

5th.Aust.Infantry

2nd.Australian

AUSTRALIAN

14th.August 1918.

18th.

Battalion,

A.I.F.

Captain
John Bayley
L.M.L.

During the attack on 8th.August 1918 east of VILLERS BRETONNEUX, near AMIENS, this officer discovered and alone attacked an enemy strong point held by 17 enemy with a machine gun. He personally killed three of the occupants and captured the remainder.

On the 9th.August 1918 near FRATERVILLE while advancing under very heavy machine gun fire, he was wounded in the leg and although nearly disabled, remained in command of his company. All his officers were wounded. He continued to move about under heavy shell fire supervising the organisation, picking up sniper positions and generally cheering and encouraging his men. He was again wounded rather severely but refused to leave his company until they were organised and their position secure. Throughout, his personal example was a very great driving factor and his great courage inspired all under him.

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