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- Lieut. William
Alexander HARTIN

Near VILLERS BRETONNEUX on the morning of 22nd July, 1918, during minor operations this Officer had charge of a company in the front line. In order to secure a sector of the enemy's trench which threatened our line he quickly organised an attack and captured 300 yards. This addition improved our line considerably.

Twenty five of the enemy were killed, five machine guns and five prisoners captured.

On being counter attacked, he personally led his supports and beat the enemy back inflicting many casualties.

He then personally reconnoitred forward in daylight, and, finding a gap on his flank, he completed his reconnaissance, although under machine gun and rifle fire, and established a post in such a position as to ensure protection against flank counter attack.

He displayed leadership, initiative and courage of a high order.

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- Lieut. Arnold
BAKER

Near VILLERS BRETONNEUX on the morning of 22nd July, 1918, this officer during an attack led a bombing party with great gallantry and determination. In spite of heavy enemy fire he personally captured a machine gun, shooting 3 of the crew.

After establishing a block in the captured trench system he went forward 80 yards under heavy hostile machine gun and rifle fire and made a reconnaissance, and, finding ground of greater tactical importance, returned, organised his platoon, and occupied the enemy system capturing another machine gun.

His fine leadership and initiative were of great assistance in the operation.

J. Robertson
Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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