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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 En.	4512	Private Francis Joseph Arthur BENT.	<p>For conspicuous bravery. On reaching the objective in the attack near MORLANCOURT on the 19th inst, it was found that no machine guns had arrived and this soldier immediately returned across the area which was swept by intense machine gun and rifle fire to a spot where we had suffered most casualties in penetrating the enemy's wire. On searching the ground he found a gun of which the gunners had been killed and returned with it to where his platoon was holding the line. He immediately went back again and brought in another gun under similar circumstances. On making a third trip Pte. BENT obtained several panniers of machine gun ammunition which had been lost on the way across. His conduct throughout was extremely cool and his bearing inspired the remainder of the men.</p> <p>The above has not been recommended in the King's Birthday Honours List.</p>	<p>X.M. E. MARTIN Colonel. Commanding 5th A.I. Bde, A.I.F.</p>	M.M.	