

Reference above Despatch New Year 1919 and

Period to be covered will be from 25th February to night 16/17th September 1918. Recommendations will be forwarded to reach this office by 17th inst.

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HONORS DESPATCH FOR NEW YEAR 1919.

Lieutenant Charles THOMAS.

8rd Div. Am. Column

During recent operations at VILLERS BRITONNEUX and HAMBL this officer has rendered invaluable service whilst in command of the forward Ammunition Refilling point. Within a few hours of the establishment of his A.R.P. thousands of rounds of gun ammunition have passed through this officers hands with thorough organization of ammunition wagon traffic, sorting and issuing of ammunition. The harmonious and efficient work of supply of ammunition from the Ammunition Refilling point forward was in a large extent due to the unfailing and untiring energies of this officer. The work done by Lieut. Thomas whilst in command of A.R.P. during operations in July was also of a very high order and worthy of special mention. The work done by this officer throughout the period under review has been of exceptionally high order, and his good leadership, coolness under fire, and untiring energies have always set a fine example to the men under his command.

Lieutenant Bruce VENN-BROWN

This officer has performed very excellent work during the whole period that he has been with this section D.A.C. particularly during the preparations for the offensive which commenced on August 8th. During the period 3rd to 7th August this officer was the only subaltern doing duty with the section, and he was out every night during that time with the teams. On the nights 3rd and 4th forming a forward ammunition dump at HAMBLT and on the nights 5th 6th 7th dumping ammunition to forward battle positions for the Batteries of the 12th Aust. Army Brigade Field Artillery. The whole of this work was carried out at night and all the forward roads were under harassing shell fire practically the whole time, and in addition the 4-5 howitzer position to which he conveyed ammunition to was under enemy machine gun fire. During the operations now in progress he has set a very fine example of initiative and determination in carrying out all work that he has had to perform.

Sergeant Joseph Holland Rodriguez.
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Each of these H.C.O's has performed splendid service throughout the whole period of the past six months, and more particularly throughout the operations between 8th August and the present date. It was in no small measure due to their consistently excellent and diligent services that the Ammunition supply to Batteries has throughout the period in question been maintained in a high standard of efficiency, often under difficult conditions and under heavy shell fire.

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