



## 726 DYER Richard John



Son of Fred H Dyer Esq Mvalla 320 Miller Street North Sydney born December 8 1893 Entered 1903 Left 1909 Great War 1914-18 (LieutCol DSO Legion of Honour Mentioned thrice in Despatches) Engineering Sydney R Nom Roll Maj DSO 1 Div Eng RTA 8/5/19

Service Record Student 3y FldEng 2Lt Joined 2Lt 1FCE 26/8/14 Embarked 8/10/14 First Exped Force MEF Gallipoli 3/3/15 Anzac Cove Capt & Adj 1DivE 26/7/15 mid 28/1/16 LdeH 22/2/16 Maj France 5/3/16 DSO 1/1/17 mid 2/2/17 Lt Col 6/4/18 mid 11/3/19 Returned 26/6/19 Terminated 10/7/19

R BEAN details the circumstances of RJ Dyer's work at German Officers Trench in June 1915. [II 276ff]

mid 25 April – end of 1915 "Coolness and pluck during the landing on April 25, also for general work in places of danger for several days afterwards. When stationed at German Officers [and at Lone Pine 6 August] Trench for untiring efforts in mining and conspicuous acts of gallantry when coming in contact with the enemy underground. In no case did the enemy ever cause any damage to our own galleries and no loss of life was incurred."

DSO 16/10/16 : "Major Dyer has been an Officer in the Divisional Engineers of the 1st Australian Division as a Section Officer, Captain and Major in the 1st Field Coy, and has also served as Adjutant and acter as CRE. He joined in August 1914 and has been continually on duty since. He has done splendid work throughout his service, and has shown exceptional courage, ability and devotion to duty. During the operations at POZIERES in July and August 1916 he very ably directed the work of his Company and displayed great courage and ability under very heavy shell fire and difficult conditions."

TB December 1919 p.82: "Lieut Colonel R John Dyer, DSO, is now serving as 4th engineer on the SS Victoria, trading between Melbourne and China."

