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14th A. Infantry

5th Australian

Australian

3rd October 1918.

55th Aust.
Infantry
Battalion.

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Lieutenant
Reginald Sydney
MORRIS.

Name checked with A.I.F. Staff &
Regimental List of Officers. Aug. '18.

This Officer is not in possession of,
or has not been recommended for, this
decoration.

No recommendation has been made in
connection with New Year Honours
Gazette.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack on the HINDENBURG Line N. of BELLICOURT on 30th September 1918. His Battalion received orders in the small hours of the morning that they were to move from their positions in reserve S of the village to a 'jumping off' line on the northern side and attack at 6 a.m. The sky was cloudy and with no moon movement was exceedingly difficult on account of the extreme darkness. Added to this the route of approach led through the intricate Hindenburg system with its lines and lines of trenches and wire entanglements, and the enemy, who knew the ground well, continually swept the area with machine gun fire and heavily shelled roads and tracks. Lieut Morris, as Battalion Intelligence Officer, was selected to direct the Battalion to the assembly position. His thorough knowledge of maps, his keen eye for direction, and his total disregard of personal danger, enabled him to surmount all the difficulties, and the Battalion was successfully led to the assembly position in time for the attack. Lieut Morris' thus completed probably the most difficult task in the operation and his work was undoubtedly a chief factor in its thorough success.

Ed. Hindenburg Major,
T/Commanding 55th Battalion, A.I.F.

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