

1st Aust.Infantry Bge.

1st Australian Div.

Australian Corps.

2nd Battalion
Australian
Imperial
Force.

4336 Sergeant Norman
Leslie Armstrong.

In the operations east of HESBECOURT on the 18th Sept. Sgt ARMSTRONG showed great valour and brilliant leadership. During the advance his platoon commander was killed, he assumed command of the platoon, maintaining excellent direction throughout. With the help of his platoon he put out of action two enemy machine guns. On reaching the vicinity of HARGICOURT his platoon came under very heavy machine gun fire from enemy nests. He carried out an enveloping movement against the positions and with the aid of a tank captured same killing the crews and taking four machine guns. The prompt and effective action of this N.C.O had marked effect on the whole of the Company and thus enabled it to gain its objective. On reaching the objective in spite of heavy shell and machine gun fire he reorganised his platoon and consolidated the position. Throughout the period he showed great coolness and contempt for danger and set a magnificent example.

Major General.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

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