

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS
ANZAC 30th July 1915-

Headquarters,
Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

I have the honor to submit the name of the undermentioned officer for the notice of the Lieutenant General Commanding.

Lieut. J.H. Mirams, No 2 Field Coy, Engineers.

On the 28th July 1915 an enemy mine tunnel suddenly disclosed itself in close proximity to one of our own, and it became a question which side was able to forestall the other. Thanks to the arrangements made by Lieut. Mirams, our mine was fired first. On reconnoitring the tunnel to ascertain whether neighbouring underground works had been damaged, Lieut. Mirams was met by an explosion just as he reached the tamping of our mine and was badly burnt.

Lieut. Mirams has been carrying on similar mining operations on about 300 yards of frontage for the last month and by his vigilance and careful timing, the enemy has been forestalled in three previous occasions. Owing to the distance underground each operation has been attended with considerable danger of being blown up by enemy mines.

I consider his services are deserving of recognition and I recommend him for the Military Cross.

(Signed) H.B. WALKER

Brigadier General
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

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Assistant Military Secretary,
General Headquarters,
Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

Forwarded and recommended for the award of the Military Cross. Many brave acts have been performed by the men who have been engaged in mining operations in front of the position and I think the decoration has been thoroughly earned.

W.R. Birdwood

4-8-15.

Lieutenant General
Commanding Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.