

THE MILITARY CROSS (Continued)

with troops of another Division who were attacking the village from the South West. He showed great ability and a fine example both in organising the consolidating parties and bombing parties and in assisting to bring in wounded men.

Temp. Lieutenant John Elliott SMITH,
8th (S) Bn., Seaforth Highlanders.

For gallant conduct and devotion to duty, during a raid on the HOHENZOLLERN REDOUBT on the night of the 10/11th July 1916. This Officer was severely wounded in both legs and temporarily incapacitated: on recovery, although only able to move with great pain, he continued to lead and encourage his men until again wounded. The success of the operations was largely due to his daring reconnaissance of the enemy's wire on two occasions previous to the raid.

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Lieutenant DOUGAL NEIL RENTOUL,
2nd Australian Divisional Signal Coy.
Lieutenant Ronald Guy LARKING, Royal Engineers, att.
1st Anzac Signal Company.

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These two Officers, with two sappers, went to POZIERES on the 2nd August 1916, to locate the buried German telephone cables. The German artillery noticed their movements and shelled the house vigorously with 5.9" howitzers. On leaving the house the party was shelled by 77 m.m. shrapnel, and both sappers were severely wounded. Leaving Lieutenant LARKING to apply the first field dressing, Lieutenant RENTOUL ran to the aid post, (about 900 yards away), sent back the only two stretcher bearers and brought back a stretcher himself for the second case, whom the two Officers then carried at walking pace to the Aid post. The route traversed is one which few take other than at the double, and was heavily shelled through the action now reported.

Lieutenant LARKING is still suffering from severe wounds received in 1914.

THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

No. 24066 Corporal William George COLLINS,
R.G.A., (Headquarters 7th Heavy Arty. Group).

On the 29th July 1916 near CONTAMINSON, he went sent out to assist in repairing a telephone wire to an advanced

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