

5th Aust. Inf.

2nd Australian

1st Anzac

25/9/17.

20th Bn.

1168

Sgt Frank Edward
CHRISTIAN

At HANSENKE WOOD on 20/9/17 this N.C.O. had charge of a platoon throughout the attack. Just after the launching of the attack he showed great initiative in moving his platoon forward of the enemy barrage. Later he showed himself as a fearless leader and throughout he was moving among his men holding them together and getting them forward, showing an absolute disregard for personal safety. His cheerful manner, courage and determination was a very fine example to all who came in contact with him. After the consolidation, about 30 hours after zero, he was badly wounded.

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Pte Charles Leonidas
COOPER
(Military Medal)

At HANSENKE WOOD on 20/9/17 throughout the attack he proved himself not only a fearless soldier, but a tower of strength in the Company. He was at all times the first to volunteer for any work of a specially dangerous nature. During operations he acted as stretcher bearer, runner, and was on several fatigues as a guide, and 36 hours after zero when the enemy put up an intense barrage, he again volunteered as a runner. His coolness and courage were of the highest order and he set a splendid example to all those with whom he came in contact.

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Pte William John
HAYKE.

At HANSENKE WOOD on 20/9/17 this man during the first advance volunteered to assist the only stretcher bearer left in the Company to carry back a badly wounded man to the R.A.P., afterwards reporting back to his company. Throughout the remainder of the day, owing to heavy casualties amongst Company runners, he performed the duty of runner, showing absolute disregard for personal

M.M.