

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Army Form W. 3121.

Schedule No.	Unit	Reg.No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommd by	Honor or Reward	To be left blank
	26th Bn. A.I.F.		Captain Percy Herbert CHERRY.	<p>During the attack on LAGNICOURT on the morning of 26th March 1917, this Officer was in Command of "C" Coy. who stormed and cleared the village. His gallantry and bravery is beyond description. After all the Officers of his Company were casualties, he carried on in face of fierce opposition, and mopped up the town in a most careful and determined manner. He continuously sent reports of the progress being made, and when held up for some time by an enemy strong point, immediately organized Lewis gunners, bombers, and rifle bombers, and led the rush which captured this position. His leadership, coolness, and bravery set a wonderful example to his men. On clearing the village he took charge of the situation, and with about 100 men, and with the aid of Lieut. STAPLETON, was mainly instrumental in beating off a most determined counter-attack made by the enemy with about 1000 men. He was wounded in the leg at about 6.30 a.m. but would not leave his post, encouraging all around him to hold out in the face of fierce opposition. He was unfortunately killed by an enemy shell at about 4.30 p.m. During the day he personally killed 9 Germans. He had previous to this attack been wounded on three occasions, and was recommended for a D.S.O. when the Battalion attacked the MALT TRENCH North of WARLENCOURT on March 1st 1917.</p>		V.O.	

*Man awarded B.C.*