

Transcript of handwritten service record:

[Page 1]

Lyndale
Mumbles
Glam.

Lieut Bernard S Marshall MC
S.W.B's and RFC

Lieut BS Marshall left Abingdon in July 1912 and had decided on an Engineering career, he was reading for a degree, just previous to the outbreak of war he took his Inter B. Sc. (Engineering) London.

In September 1914 he volunteered for service in the Royal Engineers but in December of that year was gazetted to the 5th South Wales Borderers (Pioneers). After the usual period of training he was ordered out to France in 1915 and passed the winter of 1915/16 at the front.

[Page 2] On the 13th May 1916 he was wounded on the Vimy Ridge and was recommended by his CO for a Military Cross for gallant conduct, capturing and holding a crater under a hurricane of fire, and although wounded stuck to his post for three hours before returning to the dressing station to have his wound dressed (the bullet having passed right through the right shoulder). He then insisted on returning to his men through a heavy fire and held on again till relieved the next morning. He was invested with the MC by His Majesty 'The King' at Buckingham Palace in October 1916.

On recovering from his wound [page 3] he applied for transfer to the Royal Flying Corps and was gazetted in December 1916. After about 6 months training, he took his "Wings" and was immediately ordered to France again (June 1st 1917). His career as a Flying Officer was a short one for on 7th June while on his second flight that day he failed to return and was reported missing. Some months later his observer was found to be a prisoner in Germany and he reported that while on an offensive patrol they attacked a flight of enemy machines and an anti aircraft shell bursting near them, Lt Marshall [page 4] was hit on the head and no doubt killed instantaneously, the machine was also hit and put out of action and plunged down into a canal near Lille, the machine sank and his body was not recovered. The observer although injured by the fall managed to reach the bank and was immediately taken prisoner.