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2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade. 1st Australian Division. Australian Corps.

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)
	6th Battalion Australian Imperial Force.		Lieutenant Edward James ARCHER.	Near MERRIS on 7th July, 1918, Lieut. ARCHER when on a daylight reconnaissance with one other rank located an enemy post. He return- ed to our line and then led a party of 6 against the post which put up a strong resistance with bombs and M.G. fire. He led his party forward and succeeded in killing 9 of the enemy and taking two prisoners and a machine gun which were brought in under heavy machine gun fire from other enemy posts.	C.O. 6th Bn. A.I.F.	M.C.	
	6th Battalion Australian Imperial Force.		2/Lieutenant Ernest Pither HITCHCOCK, D.C.M.	In an operation against the enemy position near MERRIS on the night 9th/10th July, 1918, 2/Lieut. HITCHCOCK led his platoon with great dash and skill. His platoon was the centre of the attack and met with most opposition. On one occasion when a frontal assault on a heavily garrisoned enemy strong post was temporarily held up he split his men into two parties and attacking from both flanks and rear succeeded in gaining his objective. He was twice wounded early in the attack but carried on until met by his Company Commander who ordered him back to the dressing station. Shrapnel slight, face, tongue and leg.	C.O. 6th Bn. A.I.F.	M.C.	

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