

REPORTED MISSING



*Pte. Arthur M. Hummel*

Although Pte. Arthur M. Hummel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hummel has been reported as wounded and missing since November 17th, when all trace of him was lost, the family is hoping against hope that he might yet be located in some hospital. Hedley Boyd of Russell, has received information from a relative in France who says that when Pte. Hummel was wounded in the stomach he assisted him to a dressing station but did not know how he got along after that. Others who seemed to know, believed he was still in hospital and lucky for it.

OBITUARY.



*Private Arthur M. Hummel.*

The suspense that has hung over the home of Mr. John C. Hummel of Chesterville, during the weeks since his son, Pte. Arthur M. Hummel, was officially announced as "wounded and missing," was broken by a chaplain's letter from the trenches, which arrived on Friday last. This letter which contained a photo of some of his Chesterville relatives together with the official number of the deceased, which were found on his body recently, set all doubts at rest, that he fell in the advance of the Canadian boys early in November, and that in the confusion of war his body had slept with many other of Canada's heroic sons all winter just where he fell. His death removes another of the splendid lads of Chesterville, who were making

service with the troops in the world-famous battle of Verdun, where he was seriously wounded, and invalided to England. His clean and manly life stood him in good stead in his convalescence, and in a few months when fresh troops were required for the Belgium frontier, Pte. Hummel was once more in the thick of the fight. This proved to be his last campaign. He fell in one of those advances which have made the Canadian Princess Patricia's famous, with his face to the foe.

Pte. Hummel will be mourned by a large circle in the scenes of his boyhood and of his newer acquaintances of the West. He fell like so many others in his prime. He would have been 27 years old on the 21st. of next July. His fine powers of discernment, his sense of humor, so spontaneous during all the stern tasks and risks of war in his letters home, his splendid type of Christian manhood, his chosen future as a Christian minister, for which everyone recognized his fitness, combine to make his death a loss not only to his many friends and admirers, but to the nation which can ill afford such costly sacrifices of its best manhood.

His repeated messages from the pulpit of the Methodist Church during his training in Montreal will be remembered by the people of his native town. On Sunday night last a large congregation assembled at the memorial service in Trinity Methodist Church in his honor, when the pastor, Rev. Mr. Warren, paid a feeling and worthy tribute to his noble life and splendid sacrifice for his country.