

Eby, Alexander Ralph.

Private.



He went with the 1st Contingent B.E.F.
2nd Infantry Brigade, 4th Company, 5th
Battalion.

Miss Helen Eby, Eby St. Kitchener, is
his sister.

He was killed in France, March 21, 1915
and was the first Waterloo County vic-
tim of the war on the fields of France.
Methodist.

Alexander Ralph Eby, of
the Fifth Battalion, First Can-
adian Contingent, born in
Berlin, Ontario, 1891, killed
in action March 20th, 1915,
descendant, in line of oldest
sons in each generation, of
Bishop Benjamin Eby, foun-
der of Berlin and one of the
first settlers in this locality.

Bishop Benjamin Eby's old-
est son was Isaac Eby; Isaac
Eby's oldest son was Menno
Eby, who married a German,
Elizabeth Becker. Menno

Eby's oldest son was Alexan-
der Eby, who married an Eng-
lish-woman, Nellie Watson,
and their oldest son was Alex-
ander Ralph Eby, with whose
death the line in direct des-
cent of oldest sons from Bish-
op Benjamin Eby becomes ex-
tinct. The early Mennonite
settlers refused on religious
principles to carry arms in
war. In the war of 1812 a
number of them took part as
teamsters.

