

3rd Aust. Infantry

1st Australian

1st Anzac

28th April 1917.

11th Battalion  
A.I.F.

Lieutenant  
Charles POPE.

At LOUVERVAL, FRANCE, on 15th April 1917, Lieut. G.O. 11th Victoria POPE was in charge of the centre picquet post of Battalion Cross. the right sector held by the 11th Battalion. & G.O.O. The strength of his picquet was one Officer, 3 1st N.C.O.'s and 30 men. Aust. Division. Lieut. POPE had been ordered to hold this post at all costs, as it was an important one. The post was heavily attacked on the morning of the 15th April, when a German attack was made on the line held by the 1st Australian Division. The Germans, in greatly superior numbers, surrounded the post, and Lieut. POPE found himself running short of ammunition. He sent back for this, but before it could arrive he made a gallant and determined attack upon the enemy with the bayonet. His party was seen to fix bayonets and charge into a superior force of the enemy, by whom it was overpowered. Lieut. POPE by his sacrifice, not only inflicted heavy loss on the enemy, but held the position as ordered, to the last. Lieut. POPE'S body was found, with those of most of his men, and eighty dead Germans around the post were evidence of the gallant resistance he had made.

*John G. ...*  
Major-General,  
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

