

No. 685 C.S.M. Robert Charles Percy WILSON.

15th L. R. Operating Coy., Aust. Engrs.

On 21st Sept. 1917 a large number of wagons were standing on the Light Railway lines above BEDFORD JUNCTION near YPRES. The enemy commenced to shell the Light Railway and a direct hit was obtained on a truck containing ammunition which was in the middle of the train.

The fuzes were ignited and several shells exploded, other wagons also catching fire. At great personal risk this W.O. rushed to the blazing wagons, and, without any assistance whatever succeeded in uncoupling them from the adjoining wagons, enabling the train crews to pull out their trains to safety. Immediately after the trains were drawn clear, further explosions occurred, and if it had not been for the courage and presence of mind of this W.O., who thus set a splendid example to the train crews, there would undoubtedly have been a large amount of ammunition and rolling stock destroyed.