



Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600
20 July 2023

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following award:

COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY

Australian Army

Private Richard MURRAY

For an act of gallantry in action while a Far East Prisoner of War at Ranau which resulted in his execution on 20 May 1945.

By His Excellency's command

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Singer'.

Paul Singer MVO

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY

Australian Army

Private Richard MURRAY

For an act of gallantry in action while a Far East Prisoner of War at Ranau which resulted in his execution on 20 May 1945.

Private Richard Murray of the 22nd Infantry Brigade, Australian 8th Division, became a prisoner of war when the allied force surrendered Singapore to the Imperial Japanese Army on 15 February 1942. On 20 May 1945, and having already endured the horrors of the first of the Sandakan death marches, Private Murray admitted responsibility for stealing food from his Japanese captors. His gallant actions protected his fellow prisoners of war but led to his execution at Ranau on 20 May 1945.