

Divisional Engineers Brigade. 1st. Australian Division. 1st. A. & N. Z. Army Corps. 28th. September 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)
	1st. Field Company Engineers. A.I.F.	128	Sergeant Wilfrid BATTEN.	On the 20th./21st. September 1917, during the operations along the MENIN Road, at strong point in POLYGON WOOD, Sergeant BATTEN set a splendid example to the N.C.O's. and men of his section. Through his coolness and devotion to duty the strong point was successfully finished. Under a heavy shell fire he organised a wiring party and placed an entanglement which covered all the front and flank of the strong point. At great personal risk he located a German wire dump which proved invaluable for the revetment of the strong point. His behaviour at critical times inspired his men to further efforts. During the counter attack he kept a continual watch despite heavy shelling and more than once at great personal risk he got in touch with strong point on the left, returning to report all correct. It was chiefly owing to his untiring energy that a very high standard of discipline was maintained by his section throughout the operation.	C.R.E. 1st. Aust. Division.	D.C.M.	

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