

Lt. George SMALL.

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*h r* For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At MORLANCOURT S. of ALBERT, on 14th May 1918, the Coy. of which Lieut. SMALL was in command, was in support. All lines had been cut by the heavy enemy barrage and communication destroyed. This Officer went through the heavy artillery and M.G. fire and after observing the critical situation on the left flank, returned and brought forward two platoons through the barrage. He then co-operated in the counter-attack on the trenches the enemy had occupied. When the trench was cleared he discovered a party of the enemy had pierced our lines and had occupied a position to the rear of his flank, and despite heavy M.G. and rifle fire organised and led an attack on them. This second attack also met with entire success and resulted in the capture of 50 of the enemy and 2 machine guns. Throughout the whole engagement this Officer displayed great energy and bravery.