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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)
	53rd. Battalion A.I.F.	5403	Private William LAVERY.	During the operations near HERMIES from 30th September to 2nd. October 1918, this man displayed the most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer, attending to the wounded under very heavy Machine Gun and Rifle Fire. At one period in the advance his Platoon Commander fell seriously wounded immediately in front of an enemy Strong Post. Pte Lavery immediately crawled out 300 yards into "No Man's Land" under intense Machine Gun fire and bandaging his up attempted to carry him to safety; owing to the heavy fire he was unable to do this at the first attempt but returned a little later in company with another man, and succeeded in bringing him in. For 36 hours he laboured unceasingly attending to and carrying wounded and undoubtedly saved many lives.	W Chauvel	D.C.M.	
	I certify that the regimental number and name of the abovenamed man has been checked and found correct, and also that he has not received the MILITARY MEDAL or any other award, and has not been recommended in connection with the New Year's Honours Gazette.						