



## SPECIAL ORDERS

By Lieut.-Gen. Sir JOHN MONASH,

K.C.B., V.D.,

Commanding AUSTRALIAN Corps.

HEADQUARTERS,

4th July, 1918.

### CONGRATULATORY—

I feel the greatest pleasure in promulgating to all the troops of the Corps, and to those Arms and Services which co-operated, the messages of congratulation received by me.

I wish also, on my own behalf, to express my heartiest appreciation and thanks to all Commanders, Staffs and Troops who took part in this day's brilliant victory. Their fine success was due as much to the fine spirit of co-operation which animated all concerned, as to the gallantry of the troops. The operation is a striking example of the success which invariably results from careful preparation and co-ordinated action, and will serve as a model and standard of the fighting efficiency of the Australian Corps.

On behalf of the Artillery, Engineers and Infantry of the Corps I desire to convey our thanks to the Royal Air Force, Tank Corps, and the Special Brigade R.E. for their most valuable assistance, and especially to the United States Infantry, whose participation for the first time in battle, shoulder to shoulder, with Australians, has made of this day an occasion of rare historic significance.

JOHN MONASH,  
Lieut.-General,  
Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

On behalf of the PRIME MINISTER of GREAT BRITAIN and PRIME MINISTERS of CANADA, NEW ZEALAND and NEWFOUNDLAND, through the PRIME MINISTER of Australia—

“On behalf of Prime Minister of Britain, and also of Prime Minister of Canada, New Zealand and Newfoundland, attending VERSAILLES Council, I am commissioned to offer you warmest congratulations upon brilliant success of Australian Forces under your command, and to say that the victory achieved by your Troops is worthy to rank with greatest achievements of Australian Armies.”

From the Right Honorable W. M. HUGHES, Prime Minister of Australia—

“My personal congratulations and those of the Government of Commonwealth on brilliant success of battle. Please convey to Officers and Men participating in attack warmest admiration of their valour and dash and manner in which they have maintained highest traditions of Australian Army. I am sure that achievement will have most considerable military and political effect upon Allies and neutrals, and will heighten morale of all Imperial Forces.”

From General SIR WILLIAM BIRDWOOD, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., G.O.C., A.I.F., and Commanding FIFTH ARMY—

“Please accept my heartiest congratulations, and I shall be grateful if you will convey same as a personal request from me to Divisional and Brigade Commanders concerned and also to Battalion and Company Commanders and their Officers and Men. The whole operation was most admirably conceived, and evidently carried out in true A.I.F. style by all ranks, and the greatest credit is due to all. When I receive more details I will send special wire to Melbourne regarding your first and very successful operation as Corps Commander.”

From General SIR HERBERT PLUMER, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., A.D.C., Commanding SECOND ARMY—

“Very many congratulations on the success of your operations.”

From Lieutenant-General SIR ALEXANDER GODLEY, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding XXII. CORPS—

“Very many congratulations from us all.”





## SPECIAL ORDER

By Lieut.-Gen. Sir JOHN MONASH,  
K.C.B., V.D.,

Commanding AUSTRALIAN Corps.  
HEADQUARTERS,

5th July, 1918.

**Congratulatory.** The following messages received from the Field-Marshal Commander-in-Chief British Armies in France and from G.O.C. Fourth Army are published for information:—

“Will you please convey to Lieutenant-General Sir John MONASH and all Ranks under his command including the Tanks and the detachment of 33rd American Division my warm congratulations on the success which attended the operation carried out this morning, and on the skill and gallantry with which it was conducted.”

“In forwarding this message the Army Commander desires most heartily to congratulate the Australian Corps, and especially on the way in which the scheme was drawn up and the gallantry with which the operation was carried out. The part played by the tanks and the artillery was a prominent factor in bringing about success and reflects great credit on them.”

KEITH OFFICER, Major,  
D.A.A.G.,  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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