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14th Aust. Inf. Brigade. 5th Australian Division. Australian Corps. 18.1.19. Date of Recommendation. (2)

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)
	55th Aust. Infantry Battalion.	3519	Lance Corporal Alexander Leslie Gordon MACKAY.	For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 16/17th Sept. to 11th Nov. 1918. During this period L/Cpl Mackay was the N.C.O. in charge of the Battalion Intelligence Section and his devotion to duty and coolness in action have at all times been a stirring example to those who have come in contact with him. During the action north of BELLICOURT on the morning of Sept 30th 1918 this N.C.O. four times made personal reconnaissances ahead of our line, in company with only one man, under very heavy fire of all descriptions, with absolute disregard to his personal safety. The information which he gathered during these patrols was very valuable and enabled the Officer in charge of the Firing Line to continue the action with slight loss and bring it to a very successful conclusion. Later in the day L/Cpl Mackay, when no runners were available, and all telephone lines had been cut, volunteered to take a message back to Bn.H.Q. across open country which was being swept by M.G. fire. This he did, bringing back the message safely. His cheerful attitude and good soldierly qualities at all times have inspired the men of his section and won for him the praise of his Officers.	<i>L. Leslie</i> L/Cpl Leslie, Captain, Commanding 55th Battalion, A.I.F.	MILITARY MEDAL.	
	No, Rank & Name checked.						
	This N.C.O. is not in possession of, and has not been recommended for, this decoration.						

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