

14th Aust. Inf. Brigade. 5th Australian Division. Australian Corps. 31st January, 1919 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)
268669	56th Battalion, A.I.F.	2837	Sergeant George William RANKIN. -----	For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the attack on ESTREES on 2nd October, 1918, this N.C.O. displayed admirable coolness and leadership and was a splendid example to his men. On reaching the final objective, orders were given for the Company to push forward and clear the village and Sgt. RANKIN, who had assumed command of a Platoon, rushed forward ahead of his men towards a building full of Germans. The enemy, demoralised by the flashing attack beat a hasty retreat from that portion of the village, and it was subsequently cleared without much opposition. Sgt. RANKIN has served almost continuously with his Unit since its arrival in France and his cheerfulness, courage and devotion to duty have always been of the highest order and merited recognition. P. H. V. Major General. Commanding 5th Australian Division.	J.C. STEWART, Brig. Gen. Commis. 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.	D.S.M.	Dem