

Action for which Commended

Recommended by Honour or Reward.

27th Bn. Lt.
William
Lawrence
DAVIES.

For conspicuous gallantry in action near WARLENCOURT on 2/3/17. This Officer was in charge of a carrying party (bombs). On reaching MALT TRENCH he found that all the Officers of the assaulting Company were out of action and that the situation was critical. He took charge and by his example and gallantry enabled the second and successful attack to be launched. He continued to command throughout the day and it was largely due to his courage and determination that 600 yards of trench and 28 prisoners were taken. This Officer arrived in FRANCE less than a week before March 2nd and has never previously been under fire.

(Sgd). N.M.SMYTH M.G.

G.O.C.
7th Aust.
Inf. Bde.

M.C.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A. I. F.
31st August, 1917.

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Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Fourth Supplement No. 30036 to the London Gazette dated 24th April, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, Lieutenant W. L. Davies, 27th Battalion.

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AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS

* HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned officer in recognition of his gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :-

Lieutenant WILLIAM LAURENCE DAVIES.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He took charge of a company, and by his fine example enabled a successful attack to be launched. He continued to command throughout the day, and was largely responsible for the capture of 600 yards of the enemy's trench.

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 133 of 21st August, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. H. E. Davies,
78 1st Avenue,
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