

# HIT WHILE DIGGING UNDER SHELL FIRE

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## **Montreal Officer With Royal Naval Air Service Wounded by Shrapnel at Salonika**

Word has been received that Private Leslie Smiley Weldon, son of Ald. W. S. Weldon, was wounded with shrapnel in the face and had been admitted to No. 13 General Hospital at Boulogne. Pte. Weldon was serving with a pioneer battalion when he was wounded. In a letter dated April 15th he stated that he had been trench digging on the new lines under shell fire. He had been in France for nearly a year, having crossed from England in June of 1916. He arrived with a pioneer unit in England the previous December, having enrolled in October, 1915.

Pte. Weldon is the third son of Ald. Weldon, all of whom are now in France. He was a second year student in science at McGill University when he took a position in the Hollinger Mines, Timmins. His brother, Lt. Charles L. Weldon, was wounded May 2nd, 1915, while serving with a Montreal artillery unit, has been recommended by his colonel for the Military Cross. Lt. W. J. Weldon is on the firing line with another artillery unit.

### LIEUT. GERALD MAGOR.

Word has been received that Flight Sub. Lieut. Gerald Magor, R.N.A.S., who was reported wounded on the 18th inst., and later as ill in hospital in Salonika, is suffering from shrapnel wounds in the head, but his condition is improving, and he hopes to get out of the hospital in about three weeks. A cablegram to this effect has been received from his brother, who also is in the R.N.A.S., by Mr. J. H. Magor, 47 Rosemount avenue.

### LIEUT. B. A. WILSON.

Lieut. B. A. Wilson, son of Brig.-General E. W. Wilson, G.O.C., recently reported as suffering from shell concussion incidental to the sustained artillery fire in the recent push, has arrived safely in London with a party of Canadian officers.

### LT. A. C. BAXTER.

Lt. Alexander C. Baxter, reported killed in action, was well known in business circles in Montreal where he had been for nine years. He was the youngest son of Andrew Baxter, iron merchant, of Coatbridge, Scotland, and was 26 years of age. When the war broke out he was home on vacation and immediately enrolled in an Imperial unit with the rank of sergeant. Later he obtained his commission and was attached to the Scottish Rifles. He went to the front with this unit and was serving with a machine gun corps when he met his death.

### SERGT. R. J. MOLLET.

Sergt. R. J. Mollet, reported wounded in recent casualty lists, is the only son of Mr. J. Mollett, of 72 Lalsalle Road, Verdun. The official notification to his parents states that he was wounded on May 4th and that he has been taken to the No. 7 Casualty Clearing Hospital at Letreport. At the outbreak of the war Sergt. Mollet joined the 55th Regiment Irish-Canadian Rangers, and shortly afterwards volunteered for service at the internment camp at Spirit Lake. After eight months' duty there he decided to go overseas, and so enlisted in an infantry battalion recruited in Montreal by Brigadier-General Meighen. Shortly after his arrival in England he was transferred to a First Contingent unit, and has been at the front for about a year. He won his promotion on the field of battle on his 22nd birthday. Prior to enlisting he was in the employ of the Canadian Express Company.

### GUNNER F. J. WORKMAN.

Another name has been added to the roll of Grand Trunk men who have fallen on the field of honor. This is Gunner F. J. Workman, who previous to enlisting was a well known member of the staff of the freight traffic department of the railway in Montreal. Gnr. Workman's death is reported to have taken place at a dressing station in France as a result of wounds received in action. Before going overseas with an artillery unit he had considerable training with the 39th Battery Canadian Field Artillery in Montreal.

### SIGNALLER FRED SKELCHER.

Signaller Fred Skelcher who is reported severely wounded in the nose and throat, was admitted on May 10th to the third stationary hospital at Rouen. He is the only son of Mr. Thomas H. Skelcher, of 23 Prospect avenue, Westmount and before enlisting he was employed for a few months in the stationery department of the general offices of the Northern Electric Company, Limited. He has just turned 19 having spent his 18th and 19th birthdays overseas.

Signaller Skelcher enlisted in an artillery unit at Kingston in February, 1916, and a month later left for England. He was in training there a few months before crossing to France, and has been on the firing line for nine months. In a letter written April 9th he states:

"I guess you will see by newspapers that the Canadians are doing their share in pushing Fritz back. We are three miles nearer Berlin tonight, well behind the Germans' old third line, so you can see we are progressing very favorably. If this keeps up I think the war will be over by the end of the summer."

### PTE. JOHN KELSEY.

Pte. John Kelsey, of the Medical Services, who was given as wounded in yesterday's list, was reported admitted to No. 4 Canadian General Hospital at Salonika on April 18th wounded accidentally in the hands and eyes. His wife's supposition is that he was injured through an explosion. Pte. Kelsey was born at Salop, England, 42 years ago, and had been in Canada four years when the war was started. Prior to enrolling in No. 2 Field Ambulance under Capt. Mercereau, he was employed as a waiter in the Windsor Hotel grill. Later he transferred to No. 4 Canadian General Hospital, a University of Toronto unit. Pte. Kelsey has four brothers at the front with Imperia

forces and two brothers-in-law also with English units. A letter received in March stated that he was well and expressed regret that he had been unable to take part in any fighting.

#### PTE. DOUGLAS MATHEWSON.

Pte. Douglas Mathewson is the second son of Mr. R. A. Mathewson, of 72 Fairmount avenue, to lose his life at Vimy Ridge, his brother, D. M. Mathewson, having fallen in the same action. Pte. Douglas Cameron Mathewson was employed at Canadian Vickers Co., Ltd. Their father is a Boer War veteran, who also served in Egypt.

#### CORP. J. A. LYNCH.

Corp. J. A. Lynch, of 116 Suzanne street, reported killed in action, was 20 years of age, the son of Sergt. J. Lynch. Corp. Lynch enlisted in the 57th Battalion fifteen months ago and was later drafted into a famous French-Canadian battalion.

#### PTE. F. J. SCHOFIELD.

Word has been received that Private Frederick John Schofield, of 771 St. Urbain street, has been wounded, but remains on duty. He went overseas with the first contingent with an ambulance corps and has seen much service, having been wounded a year ago. His brother, Alex. Schofield, an engineer, is also in France. Pte. F. J. Schofield is 24 years of age and before enlisting was a commercial traveller.