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A.A.M.C., Fourth Australian Division, AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Date of Recommendation, 27th. February 1918.

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13th. Aust.
Field
Ambulance,
A.A.M.C.

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Major Thomas
Charles Cann
EVANS:

Major T.C.C. Evans was in command of the combined Transport of the three Field Ambulances of the 4th. Aust. Division between dates of 11th and 26th. October 1917 while the Division was in Action on the PASSCHENDALE Front.

During this action, it was necessary to transport wounded on Horses Ambulance wagons from a point on the ZONNEBEKE ROAD, west of ZONNEBEKE to the Motor Loading Post, about a distance of a mile. Day and night horsed ambulances worked along this Section of the Road which was constantly under heavy shell fire. Major Evans personally organised and conducted the loading of wounded onto the wagons and details of reliefs of horse teams and drivers.

Major Evans exhibited the greatest contempt of personal danger and throughout this difficult and dangerous work. The brilliant example of courage and intrepid fearlessness which he at all times displayed when under fire in most trying circumstances, especially during traffic blocks on this congested road, both cheered and encouraged the men under his command and ensured the successful evacuation of wounded.

Major Evans has done the most excellent surgical work with this Field Ambulance almost since it's formation and has been present during every action in which the 4th. Aust. Division has been engaged in France and previously as R.M.C., 7th. Aust. Light Horse Regiment during the Gallipoli Campaign.

His work, both surgical and as Transport Officer has always been of the highest order, and he has proved himself energetic, capable and efficient officer.

(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY., Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Australian Field Ambulance

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

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	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	7963	Private Robert John JOHNSON.	Pte. Johnson was stationed at the Advanced Dressing Station at YPRES between the dates of 11th. and 26th. October 1917 while the 4th. Aust. Division was in action on the PASCHENDALE Front During the whole of this time the A.D.S. was inundated by a constant stream of casualties. Pte. Johnson, who is an experienced dresser, toiled unremittingly among the wounded, snatching irregular hours of sleep and not allowing himself the slightest respite. His work throughout was excellent, and by his sympathetic demeanour he did much to alleviate the sufferings and raised the spirits of the wounded. On two occasions, the A.D.S., was shelled, and several men, including one of the dressers, were killed. In spite of this Pte. Johnson never paused in his work, displaying the most intrepid bravery and devotion to duty.	(Sgd) H. KENNETH PRY., Lieut. Colonel. Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	

He has done the most brilliant work as a surgical dresser in the 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance during every action in which the 4th. Aust. Div. has taken part since it's formation - and his consistent self-sacrifice and devotion to duty has on every occasion stimulated and encouraged his companion dressers.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

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	13th. Aust Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	170	Staff Sergeant Arnold Doyle <u>KEMP:</u>	During the day and night, 21/22nd. October 1917 the Advanced Dressing Station at the Railway Station, YPRES, was severely shelled at frequent intervals, causing numerous casualties, and necessitating a temporary withdrawal. S/Sgt. Kemp was the senior N.C.O. at the Dressing Station and regardless of personal danger he superintended the removal of stores under his charge to a safer place. He further kept up the supply of dressings, thereby enabling work to be resumed at the earliest opportunity, so materially assisting the rapid evacuation of the wounded during a critical period. His previous record has been excellent and his work has been characterised at all times by the same courage and devotion to duty. He has done consistent good work with this Field Ambulance in Egypt and France, since it's Formation in February 1916. Previous to joining this Field Ambulance he was an original member of the 3rd. Aust. Field Ambulance and left Australia with that Unit in October 1914. He served with it throughout during the operation on Gallipoli Peninsula.	(Sgd) H. KENNETH FRY., Comdg., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	Colonel. MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

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	13th. Aust Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	16261	Private Harold Alfred Maurice <u>CAMPBELL:</u>	Pte. Campbell was stretcher bearing from the R.A.P. N.E. of CACHY from 10 p.m. 24th. to 8 p.m. 25th. April 1918. During this period he was continuously engaged in carrying wounded over heavy ground which was swept by shell and machine gun fire. Though wounded on the night of the 24th., he refused to leave his squad carrying on his work with the greatest courage and endurance till ordered off duty by his Officer Commanding. His fine example was a great encouragement to the rest of the bearers at a time when their endurance was strained to the utmost pitch.	(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY, Lieut. Col. C.O., 13th. Aust. F. Ambulance.	MILITARY MEDAL.
	13th. Aust Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	4748	Private John <u>McLEAY:</u>	Pte. McLeay was posted with the squads of bearers with the 52nd. Aust. Inf. Battalion on the evening of the 24th. April 1918. Shortly after the battalion marched up to the North of CACHY and went straight into action before reinforcement bearers could arrive. In the confusion of the sudden move and the attack the R.M.O. lost touch with the bearers. Pte. McLeay, on his own initiative, got in touch with the Regimental Bearers on the one hand and with the line of evacuation through the R.A.P. of the 51st. Aust. Inf. Battalion on the other. It was owing to his coolness and judgement that the casualties from the battalion were cleared from the battalion from the beginning of the operations.	(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY, Lieut. Colonel. C.O., 13th. Aust. F. Amb.	MILITARY MEDAL.

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	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	7989	Pte. (L/Cpl.) Arthur Gilbert FORRESTER, MM. M.M. Gazetted in II ANZAC CORPS ROUTINE ORDER NO. 1220	On April 24th. 1918 L/Cpl. Forrester in charge of three squads of stretcher bearers was posted with the R.M.O., 50th. Aust. Inf. Battalion in the BOIS L'ABBE. A few hours later he accompanied the Battalion as it moved forward to attack the enemy's position North East of CACHY. The advance was made under extremely heavy shell and machine gun fire, and before a Regimental Aid post could be established the R.M.O. (Capt. P.B. SEWELL, A.A.M.C.) was reported "MISSING". At this critical juncture L/Cpl. Forrester with the greatest coolness and resource took complete charge of the situation in the absence of the R.M.O. He quickly organised the A.A.M.C. Details, established a casualty collecting post, directed the work of the battalion regimental stretcher bearers and succeeded in getting in touch with the battalion headquarters and the Field Ambulance posts in rear. He personally conducted these operations exposed to continuous heavy fire in an area which was devoid of shelter, showing a complete disregard of danger. It was entirely due to his resource and masterly control of a most difficult situation that a serious breakdown in the evacuation of the wounded in the Battalion, was successfully averted.	(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY., Lt. Colonel. C.O., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

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	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	185	Sergeant Otto KIRKBY.	Sergeant Kirkby was in charge of "A" Section bearers of this Unit when on the evening of 24th. April 1918 an attack was suddenly launched by our troops north of CACHY. Extra Bearers were rushed forward and a line of evacuation had to be established. Sgt. Kirkby did excellent work in the organization of Bearer Relays and in supervising their work. Later Horse Ambulances were brought up and he superintended the establishment of loading posts showing both initiative and judgement in working the wagons forward thereby setting free more bearers for the more advanced line of evacuation. He, at all times showed an utter disregard for personal danger. Sgt. Kirkby has served throughout the campaign in GALLIPOLI and in every action with this Division in FRANCE. He has on every occasion shown the very highest qualities of courage, determination and devotion to duty.	(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY., Lt. Col. C.O., 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance.	MILITARY MEDAL.

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	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	644	Private Leonard Ernest <u>BEALE</u> :	Pte. Beale was one of the Field Ambulance Bearers posted with the R.M.O., 50th. Aust. Inf Battalion before the action South of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX on the night April 24th. 1918. The R.M.O. went forward to locate Battalion H.Q. and was killed. Wounded were brought back by the Regimental Bearers and Pte. Beale worked in the open throughout the night dressing wounded under heavy shell and machine gun fire.	H. KENNETH FRY. Lieut. Col. Ambulance.	MILITARY MEDAL
	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	10271	Private Charles E. S. <u>MITCHELL</u> :	Pte. Mitchell was working with several squads of bearers on the 25th. April 1918 clearing wounded from an R.A.P. in CACHY. The village was at the time being heavily shelled. Pte. Mitchell re-organised the squads as casualties occurred and by his splendid exhibition of courage and devotion to duty set a fine example of morale to all who were working with him.	H. KENNETH FRY. Lieut. Col. Australian Field	MILITARY MEDAL.
	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance. A.A.M.C.	16229	Private Herbert Henry <u>JOHNS</u> :	Pte. Johns was working with the bearers of the Field Ambulance at the R.A.P. in CACHY on April 25th 1918. While the village was being subjected to an intense bombardment, he saw some men buried by the falling ruins of a house. Pte. Johns at once valled on his squad and went to the rescue. Regardless of the rain of shells around them, the survivors were dug-out and carried in safety to the shelter of a cellar by this squad. Pte. Johns was conspicuous throughout the whole 24 hours of heavy bearer work under most dangerous conditions by his courage and cheerful, wholehearted work.	H. KENNETH FRY Lieut. Colonel. Commanding No. 13	MILITARY MEDAL

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	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	9740	Private Charles MIDDLETON.	Pte. Middleton was a member of one of the bearer squads which worked without rest for 24 hours on April 25th. 1918 carrying back wounded on the line of evacuation North of CACHY. When the bearers were becoming exhausted Pte. Middleton stood out by his plucky endurance and splendid example encouraging his fellow stretcher bearers and spurring them on to keep working at high pressure. Pte. Middleton has been a stretcher bearer in every engagement which the Division has fought and has shown on every occasion the same indomitable pluck and unflinching devotion to duty.	(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY. Lieut. Colonel C.O., 13th. Aust. F. Amb.	MILITARY MEDAL.

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	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.		Captain E.N.B. <u>DOCKER:</u>	Capt. Docker was in charge of 13th. Aust. Field Ambulance Bearer Division on the night of 24/25th. April 1918. when the Brigade suddenly moved up and attacked North of CACHY. Capt. Docker followed up with his bearers, picked up guides, gained touch with the R.A.P's. and organised a line of Bearer Relays. This was done at night while an attack was in progress, and under machine gun and heavy shell fire. He subsequently repeatedly visited his posts, carried out reliefs, encouraging the men and giving a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.	(Sgd.) H. KENNETH FRY., Lieut. Col. C.O., 13th. Aust. F. Amb.	Cross.

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	13th. Aust. Field Ambulance A.A.M.C.	227	Sergeant Cecil Leonard John <u>HAYES</u> :	Sgt. Hayes was in charge of the bearers clearing wounded from the R.A.P's. South of BRETONNEUX on April 25th. 1918. Re-adjustment of the bearers at the different posts was repeatedly necessary in consequence of the development of the line of evacuation. Sgt. Hayes did invaluable work. Constantly centre patrolling the different posts, he kept his officers well informed of the details of the situation and he showed great initiative in carrying out any necessary re-arrangement. His duty kept him constantly in the open in the heavily shelled parts of the forward Area. His keenness energy and courage formed a splendid example to his men. The successful evacuation of wounded was largely dependent upon his personal efforts. Sgt. Hayes has served in the Field with the A.I.F. since its formation and has at all times been characterised by the same courage and initiative.	H. KENNETH FRY., Lieut. Col. C.O., 13th. Aust. Field Amb.	MILITARY MEDAL:	

EXTRACT FROM LONDON "TIMES" of 30th. April 1918.

" SUPERB " AUSTRALIANS:

The Commander-in-chief, in his dispatch of April 22nd., in company with a number of Divisions from the British Isles, made special mention of the 3rd. and 4th. Australian Divisions for their gallant behaviour at Mericourt l'Abbe and Dernancourt, and also of the 5th. Australian Division for services South of the Somme. To this Sir Douglas Haig has added Special Messages of thanks to General Birdwood and the whole Australian Corps for their "Gallant conduct and magnificent achievements" with special mention of the "Splendid service" of the Australian Division on the North.

The whole behaviour of the Australians in these battles since they first came in to help hold the German advance at the end of March has been superb. It is not always permissible in my messages to give at the time identification of the particular troops engaged in any operation, but in the light of the dispatches of the Commander-in-Chief, reference can now be made to several exploits of the Australians without specifying the individual Divisions which had to be anonymous at the time. It was the Australians who shattered the German attacks over the high ground about Dernancourt on April 5th. and below here to the South of Morlancourt it is believed that not less than 3,000 Germans were killed. When the line north of the Somme fell back to Sailly-Mericourt l'Abbe to conform to the retirement to Hamel and Vaire Wood on the South of the River, the Australians held the chord between the streams, and have beaten off every attack since. On April 24th. especially, in conjunction with their attack at Villers-Bretonneux, the enemy made two determined attempts at by Sailly, both of which were completely shattered by the steadiness of the Australian with the rifle. Meanwhile, during this period, Australians had been holding the line along the Railway up to and around ALBERT, and several times I have referred to the futility of the German attacks here and to the heavy casualties inflicted by rifle fire and bombing, and in hand-to-hand fighting.

To the share of the Australians in the recapture of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX on April 24th. and 25th. full justice was done at the time. It was an admirable planned coup, and most vigorously executed resulting, besides the recapture of ground, in the taking of a large number of prisoners and the killing of great numbers of the enemy.

In the North, where the Commander-in-Chief mentions that the 1st. Division has been engaged, Australians took over the line east of the Forest of Neippe to Merris, and I have told of the splendid spirit of our troops in that section and the uselessness of all German attempts to make headway. There was never a moment in this fighting when, to use the slang phrase, the Australians were not "all over" the enemy. I told in my despatch yesterday of the fine work of the Australians in the Meteren Area, where their patrol work has been beyond praise, and they pushed the Germans back into the edges of the town, earning the heartiest admiration of the French Troops fighting in their proximity. Altogether, theirs has been a splendid record, and no one in the Army or out of it, will grudge the Australians praise that the Commander-in-Chief has given them.

In his earlier message, Sir Douglas Haig also mentions the New Zealanders, and it has been largely owing to them that the Germans, have, during the last month, totally failed to make any progress in the Hebuterne area. They tried again and again and every time they have fallen off, shattered, from the New Zealanders defence, and in counter attacking, the New Zealanders have several times flung the enemy back on to his positions with very heavy casualties.