

6th Aust. Infantry

2nd Australian

AUSTRALIAN

13th September, 1918

25rd Bn.
A.I.F.

6959 Private Robert
MACTIER.

On the morning of 1st September, 1918, during the operation entailing capture of MT. ST. QUENTIN, this man stands out for the greatest bravery and devotion to duty.

15 minutes before zero 2 bombing patrols were sent to clear up several enemy strong points close to our line, but they met with very stubborn resistance and no success, and the Battalion was unable to move on to its Jumping Off Trench. MACTIER singlehanded and in daylight, then jumped out of the trench from the leading Company, rushed passed the block, closed with and killed the machine gun garrison of 8 men with his revolver and bombs, and threw the enemy machine gun over the parapet. He rushed forward another 20 yards and jumped into another strong point held by a garrison of 6 men who immediately surrendered. Continuing to the next block through the trench an enemy gun which had been enfilading our flank advancing troops, was swung on to him, but he jumped out of the trench into the open and disposed of this third post and gun crew by bombing them from the rear. Before he could get into this trench he was killed by enemy machine gun at close range. In the three posts which MACTIER rushed 13 of the enemy were found killed and 30 taken prisoners.

It was entirely due to this man's exceptional bravery and determination that the Battalion was able to move on to its Jumping Off Trench and carry out the successful operation of capturing the village of MT. ST. QUENTIN a few hours later.

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

Brigade

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19.9.18.