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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)
	Australian Flying Corps. 3rd Squadron A.F.C.		Captain William Hopton ANDERSON.	During his service with his Squadron in France from 15-9-17 to 28-1-18, he did a number of successful destructive shoots, and on three different occasions, in spite of serious interference by hostile scouts, brought the shoot to a successful finish. On 16-12-17, in company with another R.E.8. Pilot (Captain E.J. Jones) he put up a resolute fight against six Albatross D.5a. scouts, which withdrew to their own lines. On 6.12.17, while engaged on artillery observation with 155th S.B., this Pilot and his observer successfully engaged a two-seater D.F.W. Aviatik, which was shot down and observed to crash in Sheet 28.0.36.b. - observation confirmed by Lieut. H.D. Matheson, 108th Bty., R.F.A. On 3-.10.17, when engaged on artillery observation with 108th S.B., he was attacked by 4 Albatross Scouts between MERICOURT and NEUVILLE ST. VAAST. By cool and capable flying he manoeuvred for position, and engaged his observer to engage them. After the E.A. had withdrawn, he continued observing for the artillery and carried out a successful knockout shoot. On 21.10.17, while engaged on artillery observation, with a 4.5" How. Battery, and flying over LENS, his machine was attacked by 5 E.A., who attempted to dive on him in succession. Refusing to dive away, he successfully maintained the unequal fight until, on the approach of two other R.E.8's of the Squadron, the E.A. withdrew. The shoot was successfully finished.	J.H.W. Becke, D.S.O., Brigadier General, Commanding 2nd Brigade, Royal Flying Corps.	MILITARY CROSS.	

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