

Gunner Peter Snell

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“PRO PATRIA.”

We deeply regret to record that another young Dawlishian has made the great sacrifice in his country's service. On Monday last Mrs Chaffe, of Myrtle Place, was notified of the death (“killed in action”) of her only son, Gunner Peter Snell, R.F.A., of the Palestine force. Deceased was a capital young fellow, esteemed by all. The greatest sympathy is felt with his mother in her heavy bereavement. Gunner Snell was a pre-war Territorial, being in the Wessex R.F.A., and was only 18 when the war broke out. He would have been 22 on Tuesday last. He was first sent to France, then to Salonika, and from thence to Egypt. His mother had not seen him for just on two years.

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Mrs Chaffe, of Myrtle Place, has had confirmation of the death of her son, Peter Snell, of the R.F.A. (Mesopotamia), in a letter from Sergt F Wills, of his battery, who states that he was killed on the 28th March by a bomb. There were about 14 planes came over on a raid. He says: “I myself stood on the top of the hill and watched it. Little did I think poor Peter was one of the victims. He had crossed the Jordan and it was about six miles the other side where he met his death. I am asked by the N.C.O.'s and men of the Battery to send their deepest sympathy in your sad loss.”