

10th Australian Inf.Bge. 3rd Australian Div. Australian Corps.

40th  
Battalion  
A.I.F.

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Private  
Basil  
BESWICK.

Near BONY on 29th and 30th September 1918 and 1st October 1918, this man acting as a Company Stretcher Bearer displayed splendid courage and devotion to duty. When a shell exploded among a party of 10, he alone was left unwounded. He immediately rendered first aid to them all, directed the walking cases (5) to the dressing station and carried one of the stretcher cases on his back to the same place. He returned with another stretcher bearer carried the remaining three in turn to the rear. All this was done under heavy artillery and machine gun fire. Later, learning that the O.C. of his Company had been severely wounded he went forward for 300 yards under direct rifle and machine gun fire, bound his wounds and carried him to the rear. On a subsequent occasion he again went forward of our advanced positions and brought three more wounded in turn to safety. Throughout the whole operation this man maintained the same high standard of work and undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. His courageous behaviour under fire, his untiring energy and utter disregard of his own safety are worthy of the highest praise and were an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact.

Sgd. J.Gillibrand. Major General.  
G.O.C Third Australian Division.

C.H.Joss. Lieut-Colonel.  
Commanding 10th Australian Inf. Bge.  
DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.