

## **COLONEL CHARLES ROBINSON ROBBINS MC DFC (S1911-14)**

The following is mainly taken from the 1968 Register.

He was born on 30 January 1897 and after leaving the College went to the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich.

During WW1 he served in the Royal Artillery and Royal Flying Corps and was awarded the Military Cross on 1 January 1917 "For distinguished service in the field". He was then awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on 8 February 1919 "In contact patrols, artillery co-operation and photographic reconnaissances; Captain Robbins has shown marked skill, energy and perseverance. On 4 November, in a counter attack patrol, he was conspicuous for his courage, flying at a very low altitude in face of intense hostile fire and dispersing a body of enemy infantry, his machine being riddled with bullets."

During WW2 he served as a Colonel in the South African Air Force.

He went on to become a Company Director and President of the Commercial Aviation Association and was also Chairman of the South African Air Force Association.

He also appears to have written the following book on aerial photography, which fits in with his DFC citation.