

MALLARKY, STEPHEN RAYMOND.

B.E. : Lieutenant, 15th Field Coy., Engineers, A.I.F., Egypt and France.

Enlisting in July, 1915, and sailing 16th January, 1916, in command 4th and 1st Coy. Reinforcements, joined unit on formation at Tel-el-Kebir in April and was in charge of Engineers' baggage, camels and staff in the Desert March to Ferry Post. Installed and ran pumping station from Sweet Water Canal and supervised construction of light railways, roads and defences. As section officer took part in Battle of Fromelles 19th July and at Fleurbaix personally developed successfully the design and construction of reinforced concrete dugouts—these were the embryonic type of “pill-box” commonly attributed to German genius but evolved before theirs had been seen. Later was responsible for much roadwork and deep dugouts under extremely harassing conditions on the Somme. Was selected towards the end of 1916 as Instructional Engineer Officer at Divisional School and while there fell ill, being invalided via N.Z. Stationary Hospital to Australia, arriving in September, 1917.

Early education at Sydney Grammar School.

“ . . . In his conduct and character, a standing example to his brother officers and to the men of the Company.”—O.C.