

Citation for Gallantry at Polygon Wood

4374 Private James Francis STAPLES 29th Battalion 11th Reinforcement A.I.F. After gaining the final objective at POLYGON WOOD on 26th. September, 1917, ammunition ran perilously short, but despite heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire Private STAPLES made many trips over the battlefield, and collected sufficient ammunition from the dead and wounded to give all Lewis Guns ample to enable them to satisfactorily deal with two subsequent counter attacks. His bravery and devotion to duty not only set a splendid example to all ranks but also relieved a very critical situation.

Recommendation: Military Medal [MM]
Muir Purser Lieutenant-Colonel 29th Battalion

Award of the Belgium 'Croix de Guerre' for Gallantry

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