

## Castlebar soldier's bravery

Corporal "P.G. Gilbert" of the Royal Irish Fusiliers (Richard Philbin, native of Castlebar) has been awarded the D.C.M. for conspicuous bravery.

With six men he rushed and held a ruined farm house in "no man's land". Several of the men were wounded in the course of the struggle to drive out the Germans and without food or water and under heavy artillery fire and waves of poison gas, they held the position until reinforcements arrived.

He has been in action since the commencement of the war, was at the Mons retreat, the battle of the Marne, the Aisne, Somme, Armentieres , and the bombard-ment of Ypres and St. Julian.

He was mentioned three times in dispatches. He has been wounded four times. He had three brothers serving on the eastern front. Private John Roche, son of Mr. M. Roache, Moneen, Castlebar, has been awarded the D.C.M. for distinguished conduct while serving with the Connaught Rangers in Mesopotamia.

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