

Extract from the War Diary of the 24th. Battalion for August 1918.

Aug. 12th. During the early morning the battalion suffered a severe blow in the death of Lieut. E.H.D. Edgerton, D.S.O., M.M. and bar who was killed by a stray snipers bullet. Educated at Wesley College, Lt Edgerton enlisted as a school boy in the early months of 1915, and left Australia with the 1st. Reinforcements, joining the Battalion on Gallipoli. Here, in "A" Coy. he quickly came to notice, mainly for valuable patrolling in the Pine, and was a corporal at the evacuation. Shortly after his arrival in France he was promoted sergeant, and after valuable work during the Somme fighting of 1916, gained the M.M. for patrolling in difficult conditions at Flers. The same type of service during February 1917 at Le Sars gained for him a bar to the M.M. and about the same time he was granted a commission. The latter half of 1917 and the early months of 1918 were spent as P and B.T. instructor at the Training Battalion in England. Brilliant work in capturing M.G. posts, and mopping up garrisons of villages during the Ville-sur-Ancre operations in May gained him his D.S.O. He also commanded the A.I.F. platoon which took part in the July 14th. celebrations in Paris.