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Air Ministry, 7th September, 1945.

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1408185 Sergeant Norman Phillip GERRISH,
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Sergeant Gerrish was in charge of a rifle flight during an action at Melktila airstrip which the enemy had infiltrated at night. He sustained a leg wound early in the battle, but he rallied his men, taking over a light machine-gun and returning the enemy fire with good effect, causing casualties. When his ammunition was expended he took over another gun and ran forward to a position from which he could cover the withdrawal of the flights. His fire was so effective that all personnel were able to cross open ground and reach cover. Only then did Sergeant Gerrish make his way across the airstrip in full view of the enemy. His courage, determination and leadership were instrumental in holding two companies of the Japanese and for their ultimate defeat, during which 20 of the enemy were killed. This airman set a magnificent example in the face of strong opposition.

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