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Major R. J. A. Massie
M.C., D.S.O., Croix de Guerre,
Mentioned twice in despatches

Son of HH Massie Esq Marilbah North Sydney born July 7 1890 Entered 1900 Left 1904 reentered **R** Senior Prefect Junior 1907 Matric 1909 1st XI 1906-10 Colours Captain 1909 1st XV 1908-9 Colours GPS 2nd XV 1909 1st Crew 1908-9 Colours Capt Boats 1909 Ath Colours 1909 GPS hurdles High Jump Throwing Cricket Ball 1909 Lieut Cadet Corps Venour Nathan Shield 1909 BE (Syd) 1st place in 1st Class Honours Pockley Prize 1909 Great War 1914-1918 (Lieut Col DSO Croix de Guerre Mentioned twice in despatches) Civil Engineer British Australasian Tobacco Co Sydney

Nom Roll Lt Col 33 Bn disch 4/12/19

Service Record civil Engineer Snr Cadets Lt Militia Joined 4Bn 17/8/14 2Lt & Adj 4Bn 13/9/14 Embarked MEF Gallipoli First Exped Force Lt 1/2/15 Landed Gallipoli WIA 25/6/15 WIA 20/7/15 WIA 7/8/15 (dangerously ill) RTA wounded (paid own passage) Capt 1/12/15 CdG Feb 1916 Returned England Maj 1/5/16 33Bn France 21/11/16 mid 9/4/17 3Div HQ 31/5/17 WIA 3/2/18 DSO mid 4/6/18 Lt Col 24/9/18 Seconded Cw Gen Schl 24/9/18 Resigned commission in England 4/12/19

R BEAN [I 493] describes the shooting of Colonel Onslow Thompson on 26 April, during the 4Bn advance, and tells how RJA Massie tried to carry the body back to the trenches under heavy fires.

R BEAN details the circumstances of Lt RJA Massie's severe wounding at Lone Pine on 7/8/15 when he was sent to relieve Maj IG Mackay. [II 534]

Croix de Guerre : "Consistent good service at landing on 25 April and subsequent days. Exceptional bravery during action at Lone Pine, when he was severely wounded. He has on many occasions exhibited great gallantry when leading patrols and bombing parties up to August, when he was evacuated. He has been wounded on three occasions."

DSO : "For conspicuous ability, initiative, resourcefulness and devotion to duty, as Second in Command of the Battalion during the period 22 September 1917 to 24 February, 1918. He has shown originality and ability in organisation, tireless enthusiasm and energy in training, and the keenest interest in the welfare of the men, particularly in connection with their food and sports.

His influence on all ranks of the Battalion cannot be overestimated."

