

8th. Aust. Inf.

2nd. Australian

1st. A.N.Z.A.

20th. June 1917.

18th. Battalion.

4259 Sergeant William
Arnold TEMPLE.

This N.C.O. displayed great courage and devotion to duty in leading his men to the attack under heavy shell fire and machine gun fire in the repeated assaults on MALT TRENCH 26th. Feb. 1917. He took out several patrols and brought in valuable information.

He was badly knocked by a fragment of shell which however did not wound him. His fine example did much in keeping his men keen and contributed much to the success of the operation.

In the attack of 3rd. May 1917, this N.C.O. again showed great courage and devotion to duty. After effecting an entry into the enemy's trench, he time and again rallied his men during the bombing duel. On two occasions when progress along the trench was stopped by the enemy, he led bombing parties over the open. During the succeeding day and night he did particularly fine work in carrying forward bombs and S.A.A.

Lieut.-Colonel G. F. MURPHY, D.S.O.

Belgian Military Decoration.

No foreign decoration has been conferred upon this N.C.O. whose name I have submitted.