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Sgt. Thomas Gray  
STRACHAN, D.C.M.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack near MEAUREVOIR, East of PERONNE, on 4. 10. 18.

When his officer was killed and his platoon had suffered severe losses, this N.C.O. rallied the survivors and led them to the final objective with wonderful gallantry and dash. He headed mopping-up and bombing parties, cleaning up the whole of his portion of the position. Finding his line exposed to very heavy direct fire, he showed splendid initiative in pushing ahead and occupying the next commanding point, forcing the enemy to retire, and enabling our platoons on the flank to also improve their position.

In this and the succeeding operations Sgt. STRACHAN exhibited the qualities of leadership and initiative to the highest degree.

(D.C.M. Gazetted 2.7.18 IV Army R.O.2278)

(The above named has not been recommended in connection with the New Year's Honours Despatch.)

(Signed) J.C. ROBERTSON, Brigadier-General,  
Commanding Second Australian Division.

M.M.

(Signed) A.R.L. WILTSHIRE, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Commanding (tempy.) 6th Australian Infantry Brigade

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