

Fathers and sons who served together in the 60th battalion

Coombs

Frederick Thomas (457716) – Frederick George (457477)

Frederick George Coombs signed up with the 60th Battalion on June 17, 1915. Thirteen day later his father, Frederick Thomas Coombs did the same. They would be part of E Company. On August 27, 1915 they were transferred to the 1st Reinforcing Draft and sailed for England. On arrival they were transferred to the 23rd Reserve Battalion. Fred Sr was admitted to the Military Hospital at Devonport on September 5th, suffering from influenza. He would remain in hospital until January 7, 1916 when he was discharged back to Canada as Medically Unfit for service. A medical board in Montreal review his case on the 28th of June and recommended he be discharged from service. His discharge was official n July 5, 1916. Fred Jr was transferred to the 3rd battalion on February 2, 1916 and sent to France as part of a reinforcing draft. He would serve in A Company of the 3rd until he was Killed in Action at Mount Sorel on June 13, 1916. His body was never recovered and he is commemorated on panel 18 of the Menin Gate memorial in Ypres.