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Brigade 22/7/18	23/7/18
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8th Inf. Brigade. 5th Australian Division. Australian Corps.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. 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)
	31 st Bn AIF	3347	Sergeant DAVID EMMITT COYNE (deceased)	At VAIRE-SOUS-CORBIE at 9.30 pm on the 15.5.18 Sergeant Coyne was on a position post in the support line. Being doubtful as to the quality of some Mills Grenades in the trench, he decided to test same by throwing one over the parapet. He did so, but by some mischance or other the grenade fell back into the trench amongst a Lewis Gun team. Coyne cried "Go for your lives boys, the bomb is in the trench" and endeavoured to find the bomb in order to throw it out of the trench. Owing to the darkness he could not put his hand on the bomb, which had rolled some little distance away. Realising the peril to his mates who had not got clear of the trench, he threw himself on top of the bomb which exploded, inflicting on him injuries from which he has since died. The last words to the men around him were "I laid on the bomb, I thought you didn't have time to get out". He undoubtedly sacrificed his life in order to save those of his comrades around him. It was a splendid example of old blooded bravery.	W. Freeman 20/7/18	Albert Medal (in Gold)	

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