

5th Infantry Brigade. 5th Australian Division. 1st ANZAC Corps. 16th May 1917. Date of Recommendation.

File No. (To be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	58th Battalion. A.I.F.		Lieut. Rupert Vance MOON. <i>V.C. 8.9.17</i>	<p>On the morning of 12th of May 1917, in portion of the HINDENBURG LINE East of BULLECOURT, Lieut. MOON displayed most conspicuous bravery in an attack on a German strong point. His own immediate objective was a position in advance of the enemy trench. His orders were, having captured this, to move on to the trench itself, and co-operate in the general attack in progress there, and in a further assault on another strong point immediately in rear. The full story is told by two eye-witnesses whose evidence is attached.</p> <p>Lieut. MOON was hit in the face when advancing to his first objective, which, after a sharp bomb fight, he captured. Leading his men, he engaged in the attack on the trench which the enemy held in force. Here he received another wound in the shoulder which spun him round and rather dazed him for awhile. His men wavered and hesitated, but Lieut. MOON again rushed forward, calling to his men "Come on, you'll not see me left, boys". His men rushed after him, and the enemy broke and retired to the strong point in rear of the trench. Behind there was a sunken road where the enemy had a large dugout from which parties had continually been emerging to reinforce the defenders. Lieut. MOON'S party, now much diminished, fought on in the general attack, which was so strongly pressed that the enemy to the number of 184 surrendered. Lieut. MOON had by this time received another wound in the foot.</p>			