

Brigade.

Division.

Corps.

14/5/18

13/5/18.

Date of recommendation.

1st Aust. Infantry

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Schedule No.  
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Unit

Regtl. No.

Rank and Name  
(Christian names must be stated)Action for which commended  
(Date and place of action must be stated)Recommended  
byHonour  
or  
Reward(To be left  
blank)4th Battalion  
Australian  
Imperial Force.

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Corporal John  
LEAN, H.M.Not Recommended in connection with Birthday  
Honours Despatch.

*At Meheren*  
On the morning of the 5th May, Corporal LEAN, who was on outpost duty, went out alone entered the German outpost system and single-handed captured a German prisoner in broad daylight; noticing several Germans in another post a short distance away he returned to his post with prisoner and after handing him over again went out with three men and despite resistance on the part of the enemy rushed the post, bayoneted one of the enemy, captured the three occupants and returned to our lines with them.

At this time identifications were urgently required and Corporal LEAN being aware of this was thereby prompted in his action. His absolute disregard of danger and his conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty created a great keenness and set a splendid example to the whole Battalion who witnessed the whole action.

Awarded M.M. No. A.C. 9443/3 of 1/5/18.

C.O., D.C.M.  
4th Bn.,  
A.I.F.Major-General,  
Commanding 1st Australian Division.