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National Guard in 2006 as a member of C Company, 3rd Battalion of the 172nd Mountain Infantry Regiment. He had also been working full time in the Guard Honors Team, a Franklin-based ceremonial unit that travels statewide to honor soldiers killed in action.

Yesterday, other soldiers honored him. Dimond's procession began at the Guard's flight facility, where a plane from Dover, Delaware, brought home Dimond's body. Dimond's family gathered on the airfield for a private ceremony. A large American flag hung overhead, tethered between the ladders of two fire trucks. About 200 members of the New Hampshire Army and Air National Guard formed lines outside the gates to the airfield, filing onto the road, framing the procession as it left.

The cars went up Route 3 into Franklin and ended at Smart Memorial Home in Tilton, which is handling Dimond's funeral arrangements.

The funeral service [took] place at 11 AM [on October 25] at Franklin Middle School, followed by a burial with full military honors at Franklin Cemetery, according to the obituary. Calling hours were held from 6 to 8 Friday night [October 24] at the middle school.

Dimond is the fifth soldier from New Hampshire killed in action in Afghanistan since fighting began seven years ago this month. At yesterday's procession, people said Dimond's death was a

reminder of the reality soldiers face in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"You feel bad for the other families of the other soldiers," Everett said. "When it impacts somebody that you know, it becomes much more real.... Many, many parents are holding their breath on a daily basis."

Rachel Harbour of Northfield didn't know Dimond. Her 23-year-old brother is stationed in Italy with the Air Force, she said.

"It kind of hits home," she said. "You almost forget how severe it is."

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A memorial fund has been set up for Scott Dimond, the National Guardsman who was killed Monday [October 13] in Afghanistan, one of Dimond's relatives said yesterday.

The fund has been set up at Northway Bank at 354 Central Street in Franklin. To donate, people can write checks made out to Northway Bank and write "Scott Dimond Memorial Fund" in the memo section.

Questions should be directed to the bank's branch manager, Heidi Kling, at 934-4261.

The family member who set up the fund said she didn't want to be named but "just wanted to do something special" for Dimond's wife of 12 years, Jennifer.

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On Saturday, October 25, Skip Lisle of Vermont built a temporary Beaver Deceiver for one of the two box culverts that were installed last year on Elbow Pond Road. The beavers have been very active at the site this year and had just about completely plugged the two culverts, backing up the water nearly to the level of the road.

The Road Agent's crew had to clear the culverts on the 24th by ramming a telephone pole through them so Skip could build the Beaver Deceivers on the 25.
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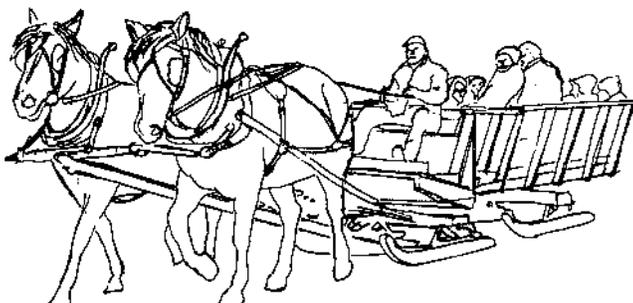
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