

8th Aust. Infantry

2nd Australian

1st A.N.Z.A.C.

14th Oct. 1917.

21st
Battalion.

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Sgt. Thomas Luther
BOWLER.

For conspicuous gallantry at BROODSEINDE on Oct. 4th. During the attack all the Company Officers became casualties and this N.C.O. in cooperation with another Sergeant gallantly reorganised and led forward the Company to its final objective. Arriving there he showed great initiative and skill in choosing a position and superintending the consolidation. On Oct. 9th exactly the same performance was repeated. All Officers were casualties very early in the operation, but Sgt. Bowler carried his men forward and established himself in the most forward position gained during the operation and hung on tenaciously under heavy fire until ordered to withdraw after dark.

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Sgt. Richard Lewis
WEIR.

For conspicuous gallantry at BROODSEINDE on Oct. 9th. After all Officers had become casualties this N.C.O. immediately took charge and collected his men who had become very scattered and led an attack on an enemy Machine Gun position on the edge of DAISY WOOD, which was holding up the Company. After putting this gun out of action he led his men to a position North East of DAISY WOOD and established there until relieved by the 49th Bn. on night 9/10th Oct.

Brigadier-General,
Commanding 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
D.C.M.

Passed to Division 14/10/17