

# POSTCARD



**Private Archie Eshelly Minler**  
1894-1916



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**A Hero Lived Here**

99 Canterbury Street

Ingersoll, ON

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## PTE. MINLER WAS KILLED IN ACTION

BAD NEWS RECEIVED BY MRS. MINLER, CANTERBURY STREET ON WEDNESDAY — TELEGRAM FOLLOWED LETTER SAYING SON WAS WELL.

That his son Pte. Archie Minler, had been killed in action was the sad news received on Wednesday by Mrs. Minler, Canterbury street. The telegram informing her of her son's death was received only a few hours after the receipt of a letter from him in which he stated he was well. The shock under the circumstances was unusually severe.

Pte. Archie Minler was 22 years of age on the 15th of this month. He spent his first birthday in the trenches.

Pte. Minler was among the first of this division to be asked with his responsibility when the war broke out. He enlisted with the first contingent and had served regularly in the trenches since going to the front. He was a young man of good physique, a brave spirit, and always looked on the bright side of conditions. During his long absence he displayed a keen interest in the welfare of those at home, writing regularly to his mother and other friends. His letters were always bright and hopeful and they were warmly received.

Pte. Minler readily won the esteem of those who were associated with him. He had the reputation of being a good soldier and many citizens proud with him, the letter which he forwarded regularly. The circumstances of the occasion will be extended to his mother in the sad loss she has sustained.

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Private Archie Minler grew up in Ingersoll at 99 Canterbury Street. His parents, Peter Minier and his mother Mary Eshelby Talbot Minier had three other children, Murray, Ezra & Bertie.

Archie was member of the local Cavalry Unit, 24th Grey's Horse and he enlisted shortly after the onset of the war in September 1914. Both of Archie's brothers also enlisted and were sent overseas to join the war effort. Only Archie was to make the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life at the battle of Ypres, Belgium, in Flanders Fields. There is a headstone in the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery that marks the life of Archie, and he shares this monument with his mother, Mary. Archie's remains lie at The Menin Gate Memorial which is situated at the eastern side of the town of Ypres.

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