

Recd. 1.9.18

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14th Aust. Inf.

5th Australian

Australian

3rd October 1918.

55th Aust. 2181 Private
Infantry Arthur OLIVE.
Battalion.

No., Rank, and Name checked.

This man 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
as a stretcher bearer during an attack against
the Hindenburg Line N. of BELLICOURT on 30th
Sept. 1918 and 1st Oct. 1918.

The area between the attacking troops and the
aid post was continually swept with shells and
H.G. fire, and, when the stretcher bearer H.C.O.
was wounded early in the operations, Pte Olive
took charge and personally directed the clearance
of casualties, moving about continuously under
very heavy fire. In spite of the dangerous
surroundings he completed all dressings with the
greatest care and conducted moving "carries" to
the Aid Post. Seeing an American comrade fall
dangerously wounded in front of our positions,
this brave stretcher bearer went out under a
hail of bullets and after dressing the unfortun-
ate Ally, carried him back to our lines. He
went out a second time, and returned with
another wounded man. Both were dangerously wounded
and but for Olive's prompt and gallant action
would have died from loss of blood. On 1st
October he was engaged in dressing wounded
when he was wounded himself.

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

MILITARY MEDAL.

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