



For the Glory of The Maple Leaf

PTE. A. A. MacDONALD, M. M.

Private A. A. MacDonald left here with the first draft of the 52nd battalion on June 14th, 1915. After being in England until August, just two months later, he was sent with others of the draft to reinforce the famous eighth battalion. He was serving with the engineers of that unit, and on November 17th, when taking part in the first trench raid that was pulled off he was wounded in the right arm. He was returned to England and for nine months was in various hospitals, returning to his battalion in time to take part in the battle of the Somme in September, 1916. He received his second wound there on September 22nd, but as it was very slight, he was away from his battalion for only a few days, and has served continuously since, except for being home on a three months' leave during the winter of 1917-1918.



Again returning to England he was detained there for several months, as being considered unfit for further military service, but he insisted that he go to France so successfully that he was finally permitted to join his battalion again.

His service was then with the scouts and snipers of the eighth, and he received a military medal for work done at Cambrai on September 27th, 28th and 29th of 1918. As was the case of many of the men who went overseas, he was offered several opportunities to take out a commission, but had no such inclination, so that he returns to Canada still a private.

Pte. MacDonald also wears the 1915 service ribbon.