

13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade. 4th. Australian Division. 1st. ANZAC Corps. 2nd. March, 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)
	50th. Battalion.		Captain Harold Edwin Salisbury ARMITAGE.	<p>Near MOUQUET FARM on night of 12/13th. August 1916 this Officer successfully lead his Company forward &amp; gained his objective which he consolidated with great energy.</p> <p>On night of 14/15th. August, 1916, owing to casualties among officers of the Company adjoining his own he took charge of it in addition to his which then had only one junior inexperienced officer left. On account of the troops on the flank having being driven back he had to redistribute the men of these two Coys. before he could carry out an operation set down for a certain hour that night. The time allowed was very limited and his part of the line was under a continuous enemy shell fire.</p> <p>In spite of this and the lack of Officers &amp; N.C.O's. he succeeded after much difficulty and great personal risk in getting the troops into the required preparatory position in time to carry out his attack. He succeeded in getting the line forward and commenced to dig in on the new position. The heavy fire from MOUQUET FARM &amp; from the right flank where the adjoining troops had been unable to hold their ground caused many casualties and after holding his new position for an hour &amp; a half he was forced back to his old ground, where after strenuous efforts he rallied his remnants &amp; held on. He next set to work &amp; organised a party which he personally took forward &amp; recovered twenty of his wounded. On other occasions on holding the line in less active times he has proved energetic and thoroughly reliable Officer whose presence inspires confidence in his men, while in training &amp; general work the loss of his services would be a distinct disadvantage to his Battalion.</p>	<p>Lieut-Col SALISBURY O.C. 50th. Bn. Captain. FOWLER.</p>	<p>Mention in Despatches.</p>	<p><i>H. Salisbury</i> <i>H. Fowler</i> Brigadier-Gen G.O.C. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.  (sgd) William HOLMES, Major-Gen. G.O.C. 4th. Aust. Division.</p>