

WELCOME NEWS OF A BROTHER

Last week, Pte. Heaviside, now stationed at Chatham House for duty, received the good news from his mother that his brother, Pte. Michael Heaviside, of the 4th Durham Light Infantry, had won the Victoria Cross. The following is quoted from the Press:—

"For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty. When the battalion was holding a block in the line a wounded man was observed in a shell hole some 60 yards in advance of our block, and about 40 yards from the enemy line. He was making signals of distress and holding up an empty water bottle. Owing to snipers and machine-gun fire it was impossible, during daylight, to send out a stretcher party. But Pte. Heaviside at once volunteered to carry food and water to the wounded man, despite the enemy fire. This he succeeded in doing, and found the man badly wounded and nearly demented with thirst. He had lain out for three days and nights, and the arrival of the water undoubtedly saved his life. Pte. Heaviside, who is a stretcher bearer, succeeded the same evening, with the assistance of two comrades, in rescuing the wounded man."

Pte. M. Heaviside served in the Boer War, and was a reservist when the present European crisis arose. He rejoined his regiment and was posted to the 4th D.L.I. in September, 1914.

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