

6th Australian Infantry Brigade. 2nd Australian Division. 1st A.N.Z.A.C. Corps. 14th October 1917. Date of Recommendation.

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)
	24th Battalion. A.I.F.	-	Lieutenant Joseph Lindley SCALES.	For conspicuous gallantry in the attack on ^{near Broodseinde} DAISY WOOD on 9th October 1917. Early in the assault this Officer led his platoon with marked determination and success. After much effective mopping-up, it was recognised that a strong post 150 yards in front of our approximate line would have to be silenced. Lieut. Scales amid much heavy Machine Gun fire and sniping crawled from shell-hole to shell-hole to ascertain if he had sufficient men to rush the post. He decided to carry out the operation alone. By the effective and skilful use of his rifle he was able to kill four Huns in the post, and when two others attempted to escape he promptly sniped them. Lieut. Scales rushed the post from a distance of 50 yards, captured the Machine Gun and thus cleaned out a post which had accounted for the killing of many men of his platoon. Throughout the whole operation this Officer's cheerfulness, devotion and personal courage was appreciated by all ranks, inspiring them to further local successful actions, when so sorely fatigued, including the capture of five prisoners.	Brigadier-General, Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.		

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Sgd. J. Paton Brigadier-General.
Commanding Second Australian Division.

Brigadier-General,
Commanding 1st A.N.Z.A. Army Corps.

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