

54th. Bn.

14TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
No. 458/2362  
Date. 3 DEC 1917

Please inform Lieut. J. ADAMS that the Brigadier was very glad to receive from the Officer Commanding 14th. Field Company a report of some exceptionally good work in wiring performed by his party this day, both as regards the amount and the work itself.

54th BATTALION.  
IN  
To/ 1429  
2.12.17.  
AUST. IMP. FORCE.

Staff Captain, 14th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE. Captain,

To DC Plooy

Please convey the contents to Lieut Adams.

2/12/17

CAPTAIN  
ADJUTANT, 54th BATTALION,  
AUST. IMPERIAL FORCE.



THE  
MOUNTAIN  
BRIGADE  
1917

*[Handwritten signature]*

54th Bn.

Private J. J. ...

Officer commanding 1st Field Company a report of  
some exceptionally good work in wiring performed  
by the party this day, both as regards the  
and the work itself.

1st Field Coy  
14th Aug 1917  
Captain





Headquarters,  
**AUSTRALIAN CORPS**, Imperial  
**B.E.F., FRANCE.** Force,

10th June, 1918.

Dear Adams,

I am so pleased to have this opportunity of congratulating you most heartily on the award of the Military Cross in recognition of your good and gallant service during many a long month now, and I take this opportunity of thanking you so much for it.

With kind regards and good wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

W. G. Bidwood





AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,  
130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,  
WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.

27th February, 1919.

Dear Adams,

I have only just heard of the award to you of a Bar to the Military Cross, and write at once to congratulate you most heartily on this distinction, which you have fully deserved for your conspicuous gallantry and good work in our operations at Peronne on 1st and 2nd September. You displayed high powers of leadership and initiative in leading your men against strenuous opposition to the objective, controlling at the same time the company on your right whose commander had been killed. Throughout the whole operation your work was of a very high order, and I am so glad that it has been so recognized.

With my kind regards and good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

*W. B. Bidwood.*



Please quote this Number when replying.

TELEPHONE, CITY 10900.

*Recd No 260332*

2nd Military District.	
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MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.  
2nd Military District.

District Head-Quarters, Victoria Barracks,

Sydney, 14th. April, 1921

To Lieut. John. ADAMS, ("MC.& Bar")

56th. Battalion, A.I.FORCE.

Returned Soldiers' Badge issued 260332.

ISSUED WITH WAR CERTIFICATE

I have to inform you that as you have been found Medically Unfit for further Active Service, the Secretary, Department of Defence, has been notified accordingly.

It has, therefore, been requested that your appointment in the A.I.F. should be terminated on 29th. April, 1921. ~~being fourteen days from the date of~~

~~confirmation of your Medical Board Proceedings.~~ Unless you are notified to the contrary the abovementioned date must be accepted by you as being correct, and same will be confirmed by Gazette in due course.

This notification should be presented by you at the Pay Office, when your Statement of Accounts will be prepared.

Attested. 11/8/1914.  
1st. appm't. to Commis

*J. Gleson* Captain,  
Staff Officer Invalids and Returned Soldiers,  
2nd Military District.



13. Section

Cpl. Adams. J.

Wyatt

Herr

Turner

Skill

Burrill

Evans.

Robertson

Richardson.

14 Section

L/c Howe W.

Botterill

Munro

Whalling

Hoshins

Hartup

Banks.

Lindsay

Love.

15 Section

L/c Davidson. T.

Neal

Edgar

Gallagher

Prince

Norman

Ferguson

(Montgomery. M. G. Section)

Maloney.

16 Section

Cpl. Purley.

Boulton

Bonnar

Donaldson

Whitehell

Quinn

(Lawson) 2. M.

Mc. Dermott

Mc Donald

Rodham



Tomatoes of the  
prior to "Sore Paul"  
attacks

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56/54th Battalion, A.I.F.

Lieut. J. Adams, M.C.

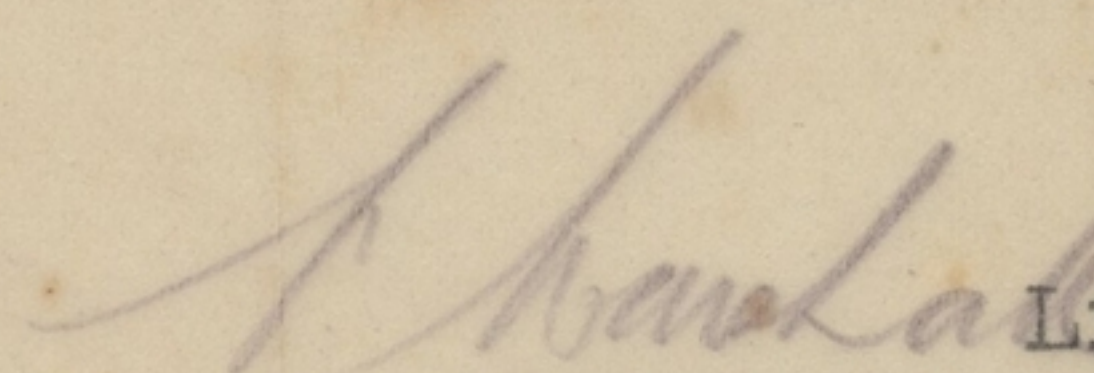
Dear Adams,

I have to inform you that you have been awarded a Bar to the Military Cross. Please accept my sincere congratulations.

Your gallantry and devotion to duty have always been of a very high order, and I am very glad that your services have received further recognition.

I wish you every success in the future.

Yours faithfully,



Lieut-Colonel,  
Commanding 56/54th Battalion, A.I.F.



In the battle of Lone Pine, I was blinded by shattered by periscope glass in both eyes, mostly the right eye. Carried by Sgt. Collingwood of 2nd Bn. to Dr. Fullerton in Lone Pine. Here the glass was removed. The following morning I was led out to Brown's Dip where 2nd Bn. had moved during the night. Since then my right eye vision has been blurred.

At Queensland Villas, September, 1915, I was knocked unconscious from fire step to bottom of trench, having been struck on nose and face by flying loop hole plate. Blown into air by shell fire, causing concussion and much bleeding from nose and mouth. When I regained consciousness, Sgt. Major Bowling of C Company, 2nd. Bn. said I had been unconscious for over an hour. I was then treated on the face with iodine and my nose washed out with a red fluid by a medical orderly. Throughout the war period and since it has troubled me.

My nose was operated on by Dr. Whiteman at Randwick Military Hospital in 1919, and my septum obstruction removed. This condition was caused by the incident at Queensland Villas, in September 1915, which is referred to above. I received treatment for this condition at St. Vincent's Hospital, being seen by Dr. Horner and treated by another doctor there. Arrangements for this treatment and others for this injury were made by His Honour, Mr. Justice Kinsella about 1947 to 1949.

In the battle of Pollygon Wood, 1917, with others, I was blown up by shell burst. I was knocked silly and deaf, with a trickle of blood from the inside of the right ear. For this I was treated on two occasions by Dr. Leadman, M.O. 54 Bn. Since then I have had treatment by other doctors, one being the partner of Dr. Walker of Roseville, by Dr. McGill of Chatswood, and at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Since 2nd September, 1918, when dropped by machine gun fire in no-man's land rushing machine gun drew, the base of my spine has troubled me, but I have never received treatment for this condition.