

6th. Infantry Brigade. 5th. Australian Division. 1st. Anzac Corps. 2nd. October, 1918. Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	31st. Battalion		Lieutenant ROBERT THOMPSON	<p>At POLYGON WOOD on the 26/28th. September, 1917, this Officer showed extreme bravery and devotion to duty. He was in command of the two leading platoons in attack on the right of the Brigade front. The troops on his left failed to advance at zero thus leaving our flank exposed. Within three minutes of the advance, heavy machine gun fire was opened on the leading battalion flank and his own platoon. He at once sent 2 Lewis Gun sections out to the right and captured the Block House containing 4 Machine guns and crews thus preventing further losses.</p> <p>Later his Company Commander was killed and Lt. Thompson assumed command under heavy shell fire. He gathered many men of other units who had become detached and allotted them posts to hold.</p> <p>On gaining our final objective he again found his flank being enfiladed but he attacked vigorously and cleared the Block Houses.</p> <p>He later with 3 men went out a considerable distance in front of his line of posts to search ground for hidden enemy and, making a wide detour, returned to his line. He thereafter established posts in the area reconnoitred by him and these posts were able to give warning of an enemy counter attack.</p> <p>He kept his C.O. in touch with the position and by his constant reports a good communication was kept and finally he, without rest, reorganised his Company.</p> <p>Under heavy shell fire he gave first aid to some of the wounded.</p> <p>Several of his men wish to testify to his splendid bravery.</p>	<p><i>Med. &amp; Gold Medal</i></p>	<p><i>M.C.</i></p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p>