

BEALE, Roy Dudley

Rank: Corporal

Service Number: 3009

Unit: 45th Australian Infantry Battalion

Place of Birth: Clarence River, NSW

Date of Birth: c. 1891

Enlisted at Rockhampton 1 August 1915 age 24 years 3 months. Next-of-kin was his father, TC (Thomas Charles) Beale, *Ridglands*, via Gladstone, Queensland. On enlistment he was 5 feet 10½ inches and weighed 156 lbs. His chest measurement was 35 -37.5 inches. His occupation was cooper. Prior to enlistment he was a member of the Gladstone Rifle Club. Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A69 *Warilda* on 5 October 1915

Beale served in France. He was wounded in action on three occasions, firstly on 12 August 1916, then on 5 April 1918, but remained on duty. He was later wounded in action on 8 August 1918.

He was awarded the Military Medal on 13 August 1916, and then awarded a Bar to the Military Medal on 5 April 1918. While in England he married Hilda Ellen Badger on 12 February 1919. He returned to Australia on 23 August 1919 and discharged from service on 26 October, 1919. He died 11 June 1968.

		12th Aust. Infantry Brigade, 4th AUSTRALIAN Division, 1st A & N.F.A. Corps, 4/10/17. Date of Recommendation.		Army Form. W 3121. Number:	
		Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	
47th Batta. A.I.F.	3009	Private Roy Dudley BEALE.	North of POLYCOE WOOD, near YPRES 27/28th Sept. 1917 for excellent work as scout and guide. On the night 27/28th September 1917 when acting as guide to working party he showed great courage and initiative. The enemy commenced shelling heavily along the track being used. Private BEALE halted the party and went forward alone and found another route alternative. He returned and guided the party safely to their destination. He also volunteered to reconnoitre the adjoining sectors especially the left Sector which the Battalion expected to relieve. He proceeded to the front line in left Sector and gained all information possible and supplied a map showing same which he sketched.	Lt-Col. A.F. HEALY D.S.O.	MILITARY MEDAL.
		J.C. Cholerton Brigadier General, Commanding 12th. Aust. Infantry. Brigade.		36	
		(Sgd) E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, Major General, Commanding 4th. Australian Division.			

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18th Aust. Inf. Brigade, 4th Aust. Division Australian Corps. 8/4/18. Date of Recommendation.

			Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Award
47th Battn. A.I.F.	3009	Private Roy Dudley BEALE (M.M.)	At BERNANCOURT, S.W. of ALBERT on 5th April 1918 when enemy attacked in force Private BEALE displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in volunteering to carry ammunition to the front line when wounded in the knee. He refused to be evacuated and taking a rifle went back to the line where he shot several of the enemy who were threatening our flank. He rendered excellent service as a scout and runner and brought back valuable information always under heavy fire, on one occasion crossing 1000 yards of open space swept by machine gun fire. He assisted in burying dead and bringing wounded in even after he was wounded himself.	J. GILLIBAND Brig. Gen. Commanding 18th A.I. Bde.	Bar to M.M.
			(Sgd) E.G. SINCLAIR MACLEOD.		
			Major General Commanding 4th Australian Division.		

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Medals: Military Medal with Bar

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