

8th Infantry Brigade. 5th Australian Division. 1st Anzac Corps. 2nd October 1917. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (To be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	31st Battalion	3774	PRIVATE PATRICK BUGDEN <i>Killed in action</i>	<p>At POLYGON WOOD on 26/28th September 1917 Private BUGDEN displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. On two occasions the advance was temporarily held up by strongly defended "Pill Boxes". This man in the face of devastating fire from Machine Guns gallantly led small parties to attack these strong points and successfully silencing the Machine Guns with bombs and capturing the garrison at the point of the bayonet. On another occasion when a Corporal, who had become detached from his Company, had been captured and was being taken to the rear by three Germans, Pte. BUGDEN single handed rushed to his rescue, shot one German and bayoneted the remaining two, thus releasing the Corporal.</p> <p>On five occasions he rescued wounded men under intense shell and machine gun fire showing an utter contempt and disregard for danger.</p> <p>Always foremost in volunteering for any dangerous mission it was during the execution of one of these missions that he was unfortunately killed.</p>		V.B. <i>4/5 8.6</i>	

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