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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)
241369	32nd Battalion. A.I.F.		Lieutenant John Scott MADDERN.	During the period 29th September-1st October 1918 in the operations carried out by this Battalion against the enemy positions near BELLICOURT? Lieutenant MADDERN showed excellent leadership and handled his Coy. in a courageous and skilful manner. While advancing to the line from which the Battalion was to attack from, his Company was unexpectedly exposed to heavy Machine Gun fire. He at once obtained the assistance of two tanks and led his Company forward and succeeded in clearing the enemy from the trenches. He continued to vigorously push forward part MAUROY in the face of heavy fire. His Company assisted in clearing MAGNY LA FOSSE and then reached their final objective for the day, being only one of two Companies to do so. On the 30th when the attack was continued in the face of extremely heavy machine gun and shell fire he advanced nearly a 1000 yards which materially assisted in relieving a very dangerous position as the Battalion on our flank could make little progress and the enemy was almost behind his Company. On the 1st October he supervised the consolidation of his Company with great skill. Throughout the whole operation he set a splendid example to those under his command.	E. TIVEY, Brig. Gen., Commdg., 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade.	MILITARY CROSS.	MC

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