

1st. Pioneer Bn.

1st. Australian

1st. A & N.Z. Army

Sept. 7th. 1916.

1st. Pioneer
Battalion

3515

Sergeant
Herbert Joseph
ELLIOTT. ✓

At POZIERES, FRANCE, from 15th. to 22nd. August 1916, Sergt. ELLIOTT was engaged for six consecutive nights on constructive work in the 1st. and 3rd. Brigade fronts near the quarry and MOUQUET FARM. He was remarkably cool under heavy enemy shelling and his example and encouragement to the men in his parties contributed in a great degree to the successful work of construction.

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1st. Military
Pioneer
Battn. Medal

During the whole period he was engaged on this work he had only one night off duty. On the 22nd. August he suffered from the concussion of a bursting shell but refused to leave his work.

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1424

Private
Patrick
Raymond
SKEHAN. ✓

At POZIERES, FRANCE, on the 18th. August 1916 Pte. SKEHAN was detailed as a runner for Captain SPECKMAN while 1st. AVENUE was under construction. During a heavy bombardment it was necessary to despatch Pte. SKEHAN with a message to Lieut. O'BRIEN, on the way Pte. SKEHAN was hit on the knee by a piece of shrapnel but notwithstanding this continued on his way crawling on his hands and knees a distance of over 500 yards under continuous fire.

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Major General,
Commanding 1st. Aust. Division.