

3rd 3rd Pioneer Battalion 3rd Australian Division. Australian Corps. 7th Sept. 1918 Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regt. 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)
	3rd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	-	Lieutenant HENRY WILLIAM LARKIN	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to Duty during operations near VAUX on 28-8-18.</p> <p>This Officer was sent forward to reconnoitre the bridges across the SOMME MARSH at VAUX, his Company having been ordered by the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade to get them in order for troops to cross after the attack.</p> <p>Arriving there about 3 hours before the attack was to be made, he found that the Infantry had not yet been within 100 yards of the bridge. Nevertheless, he went forward to make his reconnaissance. Expecting to find the bridge mined he therefore looked for leads, which he found and immediately cut, during which operation he was continuously sniped at by enemy snipers. He then went forward to examine the other bridges finding the second also mined, and again cut the leads. The next bridge being already seriously damaged, he returned.</p> <p>Lieut Larkin's action did much to expedite the crossing of the Infantry over these bridges, and he showed great coolness and initiative throughout.</p>	<p>Brig-Gen. Commanding 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.</p>	MILITARY CROSS	

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