

# GALLANTRY IN NEW GUINEA

## 53 Decorations Awarded

**CANBERRA, Monday.**—Awards to 51 A.I.F. men and two New Guinea natives for gallant service in New Guinea during July, August, and September, were announced to-day.

Those decorated include seven men from New South Wales.

The awards, which were announced when the Governor-General, Lord Gowrie, received advice that the King had approved them, are:—

### D.S.O.

Major (temporary Lieut.-Col.) C. H. B. Norman, M.C., of Subiaco, W.A.  
Captain (temporary Major) K. S. Picken, of East Geelong, Vic.  
Captain Gordon Grimley King, of Gordon, N.S.W.

### M.C.

Captain R. N. Hancock, of Bacchus Marsh, Vic.; Captain D. Provan, of South Brisbane; Lieut. (temporary Captain) V. C. Baird, of Wangaratta, Vic.; Lieut. (temporary Captain) H. D. Cullen, of Wahgunyah, Vic.; Lieut. (temporary Capt.) J. S. Winterlood, of Red Hill, Q.; Lieut. L. A. Barnett, of Brisbane; Lieut. J. W. Brooks, of Newark, Eng.; Lieut. R. H. Dawson, of Gordon, N.S.W.; Lieut. W. H. Fietz, of Albury, N.S.W.; Lieut. Leslie Franklin, of Moonsee Ponds, Vic.; Lieut. Ian Evan Gamble, of McMahon's Point, N.S.W.; Lieut. T. Hulse, of Liverpool, Eng.; Lieut. L. S. Proby, of Casino, N.S.W.; Acting Lieut. L. W. Byrne, of Brisbane.

### D.C.M.

Cpl. N. May, of Ludlow, W.A.; Cpl. K. A. McEvoy, of Grass Valley, W.A.; Cpl. A. K. Naismith, of Gunbower, Vic.; Acting Cpl. I. D. Hare, of Camperdown, Vic.; Acting Cpl. A. Scott, of Fitzroy, Vic.

### M.M.

Acting Staff-Sgt. C. S. Macfarlane; Sgt. G. R. C. Ayre, of Shepparton, Vic.; Sgt. B. T. Sinclair, of Edithvale, Vic.; Sgt. M. J. Whitlam, of Brisbane, Q.; Cpl. (Acting Sgt.) F. P. Jones, of South Brisbane; Cpl. C. B. Berry, of West Tamar, Tas.; Cpl. S. J. Hucker, of Lake Bolac, Vic.; Cpl. W. H. Richards, of Northgate, Q.; Cpl. E. J. Shervey, of Atherton, Q.; Cpl. G. V. Stevens, of Rockhampton, Q.; Cpl. A. Torrent, of Perth, W.A.; Acting Cpl. H. E. Brockhurst, of Pomana, Q.; Acting Cpl. R. J. Groundwater, of Condo-bolin, N.S.W.

Lance-Cpl. Bengari, of the Morobe

Gobolin, N.S.W.

Lance-Cpl. Bengari, of the Morobe district, New Guinea.

Lance-Cpl. P. K. Egan, of Canberra; Lance-Cpl. T. I. Frawley, of Bayles, Vic.; Lance-Cpl. T. Phillips, of Warwick, Q.; Pte. W. A. Bayliss, of Drellham, Q.; Pte. S. G. Blythe, of Ascot Vale, Vic.; Pte. G. A. Burns, of Lismore, N.S.W.; Pte. F. C. Carver, of Dutton Park, Q.; Pte. W. H. Dawson, of Caulfield, Vic.; Pte. R. J. Domin, of Gympie, Q.; Pte. B. D. Finn, of Ballarat, Vic.; Pte. H. C. Frost, of Ethelton, S.A.; Pte. L. G. Gatton, of Mount Morgan, Q.

Pte. Sala, of New Guinea.

Pte. E. L. Sallaway, of Townsville, Q.; Pte. F. G. Taylor, of Shepparton, Vic.; Pte. H. J. Troughton, of Mareeba, Q.; Pte. C. Wellings, of Nilma, Vic.

### BRAVE DEEDS DESCRIBED

**CAPTAIN G. G. KING**, of Gordon, received the D.S.O. for his leadership in a brilliant and courageous action at Kalapit. Without any form of transport or native porters, he led his company forward, and, although wounded in one leg, captured a Japanese-held village during the afternoon. Two minor attacks were beaten off during the night. Early next morning, the enemy, with superior numbers, made a determined attack. Despite his wound, his rapidly-diminishing ammunition supply, and the burden of the wounded he could not move or protect, Captain King continually moved amongst his troops and finally seized the initiative. The enemy was routed. By the capture of Kalapit, with its landing field, the division was able to advance 50 miles.

The citations of New South Wales officers for the Military Cross stated:—

**LIEUT. R. H. DAWSON**, of Gordon: When the Japanese began sweeping the main part of his company's front with gunfire from an isolated knoll, Dawson, unable to engage the enemy with his own guns, dragged a captured Japanese mountain gun into an exposed position, where he could engage the target over open sights. Despite intense enemy fire, he manned the gun, and, within the first few rounds, silenced the enemy.

**LIEUT. W. H. FIETZ**, of Albury: Assuming command when the company commander was killed, Fietz quickly silenced three enemy guns which were holding up the attack. Then, by the quickness of his moves and continual pressure, the enemy was forced to retire, leaving Fietz and his company in possession of the entire Coconuts Area.

**LIEUT. I. E. GAMBLE**, of McMahon's Point: His courage under shell and mortar fire has been outstanding.

**LIEUT. L. S. PROBY**, of Casino: Leading a forward platoon in the attack on the Old Vickers position, he displayed outstanding courage and leadership and was first on the Vickers position.

The citations of the two New Guinea natives for the Military Medal

Guinea natives for the Military Medal stated:—

**LANCE-CORPORAL BENGARI:** He performed on his own initiative work which assisted in making the subsequent operations at Nassau Bay a success.

**PRIVATE SALA:** He hurled three hand grenades into a dugout, where a surprised enemy party had taken cover, attempted to enter the dugout in the face of machine-gun fire, and then threw in some more grenades. Later, while engaged as a despatch runner, he saw five Japanese enter a native hut. Unobserved, he crept to the hut and hurled a grenade inside.