

FOR IMMEDIATE AWARD.

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29th AUG. 1918. O.

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AUSTRALIAN
PIONEER
BATTALION,
A. I. F.

5005 Private FISHER
B E A R D.

On the early morning of the 22nd AUGUST '18, between BEINHEIM and the Front Line immediately West of BRAY-sur-SORBE, No. 3005, Private FISHER B E A R D, who was a Runner attached to Battalion Headquarters, had to be sent with despatches from B.H.Q. to the Companies in the Line. This work was of a very important nature, owing to heavy enemy artillery fire, communication was extremely difficult, as lines were continuously broken.

On three occasions, Private BEARD made this trip, not only in the early morning, but later in the day when he was under full observation. Although subjected to very heavy artillery fire, and, on approaching the Line, under direct rifle and machine gun fire, he successfully accomplished his task, showing exceptional courage and devotion to duty, and setting a fine example to all ranks.

His coolness throughout, and the promptness and despatch with which he carried out his duties are worthy of the very highest praise.

MILITARY
MEDAL.

W. H. ...
LT. COLONEL,
C.O. 3RD AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BATTALION.

DATE RECOMMENDATION PASSED FORWARD.

RECH. PASSED.

Brigade.

Division.

Corps.

Army.

5.9.18

Major General,
G.O.C. Third Australian Division