

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

To O.C.
"B" Company.

I hereby wish to bring under your notice, an act of gallantry performed by the late No. 1876 Cpl. A.H. Buckley of this Company.

Whilst this Battalion was attacking PERONNE on the 1st inst an enemy machine gun post was concentrating heavy fire on the centre of our Company sector.

Cpl. Buckley with one private rushed the post from the flank capturing the occupation (20 men), also one machine gun.

On reaching the moat at ~~034945~~ PERONNE we were held up by heavy Machine gun fire concentrated on bridge. Whilst reconnoitring the position to find another crossing he met his death.

Throughout the whole attack he showed great coolness and presence of mind also leadership, his whole heart being set on the success of the operation.

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I wish to bring to your notice an act of gallantry performed by the late 1876 Cpl. A.H. Buckley of this Coy. on the 1st September 1918 in the attack on PERONNE. During the advance he saw an enemy machine gun firing on the troops on the bank left thus causing casualties. He with great coolness and presence of mind rushed the post capturing the gun and about 20 men. When near the moat surrounding the city we were held up on the bridge by machine gun fire, Cpl Buckley seeing that trying to cross the bridge was impossible went round the bank to the right to find another crossing and there met his death. It was largely due to his conduct that his section was able to advance like it did during the operations.

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