

9th Aust. Inf.

Srd neutralization

AUSTRALIAN

13th August, 1918.

33rd Bn.

855 Sergeant Joseph
Harold PAYTON.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations against enemy positions South of the SOUMB on 8th August, 1918.

With one man Sergeant PAYTON rushed a strong point in AGOROHIE WOOD, killed two of the enemy and captured two machine guns and the garrison of 14. The dense fog made it difficult to maintain direction, but this non-commissioned officer kept his party well in hand and re-organized small parties who had lost direction.

A2 RAR WOOD he rushed and captured a machine gun position and directed a tank to another gun which was holding up the advance. With his party he captured 24 prisoners in this WOOD.

He rendered very valuable assistance in the reorganization of his Company on reaching our final objective and in the consolidation.

Throughout the operation Sergeant PATTEN distinguished himself by his great gallantry, sound leadership and splendid initiative.

12 out-Colonel.
Commanding 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.

DISSENTING (CONDUCT MEDAL)

Date recommendation passed forward.

	<u>Road.</u>	<u>Passed.</u>
Brigade	12-8-18	12-8-18.
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