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12TH ARMY

Brigade.

AUST. F.A.

Division.

IXth.

Corps.

22-10-18

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)
224391	45th Battery Aust. F.A.	21098	Sergeant Earl RICHARDSON.	<p>" On the morning of the 17th October 1918, during the attack on the River SELLE the 45th Battery came into action near ST. SOUPLET. Throughout the day they constantly and accurately shelled. During the afternoon the enemy was observed to be forming up for counter attack. The 45th Battery immediately opened fire and were then themselves subjected to a concentrated shelling. Casualties occurred in every gun crew. Sergeant RICHARDSON took charge of the situation and, realising that a rapid rate of fire should be maintained, rearranged gun crews and by his personal gallantry and energy managed to maintain four guns in action.</p> <p>Again on the morning of the 18th inst. when the 45th Battery was firing in support of an attack by the 30th American Division, Sgt. RICHARDSON's services, under heavy fire where casualties kept occurring, were invaluable. After giving assistance to other gun crews he himself with one gunner kept his gun in action until the end of the operation. His splendid courage and untiring sense of duty enabled the maximum of fire to be obtained under most adverse circumstances. "</p>	Lieut. Col. J. M. Claydon	Commanding, 12th Army Brigade Aust. F.A.	<p>✓</p> <p>DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.</p>
<p>No previous awards.</p> <p>Recommended for Meritorious Service Medal in connection with 1919 New Year's Gazette.</p> <p><i>Recommended</i></p> <p><i>Warrant</i></p>				<p>King & W.O. 30.11.18 without delay.</p>			
7/10/18	Lieut-General, Commanding IX Corps		22-10-18	<p>Recommended.</p> <p><i>Warrant</i></p> <p>Brigadier-General, Commanding Royal Artillery IX Corps.</p>			