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6th. October, 1918.

51st. Bn.
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Lieut-Colonel
Robert CHRISTIE,
D. S. O.

As Officer Commanding 51st. Battalion, on 12/13th. August near ETINHEM, by careful preparation and skilful handling, his Bn., captured the Etinehem spur, which was strongly held by the enemy, and captured 170 prisoners and 5 horses. By consolidating and holding the position the flank Battalions were enabled to move forward to better commanding positions and drive the enemy back on to the outskirts of ERAY. Between 10th. and 17th. September near SOYECOURT by careful reconnaissance and preparation, his Battalion advanced their line about 3,000 yards both during daylight and dark, and captured 50 prisoners and about 12 machine guns. The enemy machine gun fire and sniping during the advance was very heavy.

Spencer Skirving

Brigadier-General.
Commanding 13th. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

(170) E. G. L. MacLain MacLain
Major-General.
Commanding 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

S.O.E. HERRING, D.S.O. Brigadier-General.
Commanding 13th. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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