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**Private Archibald Barrow
1899-1917**



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A Hero Lived Here

268 King Street West

Ingersoll, ON

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KILLED IN ACTION.

Pte. Archie Barrow Made Supreme Sacrifice on April 9th.

That her son Pte. Archie Barrow had been killed in action on April the 9th was the sad news which was received officially by Mrs. Mary Barrow, King street west, on Friday. Pte. Barrow is the first Ingersoll member of the 168th Battalion to give his life for his king and country. No particulars were given other than the date of his death. Pte. Barrow was one of the younger members of the 168th Battalion. He had resided in Ingersoll all his life up to the time of his enlistment. He was just old enough to be accepted at the time of his enlistment. He was well and favorably known to the young people of the town and the deepest sympathy will be extended to the bereaved mother.

Ingersoll Chronicle, April 1917

Archibald Barrow was born in Ingersoll on 10 October 1899, to Charles Barrow & Mary Saunders Barrow. His parents emigrated from England in the 1870s and settled at 201 King Street West, where Charles took up the tailoring trade. Archie attended the Central School and after which he began work as a labourer.

In January of 1916, he made the brave decision to join the war effort by enlisting at the Ingersoll recruiting office. Archie seems to have lied about his age to meet the minimum enlistment requirement of 18 years. He gives his birth date as 1898 on his Attestation Papers, making his age in compliance. On enlistment, he joined the 168th Battalion, Oxford Rifles. Private Archibald Barrow was killed in action during the attack on Vimy Ridge on 9 April 1917, he was the first of man of 168th Oxford's Own to make the supreme sacrifice. He is buried in a mass grave in what is known as the Zivy Crater Cemetery at Thelus, France. His name appears on a War Memorial in Ingersoll.

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