

6th (Army) Bde. Aus.F.A. Brigade. Division. XV Corps. 30/7/17. 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)
	18th Battery, 336th 6th (Army) Bde. Aust. F.A.		Sergeant William Arnold Smith HARRY.	<p>On the 30th July at NIEUPORT BAINS this Battery position was heavily shelled for 5hrs. at short intervals with 5.9 and 4.2. The detachments were ordered to a flank for safety. Shortly after shelling began an ammunition dump caught fire. This man with 4 others led by Lieut J.J.A. Dodd put out the fires in the face of the shelling and of the Battery ammunition exploding in every direction.</p> <p>Ten minutes later the gun pit was again on fire. He and the other 4 men returned again and put it out. About 15 minutes after another it was hit and caught fire. All of them except Gnr Storer who was exhausted returned and worked for a considerable time under fire and eventually succeeded in putting out this fire. Throughout the continuance of the shelling he and the other above named men continued to put out these fires as they broke out and undoubtedly saved much material and ammunition. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.</p> <p>Five out of six guns in the Battery were damaged by shell splinters. But none seriously by fire. And the whole battery was in action next day.</p> <p>About 300 rounds only out of 5,100 rounds were exploded largely owing to their efforts.</p>	Lieut J.J.A. Dodd. Military 18th Bty. Medal.		

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