

14th Aust. Inf.

5th Australian

Australian

3rd October 1918.

55th Aust. 1168 Private  
Infantry Andrew LEWIS.  
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  
during an attack on the Hindenburg Line N. of  
BELLICOURT on 30th Sept. 1918.

During the whole course of the attack, Pte  
Lewis, No 1 of a Lewis Gun, acted with great  
gallantry and displayed initiative of a high  
order when the enemy counter attacked strongly  
against the trench captured by our assaulting  
troops. Pte Lewis, seeing a small party of his  
comrades in danger of being outflanked immedi-  
-ately advanced into an isolated position  
and used his gun with deadly effect upon the  
enemy, the majority of whom were killed or  
wounded. Finding he could not bring effective  
fire to bear from the ground he rested his  
gun on the shoulder of his No 2, No 3138 Pte  
J. A. McInnes, both men standing up in face of  
heavy M.G. fire from the flank. His prompt  
action saved his comrades from being surprised  
from the rear and contributed to the failure of  
the enemy counter attack.

*J. A. McInnes*  
Major,  
Commanding 55th Battalion, A.I.F.

MILITARY MEDAL.

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