

Military Cross (MC)

Bruce Augustine Murphy

30618. Captain.
Royal NZ Artillery
161 Battery

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CITATION

During the period 21st July 1965 to March 1966 Captain Murphy was attached to A Company, First Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR) as a forward observer. He accompanied the Battalion on six major operations as a Forward Observation Officer and on one operation in February 1966 acted as Battery Commander of 161 Battery Royal New Zealand Artillery.

His outstanding skill and accuracy in the direction of artillery fire in the jungle proved to be of very great value to the Australian infantry in every contact with the enemy. His calmness and ability to maintain control in every situation enabled his battery to respond accurately to the many and varied fire requests that he ordered.

Captain Murphy invariably moved forward to select the best position of observation regardless of enemy fire. On one occasion when the company to which he was attached was engaged by a strong enemy force Captain Murphy remained in an exposed position with the forward infantry platoon for a considerable period. He directed fire on the enemy location with great accuracy and, because of his location and proximity to the enemy, shrapnel fell within his own area.

His unvaried coolness, calmness, technical proficiency and devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest standards of military service and reflected great credit on himself, his unit and the Royal New Zealand Artillery.

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