

# POSTCARD



**Private**  
**Charles Edward Bowman**  
1896-1917



## Address

### A Hero Lived Here

114 Merritt Street

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**PTE. CHARLES BOWMAN MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE—MESSAGE RECEIVED TUESDAY STATING HE WAS WOUNDED, FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER ON WEDNESDAY.**

Another Ingersoll soldier, Pte. Charles Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bowman of Dereham township, formerly of Ingersoll, has made the supreme sacrifice. A message received by Mr. Bowman on Tuesday informed him that his son had been seriously wounded in France on April 9th. This was followed by a message on Wednesday which stated that he had been killed in action on April 10th.

Pte. Bowman was widely known and generally esteemed in Ingersoll. He had spent practically all his life here up to the time of enlisting with the 71st Battalion, with which unit he went overseas, being later transferred to the 4th Battalion. He possessed a genial, unassuming disposition and readily won friends. He was employed in the town at the time of his enlistment. It will be recalled that he was eager to get to the front and to do his bit for his King and country.

His brother, Samuel Bowman, went overseas with the first contingent, and although both had been in France for some time they had never met.

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Private Charles Edward Bowman, son of William and Elizabeth Bowman was employed in Ingersoll as an electrician in 1915. He made the decision to enlist in December of that year in Woodstock. Charles was part of the Battle of Vimy Ridge in which four divisions of Canadian soldiers were successful in claiming victory. This win came at great cost; when the battle was over on April 12, there were 10,602 casualties. Charles Edward Bowman rests in the Canadian Cemetery, No. 2 at Pas de Calais, France.

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