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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.2 Squadron  Australian Flying Corps.		Captain Adrian Trevor COLE, H.C.	No.2 A.F.C., led by Captain COLE, left the aerodrome at 5.45 on the 7th October, 1918, and carried out a most successful low-flying raid upon the railway lines and stations to the East of LILLE. The success of the attack was largely due to the cool and determined leadership of Capt. A.T. COLE, and I attribute the lack of casualties in the raiding party (only 1 Officer being slightly wounded) to the methodical manner in which Captain COLE collected and re-organised the machines after the raid, leading them back to the lines in formation at a low altitude. Captain COLE himself attacked a Goods train from 100 ft., and secured a direct hit with one of his bombs on the engine. Later he attacked a Pullman train full of enemy troops, dropping his bomb from 200 ft; he then attacked the troops who were pouring out of the train with machine gun fire, causing a very large number of casualties. While circling round noting the progress and results of the raid, he observed a large farm with the courtyard full of transport, horses and troops. Diving, he dropped his final bomb which burst in the centre of the yard. While waiting for the other machines to complete their work, he fired at and silenced a number of Flaming Onion and A.A. batteries, machine gun posts, etc. Captain COLE has been serving with No.2 A.F.C. in the Field since 25.5.18, and during that period has destroyed 4 hostile machines.	(Sd) E.R. LUDLOW-	HEWITT, Brigadier General, Commanding 10th Brigade, R.A.F.	DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.
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