

IMMEDIATE AWARD.

13th. AUST. INF. Brigade. 4th AUSTRALIAN Division. AUSTRALIAN Corps. 18th April 1918. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regt. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	13th. Coy. 4th. AUST. M.G. Bn.	1360	Corporal Michael Patrick HOULAHAN.	For conspicuous bravery & devotion to duty during the whole of the battle near DERNANCOURT on 6th. April 1918. Opl. HOULAHAN was in charge of gun on left flank of "A" Coy. 62nd Bn. He handled his team in an excellent manner & was of great assistance in the day's operations, inflicting many casualties on the enemy. When enemy penetrated our line, his gun was moved to an exposed position on the railway line to obtain enfilade fire. His brother (No. 1 on the gun) was seriously wounded at this time, but he carried on as if nothing had happened and remained in this exposed position with his gun until the attack was dispersed. Guns then retired, taking up successive positions, and inflicted casualties every time until our counter-attack was launched. He then advanced and took up a position on the railway, remaining there until relieved. Throughout the battle his disregard for personal danger, and efficient manner in which he attended to details, enabled this gun to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy.	Capt. W. M. CORY, O.C. Coy.	M.M.	
<u>Date recommendation passed forward.</u>							
<u>Received. Passed.</u>							
Brigade.		16.4.18		16.4.18			
Division.		17/4/18		19/4/18			
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				<p><i>[Signature]</i> Brigadier-General, Commanding 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade,</p> <p>(sgd) E. G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN Major-General, Commanding 4th. Australian Division.</p>			