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BOMBARDIER SAVED BY HIS HORSE

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An interesting letter has been received from Bombardier Woods of the RFA who is serving with the Howitzer Battery and is in hospital in Cairo suffering from shell shock.

He relates an incident whilst in Salonika on mounted night patrol in the mountains he got lost, and around midnight, came to a deep ravine but did not know until his horse snorted and came to a halt.

He said he tried to coax her well but she refused to move. He dismounted and with the light of his electric torch examined the ground and state of affairs.

To his shock he found they were on the edge of a 300 foot drop into the deep ravine, he said it did put the wind up him, but then the enemy, having seen the torch light, opened up with machine gun fire and he could hear the bullets whistling around some rocks lower down. If they'd had a higher elevation he would have been a gonner.

He managed to reach his battery by about 6am and gave his mare an extra bag of corn and a good rub down.