

1st. Infantry

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August 1st. 1916.

4th. Battn.

Lieutenant  
William Lampriere  
COOKE.

At POZIERES, FRANCE, on the night 22/23rd. July 1916, Lieut. COOKE handled the Lewis Machine Guns very skilfully and bravely. He got three into the front firing line, and brought in a Machine Gun belonging to another unit, which had been lost. He then went back, taking a guide, to the dump and brought up the necessary supplies of S.A.A., tools and Grenades.

His work under heavy fire was characterised by coolness and courage.

In the successful operations on the 25th. July, Lieut. COOKE commanded three Lewis Guns, and his work on this occasion brought the operation to a successful conclusion.

The whole objective was gained with serious loss to the enemy, and with only 1 killed and 5 wounded of the attacking Battalion.

Lieut. COOKE was subsequently wounded.

G.O.C. Military  
1st. Inf.  
Brigade Cross.

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Major General,  
Commanding 1st. Aust. Division.

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