

Brigade. 4th Aust. Infantry Division. 4th Australian Corps. 1st ANZAC Date of Recommendation. 1st October, 1917.

Schedule No. <small>(to be left blank)</small>	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
<p>4th M.G. Coy Brigade Division 4th M.G. Coy Brigade Division</p>	<p>No. 4 Australian Machine Gun Company.</p> <p><i>Received.</i> 2/10/17 <i>6/10/17</i></p>	<p>2060</p> <p><i>Passed.</i> 1/10/17 <i>6/10/17</i></p>	<p>Sergeant John James DWYER.</p>	<p>During the attack made by this Brigade on the morning of the 26th September 1917 near ZONNEBERG this N.C.O. was in charge of a Vickers Machine Gun and he went forward with the first wave of the Brigade. On reaching the final objective Sergeant DWYER rushed his gun forward in advance of the captured position in order to obtain a commanding position. Whilst advancing he noticed an enemy machine gun firing on to the troops on our right flank and causing casualties. Unhesitatingly he rushed his gun forward to within thirty yards of the enemy gun and fired point blank at it, putting it out of action and killing the gun crew. He then seized the gun and, totally ignoring the snipers from the rear of the enemy position, carried it back across the shell swept ground to our front line and established both it and his Vickers gun on the right flank of our Brigade. Sergeant DWYER commanded these guns with utter coolness, and when the enemy counter attacked our positions he rendered great assistance in repulsing them. On the following day our position was heavily shelled, and Sergeant DWYER took up successive positions. On one occasion his Vickers Gun was blown up by shell fire and he conducted his gun team back to Headquarters through the enemy barrage, secured one of the reserve guns and rushed it back to our positions in the shortest possible time. During the whole of the attack he displayed extreme coolness, and his contempt of all danger and his cheerfulness and courage raised the spirits and</p>		<p>V.C.</p>	