



**Brazil, Matthew, Regt. No. 1368**

**Military Medal**

*London Gazette, 29th August 1918*

*Action Date, 13th April 1918 – Armentieres*

For conspicuous bravery under heavy machine gun fire in full view of the enemy. This N.C.O. was in charge of a Lewis gun team and when his gun was running short of ammunition, he collected all he could from the dead and wounded and refilled his magazine.

**Distinguished Conduct Medal**

*London Gazette, 2nd December, 1919*

*Newfoundland Gazette 31st December 1919*

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty. On 14th October 1918, during the attack from Ledeghem towards the Lys, all this N.C.O's platoon except himself and one man had become casualties and they had attached themselves to the platoon on the left. When the attack was temporarily held up by four field guns firing at very close range this N.C.O. went forward with the platoon which was attempting to outflank the guns. When the platoon could advance no further on account of fire from the guns and machine guns L/Cpl. Brazil and another man voluntarily doubled forward with a Lewis gun by short rushes under intense fire from one gun and four machine guns until they reached a position well on the right flank. On arriving there, while the other man opened fire with his Lewis gun, L/Cpl. Brazil opened fire with his rifle. Under this covering fire the platoon was able to advance and finally captured the four field guns and four machine guns. It was entirely due to L/Cpl. Brazil's dash and bravery that the platoon was able to advance, capture the hostile guns and enable the advance to press forward.