

11th Battalion

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A.I.F.

Private

ERNEST MC ROWAN

*30/8/18*

*Medals  
initials*

Near LIHONS from 10th to 13th August, 1918  
During our attack on the Blue Line, Pte. McROWAN  
carried out the duties of stretcher bearer with  
the utmost gallantry and a noble spirit of unself-  
ishness.

On the 10th inst. when the sections of his  
coy. who pushed forward to cover the advance of  
the first wave all became casualties owing to a  
gelling machine gun barrage opening on them from a trench  
30 yards distant. The advance of the whole line  
as consequently held up all being driven to cover.

This Stretcher Bearer without hesitation rush-  
ed forward and rendered aid to the wounded and  
then proceeded to carry in the wounded to shelter  
over ground raked by machine gun fire the enemy  
being only 30 yards distant.

Not only did he thus save many lives but his  
magnificent bravery inspired all about him to great-  
er effort and the trench was carried by us at the  
point.

For 36 hours this bearer remained on duty and  
was tireless in his efforts to carry back our wounded  
winning throughout courage, fortitude and tenacity.