

Angae Cove

2nd May 1915.

of the Artillery.

I try to specially bring before you notice the particularly good work done by the officers and detachments of Nos 2 & 3 Guns of 75 Battery on the afternoon 5th May 1915.

As I was myself wounded on that evening and until resuming duty - a few days ago, has been in hospital in Cairo, I was unable to submit a report.

On the afternoon 5th May, two (2) Guns from the OLIVE GROVE (apparently about 14 pounders) opened fire on Nos 2 & 3 Guns with percussion, with the evident intentions of destroying material. The firing commenced at about 4.30 pm and was continued at a rapid rate until after 5 pm. The way the parapet and my Headquarters dug-out are ploughed up, gives the clear indication of the intensity of fire.

During the whole of this cannonade Nos 2 & 3 guns were served continuously and in my opinion the work of the detachments was particularly courageous.

A few minutes after 5 pm a percussion shell entered my dug-out, Major Burgess and myself being

within and we were both wounded.

I was therefore unable to watch the termination of the duel. But Major Blaney, Intelligence Staff, who ~~reported~~ was in the vicinity at the time, reported to me late the same evening prior to my boarding the Hospital ship ~~that~~ that he had personally seen both the enemy's guns knocked out.

The following is a list of the Officers and Complete detachment

N^o 2 Gun.

N^o 3 Gun.

- Capt. W.A. Leslie
- 1606 Sgt. A.K. Stewart
- 2982 G^r E. Baynes.
- 1645. B^r W. East
- 1651 G^r M. Cooney
- 2257 B^r N. McFarlane
- 1673 G^r A.C. Giraud.

- Lieut. P.J. Ross
- ~~1612 Capt. C. Perkins~~
- 1654. B^r W.P. Sparkes
- 1613. Corp. E.L. Coleman
- 1706 G^r C. Perkins
- 1713 G^r F. Leigh
- 2316 G^r W. Teerman
- 1674 G^r J.H. Graham

I would especially recommend to note the work of the two officers named, particularly Capt. Leslie who in an equally courageous manner again fought his gun on the morning 6th May under an equally heavy cannonade from the enemy. On that morning he was wounded in his observing

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Station at 9 am, and though ^{9/11} he
received immediate medical attention
and was promptly removed to the
Hospital Ship "Gloucester Castle" on
which I was then a patient. The nature
of his wounds was so serious, he
died at 2 pm 6th May and
was buried at sea.

~~Charles Penthat~~ Lieut Col.
of 3rd Artillery Bde

PA-17^m

Dear HQ:

Forward - I can vouch
for the correctness of B/c
3rd Bde Report.

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3/6/15

J. J. Hoffm. Lt
Col. Div. ART.
"3-6-15"

29/1/15

H.Q. 1st Aust. Div.



Forwarded I can corroborate the statement made by the O.C. 8th Battery - I consider the conduct of the detachments most gallant and meritorious considering the intense fire the enemy brought to bear on the guns when the operation was carried out.

The officer in charge at the time was Major A.S. Bessell-Browne R.S.O. commanding the 8th Battery.

J. J. Hobbs.

Cdr. Cmsg. Art.
1st Aust. Div.
22/1/15

At
27/1/15

2nd Bde. Art.

LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS ACCOMPANYING

DISPATCH DATED

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NAME	RANK	No	UNIT.	DATE AND PLACE OF ACTION	REASON.	ORDER OF MERIT.	IF AND WHEN RECOMMENDED, PREVIOUSLY.
17 Stamps J. S.	W.O.	*	3 rd Bde 4 th Bn.	Aug 6 th 1918 ANZAC	<p>His artificer repaired guns of the 7th Batts, which had been disabled by shell fire on the gun-pits while the pits were still under a heavy hostile shell fire. His general work on the dispatch unit which he has got drilled gun-batts with the firing unit.</p>		Col C Rosenthal's report dated 12 Aug 1918
PRICE R.F.	Sutor	1127	7 th Batts PA	ANZAC Aug 6 th 1918	<p>His fitter assembled the W.O. in the above work, also worked on gun as a gunner replacing carbats, while the guns were firing under very heavy shell fire.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: green;">Not Suggested</p>	
18 MEDHURST. PA.	Sumner	2020	7 th Batts PA	ANZAC Aug 6 th 1918	<p>Repairing telephone lines under fire. He was knocked down by the burst of 8" shell but continued work until he had all the lines of his Battalion in working order.</p>		

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