2nd Lt. Wm. Malcolm McLEAN,
41st Bn., A.I.F.

On the night of the 31st July and the 1st August 1917, he took over an advance post East of MESSINES.

He remained in this post for 60 hours under the most trying conditions of weather and constant shell fire.

Continuous rain rendered the post a sea of mud and the platoon garrisoning the post experienced the most extreme privations, being almost stiff with the cold and wet.

Throughout the whole of this period his messages contained a note cheerfulness and his men on return showed evidence of his influence in marked contrast to other platoons similarly situated but not so skilfully handled.