

2nd Aust. Infantry

1st Australian

1st Anzac

27th September 1917.

6th Battalion
A.I.F.

2nd Lieutenant
Frederick BIRKS.
Birks

Late

During the advance on GLENGORSE WOOD east of YPRES on 20th September 1917 this officer accompanied only by a Corporal rushed a Strong Point which was holding up the advance. The Corporal was wounded by a bomb but 2nd Lieut. BIRKS went on by himself, killed the remaining Germans and captured a Machine Gun. Shortly afterwards he organised a small party and attacked another strong point which was occupied by about 25 Germans; after killing a number of these they captured an Officer and 15 men. During the consolidation this Officer did magnificent work in reorganising parties of other units who had been disorganised owing to getting too close to our own barrage. By his wonderful coolness and personal bravery he kept his men in splendid spirits throughout. 2nd Lieutenant BIRKS was killed in his post by a shell on the morning of 21st September whilst standing exposed endeavouring to extricate some of his men who had been buried by a shell.

G.O.C., Victoria
2nd Aust. Cross.

Date recommendation passed forward.

	<u>Received.</u>	<u>Passed.</u>
Brigade.		26/9/17.
Division.	27/9/17.	28/9/17.
Corps.	SEP 29 1917	SEP 29 1917
Army.		

Major-General,
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

(SGD.) W. R. BIRDWOOD
LIEUT. GENERAL,
COMMANDING I A & N.Z. ARMY CORPS.

29/9/1917

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