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1st Field Com- 14525
pany, Austre-
lian Engineers.

Lance Corporal
William HASTARD.

Near CHURCHES on the 23rd August, 1918
Cpl. HASTARD was one of the first men to
reach the objectives on his sector. Under
heavy shell and machine gun fire he made a
rapid and valuable reconnaissance, locating
strong points on which the sappers were able
to commence work at places before the arrival
of attacking troops. On the following day
he made a valuable reconnaissance of the river
and bridges, which greatly assisted towards
the success of the operation.

C.R.E. M.G.
1st Aust.
Division.

Brig
General,
Commanding 1st Australian Division.