

Officers in the First World War

Description:

In this activity, you will develop an understanding of officers in the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the First World War by examining the correspondence of officers in the 118th Battalion.

Instructions:

- 1) At your computer, navigate to the *Waterloo at War* website and read the article on officers in the 118th Battalion: <http://www.waterlootwar.ca/2015/11/04/the-officers/>.
- 2) Click on this document and scroll down to page 26. Read the hand-written text on pages 26 – 28 and answer the following questions about who officers were in civilian life:
 - a. What jobs do these men leave to enter the war?

- b. What kind of language do they use?

- c. How eager are they to be officers?

d. What did the officers think of the enlisted men under them?

e. How do the commanding officers talk about the potential officers?
