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14th Aust. Inf. Brigade. 5th AUSTRALIAN Division. AUSTRALIAN Corps. 5/10/18. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	53rd. Battalion A.I.F.	5437	Signaller Joseph RAMSDEN.	During the operations near ELLISBURGH between 30th September and 2nd. October 1918, these men displayed most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in their capacity as Linemen. Within two hours of the attack they commenced the laying of the line forward from Battalion headquarters and succeeded in establishing communication with the Front Line in spite of the fact that the whole of the ground they had to cross was swept by heavy artillery fire and that the last six hundred yards of the line had to be laid under direct enemy observation and over ground subjected to heavy Machine Gun fire from the front and both flanks at short range. Later on during the day they also laid a further line forward to the Front line. Throughout the ensuing thirty six hours these men remained in a forward position and were continually exposed repairing breaks under heavy fire. It was owing to their utter disregard of their personal safety that communication with the front line was maintained almost continuously throughout the operations.	<i>W Chace</i>	M.M.	
		3498	Signaller Arthur Gladstone BLACKHAM.			M.M.	
		2988	Signaller Ernest Percival WALKER.			M.M.	
I certify that the regimental number and names of the above named men have been checked and found correct, and also that they have not received any other award and have not been mentioned in connection with the New Year's Honours Gazette.				<i>God.</i>			