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For most conspictions gallantry and initiative in action near PROYART on 12th August, 1918,-The platoon commanded by Serjeant STATTOH resched its objective, but the remainder of the Battalion was held up by heavy mechine gun fire. - He skilfully engaged two muchine gun posts with Levis gun fire, ensoling the remainder of his own Battalion to advance. -

The savence of the Bettalion on his laft had been brought to a standstill by the heavy (Awarded Military enemy mechine gun fire and the first of our assaulting detachments to reach the Eichine Gun posts were pur out of action on taking the first eun -

Armed only with a revolver, in broad day-II Anzac R.O. 1221 light, Borjoant STATTON at once rushed 4 energy mohine gun posts in succession, disposing of two of them, killing 5 of the enemy. The remaining two posts retired and were wiped out by Lewis gun fire. -

His get land a very inspiriting offect on the troops who had been held up; they cheered him as he returned. # By this daring exploit he onabled the attacking troops to gain their objective -

Lator in the evening, under heavy mechine gun fire, he went out again and brought in two badly wounded man. -

Serjoint STATTON set a magnificent example of quick decision and determined gallantry. -

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