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1st. Australian Infantry Brigade. 1st. Aust. Division. 5th. November, 1916.

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Unit.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended.	Honour or Reward.
1st. Aust. Battalion	Lieut. Charles William Henry Rollo SOMERSET.	In the attack on enemy's trenches on the night of 4th./5th. Novr., this officer went over in charge of the 1st. Assaulting Column and actually entered the enemy trenches. Finding himself alone, owing to heavy casualties in his company, he was forced to retire. Half way across NO MAN'S LAND he found about 20 men whom he rallied, and made another attempt to force the trenches, but failed owing to the enemy's M.G. fire. On returning to our own trenches he again led his ~~platoon~~ portion of the assaulting line in the 2nd. attack. Some distance across he received a bullet wound in the leg, but despite this led his men to the attack, but deeming further progress impossible owing to our severe losses from M.G. fire he got those who were left of his party back to our own trenches.	Military Cross.
1st. Aust. Battalion	Lieut. Hastings Elwyn A'BECKETT.	This officer, who has always set a high example in the Battalion went over with the first wave on the night of 4th/5th. November. In the attack and whilst leading his men a shell burst near him leaving him in a dazed condition. After returning to the Assembly trenches he again went out in the 2nd. attack and when that failed, owing to the enemy's haavy M.G. fire he remained close to the	Military Cross.

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