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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Mr. S. R. Mallarky was an officer of mine in the 15th Field Company Australian Engineers from April 1916 until invalided home to Australia early in 1917. During our period of training at Ferry Post on the Suez Canal, Mr. Mallarky installed and handled with his section the pumping station that supplied fresh water from the Sweet Water Canal out to the troops some nine miles in the desert. He was also engaged in the construction of light railway lines, roads, and defence works generally. On our taking the line in France, in July, Mr. Mallarky carried out as Section Officer of a Field Company, all the usual trench work, work on defences etc. that falls to the lot of an Engineering Officer. He took part in the battle of Fromelles on July 19th 1916 and behaved, during that action, with conspicuous courage and tenacity. During the period that we were in the line near Fleurbaix, subsequent to the action mentioned, Mr. Mallarky was personally responsible for the development of the construction of reinforced concrete dugouts and it was due to his work and design, largely, that success was achieved in these.

I would add here that these were the embryonic type of "pill-box" commonly attributed to the genius of the Germans but these constructed by Mr. Mallarky were evolved before the German "pill-box" had been seen.

Later in the year Mr. Mallarky was responsible for some considerable amount of road work under extremely harrassing conditions on the Somme, and later carried out some very effective work in connection with deep dugouts in that particular vicinity. Towards the end of the year Mr. Mallarky was specially selected by myself to undertake the position of Instructional Engineer Officer at our Divisional School, and it was while he was at this School that he most unfortunately fell ill and on account of his state of health it became necessary for him to return to Australia. I was exceedingly sorry to lose such a competent officer who had done such excellent work during his career in my Company. He was, in his conduct and character, a standing example to his brother officers and to the men of the Company.

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