

10th Aust. Inf.

3rd Australian

2nd ANZAC

16th June 1917.

37th Battn.

CAPTAIN

Robert Cuthbert

GALLANT

On 7th June 1917 at MESSINES, for most conspicuous gallantry in action during an attack on the enemy's position.
He led his Company to the attack on the enemy's third line system in the face of heavy artillery and machine gun fire. After all his officers had been wounded, and his Company had suffered very heavy casualties he located in a house two hostile machine guns, which were holding up his advance and causing most of the casualties. He ran forward alone a distance of fifty yards in the open, and under the constant fire from the two machine guns by single handed, bombed and killed the machine gun crews. He then, with great coolness and ability, reorganised the remains of his Company, and succeeded in capturing his objective. It was his action alone that enabled the advance to be continued, and the objective reached. By his utter disregard for danger, his coolness under fire and his magnificient conduct he set a splendid example to his N.C.O.s and men, and when he finally fell wounded the position was securely in our hands and the few remaining enemy were in flight.

(Storm statements of No. 36 Sgt. JOHN ROBISON and No. 393 Sgt. LAM ROSSO of the 37th Battalion are attached.)

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W. J. Murray, M.C. & Bar.

APPENDIX