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From S.M.O. Franks Force
To A.D.M.S. 5th Australian Division

I desire to recommend for reward the following personnel.

- L 1. N^o 13970 Corporal Roberts A.E. 8th Field Ambulance
2. N^o 1965 Private Maloney H. 5th Sanitary Section
3. N^o 1208 Private Gray C. 5th Sanitary Section
x 4. N^o 5923 Private Hippesley L. 8th Field Ambulance

On evening of 4-10-16 Ammunition was heavily shelled
and two fire brigades near Abbatotis.

Corporal Roberts and the two men reported to Sergeant
in charge of the Brigade and assisted in quelling the fire
until 3 a.m. under shell fire the greater part of the time.

The civilian was killed here and one soldier wounded who
was attended to by Pte. (absent) under shell fire.

Two firemen were killed and two wounded.

Corporal Roberts was placed in charge of a fire party
for a time at his own expense kept the station at work
& presented paper and of the fire.

The statements as above are substantiated by Sergeant
of the Fire Brigade who states that the men did excellent
work.

M. W. Mathewson
Colonel

S.M.O. Franks Force

6/10/16.