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788 Sgt. William Leslie
Victor ANDERSON

At MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the morning of 5th Oct., 1918, this N.C.O. took charge of his platoon on the Jumping-Off Tape, when his Platoon Officer became a casualty.

He displayed great skill during the advance, in handling his men, and in taking advantage of all possible cover, so that casualties were greatly minimised.

On the Objective heavy enemy Machine Gun fire was encountered. Undeterred by this he selected a sound tactical position for his post and, whilst his men were consolidating, made a reconnaissance of the vicinity over most exposed ground.

During an enemy Counter attack his capable command and well directed fire succeeded in dispersing the enemy with great loss before they had reached our line.

He displayed great skill, judgment & bravery.

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6836a Pte. Otto Ernest
LESSING

At MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the 5th Oct., 1918, this man handled his Lewis Gun in a most effective manner. When a post established by the enemy in the Northern corner of the village was causing considerable trouble and holding up the advance, Pte. LESSING led the party under most heavy Machine gun fire and rushed it. He was one of the first to jump down into the trench, and captured 1 M.G. and 5 prisoners.

Throughout the day his excellent work as a gunner had a great effect on the enemy, of whom he killed a considerable number.

(Signed) A.R.L. WINTSHIRE, Lieut.-Colonel, Brigade
Commanding (temp.) 6th Australian Infantry Brigade

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