

6th Australian Infantry

2nd Australian

1st A.N.Z.A.C.

14th Oct. 1917

22nd  
Battalion.

4490. Pte. Walter Francis  
MATTHEWS.

For conspicuous courage and devotion to duty. During the attack of 4/10/17 this man acted as a runner, and without hesitation traversed the most heavily-shelled areas with information and despatches. Later, under most trying weather conditions and when his Company was depleted by casualties, he acted as a Signaller, remaining on duty without respite for 20 hours, and performing his duty in a splendid manner. He proved of great use in the maintenance of communication from our forward posts.

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6055. Pte. Leonard  
CRAWFORD.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty. During the relief of the Battalion at BR ODSEINDE RIDGE on night 5th Oct. this man was acting as a guide and runner. Before the relieving troops reached our trenches the enemy opened a heavy barrage. Regardless of his personal safety he moved about in the open and directed men to cover in shell holes and unoccupied trenches - his prompt and brave action saved the lives of many. Later, he acted as runner and traversed shell-swept zones without hesitation. His gallant conduct earned him the admiration of all.

Passed to Division 14/10/17

Brigadier-General,  
Commanding 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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