

THE YOUNG BROTHERS

HENRY THOMAS MC

"HOW LIEUT. YOUNG WON THE M.C.

('Telegraph', 18 September, 1916.)

A graphic account of a trench raid, which brought honour to Lieutenant H. T. Young, son of Mr. Josiah Young, of Brisbane, who was awarded the Military Cross, is contained in a letter from Captain Arthur Collin. "I must tell you about a little stunt we had by a raiding party into the German trenches. Harry Young was with the party, and I expect by this you have seen how the poor old boy has been seriously wounded... The parties left our lines one night, and took up their positions in No Man's Land, it took several hours for them to get into their positions, and each party had communication by telephone.

The men were lumbered up by ladders and mats, bombs and rifles, and to get successfully across No Man's Land with these things without being seen, took some doing, I can tell you, especially when powerful flares were being sent up the whole time by the Germans. Well, every man was in his place, and no one could be seen. The artillery then opened up with a terrific bombardment on the German trenches, then the range was lifted 100 yards

or so, and our parties rushed the trenches. They went in, and killed the Germans right and left, and, smashed up things terribly. A party of Germans had bombs, and did considerable damage to our chaps, but nothing like the casualties they got. Harry unfortunately was hit by a piece of a bomb in the right shoulder. However, that did not stop him. He dismantled a German machine gun, captured several prisoners, and then it was time to be off back again. All the way across No Man's Land he helped lug this machine gun, and they even got it safely into our own trenches.

Harry put in good work helping wounded men, until, being badly wounded himself, he collapsed through loss of blood. However, from the latest, we learn that he is doing well, and is now in England... Colonel Robertson cannot say enough for Harry Young and all the others, and I might say decorations most likely will be conferred on all the officers. Colonel Robertson has written, asking that the machine-gun captured be sent to the Queensland Government. It will be some honour for Harry if it is sent out."

Date of Birth:	28 February 1881
Student Number:	841
Enrolment:	4 February 1895
Age Entered IGS:	14 years
Final Day at IGS:	December 1888

Unit:	25th Battalion
Regimental Number:	2nd Lieutenant
Enlistment:	25 May 1915
Age at Enlistment:	33 years
Final Day of Service:	21 December 1918

Date of Birth:	12 February 1879
Student Number:	802
Enrolment:	17 July 1893
Age Entered IGS:	14 years
Final Day at IGS:	- - -



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WILLIAM JAMES

Unit:	2nd Pioneer Battalion
Regimental Number:	3680
Enlistment:	30 August 1915
Age at Enlistment:	37 years
Final Day of Service:	Killed in Action 7 August 1916