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994 Pte. (L/Cpl.)
Ernest Alfred
WATSON

During the attack on MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the morning of 5th Oct., 1918, this N.C.O. established a section post of riflemen.

Seeing that the posts on his left were having trouble in consolidation, L/C. WATSON went out under heavy Machine Gun fire and, having recovered a Lewis Gun from a casualty, used it to great advantage on the enemy, thus giving the necessary covering fire, which enabled the posts on the left to consolidate on a general line.

With his gun he effectively silenced three enemy Machine Guns which were causing us considerable casualties.

He remained in his forward position with his section until the line in rear had been thoroughly consolidated, when he withdrew to his place in the new line.

By the skilful handling of his gun L/C. WATSON then succeeded in dispersing several parties of the enemy, and killed at least 12 of them.

His timely action at a critical juncture was of great assistance to his Company.

M.M.

(Signed) A.R.L. WILTSHIRE, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding (temp.) 8th Australian Infantry Brigade