: PB10
Name Access: Denton, Ernest, 1883-1957
Subject Access: Demonstrations
Soldiers
Victoria Park (Kitchener, Ont.)
World War One, 1914-1918
118th Battalion
Place: Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
Geographic Access: Kitchener, Ontario

Notes: This image is a January 2005 reprint of the original matted photograph, which is in a private collection.

The photograph appeared in the 16 March 1916 edition of the Toronto Star.

The image is believed to have been taken by Ernest Denton on 16 February 1916. Ernest Denton was a photographer in Berlin/Kitchener from approximately 1912 to 1955. He operated photography studios at various locations in the city.

It is believed that many of these soldiers had participated in the previous night's riot in Berlin, during which the Concordia Club was ransacked by soldiers and civilians, the bronze bust of Kaiser Wilhelm I stolen, and other vandalism occurred. The next day, as depicted in this image, the soldiers visited the Peace Memorial in Victoria Park and pried off the bronze medallions of Bismark and Von Moltke. On 1 March 1916, the Berlin Park Board ordered the Peace Memorial destroyed so that it would no longer be a target of vandalism.

The image may have been retouched and it is not known if the statement on the banner is original or if it has been altered in any way.

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Source Organization: Waterloo Historical Society

Collection: Photograph Collection

Images



Abbott, George Joseph

<https://makinghistory.kpl.org/en/permalink/descriptions6579>

Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1_A_003

Material Details: Cards

Physical Description: 5.5 cm (W) X 8.9 cm (H)
6.2 cm (W) X 10.1 cm (H) with mat/border

Language: English

Date Range: 1919-1921

Citation: Kitchener Public Library - Soldier Information Card Collection - World War One

Scope and Content:
A white index card containing the name, rank and military history of a soldier of Waterloo County.

Storage Location: SIC WW1 Box 1

Name Access: Abbott, George Joseph
Abbott, Augustus
Yanke, Luella Alfrieda
Yanke, Henry
Graf, Anna
Baird, Florence
Ringle, Leona

Subject Access: Military life
Soldiers
World War One, 1914-1918
118th Battalion
Drummers

Place: Plaistow, England, United Kingdom [Birthplace]
Republic of France, France, France [Place of military service]
Kitchener, Ontario, Canada [Place of enlistment, residence and marriage]

Geographic Access: Plaistow, England
France
Kitchener, Ontario

Notes: According to the 1901 England census, George Joseph Abbott was the son of Augustus Abbott and Florence Baird. He was born in Plaistow, Essex, England on 20 May 1898.

He married Luella Alfrieda Yanke on 1 November 1922. At the time of his marriage, George lived at 205 Waterloo Street in Kitchener and was a rubber worker. Luella, a factory hand, aged 24, lived at 118 Waterloo Street, Kitchener and was the daughter of Henry Yanke and Anna Graf. The witness to the marriage was Leona Ringle, of 113 Edward Street, Kitchener. Both George and Luella gave their religious denomination as Lutheran.

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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Transcription:

Abbott, George

Drummer.

Enlisted with the 118th Battalion on January 26, 1916.

He was born in England.

His next of kin is Augustus Abbott, 205 Waterloo St., Kitchener.

He served in France.

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Ainsworth, Albert Ernest

<https://makinghistory.kpl.org/en/permalink/descriptions6606>

Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1_A_019

Material Details: Cards

Physical Description: 20.6 cm (W) X 15.5 cm (H)
30.7 cm (W) X 25.5 cm (H) with mat/border

Language: English

Date Range: 1919-1921

Citation: Kitchener Public Library - Soldier Information Card Collection - World War One

Scope and Content:

A white index card containing the name, rank and military history of a soldier of Waterloo County.

Storage Location: SIC WWI Box 1

Name Access: Ainsworth, A.E.
Ainsworth, Albert Ernest
Wilson, Elizabeth
Ainsworth, Beatrice
Ainsworth, Hilda
Ainsworth, Ida
Ainsworth, Walter

Subject Access: Military life
Soldiers
World War One, 1914-1918
118th Battalion

Place: Barrow upon Soar, England, United Kingdom [Birthplace and marriage]
Kitchener, Ontario, Canada [Place of enlistment]
Elmira, Ontario, Canada [Place of residence, death and burial]

Geographic Access: Barrow upon Soar, England
Kitchener, Ontario
Elmira, Ontario

Notes: Ainsworth, Albert Edward

Private.

Albert Ernest Ainsworth was born on January 19, 1876 in Barrow-On-Soar, Leicestershire, England. He was married to Elizabeth Wilson of Barrow-On-Soar. They had 3 children born in England: Walter, Ida and Hilda. A fourth child, Beatrice, was born in Ontario in 1908, after their arrival in Canada.

According to the 1911 Census of Canada, Albert and family resided at 33 King Street, Elmira. He worked as a labourer in a felt factory.

According to his obituary in April 2, 1946 edition of the Elmira Signet, Albert died suddenly of a heart attack at the Link Belt Ltd. He was 70 years of age. He had just completed his work for the day when he suffered the attack.

He had been engaged as a shipper at the foundry for 20 years. He attended Wesley United Church and was a member of the Legion, having served in the First Great War with the 118th Battalion for four years.

He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Wilson, whom he married at Leicester, England, in December, 1900, three daughters, Mrs. Ernest (Hilda) Evans and Mrs. Clifford (Ida) Vines, Elmira, and Mrs. Frank (Beatrice) Simons, Ajax, Ont., five grandchildren, one brother, John, and one foster brother, Herbert, both of Elmira and one sister in England.

One son, Walter, died in infancy and one brother, Walter, and one foster sister, Mrs. Harold Engler, also predeceased him. The remains rested at the home from 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon until Monday morning when removal was made to the Dreisinger Funeral Chapel, following a private service at 10:30 a.m.

The Link-Belt Foundry was closed on that day and his fellow employees attended the service in a body. Also present were members of the Legion, commemorating the fact that he was a veteran of the First Great War. Poppies were placed on the casket by members of the Poppy Association. Interment was made in the Elmira Cemetery.

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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Transcription:

Ainsworth, A.E.

Private.

His home is in Elmira, Ontario.


He enlisted in Kitchener.

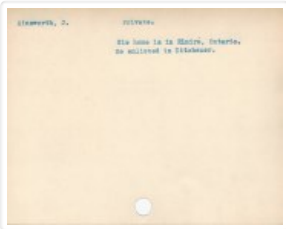
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Ainsworth, John F.

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Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1_A_021

Material Details: Cards

Physical Description: 20.6 cm (W) X 15.5 cm (H)
30.7 cm (W) X 25.5 cm (H) with mat/border

Language: English

Date Range: 1919-1921

Citation: Kitchener Public Library - Soldier Information Card Collection - World War One

Scope and Content:

A white index card containing the name, rank and military history of a soldier of Waterloo County.

Storage Location: SIC WW1 Box 1

Name Access: Ainsworth, John F.

Hughes, Grace Ann

Subject Access: Military life

Soldiers

World War One, 1914-1918

118th Battalion

Place: Barrow upon Soar, England, United Kingdom [Birthplace]

Kitchener, Ontario, Canada [Place of enlistment]

Elmira, Ontario, Canada [Place of residence and burial]

Geographic Access: Barrow upon Soar, England

Kitchener, Ontario

Elmira, Ontario

Notes: Ainsworth, John F.

Private.

John Ainsworth was born November 24, 1880 in Barrow-On-Soar, Leicestershire, England. After immigrating to Canada, he lived in Elmira, Ontario.

He enlisted in Berlin, Ontario on October 15, 1915 and served with the 118th Battalion. His occupation was listed as quarry worker. He served in Canada and was discharged from military service on March 6, 1919.

He was married to Grace Ann Hughes.

John Ainsworth died in 1961 and is buried in the Elmira Union Cemetery.

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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Transcription:

Ainsworth, J.

Private.

His home is in Elmira, Ontario.

He enlisted in Kitchener.

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Akitt, Ernest Joseph

<https://makinghistory.kpl.org/en/permalink/descriptions6586>



Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1_A_023

Material Details: Cards

Physical Description: 5.5 cm (W) X 8.9 cm (H)
6.2 cm (W) X 10.1 cm (H) with mat/border

Language: English

Date Range: 1919-1921

Citation: Kitchener Public Library - Soldier Information Card Collection - World War One

Scope and Content:
A white index card containing the name, rank and military history of a soldier of Waterloo County.

Storage Location: SIC WW1 Box 1

Name Access: Akitt, Ernest Joseph
Akitt, Joseph
Akitt, Mary

Subject Access: Military life
Soldiers
World War One, 1914-1918
118th Battalion

Place: Melancthon, Ontario, Canada [Birthplace]
Kitchener, Ontario, Canada [Place of enlistment and residence]

Geographic Access: Melancthon, Ontario
Kitchener, Ontario

Notes: Akitt, Ernest Joseph

Private.

Ernest Akitt was born on November 23, 1898 in Melancthon Township, Dufferin County, Ontario. He was the son of Joseph and Mary Akitt of Creemore, Ontario.

He enlisted in Kitchener on May 11, 1916 and noted his address as 11 Eby Street, Berlin, Ontario and occupation as bank clerk. He served with the 118th Battalion.

Ernest was discharged from service in May 1919.

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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Transcription:

Akitt, E. J.

Private.


He enlisted at Kitchener.

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Albrecht, Louis John

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Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1_A_025

Material Details: Cards

Physical Description: 20.6 cm (W) X 15.5 cm (H)
30.7 cm (W) X 25.5 cm (H) with mat/border

Language: English

Date Range: 1919-1921

Citation: Kitchener Public Library - Soldier Information Card Collection - World War One

Scope and Content:

A white index card containing the name, rank and military history of a soldier of Waterloo County. The card also bears a red slash.

Storage Location: SIC WW1 Box 1

Name Access: Albrecht, Louis John
Underwood, Elsie

Subject Access: Military life
Soldiers
World War One, 1914-1918
118th Battalion
116th Battalion

Place: Kitchener, Ontario, Canada [Place of residence]
Kitchener, Ontario, Canada [Birthplace]

Geographic Access: Kitchener, Ontario

Notes: While there is more consideration for the lifelong needs of veterans as the public better understands post-traumatic stress disorder and other after effects of combat, Wellheiser said the greatest help he's received came from a fellow veteran, Louis J. Albrecht of the 116th Battalion. "He straightened me out when I came back from (Vietnam) ... I listened to his nightmares and he listened to mine," Wellheiser said, wearing his friend's name on his jacket on Sunday in remembrance.
metronews.ca/news/kitchener/436991/local-veterans-young-and-old-remembered-sunday/ _____ Louis was assessment commissioner for the City of Kitchener when he married Lillian Wellheiser in 1927. 021709-27 Louis John Albrecht, 29, Assessment Commissioner, res. 42 Waterloo St. Kitchener, b. Berlin, son of Louis Albrecht (b. Berlin) and Elizabeth Scharbach Married Lillian Marie Wellheuser, 25, Saleslady, res. 42 Waterloo St. Kitchener, b. Berlin, daughter of Leonard Wellheuser (b. New Germany) and Anna Daub, Witn: Leonard Wellheuser and Julia O'Connor Both of Kitchener, 29 June 1927 in Kitchener Ontario Marriage Registration His wife is buried in Woodland Cemetery in Kitchener.

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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Transcription:
Albrecht, Louis John

Private.

Enlisted March 21, 1916 with the 118th Battalion and transferred to the 116th Battalion.

Church of England.

Born in Kitchener, Aug. 9, 1897 and educated at Kitchener.

He was discharged February 8, 1919. He received a gun shot wound in his arm.

He lives now at 2 Saugel Place, Kitchener.

Elsie Underwood, 69 Glasgow St., Kitchener.

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Albright, Solon

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Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1_A_026

Material Details: Cards

Physical Description: 20.6 cm (W) X 15.5 cm (H)
30.7 cm (W) X 25.5 cm (H) with mat/border

Language: English

Date Range: 1919-1921

Citation: Kitchener Public Library - Soldier Information Card Collection - World War One

Scope and Content:

A white index card containing the name, rank and military history of a soldier of Waterloo County. Card also includes a photograph, a red cross and a red slash.

Storage Location: SIC WW1 Box 1

Name Access: Albright, Solon
Bowman, Lt. Col
Albright, Abraham
Albright, Abraham (Mrs.)

Subject Access: Military life
Soldiers
World War One, 1914-1918
118th Battalion
48th Highlanders of Canada
241st Windsor Scottish Borderers
108th Regiment
15th Battalion

Place: Crouy, Picardie, France [Place of burial]
Italian Republic, Italy, Italy [Place of treatment]
City of London, England, United Kingdom [Place of military service]
Kitchener, Ontario, Canada [Place of birth and enlistment]

Geographic Access: Crouy, Picardie, France
Italy
London, England
Kitchener, Ontario

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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Transcription:

Albright, Solon

Captain.

Enlisted November 1914 with 108th Reg. C.M. under Lt. Col Bowman. Transferred to 118th Battalion, later to 241st Windsor Scottish Borderers.

Baptist.

Born July 25, 1890 and was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Albright, 83 King St., West. Kitchener, Ontario. He was married and has one child.

In October 1915, he went to London and qualified as lieutenant and it was with 241st Windsor Scottish Borderers that he obtained his captaincy. Left Windsor for overseas April 24, 1917 attached to 48th Highlanders. In March 1918 he was invalided to Italy with trench fever and shell-shock, returning to his battalion in May. He fell at Amiens August 8, 1918 and is buried at Crouy on the River Somme.

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Allemang, Alba

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Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One
Description Level: Item
Accession Number: WW1_A_032
Material Details: Cards
Physical Description: 20.6 cm (W) X 15.5 cm (H)
30.7 cm (W) X 25.5 cm (H) with mat/border
Language: English
Date Range: 1919-1921
Citation: Kitchener Public Library - Soldier Information Card Collection - World War One

Scope and Content:

A white index card containing the name, rank and military history of a soldier of Waterloo County.

Storage Location: SIC WW1 Box 1

Name Access: Allemang, A.
Allemang, Alba
Stuart, Mary Ellen
Allemang, Christian
Shantz, Barbara
Allemang, Stuart
Allemang, Raymond

Subject Access: Military life
Soldiers
World War One, 1914-1918
118th Battalion
71st Battalion
256th Construction Battalion

Place: Republic of France, France, France [Place of military service]
Bridgeport, Ontario, Canada [Place of burial]
Bloomingdale, Ontario, Canada [Birthplace]
Kitchener, Ontario, Canada [Place of enlistment, marriage and residence]

Geographic Access: France
Bridgeport, Ontario
Bloomingdale, Ontario
Kitchener, Ontario

Notes: Allemang, Alba

Corporal.

Alba Allemang was born April 10, 1890 in Bloomingdale, Ontario. He was the son of Christian Allemang and Barbara Shantz.

He enlisted with the 71st Battalion in Berlin, Ontario on September 1, 1915 and later transferred to the 118th Battalion. He also served in the 256th Railway Construction Battalion. Allemang served in France and was discharged on March 26, 1919.

Allemang married Mary Ellen Stuart on September 8, 1920 in Kitchener, Ontario. At the time of his marriage, Alba was a rubber worker. They raised two sons, Stuart and Raymond.

Alba Allemang died on June 1, 1954 at the age of 64. He is buried at Bridgeport Memorial Cemetery, Kitchener, Ontario.

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Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Transcription:

Allemang, A.

Private.

He enlisted at Kitchener.

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Allemang, Harvey Musselman



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Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1_A_033

Material Details: Cards

Physical Description: 20.6 cm (W) X 15.5 cm (H)
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Language: English

Date Range: 1919-1921

Citation: Kitchener Public Library - Soldier Information Card Collection - World War One

Scope and Content:
A white index card containing the name, rank and military history of a soldier of Waterloo County.

Storage Location: SIC WW1 Box 1

Name Access: Allemang, Harvey Musselman
Allemang, Julius

Subject Access: Military life
Soldiers
World War One, 1914-1918
118th Battalion

Place: Kitchener, Ontario, Canada [Place of enlistment]

Geographic Access: Kitchener, Ontario

Notes: Harvey Mussleman Allemang was born 10 Dec 1895 in Conestogo, on the 3rd of Nov 1924 in Haldimand Co he married Ivy Elizabeth Esther Duffin. Both are buried in Trinity Anglican Cemetery, Cambridge, Waterloo Region, Ontario.

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Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Transcription:
Allemang, Harvey Musselman

Private.

Enlisted with 118th Battalion at Kitchener on March 25, 1916.

His next of kin is Jullius Allemang. R.R.#1, Canfield, Ontario.

He was born in Canada.

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