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Sgt. William 23rd Bn. 2450 STEVENS (1) FOL A.I.F.

During the attack on HT. ST.QUENTIN on 1st Sept., 1918 this N.C.O. displayed particularly courageous and gallant work throughout. When the leading Company had to fight its way into Jumping Off Tape, he mounted a machine gun outside of the trench and under enemy close range fire enabled his Company to cross a road. During the whole of the fighting his indominitable courage and determination were most conspicuous.

In the Village fighting he personally led a party of five which accounted for 16 of the enemy who put up a spirited resistance. Later during the consolidation, he personally supervised the placing of the six Company Lewis Guns, moving round the Company front in spite of fierce enemy fire.

His work throughout was of the highest order. and his fighting spirit throughout was of the greatest value to the success of his Company.

(Recommended for U.M. 28.8.18)

(Signed) CHARLES ROSENTHAL, Pajor-General, Commanding Second Australian Division. BAR TO H.H.

J. G. ROBERTSON 6th Australian