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8th Infantry 5th Australian Australian

31st Infantry Battalion

Quartermaster and Hon. Captain Percy Godfrey SPARKES

I certify that the designation as set out and referring to the above named Officer is correct according to A.I.F.List.

Not recommended in connection with New Year's Honours Gazette.

During the operation on 8th August at VILLERS BRETONNEUX until we pierced and captured the HINDENBURG LINE on 29th Sept. Hon. Captain SPARKES rendered his Battalion yeoman service and proved himself a splendid organiser, fearless and devoted to duty.

His organization was so thorough and his determination to surmount obstacles so keen that on the 8th August at VILLERS - BRETONNEUX he delivered ammunition food and water to the men on the front line within one hour of the Battalion reaching its final objective for the day. This entailed following the attacking troops closely and he and his convoy came under considerable shell fire and it was owing to his pluck and determination that the goods were delivered.

During the subsequent advance to the SOMME and later to the positions facing the HINDENBURG LINE, when transport and rationing afforded considerable difficulty he worked night and day so that the men of his Battalion never missed a single meal and were never short of ammunition.

On the afternoon of 29th Sept, the day of ~~xxxx~~ our attack on the HINDENBURG LINE and the villages and defences in rear of it, Captain SPARKES took forward a ration convoy to his Battalion and although the tracks were in an awful state and the shell fire was extremely heavy he delivered a hot meal for his men at the rendezvous arranged. This called for considerable pluck and endurance on his part and he set a magnificent example to his men.

Croix de Guerre (Belgium)