

4th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY Brigade. 4th. AUSTRALIAN Division. AUSTRALIAN Corps. 5th July 1918. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regt. 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)
<p><u>Brigade.</u></p> <p><u>Division.</u></p> <p><u>Corps.</u></p> <p><u>Army.</u></p>	<p>16th. Batta- lion. A.I.F.</p> <p><u>Received.</u></p> <p>7-18</p>		<p>Lieutenant James Basil MINCHIN M.C.</p> <p><u>Passed.</u></p> <p>17/7/18</p> <p>12-7-18</p>	<p>Is brought to notice for conspicuously gallant conduct during operations against VAIRE and HAZEL Woods, East of CORBIE, on the morning of 4th July 1918.</p> <p>He led his platoon in the first wave of the attack. On striking the first enemy positions West of VAIRE Wood strong opposition was encountered. He personally killed one Officer and several other men, and the balance, including one Officer and 20 other ranks, he captured. In this encounter he took one machine gun and one heavy minenwerfer. In his advance he next encountered a machine gun nest near the South end of the COPSE in front of VAIRE Wood. He again led his men in an impetuous charge. Some 6 of the enemy were killed, two of whom Lieutenant MINCHIN himself accounted for. The balance of the crews, also the guns were captured. At this stage he discovered that his Company Commander had been killed. He thereupon assumed Command of his Company: superintended its operations, and brilliantly completed the task assigned to the Company. Throughout the whole operation he set a magnificent example of gallantry and leadership.</p> <p>He is very strongly recommended for distinction. (Previously awarded the Military Cross 25th October 1917).</p> <p>(Sgd) <i>C. H. G. ...</i> Major-General. Commanding 4th Australian Division.</p>	<p><i>E. J. ...</i></p> <p>Lieut. Colonel Commanding 16th Batta. A.I.F.</p>	<p>Bar to Military Cross.</p>	