

History in the Making



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.

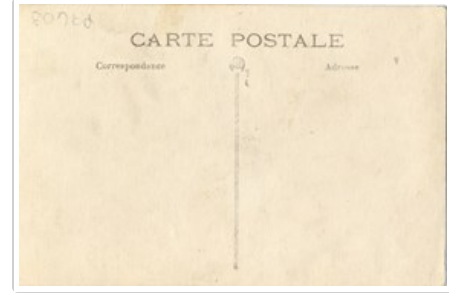
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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

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



118th North Waterloo Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force

<https://makinghistory.kpl.org/en/permalink/descriptions9962>

Description Level: Item

Creator: Denton, Ernest, 1883-1957, Photographer

Accession Number: P009772

Material Details: Photographs

Physical Description: 20.7 cm (W) X 15.6 cm (H)
29 cm (W) X 24 cm (H) with mat/border

Date Range: [ca. 1917]

Date of Publication: 1917

Scope and Content:

Black and white group portrait, mounted on a mat, of the 118th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, in 1917. Officers are seated in the front row, while the soldiers appear to be standing on steps in front of a door.

Storage Location: PB8

Name Access: Denton, Ernest, 1883-1957
Hilts, Roy

Subject Access: Group portraits
Military uniforms
Soldiers
World War One, 1914-1918

Canadian Expeditionary Force - 118th (North Waterloo) Battalion

Notes: The 118th North Waterloo Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (C.E.F.), were trained for service overseas during World War I.

Although no individuals have been identified, it is likely that Roy Hilts, the donor's father, is included in the picture.

The Berlin Portrait Room was owned and operated by Ernest Denton. He was a photographer in Berlin/Kitchener from approximately 1912 to 1955. He operated photography studios at various locations in the city.

The photograph is mounted on a mat. The mat has worn edges, with a small piece missing from the bottom. There are glue and paper remnants across the bottom of the mat, suggesting that a label may have been removed at some point in time. The image has many fine surface scratches, worn edges and a missing bottom right corner.

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Collection: Photograph Collection

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Abbott, Augustus

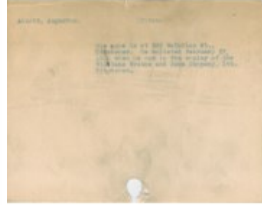
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- Part Of: **Soldier Information Cards - World War One**
- Description Level: **Item**
- Accession Number: **WW1_A_001**
- Material Details: **Cards**
- Physical Description: **5.5 cm (W) X 8.9 cm (H)**
6.2 cm (W) X 10.1 cm (H) with mat/border
- Language: **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 WWI Box 1**
- Name Access: **Abbott, Augustus**
- Subject Access: **Military life**
Soldiers
World War One, 1914-1918
Williams, Greene and Rome Company (Kitchener, Ont.)
- Place: **City of London, England, United Kingdom [Birthplace]**
Kitchener, Ontario, Canada [Place of enlistment]
- Geographic Access: **London, England**
Kitchener, Ontario
- Notes: **Augustus Abbott was born in London, England on 27 March 1876. He was married to Florence Abbott. August and Florence emigrated to Canada from England, with their children, Augustus, George, Arthur and Florence, in 1905.**
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- Source Organization: **Kitchener Public Library**
- Collection: **Soldier Information Cards - World War One**
- Transcription:
Abbott, Augustus

Private.


His home is at 205 Waterloo St. Kitchener. He enlisted February 27, 1916 when he was in the employ of Williams Greene and Rome Company, Ltd., Kitchener.

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Abbott, G.

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Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1_A_002

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 WWI Box 1

Name Access: Abbott, G.

Subject Access: Military life

Soldiers

World War One, 1914-1918

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

Geographic Access: Kitchener, Ontario

Notes: This might be a duplicate card for George Abbott, son of Augustus and Florence Abbott of Kitchener, Ontario (local identifier WW1_A_003).

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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Transcription:

Abbott, G.

Private.


He enlisted at Kitchener.

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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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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.

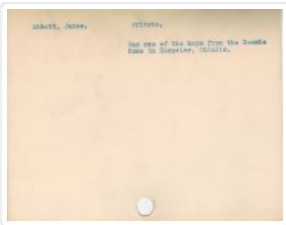
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Abbott, James

<https://makinghistory.kpl.org/en/permalink/descriptions6580>

Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1_A_004

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, James

Subject Access: Military life
Soldiers
World War One, 1914-1918
Canadian Army Medical Corps

Place: Arrondissement du Havre, Haute-Normandie, France [Place of military service]
Hespeler, Ontario, Canada [Residence]
Strathroy, Ontario, Canada [Residence and burial place]
Ceatharlach, Carlow, Ireland [Birthplace]

Geographic Access: Arrondissement du Havre, Haute-Normandie, France
Hespeler, Ontario
Strathroy, Ontario
Ceatharlach, Carlow, Ireland

Notes: Private James Abbott, Service No. 528517

Born in Carlow Ireland, James later resided at the Coombe Home in Hespeler, Ontario. He was a 22 year old student in Strathroy when he enlisted with the Number 2 Field Artillery Depot on 19 Jan 1916 at London Ontario. His next of kin was shown as Mrs. Emily Shepherd, sister, 56 Scollard Street, Toronto, ON on his attestation paper.

He served in the Canadian Army Medical Corps at the CAMC Hospital at Havre, France. There, he became ill and was invalided to England with appendicitis. He returned to Canada and was discharged on 15 May 1919. James died on 26 May 1922 at the Byron Sanitarium. His death was attributed to a 'lingering illness' from the war. He is buried in the Strathroy Cemetery.

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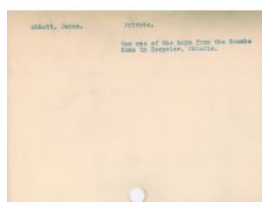
Transcription:

Abbott, James

Private


Was one of the boys from the Coombe Home in Hespeler, Ontario.

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Abbott, W. A.

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Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1_A_005

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 WWI Box 1

Name Access: Abbott, W. A.
Abbott, Augustus William

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

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

Geographic Access: Kitchener, Ontario

Notes: It is believed that W.A. Abbott named in this card might be Augustus William Abbott, son of George and Florence Abbott of Kitchener.

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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Transcription:
Abbott, W. A.

Private


He enlisted at Kitchener.

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Ableson, Albert P.

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Description Level: Item

Soldier First Name: Albert P.

Soldier Last Name: **Ableson**

Rank: Private

Accession Number: WW2_A_001

Material Details: **Cards**

Physical Description: 21 cm (W) X 15.5 cm (H)
21.5 cm (W) X 16.6 cm (H) with mat/border

Language: English

Date Range: 1939 - 1946

Date of Publication: 1946

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

Scope and Content:

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

Storage Location: WW2 - SIC Box 1

Name Access: Ableson, Albert Preston
Ableson, Gladys
Ableson, Gordon L.
McCormick, Frank William
McCormick, Annie M.
Wake, George Edward
Wake, Dorothy I.
Purkis, Stanley A.
Purkis, Hester A.

Subject Access: Military life
Soldiers
World War 1939-1945
Royal Canadian Infantry Corps

Place: Galt, Ontario, Canada [Place of birth]

Geographic Access: Galt, Ontario

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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War Two

Transcription:

Ableson, Albert P.
See also Ableson, Gordon L.

Albert Abelson
August 21, 1940

Private Albert P. Ableson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ableson, 15 McKenzie street. He enlisted June 15 and is attached to H.Q. company. He was born in Galt, April 21, 1920, and attended Central School. Private Ableson was spinner before enlisting. He had four uncles serving in the first Great War. Pte. Ableson attended the Presbyterian church.

December 2, 1945

District men mentioned in dispatches include:
Lance-Sgt. William Frank McCormick, 29, Royal Canadian Corps of signals, son of Mrs. Annie M. McCormick, 23 Arthur St. Elmira.

Sgt. George Edward Wake, 34, Royal Canadian Engineers, husband of Mrs. Dorothy I. Wake of Hespeler.

Pte. Albert Preston Ableson, 24, Canadian Infantry Corps, son of Mrs. Gladys Ableson, Galt.
Lance-Sgt. Stanley A. Purkis, 25, Royal Canadian Artillery, son of Mrs. Hester A. Purkis, Preston.

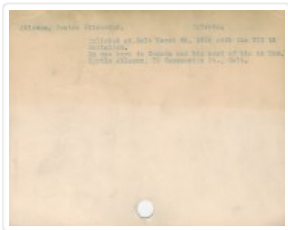
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Ableson, Fenton Silvester

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Part Of: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Description Level: Item

Accession Number: WW1_A_006

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: Ableson, Fenton Silvester

Ableson, Myrtle

Cooper, Myrtle Martha

Ableson, Robert F.

Cunningham, Elizabeth Ann

Ableson, Fenton Huron

Subject Access: Military life

Soldiers

World War One, 1914-1918

111th Battalion

Place: Caledon, Ontario, Canada [Birthplace]

Cambridge, Ontario, Canada [Place of burial]

Galt, Ontario, Canada [Place of enlistment, marriage and residence]

Geographic Access: Caledon, Ontario
Cambridge, Ontario
Galt, Ontario

Notes: Private Fenton Silvester Ableson was born in Caledon, Peel County, Ontario on 31 December 1874. His father was John Preston Ableson, a farmer in Caledon, and his mother was Elizabeth Ann Cunningham. His Ontario Birth Registration gives his name as Fenton Huron Ableson.

He married Myrtle Martha Cooper (1884-1972) on 18 January 1910 in Galt, Ontario. Their son was Robert F. Ableson (1925-1950).

He is buried Mount View Cemetery, Cambridge, Ontario, with his wife and son. He died on 29 January 1957.

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Source Organization: Kitchener Public Library

Collection: Soldier Information Cards - World War One

Transcription:

Ableson, Fenton Silvester

Private.

Enlisted at Galt March 26, 1916 with the 111th Battalion.

He was born in Canada and his next of kin is Mrs. Myrtle Ableson, 10 Concession St., Galt.

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