

# RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS OR AWARDS

AWM 88 [AMF K/181]

Army Number <b>2/4688</b> Rank <b>Corporal</b> (Substantive) (Temp) (Hon) Christian Names (in full) <b>John Francis</b> Surname <b>THOMAS</b> <b>28</b> (Block Letters) Decorations Unit and Posting <b>(1 Bn, RAR) RUMC</b> Next of Kin <b>Mr L.K. THOMAS</b> Relationship <b>Father</b> Home Address <b>Post Office, Gosford NSW</b> Date of Birth <b>9 Aug 29</b> <b>ARA 29 Mar 51</b>	Recommendation in respect of — * i. New Year 19 * ii. Birthday 19 * iii. Immediate Award * iv. Periodical (Operational) * v. Periodical (Non-operational) * Strike out where not applicable (For AHQ use only) AHQ File No CAG No LG No
Recommended by	
<b>M. AUSTIN, Lt-Col</b> Comd 1 Bn, RAR	Honour or Award <b>MM</b>
<b>T.J. DALY, Brig</b> Comd 28 BRITCOM Inf Bde	<b>MM</b>
<b>M.M.A.R. WEST, Maj-Gen</b> GOC, 1 Conwel Div	<b>MM</b>
<b>H. WELLS, Lt-Gen</b> C in C BCFK	<b>MM</b>

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 Recommended for Periodical award of  
**MM.**  
**Sgd E. W. WOODWARD**  
**Major-General**  
**ADJUTANT-GENERAL.**  
**13 APR 1953**

CITATION (to be completed by the initiating officer)

Place **KOREA** Date **1 Jul 52 - 28 Feb 53**

Corporal THOMAS has shown himself to be a medical orderly of outstanding quality. He has repeatedly and on his own initiative gone out beyond our own forward localities to tend men who have become casualties in action and has always kept himself informed of the progress of patrols so that in the event of contact with the enemy he could quickly get to a position from which he could render immediate aid. He has more than once voluntarily exposed himself to heavy enemy shell and mortar fire to assist wounded men and even when in reserve he has volunteered for service with other units when heavy casualties have been anticipated. ~~An example of this was when he gave assistance in the forward BOK aid post during a ROK regiment's attack on the NORRIN feature.~~

In particular, during an attack on Hill 227 on 2 Jul 52, Corporal THOMAS established a company aid post on an exposed woody spur half way up the feature, where he was able to administer ready assistance to the badly wounded, and personally control his hard-pressed stretcher bearers.

Again during an attack on the same hill by another unit he personally organized the stretcher bearers of the attacking unit and led them to the top of the hill to bring in the dead and wounded.

His outstanding courage, determination and good humour in adversity have been an inspiration to all who have served with him, and the example he has set of selfless devotion to duty can seldom have been surpassed.

1/6/53