

**Private Arthur E. W. Maidment fonds. - 1906, 1911, 1915 - 1921. -
3.3 cm textual records, 11 black and white photographs**

Biographical note

Arthur Ernest White Maidment was born on September 8, 1896, the seventh of eight children born to Enoch Heber Maidment and Mary Margaret Symonds. He enlisted in the Newfoundland Regiment in June 1916 where he joined many other young Newfoundland men to train in St. John's before being sent overseas. In September 1916 he is located in Ayr, Scotland for further training and is awaiting orders to fight, by December he is in France and his last letter home to his brother is dated for March 14, 1917, he is killed a month later at the age of 20.

Private Maidment was No. 2910 of the 1st Battalion, Newfoundland Regiment, he died in the Second Battle of the Scarpe, which was fought at Infantry Hill (East of Monchy) and Guemappe (due South of Monchy). This area was later captured by the British troops. He is buried in the Windmill British Cemetery, Monchy-Le-Preux, Pas de Calais, France.

Sources: Newfoundland Monchy Memorial, Veteran Affairs Canada and Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Custodial history

Material was collected by various members of the Maidment family and was donated to the Trinity Historical Society Archives in September 2002 by Arthur Maidment, nephew of Private. Arthur E. W. Maidment.

Scope and content

Consists of correspondence between 1916 - 1917; a copy of the New Testament; letters of sympathy from King George, Governor and Lady Davidson and telegrams expressing condolences, as well as estate papers; a copy of a set of by-laws for the Loyal Orange Association and eleven black and white photographs.

The material has been divided into the following series: Series 1: Correspondence, 1916 - 1917; Series 2: Letters of Sympathy, 1917; Series 3: Estate Papers, 1916 - 1920; Series 4: New Testament; Series 5: Miscellaneous, 1906, 1911, 1915, 1921.

Notes

Supplied title based on documentation in the fonds.

Donated by Arthur Maidment in 2002, nephew of Private Arthur E. W. Maidment.

The black and white photographs have been placed in the Trinity Historical Society Archives Black and White Photograph Collection - Pte. Arthur E. W. Maidment fonds. Please see finding aid for further information.

Series 1: Correspondence. - 1916 - 1917. - 1.5 cm

The series consists of several letters from Arthur, who is in St. John=s undergoing testing and training to see if he is fit for active service in the war, to his sister Mary and his mother who are residing in Trinity. In the letters he tells of his training and wonders what is happening in Trinity. Some letters are written from Trinity while he is home on leave to his brother Harry who is working in Labrador. His first letter from overseas is to his sister Mary and is dated September 28, 1916 from Ayr, Scotland where they are doing more training and awaiting for further orders until late November, between December - March he writes three letters to his brother Harry from France, his last letter is dated March 14, 1917, one month before he is killed outside of Monchy.

Series 2: Letters of Sympathy. - 1917. - 0.3 cm

The series contains letters of sympathy from King George; Governor and Lady Davidson; a Memorial Card which was sent to immediate family members who lost a soldier in the war; telegram from Mr. Bennett, the Colonial Secretary, to the Rev. C. M. Stickings, Rector for the Parish of Trinity; other telegrams of condolence from family members; and a photograph of a cross that marks Arthur=s grave at the Windmill British Cemetery.

Series 3: Estate Papers. - 1916 - 1920. - 0.2 cm

Upon the death of Arthur some correspondence took place between his family and the various government departments concerning the return of his effects, payment of allotment to his mother for his service=s to his Country and some correspondence from the Pension Commissioners Office.

Series 4: New Testament. - 1 cm.

A copy of the New Testament which was presented to the members of the First Newfoundland Regiment by the British and Foreign and Newfoundland Bible Societies. Arthur had written inside of the book: his name, Regimental number and return to his mother in Trinity, Trinity Bay, NFLD. A prayer is also written inside and dated for December 20, 1916.

Series 5: Miscellaneous. - 1906,1911, 1915, 1921. - 0.3 cm.

The series contains two letters to Arthur=s mother, one dated March 5, 1911 from the Society of United Fishermen, St. Paul=s Lodge, No. 49 expressing deepest sympathy on the passing of her husband who was a member of the Lodge; a letter from her daughter Gertie saying how her husband Joe had passed away; a set of by-laws from the Loyal Orange Association, Royal Albert Lodge No. 12, Trinity which belonged to Arthur as he was a member of the Association and a Memorial Day card for a service that was held in 1921.

Location: Private Arthur E. W. Maidment Fonds.

Black and White Photographs. - [1900] - [1940's]. - 11 photographs.

Photographs are of Pte. Arthur E. W. Maidment in his uniform, a picture of the cross marker on his grave and studio portraits of Maidment family members.

Location: Trinity Historical Society Archives Black and White Photograph Collection:
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