

No. 6707 Private (L/Corpl) William NELSON.  
16th Bn., Australian Imperial Force.

This man is No. 1 Lewis Gunner and is brought to notice for his gallantry, dash and initiative during the operations against VAIRE and HAMEL WOODS, East of CORBIE, on the mornign of the 4th July, 1918.

During the advance, owing to the necessity for dealing with a Machine Gun Post, a very considerable gap was left in the line. NELSON appreciated the possibilities of such an cocurrence, and at once filled the gap, and almost immediately afterwards mopped up an enemy light Machine Gun post, which, but for his prompt and gallant action would certainly have been missed. The Machine Gun was captured; two of the crew killed, and the balance taken prisoners. As soon as the Infantry line was clear of the wood, he at once pushed out several hundreds of yards in the direction of the enemy in order to provide covering fire for the Battalion deploying from the right of the wood which they had refused in

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