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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. 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)
241367	32nd Battalion. A.I.F.		Lieutenant Archibald Roy FRANCIS. Name verified.	During the period 29th September-1st October 1918 in the attack by the Battalion on the HINDENBURG LINE at BELLICOURT and the advance to JONCOURT Lieutenant FRANCIS showed great courage, initiative and devotion to duty. On the 29th September at a critical period in the operations his Company Commander was killed and Lieutenant FRANCIS immediately assumed command and for the remainder of the three days led them with great skill. Very heavy machine gun and shell fire was met with especially on the first day but his Company forced their way right on to the final objective. His flank was open for about 3000 yards and he immediately swung his flank to form a defence. On the 30th he again ledhis Company forward in face of heavy machine gun fire for nearly 500 yards. On the 1st October his Company once more attacked and captured and consolidated their final objective. During the whole period Lieutenant FRANCIS showed great powers of leadership and untiring devotion to duty.	E.FIVEY, MILITARY Brig.Gen, C.M.G.S. Comdng. 5th Aust Infantry Brigade.		

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