

2nd Aust. Infantry

1st Australian

1st Anzac

28th September 1917.

2nd Aust.  
Machine Gun  
Company.

2578 Corporal Robert  
Thomas FRASER.

During the advance East of HOOGE on the morning of 20th September, 1917, while passing through SANCTUARY WOOD to the front line and his party came under a heavy enemy barrage. Although wounded he organised his Section and lead them forward to their objective. He supervised the placing of five vickers guns and also two German guns. By his prompt action he was enabled to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy during a counter attack. Throughout the night his splendid example inspired the men and although wounded in three places he refused to leave the line until all positions were consolidated.

O.C. Military  
2nd Aust. Medal.  
E.G. Coy.

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2570 Private Samuel  
PEARSE.

On the night of 18th September, 1917, this man while on outpost duty in a post on the Western edge of CLINCORSE WOOD East of YPRES, saw a light shine momentarily in a German post some distance in front and, after warning his comrades, crept forward alone and dropped bombs into the position causing casualties to the enemy who evacuated the post. Normally this man is a runner. He was in the trenches from 16th to 22nd September taking part in the advance and throughout showed an utter disregard of danger in carrying messages, guiding parties and in bringing in wounded men, on every return run. From forward positions he helped to bring back wounded and undoubtedly saved many lives.

O.C. Military  
2nd Aust. Medal.  
E.G. Coy.

*Awarded*

Date recommendation passed forward.

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Brigade.	27/9/17	28/9/17
Division.	27/9/17	29/9/17

Major-General,  
Commanding 1st Australian Division.