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2nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY Brigade. 1st AUSTRALIAN Division. AUSTRALIAN Corps. 18th August 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)
	8th Battalion A.I.F.		Lieutenant Thomas ANDERSON (D.C.M.)	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack North of ROSIERES on the 9/8/18. Lieut. Anderson was in charge of the platoon on the extreme right of the battalion, and when the troops on our right flank failed to advance, he showed fine judgment and tactical knowledge in forming a defensive flank. He led his platoon with fine dash and personally mopped up several pockets of Germans who were putting up a strong resistance.</p> <p>When his company commander became a casualty Lieut. Anderson took command of the company and led it in fine style, doing splendid work personally supervising consolidation and fighting the enemy back with Lewis Gun and rifle fire.</p> <p>During the attack on LIHONS on the 11/8/18 Lieut. Anderson, who was then in charge of the right line company, again distinguished himself by fine leadership and courage.</p> <p>Throughout the operation he sent frequent and accurate reports of the situation to the rear. On reaching his objective he found that his right flank was in the air on account of the troops on our right not having advanced. He skilfully formed a defensive flank and beat off a strong German counter-attack.</p> <p>He set his men a splendid example of courage, always leading them, taking his share of the hand-to-hand fighting and inspiring them to such an extent by his own courage that they threw back a far stronger body of the enemy numerically than themselves. He personally supervised the consolidation and established same on such a sound tactical basis that with a very weak garrison he was able to repel several attempts of the enemy to drive him back.</p>			

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