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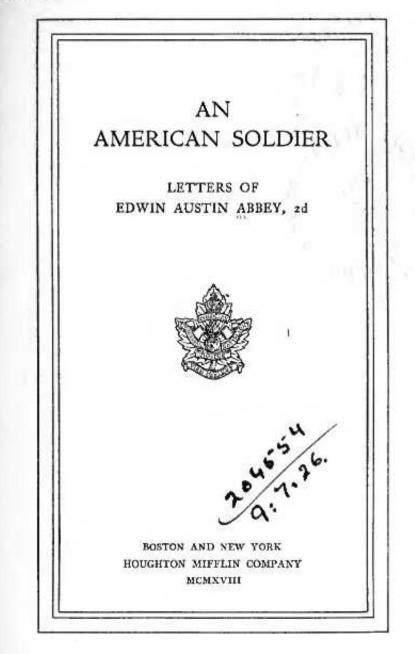
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#### "VIMY RIDGE"

Killed at Vimy Ridge In the flower of his youth; ' Killed in battle, facing foe— Oh 1 May the world find Truth.

Killed at Vimy Ridge Fighting for a "cause," The cause of all Humanity And God's all-perfect laws.

R. B. H.

APRIL 10, 1917

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."



#### FOREWORD

The letters are printed, with little or no editing, as they were written from the engineers' shack in the Canadian woods, or from "overseas" in camp, trench, or hospital. There was, of course, no idea in the mind of the writer that they would ever be published. That they are is due to the insistent request of many who have found in them both illumination and inspiration. They tell their own story.

The summer of 1915 was spent in superintending the construction of the bridge at Shaw's Creek, which was completed at the end of September. On October 2d, the writer of the letters enlisted in the Second Canadian Pioneer Battalion, in Toronto, going overseas on December 6th, and arriving at the Flanders Front on the 11th of March, 1916. Early in the morning of April 23d, Easter Day, "Lance Corporal" E. A. Abbey was wounded, and a week later sent to England, where he remained seven months. On December 1st he was returned to France, gazetted Lieutenant, Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles, and went at once to the front, where he was "killed in action" at Vimy Ridge, on the morning of Easter Tuesday, April 10, 1917.

W. B. A. AND K. E. A.

PHILADELPHIA, JUNE, 1917