



Private (Colin) William Wilmot

Private Colin William Wilmot died on active service in Panjwayi District, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan on 5 July 2008. He was serving as a medic on a 2PPCLI Battle Group foot patrol when he was critically wounded by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). The patrol provided first aid and arranged an emergency evacuation, but they were unable to save Private Wilmot. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the Multinational Medical Facility at Kandahar Airfield. Although this was Private Wilmot's first overseas tour, he was a skilled medic who regularly supported security patrols. He was dedicated to making a difference in the lives of ordinary Afghan people, and provided medical care to Canadian and Afghan soldiers, members of the Afghan National Police, and civilians requiring medical attention.

Private Wilmot was born on 12 May 1984 in Fredericton, NB. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces in October 2005. He was awarded the Commandant's Shield for being the Top Candidate on his basic medical training. Upon completion of training Private Wilmot was posted to 1 Field Ambulance in Edmonton, AB. Private Wilmot was an exemplary soldier, known for his dedication, intelligence, and his desire to help others. Although not originally chosen to deploy to Afghanistan, he volunteered for this mission. He was selected as a medic in the Health Services Support Unit and was attached to 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group because of his motivation and personal skills. Private Wilmot will be remembered as a mature, outgoing soldier with a very positive outlook. He was dedicated to providing medical care to both the Canadian and Afghan Forces serving in Kandahar Province. He will be missed by his fiancée Laura Lee English, his step-father Warrant Officer Erik Craig, his step-mother Nancy Craig and his sister Kathleen Mary Kingston. His step-father is a member of 2 RCHA preparing for his own deployment to Afghanistan. Private Wilmot is fondly remembered by his peers at 1 Field Ambulance for his dedication and good humour. The Regiment shares his family's sadness and sense of loss. Our thoughts are with them in this difficult time.