

2nd. Infantry

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Sept. 7th. 1916

8th. Battalion

S/Lieutenant
Francis William
GOODWIN.
(M.C.)

At POZIERES, FRANCE on night of 18th. August 1916 after the third attack on enemy trench between HUNSTER ALLEY and TRAMLINE, our line had fallen back on its original trench, S/Lieut. GOODWIN brought in a badly wounded man and then returned to assist others. Whilst dressing a wounded man a shell burst killing this man and knocking GOODWIN out for half an hour; in spite of this when he came to his senses he brought in two others. All this time the enemy kept up a constant fire from Machine Guns and Artillery.

On the next day, 19th., he observed one of our men, No. 5405, Pte. G.R. GROVES, lying wounded close to enemy parapet, and at night accompanied by Lieut. MUMDERY went to the spot which was within 8 yards of the enemy trench.

Lieut. MUMDERY placed the man on GOODWIN's back and they started off but were observed by the enemy who poured in a rain of bullets.

However both Officers brought this man safely across the 150 yards space between trenches which was swept by machine gun and artillery fire. In addition this Officer did invaluable work in supervising the rationing of the men in the front line and getting the wounded down to the Dressing Station.

Lt. Col.
G. COULTER

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