



629 PENNEFATHER Reginald Victor



Lieut. R. V. G. Pennefather, M.C.

Son of G Pennefather Esq Marlow Military Road Mosman born July 25 1887
Entered 1902 Left 1915 1st XV Great War 1914-18 (Lieut MC) Commercial
Yuill & Co Sydney

Nom Roll Lt MC 4 Tunn Coy RTA 3/1/19

Service Record Lic Surveyor & Civil Engineer Joined 2Lt 4 Tnl Coy 13/12/15
Embarked 22/5/16 France Att 1 Anzac Constr Bn 25/9/16 Att Canadian Tnl Coy
26/10/16 4 Pnr Bn 23/3/17 Lt 16/6/17 WIA 13/4/18 MC 26/7/18 Returned
3/1/19 Terminated 4/4/19 He suffered severe trench fever.

R BEAN [V 381-382] gives a rousing account of the action in which Lt Pennefather
won his MC and in which he was seriously wounded.

MC [Reginald Victor Graham PENNEFATHER] for "conspicuous gallantry and devotion
to duty on April 5 1916, at DERNACOURT [*sic.*] when enemy attacked in heavy force,
Lieut. PENNEFATHER was in charge of a party of 25 Pioneers sapping in front of the
line and when attack started he rallied his men, and took up a position amongst
infantry there and maintained his sector by his personal example until wounded
badly. His men inspired by his personal example stuck to their posts against
tremendous odds until all became casualties. They fought to the end side by side
with the Infantry and displayed great coolness and determination in the emergency.
Their assistance was extremely opportune and materially assisted in resisting the
enemy attack causing him heavy losses."

