

898 Lance Corporal *George Edward Pike*

Salesman

Enlisted: January 4, 1915, aged 31 years

Parents: Nathaniel and Emma Pike, Grand Falls, Newfoundland. Mr. Pike was a Customs Official at Grand Falls

Place of Birth: Harbour Grace, Nfld.

Religion: Methodist

Description:

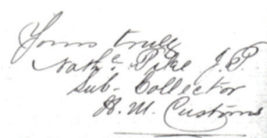
- Complexion: Light
- Hair: Light
- Eyes: Blue

Service:

- Embarked, St. John's, S.S. Stephano, March 20, 1915, for United Kingdom
- Embarked United Kingdom, for Gallipoli Campaign, August 8, 1915
- Left Cairo for Gallipoli, September 13, 1915 and landed at Suvla Bay, September 19 – 20, 1915
- Appointed Lance Corporal, October 15, 1915
- During Gallipoli Campaign, was twice in hospital with Jaundice
- Arrived in Marseilles, France with Regiment, March 23, 1916
- Reported missing in action, July 1, 1916, Battle of Beaumont Hamel
- Reported killed in action and burial recorded, June 17, 1917

Burial: Y Ravine Cemetery, Reference 108, Beaumont Hamel

Note: During the one year interval between Lance Corporal Pike's being reported missing in action and the official certification of his death, there was hope on the part of his family at Grand Falls that he might have become a prisoner of war. In mid August, 1916, Lance Corporal Pike's father, Mr. Nathaniel Pike, requested that sundries which he had previously forwarded be sent on to him as prisoner. Mr. Pike also stated:



James Trully
Sub-Collector
R. M. Customs

... If a prisoner in Germany, or France, I would like to know if I could send him from England or France a parcel of food each week ...

It is worth noting that Lance Corporal Pike was an older brother of Miss Susie Pike, a well known and respected kindergarten teacher at Grand Falls, who died in 1982.