

George W Weston



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**Fatally WOUNDED DURING SLEEP CODNOR SAPPERS SAD DEATH
AN OLD COMRADES GREIF**

Another Codnor soldier to meet with death in the great struggles of the nation is Sapper George Weston, of the Royal Engineers, son of Mr and Mrs J Weston of Cross Lane Codnor.

The tragic occurrence which caused his death happened on January 2nd, the end coming next morning. He was over on leave the Tuesday before Christmas, and met his death exactly a fortnight afterwards letters from his comrades first broke the sad news to the sorrowing family, and the tidings has since been confirmed by the War Office.

Two of the dead soldiers comrades, Sapper Singleton and Foster. Wrote to Mrs Weston on January 3rd as follows:

“ We are very sorry to inform you that your son George was seriously wounded on Tuesday night, January 2nd. He was well attended to by his comrades and was sent straight away to Hospital. All the boys express their great sympathy with you. If you should hear anything of his condition, please write to us, as we are very anxious to hear of him”.

Sapper Alfred Singleton wrote on January 4th to his own mother Mrs Singleton of 81 Breach Rd Langley, the following sorrowful letter.

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"I am sorry to tell you that George Weston was again wounded on Tuesday night very seriously, and died in Hospital on Wednesday morning. I have written to his mother to tell her that he was seriously wounded. I dare not tell her he is dead. He was the man from Codnor who was on pass with me. We have been together ever since we joined the Army and now he is gone he was wounded while sleeping, and never regained consciousness. We are in a hell of a place, the worst I've been in since I left "BLIGHTY" remember me to all friends".

By the death of Sapper Weston, who was 24 years of age, the Army loses a skilful and faithful soldier and our own district a very promising and gallant young man. He was one of the first members to pass through the ranks of the Codnor Church Lads Brigade, and his early death is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends.

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CODNOR ENGINEER KILLED
SAPPER GEO WM WESTON
CODNOR
ROYAL ENGINEER**

"He marched away so bravely
His young head proudly held
His footsteps never faltered,
His courage never failed
Here on the field of battle
He calmly took his place,
He fought and died for Britain
And the honour of his race".

Official intimation has been received that Sapper Geo Wm Weston of Codnor (Royal Engineers) son of Mr and Mrs J Weston of Cross-Lane Codnor, paid the great sacrifice on January 2nd.

Weston, who was 24 years of age, enlisted in the King's R.R. some six weeks after war broke out, and was drafted out to France in November 1915.

He was transferred to the Engineers last year, and had been engaged in tunnelling.

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