



**Twenty-Third Battalion.
FRANCE.**

8th DECEMBER, 1918.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. R. MACTIER

WE, the Officers, N.C.O.s and Men of B Coy. unite in expressing the great honor and esteem in which your son, Pte. Robt. Mactier, was held during the time he was associated with us.

THE VICTORIA CROSS, the highest honor that the Army can accord, is a telling tribute to the almost unparalleled example of bravery performed, and to the noble self-sacrifice made.

Pte. MACTIER, V.C., gave his own life, but by doing so saved the lives of many of his comrades, and what he accomplished at Mont St. Quentin contributed greatly towards the ultimate success of the Battalion's operations. Here your son was honored by us as a man among men, and those of us who are left will always cherish the memory of a fine character, and for duty well done the example he set will never be forgotten.

We all sympathise with you in your great loss, which we know you feel so much. Soon we expect to be back in our own homes in Australia, then some of us shall have the opportunity of expressing what words we are unable to convey.

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