

Date Recommendation passed forward.

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14th Aust. Inf. Brigade. 5th Australian Division. AUSTRALIAN Corps.

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.	3098	Sergeant John Alexander McPHEE.	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 16/17th Sept. to 11th Nov. 1918.</p> <p>During this period Sergt. McPhee carried out the duties of Transport Sergeant and many have been his acts of gallantry and devotion to duty under fire.</p> <p>During the successful attacks on the Hindenburg Line in the latter part of September and early in October, this N.C.O. had charge of the ration limbers and mules taking up hot food, water and ammunition to the Battalion, always under heavy fire, through the village of BELLICOURT.</p> <p>At all times he has shown an utter disregard of danger, and by his coolness under fire and trying circumstances has so inspired and led his men that his comrades in the front line have always been supplied with every possible necessity, and in doing so has largely contributed to the success of the operations the Battalion has taken part in. During the morning of 2nd October, when the enemy unsuccessfully counterattacked our front line troops, Sergt McPhee led the ration limbers through the enemy barrage and by his determination and quick judgment delivered the rations without a casualty and so defeated the efforts of the enemy artillery.</p>	<p><i>Alley Hollar</i></p> <p>Lt-Col., Commanding 55th Bn., A.I.F.</p>	<p>DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.</p>	
	<p>No., Rank, & Name checked.</p>						
	<p>This N.C.O. is not in possession of, and has not been recommended for, this decoration..nor for the M.M. No recommendation has been made in connection with New Year's Despatch.</p>						

55TH BATTALION,
A.I.F.

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