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1st Australian Division. Australian 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)
206371	8th Battalion Australian Imperial Force.	2742	Private Robert Matthew BEATHAN.	<p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the attack north of ROSIERES on 9/8/1918. Pte. BEATHAN showed such heroism and courage that he inspired all officers and men in his vicinity in a wonderful manner. When the advance was held up by heavy machine gun fire, Pte. BEATHAN dashed forward and assisted by one man bombed and fought the crews of four enemy machine guns, killing ten of them and capturing ten others.</p> <p>The bravery of the action was greatly facilitated the advance of the whole Battalion and prevented casualties.</p> <p>In fighting the crew of the first gun he was shot through the right leg but continued in the advance.</p> <p>When the final objective was reached and fierce fighting taking place, he again dashed forward and bombed the machine gun that was holding our men off, getting riddled with bullets and killed in doing so.</p> <p>His heroism and self-sacrifice were not in vain and as his bombs knocked out the enemy machine gun our men were enabled to advance.</p>	<p>G.O. 8th Bn. A.I.F.</p> <p><i>G. Mackell Lt. Col.</i></p>	V.C.	VC

Recommended
G. Sawle
GENERAL
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Sept 22/1918.

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Major-General,
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GENERAL COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS

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