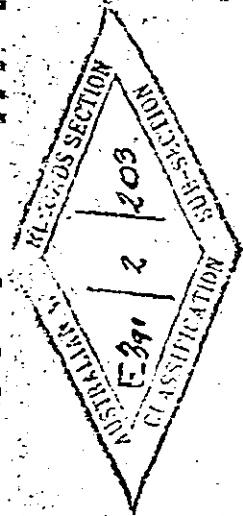


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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	"B" Company 30th Battalion, A.I.F. (Infantry)	2085	Private (Lance-Corporal) VICTOR Leslie LANCASTER	<p>On the night of the 22/23rd June 1918 during a raid on the enemy lines in the MOR- LANGCOURT Sector, I/Cpl Lancaster was in charge of the Lewis Gun covering the left flank and did splendid work in the face of galling fire.</p> <p>The lower portion of his jaw was shot away by a bomb which burst in his face, but despite this, and the fact that he was unable to speak, he stuck to his gun with a rigid determination and courage, in covering the return of the others and the work of the rescuing parties until forced to give up from weakness and loss of blood; he then handed the gun over to his No 2, and refused to allow any of the team to assist him to return to our line.</p> <p>The action of this M.C.O. in continuing to work his gun was of the greatest assistance under most difficult and trying circumstances, to the return of the raiders.</p> <p>This M.C.O. has always set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty, and excelled himself in this instance, which may yet result in the sacrifice of his life.</p> <p>Strength of raiding party - 2 Officers, and 66 other ranks.</p>	<p>Lieut-Colonel Commanding 30th Battalion, A. I. F.</p>	VICTORIA CROSS	

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