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16th August, 1918.

Lieut Ernest 21st Bn. Bointon MASON, A.I.F. H.C.

At HARCELCAVE near AHIEHS during the attack on 8th August, 1918 this officer was in charge of a Company.

During the attack this officer found that the troops on the right were held up by enemy Machine Guns.

He hurriedly organised an attack from two sides, led one personally and after a fierce bombing fight, despite heavy casualties to his own party drove the enemy out killing all the mm crews excepting five who were taken prisoners.

Later, Lieut. MASON was rushed by a party of the energy and was wounded. Calling to a few men near-by he closed with the Huns, put them to flight taking two prisoners.

He then led a party into HARCELCAVE and secured the flank so that the advance could continue.

This officer displayed fine dash and leadership and his work was of great value to the operation.

(Awarded H.C. A.C.R.O. 210 No.40, 31.7.18)

BAR to H.C.

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