

6th Aust. Inf. Brigade. 2nd Australian Division. 1st A.N.Z.A.C. Corps. 20th Decr., 1917. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regt. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	21st Bn.	-	Captain Horace Augustus SANDFORD	<p>This Officer has an exceptional record with the Battalion which he joined at its formation.</p> <p>As a Company Commander and Leader he is brilliant. He has led his Command on many occasions with conspicuous valor and ability.</p> <p>During the attack on 4th October near ZONNEBEKE Captain SANDFORD displayed skill and initiative, showing complete disregard for his personal safety in his efforts to secure success and the safety of his Company.</p> <p>When the enemy barrage was put down on the Jumping Off Tape, he moved elements of his Coy. to safer positions and on the opening of our barrage, he cleverly reorganised his men and led them forward with complete success; dealing rapidly and most successfully with Pill Boxes and shell hole Posts on his Front. Arriving at his final objective, he reorganised his command and superintended consolidation.</p> <p>Seeing a hostile counter-attack being launched against a section of trench he, with the assistance of a few men succeeded in killing a large number of the enemy and beat back the attack.</p> <p>On 9th October, at BROODSEINDE RIDGE he again rendered valuable services in the preparation for and launching of the attack, and was under heavy enemy fire at a central command post for many hours.</p> <p>Passed to Division 20.12.17</p>	Brig.-General, Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade	CROIX de GUERRE	