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Pte. William  
Murray SPONG

At MT. ST.QUENTIN North of PERONNE, on 1st Sept., 1918, this man was one of a party of 8 which attacked a strong post and captured 30 prisoners and 12 machine guns.

Great difficulty was experienced by the party in getting within bombing distance of the post when Pte. SPONG, seeing this, rushed forward firing a Lewis Gun from the hip, thus compelling the enemy to keep down.

The bombers were thus able to rush up and bomb the post. Those of the enemy who attempted to jump out and run away were shot down by the fire of the gun carried by Pte. SPONG.

His personal bravery and quick grasp of the difficult situation were beyond praise.

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Pte. Fridt. SCOTT

Near MT. ST.QUENTIN North of PERONNE on the afternoon of 1st Sept., 1918, during the attack on the trench system North of the village this soldier displayed great dash and initiative in TORTELLE TRENCH, which was heavily held by hostile machine guns and snipers. He was the foremost man and when the Officer leading his group became a casualty this soldier immediately organised bombing parties and put the guns which had been captured, into action. He kept in close touch with the enemy in this trench until they were forced to retreat.

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(Signed) J. C. ROBERTSON, Brig.-General,  
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade  
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