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10th Brigade. ROYAL AIR FORCE Division _____ 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)
	No.4 Sqdn. Australian Flying Corps.		2nd Lieutenant Thomas Henry BARKELL.	<p>Although this Officer only joined No.4 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, on the 22nd August, 1918, his merit and ability soon qualified him for the leadership of a patrol, and he has already acted as leader in 23 offensive flights. His conduct of these patrols and the results which he has achieved, testify to his exceptional enterprise and disregard for danger. The work which he has carried out on each of these flights is of such a uniformly high standard that it is not easy to select any one day's work which stands out to a marked degree from the others.</p> <p>The following short account of the work he has done in the course of the last 4 flying days is quoted as an example of many others of a similar nature :-</p> <p><u>29.9.18.</u> Attacked a convoy of 10 horse-drawn vehicles and six saddle horses in the neighbourhood of LE MAISNIL.- 1 direct hit obtained on a wagon, several vehicles upset, horses stampeded in every direction. Attacked 2 motor lorries near FLEURBAIX, forcing one into a ditch, where it turned over.</p> <p><u>1.10.18.</u> In the course of 2 flights he bombed PIGNES station and WICRES railway station, obtaining direct hits in each case on the track. He also attacked a barge on the canal near OIGNES, caused confusion and casualties amongst 2 gun teams and guns on a road near LA MITERIE (6 horses were observed to fall), and stampeded horse transport on roads between FROMELLES and BADINGHEM. Finally he attacked a balloon near FOURKES, forcing the Observers to jump out.</p>	(Sd) E.R. LUDLOW-HEWITT, Brigadier General, Commanding 10th Brigade, R. A. F.	DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.	
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