

# HUSBAND AND SON DEAD WITHIN YEAR

## Pte. T. H. Hill Died of Wounds Two Days Before Nine- teenth Birthday

## SERGT. ALEX. KIDD DEAD

## Was Veteran of Boer War — Had Five Brothers Fighting in the Present Conflict

Just two days before his nineteenth birthday, which he was planning to celebrate in the trenches, Pte. Thomas Herbert Hill died of severe wounds on March 24 in No. 42 Casualty Clearing Station, France. He had written his mother, Mrs. Thomas H. Hill, of 551 St. Urbain street, telling her of his approaching birthday and expressing the hope that the next would be spent with her, the letter being dated March 16. This is Mrs. Hill's second bereavement within eight months, her only son having bidden her farewell at the funeral of his father, the late Mr. Thomas Henry Hill, a month before he sailed with the 148th from Valcartier. He reached France last November and was twice transferred to different units, and at last into a machine-gun section.

For the ten months prior to enlisting he served in the Composite forces at Spirit Lake, guarding the interned Austrians, at the internment camp there. He came home for the holidays in 1915 and enlisted in Lt.-Col. Magee's unit, which was just being formed. Nearly two score relatives are in France, none of whom have been seriously injured. His uncle, Henry Wm. Martin, is chief petty officer of H.M.S. Iron Duke, and has been in the navy many years. Pte. Hill was a Mount St. Louis cadet for three years.

### SERGT. ALEX. KIDD.

Sergt. Alex. Kidd, a veteran of the Boer War and one of six brothers fighting under the British flag, died of sickness in No. 7 Stationary Hospital at Harfleur on March 28. A letter received by Mrs. Kidd at 815 Alma street two days after the notification of his death spoke of the writer having sustained a fall on March 4 which resulted in broken ribs and an injury to his hip.

He is the first of his family to lose his life during the war. His eldest brother, Lieut. William, is fighting in South Africa with General Botha's army; Edward and Stewart are both with the Scottish Horse; Francis, formerly with the C.P.R. offices, went with a Montreal artillery unit and is at present on the headquarters staff in England, and Charles is with another Scottish regiment.

Sergt. Kidd went with a Guards battalion a year ago and was wounded on the Somme front September 19 with shrapnel in the hip and thigh. He is 37 years of age and was formerly employed with the C.P.R. police at Farnham. Their sixth child, an infant, died in October after Sergt. Kidd went overseas. Five others, the oldest aged 12, remain at home with their mother.

### PTE. AMEDE DESILET.

Pte. Amede Desilet, previously reported missing, was yesterday given as killed in action. He was given as missing last September and is believed to have been killed in the heavy fighting on the 15th. He is 30 years of age and a former employee of a shoe manufacturing concern. The address given as his next of kin, 1149 Cartier street, is the home of his brother, and his mother resides at Quebec.

### PTE. ARTHUR LANDRY.

Pte. Arthur Landry, who was reported wounded in yesterday's list, is in No. 11 General Hospital at Camiers, to which he was admitted March 23 with gunshot wounds in the face and legs. He was wounded slightly on New Year's Day. Pte. Landry went overseas with the 69th and was transferred into the battalion raised by Lt.-Col. Gaudet. He is an electrician and a son of Mrs. Napoleon Landry, of 32 Boyer street.

### PTE. THEOPHILE BEGIN.

Pte. Theophile Begin, reported wounded yesterday, was admitted to a special hospital on March 16 with wounds in his right foot, according to advices received by his wife, who lives at 929 Cartier street. He is 24 years of age and was formerly employed at the Berlin Cut Glass Company.