

5th Pioneer Battalion ~~xxxx~~ 5TH AUSTRALIAN
Brigade.

Division. 1st A.N.Z.A.C.

Corps. 20th September 1917 Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	5th Australian Pioneer Battalion. A.I.F.		Major Edward Irvine Charles SCOTT.	<p>Major Scott has during the period February to September 1917, shown the most energetic leadership and displayed great courage. Early in March he was responsible for digging of communication trenches to the front line and beyond in the area North of Gueudecourt. Major Scott personally reconnoitred all these trenches, which were successfully dug in spite of difficulties due to weather and enemy shelling. During the latter part of March, in the advance from Bapaume, he salvaged and maintained a supply of rails for Light Railway work on which the Battalion was engaged. The rails had to be collected from a great distance and the supply was always available to meet demands.</p> <p>During early April Major Scott constructed and maintained roads in the Noreuil and Lagnicourt Sectors, prior to and during the attack on Bullecourt. The work was well carried out, although enemy shelling was severe on several occasions, during which he displayed great coolness.</p> <p>During the whole of the winter Major Scott always displayed the same energy and determination in connection with all work allotted to him.</p>	H.G.Carter, Lt-Col., Comdg. 5th Aust. Pioneer Bn.		

Major - General,
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

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