

28th H.A. GROUP

Brigade

HEAVY ARTILLERY

Division

1st ANZAC

Corps.

31/10/1917.

Date of Recommendation.

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)
	529th Siege Battery, R. G. A.	-	Lieut: (a/Captain) James Ralph SANDRY, R.G.A.	On 30th October, 1917, at HANNEBECK Valley, near WESTWORE, while Capt: SANDRY was at work inside the "Pill-box" used as a B.C. post by the battery, a 5.9" shell burst immediately outside, killing 5, mortally wounded 2, and wounding 5 members of a R.E. working party, engaged in strengthening the place. Captain SANDRY at once left the "Pill-box" and took charge of the R.E.'s who were in the greatest confusion. He ordered the wounded men to be picked up, taken inside the "Pill-box"; this was done in spite of the fact that intense shelling of this spot continued, and another man was wounded by a 5.9" shell bursting practically in the same place. The whole party was kept in the "Pill-box" until the bombardment slightly abated, when Capt: SANDRY arranged for the badly wounded to be taken to the Dressing Station. Eventually the whole party was got away without further loss. It was undoubtedly due to this Officer's coolness, decision and contempt of danger, that more casualties were not caused, and his handling of the situation certainly saved the lives of the survivors.	I.R. SMITH, Major, O.C. No: 529 Sec. Bty. R.G.A. R.A. TRAVIS, Lt-Col: O.C. No: 123 Hvy. Arty. Group. Commanding 1st ANZAC Corps Heavy Artillery.	MILITARY CROSS Immediate Award.	

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