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15th Infantry Brigade. 5th Australian Division. 1st ANZAC Corps. 30.9.17 Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	59th Battalion		Lieut.Colonel Charles Conway MASON	For great gallantry in action. On the 25th, 26th and 27th insts. he was in Command of the 59th Battalion during the attack on POLYGON WOOD. His Battalion was detailed for the BLUE LINE but owing to the enemy's counter-attack was at the last minute ordered to take the RED LINE. Notwithstanding this change the attack was successfully carried out under his able direction without the slightest hitch. As soon as the objective was attained he at once moved forward his Battalion Forward Command Posts whilst fighting was still proceeding between the enemy and the mopping up parties. From then until the Battalion was relieved he was on duty constantly superintending the Consolidation in depth with the invaluable assistance of Lieuts.Pritchard and Hewitt of the 15th Field Coy. of Engineers and repelled innumerable counter-attacks by the enemy during the day and night following. In the course of the day he was blown up and severely shaken but remained on duty until relieved. A very large number of Machine Guns were taken in the advance (of which 10 only could be brought back) and enormous loss inflicted on the enemy. Our complete success was in a large measure due to Col.Mason's great courage, energy, determination and devotion to duty.	Brig-General. G.O.C.15th Infantry Brigade.	D. S. O.	