

# Fathers and sons who served together in the 60th battalion

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## Frampton

George (458598) - James (458615) - Caleb (457947)

George Frampton lied about his age when he attested to the 60th Battalion on September 20, 1915. He recorded his date of birth as September 23, 1870 making him three days shy of his forty fifth birthday. His son Caleb had joined up on July 14th and he wanted to be in D Company with his son. Caleb's birthday was April 9, 1894. His other son James signed up on October 7th, his birthday was February 13, 1885. They kept the fact that they were related secret so George's true age would not be discovered.

All three would proceed overseas with the battalion. Once they were in the trenches George's real age started to show and he had a hard time keeping up. In June, 1916, Major Pavey blocked George from going into the trenches and had him attached to the 3rd division Headquarters.

George had another son, George Henry (66219) who had joined the 24th Battalion on April 26, 1915 and went overseas as part of the second contingent. George Jr was born October 9, 1890, five years younger than James and four years older than Caleb. On the 24th of July, in the vicinity of Kemmel, he and two comrades were in a dugout when a trench mortar bomb rolled down the dugout stairs and exploded inside killing him and his comrades.

On the 24th of August George Sr was transferred the Base Depot having been classified 'PB' – Permanent Base, meaning he was fit for base duties but would not be going into the trenches again. Two weeks later he was transferred back to England with a classification of "C", meaning he was only fit for service in England. At a medical board hearing he divulged his true age of fifty seven. The medical board recommended he be returned to Canada and discharged as being overaged. He returned to Canada and was discharged from the service on November 3, 1916.

Caleb would be hit in the back and thighs by shrapnel from an artillery shell while in the front line trenches. He was sent to No 30 Casualty Clearing Station where the fragments were removed before he was sent to the 16th general Hospital in Lilliporte on October 30, 1916. On November 5th he was transferred back to England.. He would be sent back to Canada on October 18, 1917, almost a full year after he was wounded.

While Caleb was recuperating from his wounds his older brother James was with the battalion in the thelus section of Vimy Ridge when on January 24, 1917 he was seriously wounded by a trench mortar bomb and rendered unconscious. His wounds were attended to and he was sent to #10 Canadian Field Ambulance where he succumbed to his wounds. He never regained consciousness. Both George Henry and James Frampton were victims of trench mortars and both lie in graves overseas, George Henry in Belgium in La Laitterie Military Cemetery and James in France, in Ecoivres Military Cemetery.