

## **LT COLONEL SERVAIS FITZWALTER MARIUS DEL COURT MC AND BAR (S1908-14)**

The following is taken from the 1968 Register.

He was born on 18 December 1895 and went off to Sandhurst after leaving the College.

During WW1 he was wounded twice while serving on the Western front from 1915 to 1918 and then in North Russia in 1919. He was first awarded the Military Cross on 18 October 1917 "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was senior officer with the troops of an assaulting battalion. During the attack, when the flank of the battalion became exposed and the advance endangered, with great initiative and coolness under heavy machine gun fire he directed the operations so as to enable the advance to continue. Though wounded, he continued in command with great contempt of danger until severely wounded a second time. When brought back he went first to Battalion HQ to make a personal report on the situation."

He was awarded a Bar to his MC on 21 January 1920 "For gallantry and good leadership. He ably commanded the company in every action from 15<sup>th</sup> May till 18<sup>th</sup> August 1919, particularly on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, when the enemy was encountered in strength 3 miles North of Siding Nine. Under very difficult conditions he was responsible for driving off the enemy armoured train with rifle grenades, and finally held reinforced enemy in check until ordered to withdraw."

He died in 1970.