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Nº 169. 2nd Corps. I. SHORTTRIDGE.Military Medal.

"For Gallant devotion to duty in face of enemy fire."
 This N.C.O. had charge of portion of the construction of a "Strong Point" on S. corner of Polygon Wood during 20th & 22nd of Sept 1917. During the work, which commenced immediately the attacking infantry had gained the line, and continued throughout the following barrages, this N.C.O. displayed a contempt for personal risk, and an admirable devotion to his work & duty. He also cut through^a communication to a neighbouring Strong Point with his party, personally reconnecting the line for the French.

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Recommendation for Award of member of Attached Infantry.Nº 2818 L/CPL. W. O. NESS. 6th Aust Inf. Bn.Military Medal.

"For extremely gallant conduct and supreme devotion to duty whilst constantly under heavy shell fire"
 At an early stage of the work on a "Strong Point" at "BLACKWATCH CORNER" near POLYGON WOOD, the officer in charge of the party of infantry attached to Sappers was wounded and evacuated, leaving ~~the~~ Lance Corporal NESS in charge of them. He displayed most remarkable gallantry and sound judgement in carrying out his responsibilities, and was a splendid encouragement and admirable example to his men, of personal pluck and steadfast devotion to his duty. The Engineer officer on the work spoke in the highest praise of this N.C.O.'s valuable assistance at a critical period.

26/9/17

J. Mather.

Major
O.C. 2nd Field Coy. Engrs. A.I.F.