

Private Charles Henry Blackmore

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“PRO PATRIA.”

We deeply regret to hear that the war has brought sorrow to another respected Dawlish family. Mr and Mrs A Blackmore, of Lytton House, Dawlish, were notified yesterday afternoon of the death of their only son, Pte Charles Blackmore, of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Deceased was only welcomed home from Canada, where he had done well, about two months ago. The Homeland's need proved an irresistible call to his patriotism. He left a sister behind in the Dominion. He was a teacher by profession—certificated and college-trained—but very soon discarded it in Canada for more profitable employment. His prospects over-seas were bright and he had looked forward to “making good” still better after the war.

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Respecting the lamented death at the front of Pte C H Blackmore, of the Canadian Infantry, briefly reported in our last issue, his parents, Mr and Mrs A Blackmore, of Lytton House, have received two letters from France. One from a chum, Pte Archie B Russell, who, in tendering his deepest sympathy, says: “Deceased was on outpost duty with me in ‘No Man's Land’ when he was sniped in the head and never regained consciousness. His body was taken out and properly buried a short distance behind, from which it will be eventually removed and placed in the Canadian Cemetery for our own brave fallen lads. Your son was well liked by all the platoon, and his loss will be greatly felt, especially by myself, as he was in my section, and I knew several of his personal friends in Western Canada.” The other letter was from Capt Harold McCausland, Chaplain, who gives particulars of Pte Blackmore's death and the exact location of his grave, which he says is carefully marked. He adds: “Please accept the very deep and sincere sympathy of the Officer Commanding and all ranks. Your boy died a very manly and gallant death, doing his duty to King and country in the face of great danger. Surely such a death must merit final reward.”

MR. AND MRS. A. BLACKMORE AND FAMILY return their heartfelt thanks for the numerous kind expressions of sympathy with them in their bereavement.
Lytton House, Dawlish.