

8th. Infantry

5th. Australian

1st. Anzac

2nd. October, 1917.

31st Battalion 2412 L/Sergeant JOHN  
PATRICK RYAN

at POLYGON WOOD on 26/28th. September, 1917.  
the excellent dash, judgment and initiative displayed by this M.C.O. were remarkable. On one occasion when a counter attack was commencing and no Lewis Gunners were available to work the gun, L/Sgt. Ryan seized a gun that was lying in the trench and kept it in action until the enemy had been dispersed.

Nothing was too dangerous for him to undertake and his personal bravery inspired the men to an enormous extent.

*Head. W. J. J. J. J. J.*

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