

PETERSON, ARTHUR JAMES.

D.S.O. and two Bars, B.Sc., B.E. : Major, R.F.A., B.E.F., France.

Enlisting in London in August, 1914, was gazetted lieutenant 15th December and, crossing to France in January, 1915, served throughout the War, being five times wounded. Promoted captain, 13th January, 1916; major, 21st December, 1917. Awarded D.S.O.* 25th August, 1916, Bar† 9th January, 1918, and second Bar‡ 1st February, 1919.

Early education at Newington College.

* " He fought his battery for five days and nights within 400 yards of the enemy's position in spite of heavy retaliations, and rendered the greatest assistance to our infantry."—*London Gazette*, 25th August, 1916.

† " Having withdrawn his guns from a badly shelled position . . . he was skirting a heavily shelled corner, when the gun of another battery was overturned by a shell which killed a horse and threw the team into confusion. Although shells were dropping six a minute on the corner, he and another officer rushed up and cut the team free, saving three drivers and five horses."—*L.G.*, 9th January, 1918.

‡ " For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 29th August, 1918, near Maricourt, while selecting a new forward position. The enemy suddenly opened a heavy burst of shelling on the new position which his battery was approaching, and he rushed out of cover to haul the teams away from the shelling, being severely wounded in doing so. Notwithstanding his wound, he selected another position, brought his guns into action and laid the lines of fire. He then personally reported to headquarters, giving the location of his battery position before being taken to the dressing station."—*L.G.*, 1st February, 1919.