

11th Aust. F. Art. Brigade. 4th AUSTRALIAN Division. AUSTRALIAN Corps. 5th April 1918. Date of Recommendation.

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)
	42nd Battery, 11th Aust. Field Artillery Brigade.	2029	Gunner, <u>John, ELLIS.</u>	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack on our positions opposite DERHANCOURT and ALBERT on the 5th April 1918. He went out without hesitation under heavy shell fire to mend telephone wires that had been out. Communication on his line was constantly maintained except during a period when the line was cut by shell fire faster than it could be repaired. During this period Gunner ELLIS acted as runner between the 41st and 42nd Batteries. Owing to his courage and resource, orders from Group Headquarters were passed to 41st Battery through 42nd Battery at a critical period - when telephone lines from Group Headquarters to the former Battery were out of action.</p> <p>(Signed) E.G. SINOLAIR MACLAGAN, Major-General, Commanding 4th Australian Division.</p>	<p><i>J.H. Higgins</i> Brigadier-General, C.R.A., 4th Aust. Division.</p>	<p>MILITARY MEDAL.</p>	<p>155 AWARDED MILITARY MEDAL vide 4th Aust. Div. Routine Order No. 461 of 20/4/1918.</p>