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241372	32nd Battalion. A.I.F.		Lieutenant James Howard PRATT. Name verified.	During the period 29th September-1st October 1918 in the operations carried out by the Battalion in the BELLICOURT SECTOR Lieutenant PRATT displayed great courage and devotion to duty. On the morning of 29th September during a heavy fog he led his platoon the attack on the HINDENBURG LINE with great dash, himself capturing 15 of the enemy. Again on the 30th September he handled his platoon with great gallantry and initiative under exceptionally heavy machine gun fire and during consolidation established a line of posts 200 yards in front of the line. He also brought back a wounded man under heavy fire. On the 1st October he led a fighting patrol through JONCOURT with great determination, clearing the village and capturing seven prisoners. During the whole operations his work was of the greatest value to his Battalion and he set a fine example of initiative, courage and devotion to duty to all ranks.	C.GIVEN, Brig.Gen Commdg, 5thAust Infantry Brigade.	MILITARY CROSS.	

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