

Brigade. 4th AUSTRALIAN Division. 1st A N Z A C Corps. 2nd October, 1917. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	4th Divisional Signal Company, A.I.F.	2567.	Corporal Robert CLIFFORD.	For courage and devotion to duty. On night of September 25/26, 1917, when the buried cable from WESTHOEK to the front line was damaged by shell fire beyond immediate repair, Corporal CLIFFORD and Lance Corporal HINTON went out with a barrow party to lay two pairs of surface lines to the Cable Head for the attack. During their progress from WESTHOEK to ALBERT REDOUBT, with a party of five, two of the men collapsed from exhaustion and one was wounded, but Corporals CLIFFORD and HINTON, with dogged determination, went on alone and completed the work. On reaching Cable Head, it was found that the cables had been cut in several places behind them, but they returned and repaired the damage in time to have communication through by Zero hour, and with intermittent short periods they maintained it during the day, thus securing communication between Brigade H.Q. and Brigade Forward Station during the attack on 26th Sept.	<i>Major, O.C., 4th Aust. Div. Sig. Co.</i>	Military Medal.	
		7508	Sapper (Lance-Corporal) Ralph Herbert HINTON.				

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Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.