

2428

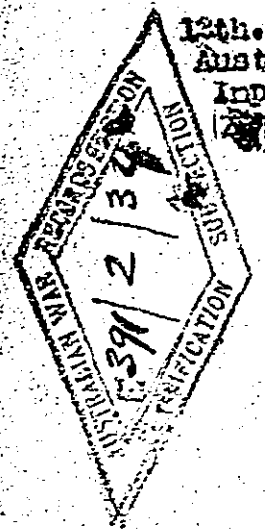
14/8/18

15/8/18
17/8/18

3rd Aust. Inf.

1st Australian

AUSTRALIAN



12th. Battalion. 3291
Australian
Imperial
Force.

Corporal William
Henry HAMMERLEY.

South of HMAS on night 26/27th July, 1918 C.O. Bar to
Corporal HAMMERLEY was in charge of a fighting 12th. Bn. M.M.
patrol of 1 H.C.O. and 10 men sent to obtain
identification. Having located a post, he led his
men towards a flank leaving a covering party a
few yards in rear. The post was found to be
strongly held, and in rushing it Corporal HAMMER-
LEY was wounded. He continued to direct opera-
tions until 10 of the enemy were killed and iden-
tification obtained. In returning he found that a
party of the enemy had moved from a flanking post
and were cutting off his retreat. A fight ensued
in which more of the enemy were killed. It was
his strong personality and disregard for his own
safety that made the patrol a success.

Wounded arm, severe.

1918

Major-General.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

Dep. 8517.

