

2119 Private *Eli Abbott*

Coal Trimmer, Grand Falls Papermill

Enlisted: February 23, 1916, 18 yrs., 10 mos.

Parents: Charles and Annie Abbott, Grand Falls, Nfld.

Description:

- Height: 5 ft. 4 in., Weight 118 lbs.
- Scar on left arm.
- Range of chest expansion, 4.5 in.
- Medical Examination conducted by Dr. H.B. Chamberlain, Grand Falls, February 17, 1916

Religion: Methodist

Service:

- Embarked, St. John's, S.S. Sicilian for United Kingdom, March 24, 1916
- Joined Newfoundland Regiment in Europe, July 21, 1916
- Killed in action in Somme, France; January 28, 1917
- Parents informed of Eli's death on February 10th, 1917, by the Rev. W.T.D. Dunn, Methodist minister, Grand Falls, Nfld.

Burial: Private Eli Abbott has no known gravesite. In his memory his name is inscribed on the Beaumont Hamel Newfoundland Memorial, Beaumont Hamel, France.

Note: On March 4, 1917, approximately three weeks after receiving notification of Eli's death, his father, Charles Abbott, forwarded this letter to the Honourable J.R. Bennett, Colonial Secretary, Nfld. Among other things, it illustrated the firm Christian faith and willingness to witness, which infused our congregation in 1917.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of condolence came to hand re... the death of my dear son who was killed in action an January 28. I hereby thank you and the government for the kind sympathy in this sad hour of my bereavement. He was my only son. Nevertheless, he has played the hero's part laid down his life for King and Country. I trust that he has won the victory crown. I shall see him no more on earth, but trust to meet him again in the great beyond where there will be no more war, where all will be peace and happiness.

Thanking you and the government for your kindest sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement.

I remain

Yours

truly,

Charles Abbott



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