Lt. William Thomas NEEDS.
46th Bty, 12th Army Bde., Aust. F. A.

This Officer was in charge of the Battery while it was in action near Ypres on the 19th Sept. 1917.

While the guns were firing the position was bombarded and one of the pits was set on fire and a quantity of ammunition exploded. He immediately rushed to the pit and with assistance succeeded in putting out the fire and saving several hundred rounds at great personal risk as the ammunition was exploding all around him at the time, and enemy shells kept falling near the pit. He set a splendid example to the men.