

✠**PYE, CECIL ROBERT ARTHUR.**

D.S.O., M.B., Ch.M.: Lieutenant-Colonel, 17th and 19th Battns., A.I.F., Gallipoli and France.

Returning from Europe in August, 1914, served as captain A.M.F., with his old regiment at Newcastle for a time. Then transferring to A.I.F. and sailing for Egypt as captain 12th May, 1915, crossed to Anzac, where promoted major, being commanding officer at Hill 60, Karajak Dere and Quinn's Post for three months until invalided to London and later to Australia—Randwick Hospital. Was in charge of Newcastle Camp for a time but, sailing with 17th Battn. reinforcements 22nd August, 1916, was promoted temporary lieutenant-colonel 17th Battn. after reaching France. Later transferring to command 19th, was promoted lieutenant-colonel and served till death. Awarded D.S.O.* for work at Layton Lane near Warlencourt.

Killed in Action, in Lines near Battn. H.Q. before Ypres, 4th October, 1917, and buried in Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery, Ypres.

Member of S.U. Scouts.

Early education at Barker College, matriculating before 15 and graduating before 21.

* "For conspicuous gallantry and initiative when in charge of the whole line held by his battalion. He organised a successful attack and exhibited great energy and determination when meeting a counter-attack made by the enemy."—*London Gazette*, 11th May, 1917.