

12th Aust. Inf. Brigade. 4th Australian Division. 2nd A. & N.Z.A. Corps. 14.6.17 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)
	45th Battalion A.I.F.		Lieutenant Arthur Leslie VARLEY	<p>For gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on and holding OWL TRENCH MESSINES on the 7th June 1917. Owing to severe opposition and heavy enfilade shell fire our losses were heavy, two companies had lost all their officers and were very disorganized, Lieut. VARLEY who was the Adjutant went forward and reorganized them. On the 8th June he again did most valuable work in organizing a counter attack which successfully retook portion of OWL TRENCH that had been lost. Altogether the work done by this officer was most valuable and his coolness under fire and utter disregard to personal danger was most marked throughout.</p> <p><i>Robertson</i> Brig. General Commanding 12th Aust. Inf. Bde.</p> <p>WILLIAM (sgd) W. HOLMES Major General Commanding 4th Aust. Division</p>	Lieut. Col. M.C. S.C.E. HERRING D.S.O.		