

THE MILITARY CROSS

Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) S.L.G.Garland (187912)
Royal Regiment of Artillery.

For great determination and devotion to duty. On the night 22/23rd September? Captain Garland was ordered to go forward with a company of Light Infantry and establish an artillery Observation Post on a point.

By dawn 23rd. September, Captain Garland had established an observation Post on the point, although at that time only a handful of infantry were with him and he was under heavy mortar and machine gun fire; fighting and mopping up was going on all round him. His communications were thorough and he was able to bring down observed fire on enemy who were opposing the advance of his and another company, thereby greatly assisting the Light Infantry on to their objectives which was of immediate value to the Brigade as a whole.

During the day, owing to excellent observation, Captain Garland destroyed an enemy 6 barrel mortar battery and silenced another enemy gun position. In the evening about 1800 hours, 23rd September, the enemy put in a counter attack with tanks and Infantry which got round behind the Observation Post. Captain Garland engaged these although they were behind him and at times was bringing down fire only 100 yards from himself.

By his persistence and determination, the artillery fire broke up the attack and the enemy withdrew.
