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Form: Circular front and back plate held by annular ring. At the top, Queen's Crown with green enamel holed for a ring, flanked by rippled flanges protruding left and right. Arched bars round the ring top and bottom and, in the middle, a rectangular bar.

By: Unknown Jeweller

Date: 1902

Ref: Hibbard: No record; Laidlaw: 0872b;

Variations:	Size	Metal	Mass	Value
	25.3 mm (ring diameter)	Gold (unmarked) & enamel	11.4 gm	\$1,200

Edge: Plain. Width of ring 4.5 mm

Obverse: Engraved on the flanges: "ANIMO (left) ET FIDE (right)". Top bar: "TOWN OF" on red enamel background. Cross bar: "WESTMOUNT" on white enamel background. Bottom bar: "CANADA" on blue enamel background. Maple leaves between bars. On the plate above the cross bar, buildings with mountains behind and a radiant sun. On the plate below the cross bar, British Union flag with green enamel.

Reverse: On the flanges: "1900 (left) 1902 (right)". On the plate, across; "PRESENTED (in an arc) / BY THE / TOWN OF WESTMOUNT / TO / BURNETT K. SNIDER (engraved) / AS A RECOGNITION / OF HIS SERVICES / TO QUEEN & EMPIRE / IN / SOUTH AFRICA (in an arc)".

Notes: This medal was sold by Dix Noonan Webb (Lot 613 25 March - 3 April 2014) for £800.

Burnett Kitty-Kenney Snider served as a private with the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards (Ottawa) and as an orderly with the 10th Canadian Field Hospital (Army Medical Corps). He appears on the QSA medal roll for the latter unit as: "32 Pte Snider B.K." with three clasps: Cape Colony, Transvaal and 1902.

The third Canadian contingent was the only one to take a field hospital with it to South Africa. The 10th Canadian Field Hospital, which departed Canada in January 1902, was quite small, numbering only 61 all ranks. Many among the members of the unit were veterans of previous tours in South Africa. The unit returned home in June.

In the First World War he joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force in 1914 serving as a lieutenant with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Westmount was an affluent English-speaking town on the Island of Montreal, in southwestern Quebec. It is now an enclave within the City of Montreal.

An earlier example of this medal is dated 1899 1900 on the flanges. The dates and the inscription: "ANIMO ET FIDE" are die-stamped in relief and not engraved. The medal was presented to Private A. S. McCormick of the Royal Canadian Rifles. It was sold by Dix Noonan Webb (Lot 500, 11-12 December 2013) together with his QSA for £2,300.

Laidlaw 0872a is an example of the earlier medal in bronze.