

# **Little Britain's First Casualty in Actual Combat is Commemorated with Shrine Over His Grave at Caen in Normandy**

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*The following account of the recent Memorial Service held in honor of Bombardier Everett I. Hill in the Little Britain United Church, on Sunday last, was handed in to The Post to-day by Squadron Leader, the Rev. P. D. Cameron, and will be of great interest to all residents in this community.*

The largest representation in recent years of the citizens of Little Britain village and Mariposa Twp. filled the Little Britain United Church to capacity on Sunday, to pay tribute to the memory of the late Bombardier Everett I. Hill, Little Britain's first fatal war casualty, killed in actual combat in Normandy. Members of the Great War Veterans' Association, the Army Reserve, Air Cadets and Boy Scouts "marched" to the Church, taking their places in the reserved section of the church.

Rev. L. W. Scott, the United Church Minister officiated, assisted by Rev. P. D. Cameron who recently returned from active service as an R.C.A.F. Chaplain on operational stations in both Bomber and Fighter Command, England.

Rev. Mr. Scott challenged the congregation with such heart searching questions as "Are we at home, worthy of the supreme sacrifices the best young men and young women of our Great Dominion, who are willing to die and are dying on our behalf, over there are making?"

Mr. Scott also emphasized the need to display our appreciation in a practical visible demonstration of real sacrificial living and personal, institutional and national self-abnegation in the realm of service, in the presence of the loved ones at home who are suffering by reason of this, the greatest conflict in the

history of man, and in the presence of our Heavenly Father who gave His only begotten Son to die for us.

In closing his message the Reverend Gentleman extended to the bereaved ones in Canada and in England the sympathy and gratitude of the members of the church and the people of the community and all the freedom-loving peoples of the earth.

Following the playing of the "Last Post" and "Reveille" by Pte. Read of the Army Reserve, Rev. Mr. Cameron paid high tribute to the character, personality and sacrificial principles revealed in the lives of the Hill family at home and abroad.

Mr. Cameron then introduced a recent letter received from Sgt. Navigator Robert Hill who is now a member of a bomber crew on active service in England. A letter, which he regarded as a great literary and patriotic Christian Masterpiece born in the midst of battle.

of the clipping,, so far as it directly concerns Everett, headed—

**"*CRERAR OF THE CANUCKS*"**

Normandy—Saturday

"In a ruined street of Caen, buried where he fell, lies a Canadian Artilleryman, Bombardier Hill."

"The townspeople of Caen have made a wayside Shrine of Bombardier Hill's grave, in the middle of their city. They have decorated it with the Union Jack and the Tricolours of France. They keep fresh

written in the blood of sacrifice and punctuated with the beating heart of a loving brother, which read as follows:—

Aug. 13th, 1944.

Dear Mother, Dad and All:—

Another sunny, Sunday afternoon, and I am by the brook, under the same willow as last week, BUT this finds me about the proudest brother in the world, Proud of Everett always, but even more so now I doubt if I can put it down in words or paper, but I'll quote a clipping from this morning's Graphic. The boys said "I'D HAVE SOMETHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT," and here is the contents

**Bdr. Everett I. Hill Is  
Commemorated at I' Britain**