



11th Infantry Brigade. Third Australian Division. II ANZAC Corps. 19th July, 1917. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	43rd Battalion. A. I. F.	568	Lance Corporal John Alfred STAPLEY.	<p>On the night of 5th/6th July 1917, while in the trenches East of MESSINES, this N.C.O. was in charge of a protective patrol in front of our Line, while a relief was in progress. A strong enemy patrol was seen approaching our Line, and as they were in superior numbers Lance Corporal STAPLEY ordered his patrol to take cover in shell holes, and engage the enemy patrol; he was wounded but stuck to his post and continued to throw bombs until assistance arrived.</p> <p>In this action he showed great coolness and bravery, and without doubt prevented serious casualties to his comrades.</p>	<p><i>John A. L. L. L.</i> GENERAL COMMANDING THE 1st ANZAC DIVISION</p> <p>21/7/17</p> <p>10/6/17</p> <p><i>Rm.</i></p>		