

14th AUSTRALIAN INF. Brigade. 5th AUSTRALIAN Division. AUSTRALIAN Corps. 11th OCTOBER 1918 Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regt. 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)
	53rd Battalion A.I.F.	5437	Signaller Joseph <u>RAMSDEN.</u> ✓	During the operations near BELLICOURT between 30th September and 2nd October 1918, these men displayed most conspicuous bravery, gallantry and devotion to duty in their capacity as line-smen. Within two hours of the attack they commenced the laying of the line forward from Battalion Headquarters and succeeded in establishing communication with the Front Line in spite of the fact that the whole of the ground they had to cross was swept by heavy artillery fire and that the last 600 yards of the line had to be laid under direct enemy observation and over ground subjected to heavy machine gun fire from the front and both flanks at short range. Later on during the day they also laid a further line forward to the Front Line. Throughout the ensuing thirty six hours these men remained in a forward position and were continually engaged repairing breaks under heavy fire. It was owing to their utter disregard of their personal safety that communication with the Front Line was maintained almost continually throughout the operations.	J.C. STEWART Brig-Gen Comdg 14th Aust. Inf. Bde.	M.M.	
		3498	Signaller Arthur Gladstone <u>BLACKHAM.</u> ✓			M.M.	
		2988	Signaller Ernest Percival <u>WALKER.</u> ✓			M.M.	
	Not recommended in connection with the New Year's Honours Gazette.						
	14th Aust. Inf. Bde. 5th Aust. Division. Australian Corps.		Received. Passed. 6.10.18. 6.10.18. 7.10.18. 11.10.18.	Sd/ J. TALBOT ROBES, Major-General, Commanding 5th Australian Division.			9023 AB