

Divisional Engineers

1st.Australian

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28th.September 1917.

2nd.Field
Company
Engineers.
A.I.F.

46 Sergeant
James Stanley
HOPKINS.✓

During the operations along the MENIN Road on 29th. September he was in charge of a party of sappers and infantry carrying stores, leading them from near ZILLEBEKE Lake to the site of a strong point in the southern corner of POLYGON WOOD. The party was dispersed several times by heavy shell fire but by his coolness he each time re-assembled them, arriving at the strong point immediately behind the attacking infantry and set his men to work. Throughout the 18 hours of vigorous work he displayed a splendid devotion to duty and sound judgement under the most dangerous and trying circumstances. Again on the 22nd.September when conducting a party to the strong point in a heavy fog, the whole party came under heavy barrage fire, being badly cut up. Sergeant HOPKINS with great courage reformed the party and brought them forward to their work. His personal courage and sound judgement were a great example to his men.

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