LT COLONEL THOMAS FAULKNER BORWICK DSM CdeG

Born Melbourne City in 1889

Lived with his family at 24 Lansdowne Street, East Melbourne

Attended nearby Scotch College, East Melbourne

Joined the Melbourne University Rifles while studying mechanical engineering

Enlisted 17 August 1914: he was 24, in his final year of study and given the rank of Lieutenant

Landed at Gallipoli in the second wave of landings on 25 April 1915

Fought at Cape Hellas and wounded on 8 May 1915; invalided to Malta then Florence

Promoted to Major in 1915, then Brigade Major in 1916 serving with 2nd Infantry Battalion in Egypt

Sent with AIF forces to the Western Front in 1916

Badly wounded on 24 July 1916 during the German attempt to recapture Pozières; suffered injuries to his abdomen, right arm, left hand, right eye, face and chest.

Promoted to Brigade Major, 9th Brigade on 13 November 1916

On recovery, served in high level General Staff Officer positions in England and France 1917–18

Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and decorated: mentioned in dispatches, awarded the Distinguished Service Order and the French Croix de Guerre for courage under enemy fire at the Battle of the Somme

Served as Liaison Officer with the Prime Minister's Department of Repatriation and Demobilization in 1919

Returned to Australia, then moved to India in the early 1920s and joined the Indian Ordinance Services; appointed Director-General of Indian Ordinance Factories in 1943

Made a Companion of the Indian Empire in 1941; knighted in 1946

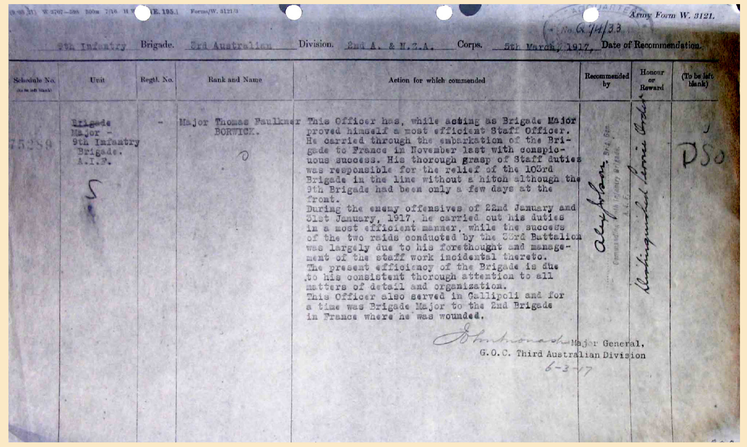
Died in 1981 in England.



Corner of Victoria Parade and Lansdowne Street. Borwick's house was one of the white ones on the right. SLV H2009.152/71



Sir Thomas Faulkner Borwick CIE DSO C de G. AWM P02667.001



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5th Infantry Brigade. 3rd Australian Division. 2nd A. & N.Z.A. Corps. 6th March, 1917. Date of Recommendation.

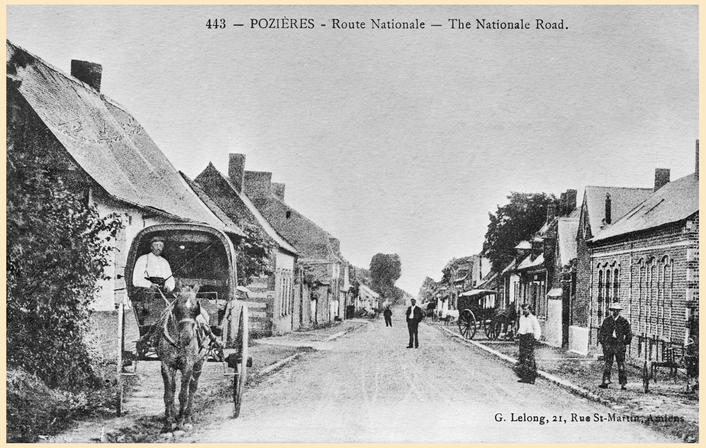
Schedule No.	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	Brigade Major - 9th Infantry Brigade. A.I.F.	-	Major Thomas Faulkner BORWICK.	This Officer has, while acting as Brigade Major proved himself a most efficient Staff Officer. He carried through the embarkation of the Brigade to France in November last with conspicuous success. His thorough grasp of Staff duties was responsible for the relief of the 10Lord Brigade in the line without a hitch although the 9th Brigade had been only a few days at the front. During the enemy offensives of 22nd January and 21st January, 1917, he carried out his duties in a most efficient manner, while the success of the two raids conducted by the 33rd Battalion was largely due to his forethought and management of the staff work incidental thereto. The present efficiency of the Brigade is due to his consistent thorough attention to all matters of detail and organization. This Officer also served in Gallipoli and for a time was Brigade Major to the 2nd Brigade in France where he was wounded.	Major General, G.O.C. Third Australian Division 6-3-17	Alty Staff	Distinguished Service Order	DSO

Recommendation for Distinguished Service Order. AWM

le Commandant BORWICK Thomas, Faulkner, Chef d'Etat-Major de la 2e Division Australienne :

"Chef d'Etat-Major d'une Division Australienne; a donne en maintes circonstances les preuves de son habilete et de son courage en executant de nombreuses reconnaissances sous le feu de l'ennemi et contribue ainsi, pour une large part, aux brillants succes de sa Division dans les combats de la SOMME".

Recommendation for Croix de Guerre. AWM



Pozières before the war, 1913. AWM C03126



Krithia, 8 May 1915, after attack by 2nd Brigade. AWM C01079



Australian soldiers celebrate capture of Pozières, 23 July 1916. AWM EZ0135



Pozières after the battle. AWM A05776