



Captain Philip Godsall MC

1880 - 1963

Philip Godsall, at the outbreak of the War, was serving as a Territorial Army Captain with the 5th Battalion, 52nd. (Oxf. & Bucks) Light Infantry. He was deployed with the British Expeditionary Forces on the 14th August 1914.

In the retreat from Mons he was injured and on the 26th August 1914, taken prisoner. Nearly three years later on the 20th March 1917 while being transferred between prison camps in Germany, he and another officer succeeded in escaping from their train. After eleven days hard walking, mostly at night and in bitterly cold weather, they arrived safely at Winterswyck in Holland - a direct distance of about 140 miles. He returned to England on the 5th April 1917.

He was awarded the Military Cross (MC) for '...determination in escaping from captivity'.

During 1918 he served in Palestine with the 23rd London Regiment and later in World War 2 was Deputy Zone Commander of the East Riding Home Guard in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Two of his younger brothers, Commander A.E.Godsall DSO, C de G Royal Navy and Major W.H. Godsall DSO MC, were killed in action in 1918.



Military Cross



A room for 6 Officers at the POW camp - Friedberg, Germany.



Capt. Philip Godsall is the father of Walter Godsall of Little Edbrooke in Winsford and the grandfather of David Godsall (q.v.) also of Winsford.



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