

# POSTCARD



**Flight Lieutenant  
Jack Lionel Boles**  
1896-1918



## Address

### A Hero Lived Here

90 Charles Street West

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#### KILLED IN ENGLAND

**Flight-Lieut. Jack Boles Met Death  
While Serving the Empire.**

A sense of great personal loss is felt by many Ingersoll people in the death of Flight-Lieutenant Jack Boles, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Boles. On Friday last Mr. Boles received a cable stating that he had been killed in England. The cause or nature of his death are not yet known.

The late Lieut. Boles first joined the colors when the 168th Battalion was being organized in Oxford County. While on the strength of this battalion, he qualified as a Lieutenant in London, but did not take out a commission with the battalion. He desired to join the Royal Flying Corps; and was, consequently, given his discharge from the 168th Battalion shortly before it left for overseas in 1916. After some months training in England, Lieut. Boles went to France as a Flight-Lieutenant where he distinguished himself as one of the ablest men of the Canadian service. Having served in France for many months, he was returned to England where he joined the forces defending London; and here he acted in the capacity of Flight-Commander for some time. Reports have come home quite recently of the splendid work he was doing in England and his promotion to the rank of Captain was almost assured.

Flight-Lieut. Boles was 22 years of age and he was one of the popular young men of Ingersoll. The news of his untimely death comes as a great shock to a host of friends throughout the community.

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Flight Lieutenant Jack Lionel Boles was born in Ingersoll in 1896 to parents John E. Boles & Ella Morrison. His father owned a prominent dry goods store on Thames Street where Jack worked as a clerk. In January of 1916, he made the brave decision to join the war effort by enlisting at the Ingersoll recruiting office. On enlistment, he joined the 168th Battalion, Oxford Rifles, eventually becoming a member of the Royal Flying Corps and defended London, England from the air. Jack made the ultimate sacrifice on June 13, 1918 and he rests in the St. Andrew's Churchyard, North Weald Bassett, England. His name appears on a War Memorial in Ingersoll and a headstone was erected in his memory in the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery.

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