

unit on many occasions. He was mentioned in despatches for conspicuously good service some time ago and, more recently, was promoted to be "Acting Lieutenant-Colonel while commanding a battalion." It is not known whether he is in charge of the 20th or some other unit.

The order conferring the D.S.O. upon Lieut.-Col. Rorke says: "*In command raiding party contributed to a large degree of the splendid success of the operation.*"

Captain (Acting Major) Arthur William Ellis, Canadian Infantry, was awarded the French *Croix de Guerre*, but did not live to be decorated. His death, from wounds, on April 13th, and his splendid military career have already been referred to.

Four more decorations for conspicuous gallantry in the face of the enemy have been won by members of the Topographical Surveys staff. One gets the D.S.O. and three others get Military Crosses.

Major G. W. MacLeod receives the Companionship in the Distinguished Service Order. He is an officer of the 49th Battalion of Edmonton and holds a militia commission in the 101st Fusiliers of that city. It is also learned that he was wounded last September. The award of the D.S.O. is dated November 14th, 1916, "*for gallantry during operations. He went forward into the fight and selected the ground to be consolidated, and although severely wounded made his way back under heavy fire and rendered a complete report on the situation. He had always set a fine example of coolness and courage.*"

Lieutenant A. U. Meikle was awarded the Military Cross "*for conspicuous gallantry in action. He handled his gun with great courage and skill under most trying circumstances and heavy shell fire.*" This award is also dated November 14th, 1916. Lieut. Meikle is an officer of the 3rd Artillery Brigade, C.E.F., and holds a militia commission in the 8th Brigade Ammunition Column of Ottawa.

Lieutenant Roger Fife Clarke received his Military Cross on 15th February, 1917. He went to the front with the 6th Field Company, Canadian Engineers.

Major G. Z. Pinder is the fourth Topographical Surveys man to be

decorated. He also belongs to the Edmonton Fusiliers and the 49th Battalion. He went overseas as a lieutenant and was wounded in June, 1916, at Ypres. He was awarded the Military Cross "*for conspicuous gallantry and ability when leading a company in counter attack and in controlling his men while severely wounded himself.*"

Toronto post office has now a wearer of the *Croix de Guerre* in its staff. The winner of this decoration, awarded by General Nivelle, is Major John Pollard Girvan, whose army career has been meteoric. He went to Valcartier as a private with the 48th Highlanders contingent, crossed the Atlantic a sergeant and won a commission in France in 1915. Last year he won his captaincy and then a majority and was wounded. He commences his 1917 achievements by landing a decoration.

An unofficial report says that Lieut. L. W. Tubman (Customs Department) recently killed in action, had been listed to receive the Military Cross.

On the occasion of his visit to Canada, Marshal Joffre announced that the French Government had awarded a decoration of the Legion of Honor upon Major General Eugene Fiset, D.S.O., Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence.

Wilfred Merle Musgrove, railway mail clerk, Winnipeg district, has won the Military Medal. He went to the front with the 11th Field Ambulance and was wounded last March. "*Though wounded himself,*" says the order, "*he went out and brought in eight more wounded men.*" He was one of the first men to join the unit which is now so proud to have him on its strength.