

MILITARY CROSS NOTIFIED ON 27-11-18 AS HAVING BEEN AWARDED

Captain. Arthur Poole LAWRENCE 8th Aust. Fld. Amb.

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This officer displayed bravery and devotion to duty on 3rd., 4th., and 5th October, 1918, during the fighting in the Hindenburg Line North of St. QUENTIN, particularly during the assault on MONTBENHAIN, as bearer Captain 8th Aust. Field Ambulance. He maintained touch with Regimental Aid Posts in spite of heavy shell fire, his personal courage inspired many others; and his genius for selecting routes and loading posts resulted in a very rapid evacuation of wounded. His work throughout this period was quite outstanding: time after time he went to heavily shelled localities to extricate the wounded - he was always where the danger was greatest, where the casualties were occurring, and by his coolness and courage and example, rendered the most gallant service in a very difficult situation.

MILITARY MEDALS NOTIFIED ON 3-11-18 AS HAVING BEEN AWARDED.

No. 6381 Pte. Joseph RHODES 8th Aust. Field Ambulance.

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On the 3rd October, 1918, near ESTREES North of St. QUENTIN, this soldier proceeded to a wounded companion through 180 yards of heavy shell fire, dressed his wound and helped him to shelter. Later in the day he was alone at a Motor Loading Post, devoid of cover, and though wounded himself, he remained with a severely wounded man under heavy shell fire for over an hour, and tended him till he could be got away.