



401 REID Robert Stewart



Son of Peter Read Esq Challis Avenue Potts Point born August 8 1882
Entered 1896 Left 1901 Died 1927 Senior Prefect Church Schools' Exhibitioner
Head of School Captain of Boats 1st XI 1st XV Junior 1899 (Physics Medal)
Senior 1900 Engin Matric 1901 Great War 1914-18 (Major DSO)

Nom Roll Major DSO 2 Div Eng RTA 1/8/19

Service Record Consulting Engineer 2Lt 3/18Bn appointed 6/7/15 Embarked 9/8/15
MEF Gallipoli 11/10/15 2 Div Eng 10/12/15 Lt 5FCE 5Div 1/2/16 Capt 9/4/16.[OC 5
Coy FCE] Maj 2Div Eng 5/4/17 WIA Rouen 4./5/17 DSO WIA 26/10/17 mid 7/4/18
Returned 1/8/19 Terminated 22/11/19

DSO : "For conspicuous service and devotion to duty whilst acting CRE 2 Australian
Division during operations leading to the capture of MONT ST QUENTIN near
PERONNE, and for continuous efficient performance of his duties as OC 5 Field
Company, Australian Engineers.

Major REID was acting CRE during the whole of the operations which resulted in the
capture of MONT ST QUENTIN and was responsible for the direction and organisation
of the Engineer Services. In order to enable the attack to be carried through it was
essential to bridge the SOMME CANAL and the marshes, and repair road approaches.
The success of the whole attack depended not only on getting them established in
quick time. The Engineer arrangements and performances were brilliantly successful
though crossings had to be constructed under intense hostile shelling and machine
gun fire, in some cases under direct enemy observation. Major REID's organisation
and his continuous personal inspection and supervision were very largely responsible
for the successful performance of these works.

Major REID has commanded a Field Company for a long period, and has continuously
shown the greatest self-sacrifice, initiative and efficiency. With his Field Company he
was engaged in the advance from near VILLERS-BRETONNEUX from August 8 and on
succeeding days; also during many minor operations, prior to that date, near
VILLERS-BRETONNEUX and NORLANCOURT. He also led his Company during the
exceedingly arduous operations East of YPRES in September, October, and November
1917, which led to the capture of BROODSEINDE RIDGE, and throughout displayed
the same quality of efficiency and devotion to duty. Major REID served also during
the operations at ANZAC, Gallipoli." TB May 1921: p. 72 " RS Reid has been
appointed CO of the 8th Field Coy of Engineers." "On his return to Australia he was
promoted to...Lieutenant-Colonel, and...commanded the First Division Engineers." TB
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