

IMMEDIATE REWARD.

Division.

Corps.

Date of Recommendation.

19th. Aust. Infantry

4th. Australian

1st. A. & N.Z.A.

27/2/1917.

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)
	48th. Battn. A.I.F.	3891	Corporal Harold Gustava RITTER	This N.C.O. was in charge of a bombing party on the night 11/12th. Febr. 1917 during an attack on CLOUDY Trench N.E. of GUEUDE COURT and displayed conspicuous gallantry throughout. During the second counter attack made by the enemy in force, he retired his men to the cover of the second barricade and he himself with L/Cpl. Browse, in the face of great personal danger, covered their retirement and remained at his post at the advanced barricade. So effective was the barrage of grenades hurled by these two N.C.Os. that after a time the enemy retired in confusion and the advanced barricade remained in our hands. Corporal Ritter and L/Cpl. Browse, unaided, held off the enemy counter attack and finally drove off the enemy and saved the position entirely.	Lieut.- Colonel H. K. Denham	Military Medal	<i>W.H.</i>
	48th. Battn. A.I.F.	2043	Lance Corporal Samuel Alexander BROWSE	This N.C.O. with Cpl. Ritter, having retired their men to safety, unaided, withstood and repelled a strong counter attack made by the enemy during our attack on CLOUDY Trench N.E. of GUEUDE COURT on the night 11/12th. Febr. 1917 and saved the position, which other wise would have again fallen into the enemy's hands.	Lieut.- Colonel H.K. DENHAM	Military Medal	<i>W.H.</i>

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