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Schedule No.	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name	Action for which commended	Recommended By	Honour or Award
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M. Branch  
H.Q.  
EIGHTH  
ARMY.  
ADMS

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WS/Major  
(T/Lt.Col.)  
SIXSMITH,

Hugh Leonard William.  
M.B.E. RANG. (EC)

As my deputy and operational Staff Officer the brunt of the preparation for this campaign has fallen upon him. His skilful and untiring detailed planning has resulted in the success of the difficult medical operations concerned with the landings, and the subsequent operations which resulted in driving the enemy out of SICILY. His foresight and quick action in rapidly changing situations has relieved me of much work at a very harassing time. I have confidently left much in his hands, knowing full well that it would be efficiently performed. His coolness in adversity and his cordial relations with all the staff have enabled everything to work smoothly.

He has never hesitated to undertake journeys by air, land and sea, at a moment's notice to "tie up" all arrangements; while as a Staff Officer he has been a tower of strength, and when things have looked their blackest he has always cheerfully shouldered the heaviest responsibility.

The success of the Medical administration of the EIGHTH Army in SICILY is undoubtedly due to his skill and energetic handling of many difficult situations. I could not have wished for a better Staff Officer and cannot praise his work too highly.

*Handwritten:* H.C.W.  
M.S.  
O.B.E.  
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R. PHILLIPS,  
DEAC EIGHTH ARMY.

28 Aug 43

(Sgd) D. L. Montgomery  
Gen  
G.O.C. 8 Army.

W. H. G. A. B. R. P. R. T.  
D. H. G. R. T. R. P. R. T.

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Previous awards

M. B. E. 18.2.43 (M.E.)

Awarded O.B.E.  
L.G. 23.3.44

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