

THE MILITARY CROSS (Contd)

2nd Lt. James Thomas HAMPSON.  
19th Bn., Aust. I. F.

During the attack on MONT ST. QUENTIN, near PERONNE on 31st Aug. 1918, this officer showed splendid courage and initiative in handling his company under extreme trying and difficult circumstances. His company commander and other company officers having become casualties he immediately took command of the company, which at the time was suffering severe casualties, from enemy machine gun fire which was holding up the advance.

With utter disregard of danger, he personally led his men against three machine gun positions and successfully bombed and captured the posts. The occupants were killed while attempting to withdraw. He set a fine example of bravery to all ranks.

2nd Lt. (Hon/Lt) Leslie Watson Saunderson SEABORN.  
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During the attack on MONT ST. QUENTIN, near PERONNE on 31st Aug. 1918, this officer showed splendid courage and bravery in holding his position. On reaching the objective, he suddenly found his position surrounded by the enemy. In a few minutes nearly all his men became casualties and with only 4 men and a Lewis gun left, he pluckily attacked the enemy.

With sheer gallantry and determination he drove the enemy off inflicting heavy casualties on them with Lewis gun fire, and cleared the situation.