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LT.-COL. WALTER G. THOMPSON

He was a man of keen discernment. He did not choose his friends from selfish motives that he might advance his own personal position. His friends were legion and were found amongst the lowliest as well as amongst those in responsible positions. He took real enjoyment out of his many friendships and followed an unselfish determination to be helpful in their progress. He lived his life according to high ideals and practised only ethics which stood the most minute scrutiny.

He was capable of the deepest of affections and on many occasions, at much personal inconvenience, did many acts of kindness. He was a man of great generosity. Although he held strong convictions, he was broad minded, and would support movements for the good that was in them.

The dental profession has lost one of its most outstanding members, a man loyal in season and out to the calling and the group he loved so much.



LIEUT.-COL. WALTER G. THOMPSON, D.D.S., F.A.C.D.

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Dr. Thompson was a native of Waterdown, Ontario. He was graduated from the School of Dentistry of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario in 1899. Since that time he has practised in Hamilton.

He occupied with distinction many offices within the profession. He was a member of the Board of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario for ten years, six of which he was chairman of the discipline committee. In this connection his work is well known for the high ethical standards he endeavoured to maintain. During the years 1934-38 he was Director of Dental Services in the Province of Ontario. He was Past President of the Ontario Dental Association, a former director of the Dental Department of the Hamilton Board of Health and a Past President of the Hamilton Dental Society. He was elected a fellow of the American College of Dentists. He was a former member of the Hamilton Parks Board and a member of the Board of Hospital Governors.

During the war years he was a member of the 13th Royal Regiment. He organized and commanded the Dental Corps in Military District No. 2 with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. Having completed twenty years as an officer of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, he received the officer's decoration of the Colonial Auxilliary Forces.

Dr. Thompson, less than one year ago, was elected for the ninth consecutive time, President of the Hamilton Amateur Athletic Association. His almost paternal interest in the Tiger Football Club is known universally in sporting circles.

He was a member of the Hamilton Club, Acacia Lodge A.F. & A.M.; Scottish Rite A. & A.S.R. and Xi Psi Phi dental fraternity.