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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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12th Aust. Field Ambulance.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Van Schier Farm G.21.C.5.8.	1 st 10/17		Unit at Van Schier Farm administering 4 th Aust. Amb. Rest Station. Capt. BLUME + 2 O.R. rejoined from temp. duty at Corps Reinf. Camp. Interpreter M. Pinnon (temp. attached) rejoined 4 th Fld. Amb. Hospital rider rejoined for temp. duty 1 st Div. A.D.M.S. 13254 Pte ANDERSON D.V.K. died of wounds 3.15 pm. at No. 10. C.C.S. - wounded 29/9/17.	Sheet 28
	2 nd	9 am	Bearers Division + 2 horse amb wagons proceeded to C.M.D.S. (H.27. C.29.) to be in reserve + at ^{disputed} D.D.M.S. 1 st Anzac [1 officer + 32 O.R.] Capt P.B. SEWELL posted as R.M.O. to 56 th Aust Inf Bn Capt G.A. BLUMER " " 12 th Army Bde A.F.A. Capt E.L. MORGAN joined from reinforcements.	
	3 rd	4 pm	for temp. duty with Corps Central Bureau. Hospital rider detached 2 O.R. rejoined for hospital 9 O.R. with 3 Motor Amb. proceeded to C.M.D.S. for duty with M.A.C. 4 O.R. reinforcements joined + proceeded with the 2 O.R. ex-hosp. to C.M.D.S. to join bearers.	
	4 th	5 pm	Capt. MORGAN reported to C.M.D.S. as 'B' post Bearer Capt.	
	5 th	5 am	Bearer Subdivisions proceeded into action to reinforce 2 nd Division bearers. Capt V.C. BROWN 1 O.R. wounded + evacuated. 1305. L/Cpt CLAVUGHTON proceeded to 1 st Anzac Corp. School. 4 O.R. evacuated wounded.	
	6 th		Bearers att'd. VI th F. Amb. Bearer Capt sent up as R.M.O. 22 nd Bn - men left unrepresented + complications arose: as a result of which orders were issued by D.D.M.S. which forbade the interference of other units with establishments.	
	7 th		Capt J.S. MACKAY reported for duty. 25 O.R. A.D.M.S. reinf. for Division reported + are temp. on ration strength. 10 O.R. transf. as R.M.O. detail to 4 th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy. 10 O.R. (bde) evacuated sick. 1 Horse killed by shell fire (Remington-Popple Rd).	

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Van Schier Farm	8 th / 17		9 O.R. + 3 Bunkers Cars rejoined from C.M.D.S. E.A. very active at night - all personnel at work on reerecting huts tents etc. 3355 S/Sgt WILLIAMS (Steward) washed dysentery. The 25 O.R. men from disposal of 12 th F.A.M. 9, 4 th - 8 13 th - 8. Several of these men are quite unfit for field work and two or three permanently unfit for any military work - Report forwarded as it is not only useless but harmful to send such men into the divisions.	
	9 th		Oliv. Post Station handed over to 4 th A.F.A.M.	
	10 th	Noon	B' Sect Tent Division with 1 Moto Amb. moved to I.g. c. 6.6. Main Road preparatory to taking over A.D.S. for stretcher cases.	that 28
		3pm	Home transport proceeded to Belgian Bty Corner H. 24. a. 5.8. Capt Mackay with 25 O.R. proceeded to command Bearer divisions.	
		3.30pm	'A' Sect Tent Subdivision proceeded to C.M.D.S. en route for A.D.S.	
		4pm	27 th Dental Unit proceeded to temp. attach. with 12 th Army Bde A.F.A. La Motte	
	11 th	Midnight	Bearing + Transport Subdivisions passed from attachment to VI to attach to 13 th A.F.A.M.	
		9am	Moto Transport less 1 Amb. + 1 Ford reported for duty to 13 th A.F.A.M.	
		10am	A.D.S. Main road taken over from VI Post. Fld. Pub. Station formed by a cellar which provided sufficient room for 4 dressing teams to work simultaneously + accommodation for 12 stretcher cases besides. Total personnel at A.D.S. 7 officers + 64 O.R. including 26 P.O.R. attached, or later 4 th A.F.A.M. 1, 6/11 20 th A.F.A.M. 6 O.R. G.R.A. 2	

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12th Australia Field Ambulance.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
A.D.S. Main Road I.g.c.b.l.	11 th / 17		4 O.R. awarded Military Medals 3371 Pk (2 nd Lt) T. BUTCLIFFE 224 Pk (2 nd Lt) D. MINTY	Sheet 28.
			4 D.R.O. 1752 d/10/10/17 1316 Pk J. RAESIDE 2432 Pk T.J. MCKAY	
			1 O.R. transferred as A.M.C. detail 1 O.R. evacuated sick	A.M.C. details of 24 th M.G. Coy taken on Super. strength.
		12 th A	16 th Pk. Inf. Med. rejoined 13 th A.F. Amb. 10 O.R. rejoined from Veterinary School 1 A.M.C. detail evacuated wounded	2 O.R. temp. sent from div. Hd Qrs. 2 O.R. evacuated wounded, 1 O.R. evacuated sick.
		13 th A	12 O.R. temp. sent from 4 th Inf. Bde.	
		14 th A	Beavers proceeded into action 92 strong.	
		15 th A	17 O.R. temp. sent from 4 th Fld Amb. 1 O.R. wounded - remained on duty	12 O.R. for 9 th Pk, transf. to 13 th F. Amb.
			1 O.R. temp. sent from div. Hd Qrs. posted to 13 th F. Amb. 1 Officer & 1 O.R. attached for duty from 4 th F. Amb. 1 O.R. driver evacuated wounded.	
		16 th A	Transport Sgt WOODWARD reported for duty "C" Sect.	
		17 th A	2 O.R. wounded (legs) & 1 O.R. sick evacuated	
		18 th A	10 O.R. of 4 th F. Amb. transf. for duty to 13 th F. Amb. 12 O.R. rejoined from 13 th F. Amb. 1 O.R. rejoined from hospital. 3 O.R. evacuated wounded. Heavy local casualties caused by aerial bombs.	
		19 th A	1265 Pk M.G. STEWART died of wounds. 1 Officer Capt MORGAN and 3 O.R. evacuated wounded. 7 O.R. reinforcements joined. 1 O.R. wounded & remained on duty.	
		20 th A	detail of 4 th F. Amb. transf. to 13 th F. Amb. 1 1 O.R. & 1 A.M.C. detail evacuated wounded	

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12th Austro Field Ambulance

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Main Road	21 st 10/17		Bearing in line carrying under very bad conditions (mud etc) are evacuated for "Sode Water factory" and "Brick Kiln" near Zonnebeke to Railway stn. A.D.S. in Ypres heavily shelled + all traffic (stretchers) diverted onto Main Road A.D.S. - roads became blocked in Ypres + work at A.D.S. became very heavy. 16 Officer + 4 O.R. temp attach from 13 th F.A.S. to assist - everything clear at 8 pm.	
	22		- Normal evacuation restored.	
	23	4 pm	16 Officer + 3 O.R. proceeded to Bony Aree, and 1 Officer + 2 O.R. to Helijese Camp as billeting parties.	
	24 th	11.30 am	A.D.S. Main Road handed over to VII A.F. Amb. ^{100m} during attack, bombed causing heavy road conditions including many of railway party; this caused delay in relief - all clear by 12 Noon	
	8.30 am		A Det Tent Subdivision proceeded to Helijese camp.	
	9 am		All detached details - less C Det Tent sub. proceeded from Belgia Bty Corner + rejoined unit at Helijese Camp.	
			Cases treated at A.D.S. Wounded 647 Died of wounds 28 Dead on arrival 12 German 584 The gas cases received any urgent treatment necessary + were forwarded to gas centre COMRS.	
			All the wounded comprised a very large % of severe cases. All were stripped head wounds dressed, clothed in pyjamas + warm blankets + furnished with comforts.	
			As in many other instances the operating centres are too far back. Many lives could be saved by operating on head (chest) + abdominal cases much sooner.	

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12th Australian Field Ambulance

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Halifax Camp	25 th		Unit passed to 12 th Bde group for approaching move. 10 R. evacuated sick Capt V.C. BROWN awarded Military Medal 4 th D.R.O. No. 409. 36 officers + 13 O.R. (10" sent Test Div.) rejoined for 2 nd Canadian C.E.S. 3 Clerks rejoined for Corps Central Bureau	Hazelwood 5. A.
	26 th	6 am	Dismounted personnel proceeded to Branchock to entrain. Lt Weyers proceeded to Hoboutra siding to entrain. 6.30 am Horse transport proceeded to OUDERDOM	
		12 Noon	Cross roads en route for Bray St Julien (2 days trip). Motors proceeded direct. Dismounted personnel detrained at WIZERNEV & embussed for Bray St Julien arriving in billets 4.15 pm. Billets not satisfactory in this village.	
	27 th	3.30 p	Horse transport reported in. Evacuated for Bde arranged.	
	28 th		20 R. evacuated sick. Many of personnel on sick list after severe strain in very trying weather conditions. Recent work of stretcher bearers most praiseworthy.	
	29 th	9.30 a	March parade - full marching order. Unit inspection held. Routine 1/2 parade early morning 2 1/2 hours parade morning.	
	30 th		Afternoon devoted to sports under unit arrangements. Training commenced. Small rest station for 12 th Bde (50 beds) opened. 20 R. evacuated sick.	
	31 st		1 H.D (tetanus) shot. Capt V.C. BROWN temp. attached to RMA 45 th Bde.	

Twelfth Brigade. 4th. Australian Division. 1st. ANZAC. Corps. 1st. Oct. 17 Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	12th. Aust. Field Ambulance.		Captain V. C. BROWN.	For great courage and devotion to duty. On the morning of 29th. Sept. the advanced post at which this officer was stationed was subjected for 4½ hours to an intense bombardment of High Explosive. For some time, partly in the open and partly under cover which was not even splinter-proof, Capt. Brown tended the wounded. He showed great coolness in getting his bearers away to a place of safety. Finally the Officer in charge of the post and a bearer were wounded alongside him. He immediately rendered them assistance though the bombardment was still going on. He then made one of the stretcher party and evacuated the wounded officer from the dangerous zone.	<i>W. M. ...</i>	.V3 MC bso 15 ss e te y do vgs ccci e -dn sbs be	

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List of men recommended by Capt V.C. Brown
to Lt Col H. Follitt Co. 4 Aust Field Amb
when 12 Field Amb. (AIF) bays were
attached to 4 Aust Field Amb 26/9/17.

Thenceforward by
Ad. Co. 12 Aust Field Amb

Lt Thomas SUTCLIFFE (No 3371) 12 Field Amb
displayed conspicuous gallantry
during the 24 hrs of 26/9/17 at
(Map ref sheet 28 J8 B 6.3).

His devotion to duty & care
for his patients was most marked
Some after time he went through
heavy shell fire to collect wounded

On one occasion he set
out under fire & established
a new track for the bearers
thereby saving a lot of casualties
I recommend this man for the Military
Medal

W Brown Capt-
12 Field Ambulance
(Temp attached to 6th Field Amb)

(100)
L/C James Dargo ~~100~~ MINTY
(No 224) 12th Field Ambulance
on 26/9/17 at Map ref (Sheet 28 JB 63)
displayed great coolness in
directing his squad of ~~bearers~~ bearers
through heavy shell fire. He
repeatedly went out for wounded
& succeeded though blown up
with his squad in getting the
wounded safely through

His bravery was most
noted & set a fine example
to his men
I recommend this man for the Military Medal

W Brown Capt-
12th Field Ambulance
(Temp attached to 6th Field Amb)

No 3508 Richard William GREY

on 26/9/17 at Map Ref Sheet 28

J7B88

I showed great gallantry by
carrying ~~wounded~~ wounded for
24 hrs at times through
heavy enemy barrage

His valour & devotion
to duty were very marked
& served as an excellent
example for his men

I recommend this man for the Military
Medal

W Brown Capt
12th Field ambulance
(temp attached 4th Field amb)

No 1372 William Frederick BARKER
(12th Field ambulance)

on 26/9/17 at Map Ref Sheet 28 J7B88

being in charge of a stretcher
squad continued to carry
wounded under heavy
enemy barrage for 24 hrs at
great personal risk &
successfully kept the forward
posts clear

I recommend this man for the Military
Medal

W Brown Capt
12th Field ambulance
(temp attached 4th Field ambulance)

(1)
No 2432 Pte James John McLEAY
12th Field Ambulance

On 29/9/17 at Map Ref Sheet 28 J8B53
displayed great gallantry by
going out under heavy enemy
barrage of bombs in a
wounded man

It is certain that had
this man been left a
minute longer where he
fell he would have been
killed as the shell fire
was so intense

I strongly recommend this
man for the Military Medal

W Brown Capt
12th Field Ambulance
(Temp attached 4th Field Amb)

2.

Cpl Owen DALEY
12th Field Ambulance
on 26/9/17 at Map ref Sheet 28 (J7A52)
rendered excellent
service when in charge
of squads evacuating wounded
from J7A52 to J12A82

Only a limited number
of squads were at his
disposal & the number to
evacuate was great, but
the NCO by his lead &
personal example was
able to keep the over fatigued
bearers going until all
wounded were evacuated.

I recommend this man
for Military Medal

W Brown Capt

No 2021 L/Corp Joseph RICHARDSON
12th Field Ambulance
displayed very great gallantry
on 26/9/17 at Map ref sheet 28 (J7A32)
by directing his squad through
heavy shell fire.

This man by his tact &
personal example kept his
squad working during a
long period & under very
trying conditions.

Again on 29/9/17 this
man displayed the utmost
gallantry by continuing to
carry through heavy shell fire
I strongly recommend
this man for the Military Medal

W Brown Capt
12th Field Amb
(Corp attached to 6th Field Amb)

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On 29/9/17 at Map ref sheet 28 (J7A52)

13374 Pte Albert ~~Edwards~~ ^{HOWGATE}
showed extraordinary devotion to
duty while stretcher bearing.
At about 2 PM barrage was so
intense that it was considered
too dangerous to move the wounded.
Pte Howgate was ordered to
take shelter in a trench but was
twice partially buried.

Shelling then became so intense
that it was deemed necessary to
evacuate the wounded at any cost.

Pte Howgate although considerably
shaken by his previous experience
immediately volunteered for the
job, before any one could be
detailed, or even before volunteers
were asked for.

He successfully assisted in
the carrying of one patient through
the barrage, & while waiting
for the second man
he was severely wounded & later he
died as the result of the
wound.

This man's conduct
deserves some mention

W Brown Capt
12th Field Ambulance

(Temporarily attached 4th Field)
Ambulance

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No 1316 P.E. Joseph RAESIDE
12th Field Ambulance
On 26/9/17 at Map ref
Sheet 28 J7A52 displayed
very great gallantry
when stretcher bearing
This man though very
fatigued continued to
carry for 24 hrs several
times through a heavy
barrage.

His fine example did
much to keep other equally
fatigued bearers going
on with their arduous
work

I would recommend this
man for the Military Medal.

W Brown Capt
12th Field Ambulance
(Temporarily attached 4th Field Amb)

List of men recommended by Capt V.C. Brown
M.C. to Lt Col. Wiseley Co. 6th Field Amb,
when 12 Field Amb drivers were
attached to 6th Field Ambulance A.I.F. 4/10/17

Thenceforward
Co. 12th Field Amb.

Brigade.

4th

Division.

1st Anzac

Corps.

4/10/17

Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	12 th Field Ambulance	3219	Lt Colt George William LLOYD	^{4/10/17} at Map ref sheet 28 D27691 showed conspicuous gallantry when in charge of a stretcher party. He continued for 30 odd hours carrying wounded over very heavy & irregular ground. Twice he had to pass through heavy enemy barrage, but by his coolness & courage managed on both occasions to get his patient safely to the next relay post.	W Brown Capt	M.M.	
	12 th Field Ambulance	203	Pte George Henry CONNELL CONNELL	^{4/10/17} showed marked gallantry by continuing to carry wounded for many hours from the front area, frequently through heavy barrage. In addition to the ordinary work of carrying from the RAP to the nearest relay post this man did valuable work by searching shell holes in the front area for wounded. Many lives were thus saved. As this was done under heavy shell fire great praise is due to Pte Connell	W Brown Capt	M.M.	

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Brigade.

4th

Division.

1st Anzac

Corps.

4/10/17

Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	12 th Field Ambulance	1317	L/Corp Thomas James PRICE	on 4/10/17 At Map ref sheet 28 J 1038 exhibited marked gallantry when in charge of a stretcher squad. He kept his squad going constantly for 30 hours from the forward area back to a relay post. Frequently it was necessary to go through heavy barage, but the man kept on quite regardless of his own safety	W Brown Capt M M		
	12 th Field Ambulance	3191	P6 Charles Fredrick ELLINGSEN	4/10/17 At Map Ref sheet 28 D 2789, showed conspicuous gallantry under fire. His unceasing efforts in getting wounded away from this forward post, in spite of great fatigue & heavy shell fire, undoubtedly saved many lives.	W Brown Capt M M		

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Brigade.

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Division.

1st Anzac

Corps.

4/10/17

Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	<i>12th Field Ambulance</i>	<i>1353</i>	<i>S/Capt David FENNER</i>	<i>4/10/17</i> When stretcher bearing from Map ref sheet 28 D 27 b 91 to A 3a 23 conducted himself in a singularly gallant manner. For 30 hours he continuously carried wounded through heavy shell fire. His coolness & courage were a splendid example to the men under his charge	<i>W Brown Capt</i>	<i>M.M.</i>	
	<i>12th Field Ambulance</i>	<i>13355</i>	<i>Pte David Leo SHARRY</i>	<i>4/10/17</i> At Map ref D 27 b 91 exhibited great gallantry & devotion to duty, Working for 30 hours under shell fire. He also showed great care in attending to wounded & carrying them to places of safety & By his continuous work he greatly helped to relieve the congestion at the aid posts	<i>W Brown Capt</i>	<i>M.M.</i>	

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4th. Australian Division:

COMMANDING OFFICER,

No. 13 Australian Field Ambulance.

Herewith please find recommendation for
Honours and Rewards in connection with the recent operations.

In order of merit they are as follows:-

1.	No.	2036	Pte.	Inch,	A.W.
2.	No.	1317	L/Cpl.	Price,	T.J.
3.	No.	3352	Sgt.	Malcolm,	R.H.B.
4.	No.	3191	Pte.	Ellingsen,	C.F.
5.	No.	2021	Pte.	Fenner,	D.
6.	No.	7681	Dvr.	Lee,	H.
7.	No.	3508	L/Cpl.	Gray	R.W.
8.	No.	1372	"	Barker,	W.F.
9.	No.	1220	Cpl.	Daley,	O.
10.	No.	13285	Pte.	Edwards,	L.
11.	No.	3422	Cpl.	Suding,	F.

J. Mackay

Capt, A.A.M.C.

24th. October 1917.

12th. Aus. Field Ambulance.

A.A.M.C. Brigade. 4th. Australian Division. 1st. A. & N. Z. A. Corps. 24th. October 1917. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	12th. Aus. Field Amb. att. 13th. Aus. Field Ambulance.	3191	Private CHARLES FREDERICK <u>ELLINGSEN</u> :	For gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations in the ZONNEBEKE AREA East of YPRES between the 12th. and 15th. October 1917. On one occasion from 8 a.m. to 12th. October 1917 until 8 a.m. on the 13th. October 1917 he continuously carried wounded under heavy enemy shell fire. At 5 p.m. on the 13th. October 1917 in passing through an enemy barrage the patient was blown from the stretcher and Pte. Ellingsen although suffering from the effects of the shell burst and later from abraded feet, refused to rest but continued to carry wounded until relieved.	<i>Smalley</i> <i>Leary</i>	M.M.	
	12th. Aus. Field Amb. att. 13th. Aus. Field Ambulance.	3422	Corporal FRANK <u>SUDING</u> :	This N.C.O. showed great devotion to duty in the operations of 12th. to 15th. October 1917 in ZONNEBEKE AREA East of PYRES. At 10 p.m. on the night of 13th. October 1917 there was a serious block in the traffic on ZONNEBEKE -YPRES Road. Corporal Suding by his personal efforts organised the traffic in a particularly congested area under shell fire and thus secured a regular evacuation of wounded.	<i>Smalley</i> <i>Leary</i>	M.M.	
	12th. Aus. Field Amb. att. 13th. Aus. Field Ambulance.	1220	Corporal OWEN <u>DALBY</u>	This N.C.O. in the Operations East of YPRES on 12th. to 15th. October 1917 showed great energy and initiative in organising squads for the evacuation of wounded. As N.C.O. in charge of a Bearer Subdivision he was fearless and indefatigable. At 7 p.m. on the 14th. October 1917 in ZONNEBEKE he, by his personality encouraged the exhausted bearers, in a particularly difficult sector, to continue carrying this tidong over a situation which threatened to	<i>Smalley</i> <i>Leary</i>	M.M.	

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A.A.M.C. Brigade. 4th. Australian Division. 1st. A. & N. Z. A. Corps. 24th. October 1917. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	12th. Aus. Field Ambulance attached 13th. Australian Field Ambulance.	2036	Private ALBERT WARE <u>INCH:</u>	This man showed great Gallantry and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer in the ZONNEBEKE AREA West East of YPRES early in the morning of 18th. October 1917 under the following circumstances. He was slightly wounded by shell splinters and after having his wounds dressed he voluntarily continued to carry wounded under very heavy shellfire and under difficult conditions. On the night of the 18th. October 1917 when everybody had been obliged to take cover on account of heavy hostile shelling Pte. Inch, hearing that a Major of the Artillery had been buried by a direct hit on his dug-out, left the R.A.P. and dug him out, thus undoubtedly saving the Officer's life. Pte. Inch continued duty until relieved on 21st. October 1917 and throughout he showed a complete disregard for his own safety.	<i>J. Mackay Capt</i>	<i>DCM.</i>	
	12th. Aus. Field Amb. attached to 13th. Aus. Field Amb.	2021	Private (Lance-Corporal) DAVID <u>FENNER:</u>	For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action of 17th. to 20th. October 1917., particularly in ZONNEBEKE AREA, East of YPRES at about 8 p.m. on the night of the 19th. October 1917 when the other bearers of his stretcher squad were "knocked" out " by an enemy shell. L/Cpl. Fenner came back, got another man and removed the patient to a place of safety. He further assisted the injured bearers to a place of safety working the whole time under heavy enemy shell fire.	<i>J. Mackay Capt</i>	<i>M.M.</i>	

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A.A.M.C.

Brigade.

4th. Australian

Division.

1st. A. & N.Z. A.

Corps.

24th. October 1917.

Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. <small>(to be left blank)</small>	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	12th. Aus. Field Amb. att. 13th. Aus. Field Ambulance.	3508	Private (Lance Corporal) RICHARD WILLIAM <u>GRAY</u> :	For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in charge of a bearer squad in the ZONNEBEKE AREA, East of YPRES from 17th. to 20th. October 1917, particularly under the following circumstances. After carrying continuously for 24 hours his squad was exhausted through carrying over difficult ground and under heavy shell fire when about noon on the 19th. instant hearing that an English Officer was lying wounded between tworelay posts L/Cpl. Gray collected three volunteers and successfully brought in the Officer (a Major) . This happened at a time when evacuation had temporarily ceased owing to heavy enemy shell fire.	<i>Gray Capt</i>	M.M.	
	12th. Aus. Field Amb. att., 13th. Aus. Field Ambulance.	13285	Private <u>LESLIE EDWARDS</u> :	This N.S. man showed great gallantry and devotion to duty on 12th. October 1917 under the following circumstances : Evacuation from the R.A.P. in the ZONNEBEKE AREA East of YPRES, had been temporarily suspended owing to an enemy barrage and the difficult nature of the ground. This man, however, volunteered and successfully carried out the evacuation of the patient whose condition was such that immediate evacuation was his only chance.	<i>Gray Capt</i>	M.M.	

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A.A.M.C. Brigade. 4th. Australian Division. 1st. A. & N. Z. A. Corps. 24th. October 1917. Date of Recommendation.

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	12th. Aus. Field Amb. att., 13th. Australian Field Amb.	1372	Private (Lance Corporal) WILLIAM FREDERICK <u>BARKER</u> :	<p>In the action of 12th. to 15th. October 1917 in ZONNEBEKE AREA, East of YPRES, this N.C.O. was fearless and indefatigable in evacuating wounded from the forward area, especially under the following circumstances:-</p> <p>At 11 a.m. and - 1 p.m. on the 12th. October 1917 he voluntarily went out under heavy shell fire to seek for the advanced R.A.P. which had been moved a considerable distance His search was unsuccessful - his guide being killed. On 13th. October 1917 he got in touch with the R.A.P., relieved the Regimental Bearers at a critical moment and him self was responsible for the evacuation of eight wounded men.</p>	<p><i>Shelley</i> <i>cap</i></p>	<p><i>M.M.</i></p>	

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	12th. Aus. Field Amb. att., 13th. Aus. Field Ambulance.	1317	Private (Lance-Corporal) Thomas James <u>PRICE</u> :	<p>For devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer in the ZONNEBEKE AREA East of YPRES under the following circumstances:-</p> <p>Although slightly wounded, at 10 a.m. on the 12th. October 1917, in the heel by a fragment of shell this N.C.O. continued to carry out his duties under heavy enemy shell fire and exceedingly rough ground for 14 hours. After 36 hours rest he voluntarily resumed carrying wounded for a further 24 hours & thus setting a splendid example of endurance and pluck.</p>	<p><i>Smalley</i> Capt</p>	M.M.	
	12th. Aus. Field Amb. att. 13th. Aus. Field Ambulance.	3352	Sergeant ROBERT HENRY BEATY <u>MALCOLM</u> , M.M.	<p>This N.C.O. throughout the action of 12th. to 15th. October 1917. in the ZONNEBEKE AREA east of YPRES especially under the following circumstances:-</p> <p>At 6 p.m. on the 13th. October 1917 when there was a slight congestion at an R.A.P. he showed remarkable initiative in organising and distributing squads of stretcher bearers under a heavy enemy bombardment. By his personality he encouraged the bearers to continue carrying long after they had become exhausted. He was largely responsible for the successful evacuation of the wounded under the conditions of extreme difficulty. His fearless conduct under heavy shell fire is deserving of the highest praise.</p>	<p><i>Smalley</i> Capt</p>	<p>Bar to M.M.</p>	

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	12th. Aus. Field Amb. att. 13th. Aus. Field Ambulance.	7681	Driver <u>LEE:</u>	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a Horsed Ambulance Waggon driver.</p> <p>On the ZONNEBEKE Road at 7 p.m. on the 19th. instant whilst Dr. Lee was bringing a load of patients to the motor ambulances a bomb was dropped from an enemy aeroplane into the crater on the ZONNEBEKE - YPRES Road. Dvr. Lee's horse took fright and attempted to bolt with the Ambulance waggon (still loaded), Lee sprang to the heads of his horses and held on to them while more bombs were dropped thus averting a serious disaster. He set a fine example by his coolness and courage.</p>	<p><i>Smalley</i> <i>Capt</i></p>	M.M.	

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