

CHRISTMAS BOX WAS READY, BUT SOLDIER HAD DIED

Mother Had the Parcel Ready
When News Came of Pte.
E. Rout's Death.

Earlscourt, Nov. 1.—A Christmas box ready and packed with all the care and tenderness of a mother's devotion to a soldier son lies at 29½ Blackthorn avenue addressed to Corp. Ernest Rout, somewhere in France, but it will never reach its destination, for just before it was to be taken away a telegram came announcing the soldier's death in action.

Corp. Rout before going overseas was an M.P. at Kapuskasing internment camp for one year and nine months. He was discharged from there and returned home, where he joined the 1st C.O.R. and went overseas in March, 1918, and was killed Sept. 30, 1918.

Mrs. L. Rout, his mother, showed the reporter his Christmas box already packed to send overseas when the word came that he was killed. Corp. Rout was formerly employed by the Ellis Construction Company.