



For the Glory of The Maple Leaf

STAFF SERGT. W. R. WHITEHURST, M. M.

Staff Sergt. Whitehurst is a well known local boy, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Whitehurst, 113 Dease street.

He enlisted with the famous 52nd battalion on December 19, 1914, and volunteered for service overseas with the second draft which went from that unit. He left the head of the lakes on September 1, 1915, a lance corporal signaller.

Arrived in England, he took the signaller's training course in Folkestone, and after acting as instructor there for some time, he again volunteered with a draft, one which was on the way to France to re-inforce the 10th battalion.

He reached France on March 1, 1916, joined the 10th battalion and served with that unit until shortly before the signing of the armistice, when he was appointed to the staff of the 2nd brigade, 2nd division.

It was in the last action in which he fought that he won the military medal for conspicuous gallantry.

Sergt. Whitehurst saw the Canadian armies firmly established in German territory, and had Christmas dinner near Cologne. He celebrated New Year's day at Hoya, Belgium.

He is now looking forward to a speedy return to Canada.

