Newfoundlanders and Labradorians in WW1 Key

Write a brief bio of the following soldiers. You must include information about their life before the military as well as military accomplishments



* Born in St. John’s April 28th
* Born into a wealthy family
* worked with his father in a crockery store
* He was well liked, intelligent, athletic and a volunteer.
* He was a member of the Newfoundland Highlanders – a military training organization.
* Enlisted in the Regiment Sept. 1914.
* He was a member of the Blue Puttees(#326)
* Promoted to corporal, then to sergeant and finally to lieutenant within a short period of time.
* He died as a result of injuries sustained when a German shell exploded next to him .
* He passed away July 8th, 1916.
* He kept a diary of his war experiences that gave great insight into what war is like for soldiers.

 

* Born in Rigolet Labrador 1889
* He spent his life trapping, drawing and writing.
* He developed excellent hunting and shooting skills.
* Shiwak enlisted July 1st, 1915 and got to “The Front” July 1916.
* He became known as the best sniper in the British Army.
* He became a corporal and also served as a scout and an observer as well as being a sniper in the Regiment.
* He was killed in Masnières, France by a German shell that also killed 6 others.



* Born in Green Bay 1892.
* Was educated in Glace Bay Nova Scotia and was a miner.
* He joined the Canadian Corps.
* Croke was the first Newfoundlander to receive the Victoria Cross for his bravery in the Battle of Amiens.
* He was awarded the VC because even though he had been severely wounded in bombing a machine gun nest, he continued to fight.
* When his platoon encountered another enemy stronghold, he rushed forward, being wounded again and helped captured 3 machine guns and an entire German garrison.
* He later died of his wounds and is buried in France.
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* Born in Middle Arm White Bay in 1901.
* He enlisted in 1916, having lied about his age.
* He was only 15.
* By 1917, he was fighting on The Front in France and suffered a bullet to the leg in Cambrai, France.
* He returned to battle in 1918.
* He was also awarded a Victoria Cross- the youngest recipient!!
* During the Battle of Courtrai , Ricketts and Lance Corporal Brazil volunteered to clear out a German battery but ran out of ammunition during the attempt.
* Disregarding his own safety, he doubled back under heavy machine gun and got more ammo.
* He ran back to the Lewis gun and forced the enemy to retreat.
* His platoon captured four field guns, four machine guns, and eight prisoners.
* Upon his return he studied pharmacy and opened a successful business on Water Street.
* He died February 1967.