

# DROWNED AT KAPUSKASING

**Soldier Father Loses Soldier Son—  
Was at Internment Camp.**

Although only 18 years of age, Pte. A. W. Victor Thompson, son of Pte. and Mrs. A. R. Thompson, 184 Bartlett avenue, has given his life for his country. Lacking details, the communication from headquarters merely states that Pte. Thompson was accidentally drowned in Kapuskasing Rapids, **Kapuskasing** Internment Camp, on May 24, one day prior to his nineteenth birthday.

"He was an expert canoeist," said Mrs. Thompson, "as when Lieut. Knoxson was drowned at the camp Victor and another soldier were sent out in search. They spent 28 days searching in a canoe, and I feel quite certain that it was not through any foolhardy venture that he met death."

Despite his youth, Victor Thompson was a thorough and ardent soldier, having made application in the 9th Mississauga Horse Regiment, for home service, nearly two years ago, but was rejected. In March, 1915, he again applied, and was accepted for



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guard duty at Kapuskasing Camp. Later he made application to join the 75th Battalion, but unfortunately through an accident he sustained a sprained ankle and was unable to leave with that unit. Again in March he received his transfer into the 170th, and was preparing to join that unit when the recent uprising occurred at the camp, and Private Thompson was detained there, until he met his death on the 24th.

Prior to receiving this news Mrs. Thompson had only had a letter from her husband, Pte. A. R. Thompson, batman to Major Adams of the 1st Canadian Reserve, France, that he was dangerously ill. This letter had been forwarded to her son at Kapuskasing, but did not reach him before his death.

Thompson was born in Toronto, and prior to enlisting had been in the employ of the R. J. Dunn Company for three years. He was a member of Westmoreland Methodist Church young men's Bible class.

The body arrived in Toronto at 12:05 noon to-day, and will be buried with full military honors on Monday at 3 o'clock in Prospect Cemetery.