





DECORATIONS AND AND AWARDS FOR VALOUR AND GOOD SERVICE 29<sup>TH</sup> CANADIAN ARMOURED RECONNAISSANCE REG'T



**The South Alberta Regiment** 



# Victoria Cross (VC)

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For most conspicuous bravery or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour Or self-sacrifice or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy.





#### THE VICTORIA CROSS

#### THE OFFICIAL CITATION FOR THE V.C. AWARDED TO MAJOR DAVID VIVIAN CURRIE 29<sup>TH</sup> CDN ARMOURED RECCE. REGIMENT (THE SOUTH ALBERTA REGIMENT)

On 18<sup>th</sup> August 1944 C Sqn of the 29<sup>th</sup> Cdn Arm'd Recce Regt with, under Command, B Coy Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada and one Troop of 17 Pounder A/Tk guns (SP) was ordered to advance to St.Lambert sur Dives to cut the Chambois-Trun escape route. This would materially assist in closing the Falaise pocket. Major D.V. Currie was in command of this force, the strength of which was 175 all ranks, fifteen tanks and four self propelled A/Tk.guns.

By 2000 hrs the armoured element of the force, moving in advance of the infantry, had reached the outskirts of the village where it was engaged by strong enemy forces. The two leading Tanks had entered St Lambert but had been knocked out by 88mm Guns. Their crews were unable to get out of the village. Major Currie realized that only by immediate infantry attack could the village be captured that night and, and since the supporting infantry had not yet arrived, requested permission to dismount his squadron and attack the enemy position on foot. This request was not granted. At last light Major Currie was given permission to proceed into the village to reconnoiter the enemy defences and to extricate the crews of the disabled tanks. Although his approach route was under heavy mortar fire, he proceeded into the village on foot through the enemy outposts, made his reconnaissance and personally directed the evacuation of the tank crews and remained until they were clear and then returned to his headquarters.

On his return the supporting infantry and anti-tank guns had arrived, and Major Currie visited their positions to co-ordinate their defenses and resite their weapons to cover all possible enemy approaches to his position. He then reported to his commanding officer and was ordered to attack the village at first light the following morning

At 0535 hours 19 Aug. ten minutes before the attack was to start, he was advised that the expected artillery support would not be available since the guns were out of Never the less Major Curric personally led the attack in the face of intense opposition by enemy armour, artillery and infantry and by noon succeeded in reaching a point approximately half-way into the village. Here, realizing his attack was losing it's impetus in the face of increasing enemy reinforcements he decided to consolidate this position before proceeding further. He organized the positions accordingly and again made a tour of weapon pits, gun sites and tanks encouraging the men by his calmness his sound orders and complete disregard for the numerical superiority of the enemy.

The enemy promptly counter attacked this position but so skillfully had Major Curric's defence been organized that the attack was repulsed with severe casualties to the enemy. During the following 36 hours a series of further counter-attacks was mounted on his defence positions. Although these attacks increased in strength and ferocity throughout the period, they were successively beaten off in very heavy fighting by stubborn resistance of Major Currie's force.

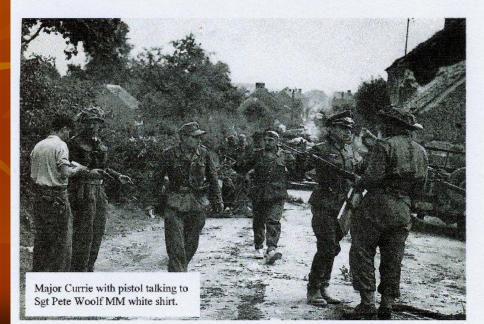
At dusk on 20<sup>th</sup> August from the Squadron position, enemy infantry could be seen massing for an attack which later proved to be the final effort on the enemy's part. Major Currie personally sited one troop of tanks to engage this force and directed their fire so effectively that the attack was never mounted. The destruction of this attacking was the turning point in the action. During the morning of 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 800 all ranks from this force alone surrendered: by noon the German morale was broken and Major Currie's force had completed the capture of the village. As a result Trun-Chambois escape route was completely denied to the remnants of two German armies.

During this action Major Curric's force accounted for 7 Tanks destroyed, two, probably destroyed, at least 12-88mm and other guns destroyed, 40 armored and other vehicle destroyed as well approx, 500 enemy wounded, 300 enemy killed and over 2100 prisoners of war.

Throughout the three days action Major Currie's conduct and self sacrifice were a magnificent example to all ranks of the force under his command. On one occasion he personally directed the fire of his command tank on to a Tiger tank which had been harassing his position and succeeded in knocking it out. During another attack, while the guns of his command tank were taking on other targets at longer ranges he used a rifle from the turret to deal with individual sniper who had infiltrated to within 50 yard of his HQ. On the one occasion when reinforcements \were able to get through to his force, he led the 40 men forward into their positions and explained the importance of their task as part of the defense. When, during the next attack these new reinforcements withdrew under the intense fire brought down by the enemy, he personally collected them and led them forward into position again, where, inspired by his leadership they held for the remainder of the battle period. His employment of his artillery support which became available after his original attack went in, was typical of his cool calculation of the risk involved in every situation. At one time, despite the fact that short rounds were falling within 15 Yds of his own tank, he ordered fire from medium artillary to continue because effect upon the attacking enemy in his immediate area.

During this operation the casualties to Major Currie's force were very heavy. However, he never considered the possibility of failure or allow it to enter the minds of his men. In the word of one of his non commissioned officers, we new at one stage that it was going to be a fight to the finish but he was so cool about it, it was impossible for us to get excited. Since all the officers under his command were either killed or wounded during the action he had virtually no respite from his duties and in fact, obtained only one hour's sleep during the entire period. Never the less he did not permit his fatigue to become apparent to his troops and throughout the action took every opportunity to visit weapon pit and other defensive posts to talk to his men, to advise them as to the best use of their weapons and to cheer them with words of encouragement. When his force was finally relieved and he was satisfied that the turnover was complete, he fell asleep on his feet and collapsed. There can be no doubt that the success of this force's attack on and stand against, the enemy at St.Lambert-sur-Dives can only be attributed to this officer coolness, inspired leadership and skillful use of the limited weapons at his disposal.

The courage and complete disregard for personal safety shown by Major Currie will for ever be an inspiration to his regiment: his conspicuous bravery and extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy an example to the Canadian Army for all time.



# **Bronze Star Medal**

**3-13. Bronze Star Medal** 

a. The Bronze Star Medal was established by Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (superseded by Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962).

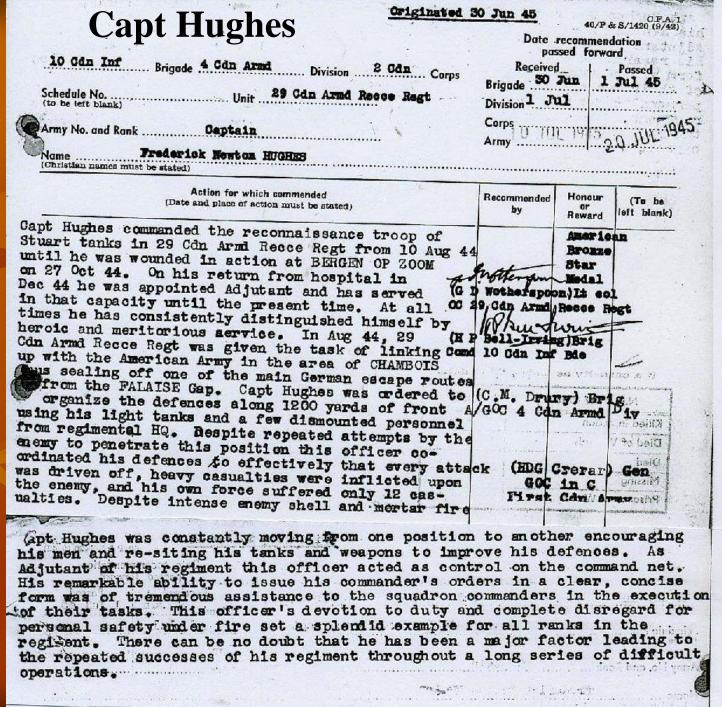
b. The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States after 6 December 1941, distinguished himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against an armed enemy; or while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

c. Awards may be made for acts of heroism, performed under circumstances described above, which are of lesser degree than required for the award of the Silver Star.

d. The Bronze Star Medal may be awarded for meritorious achievement or meritorious service according to the following:

(1) Awards may be made to recognize single acts of merit or meritorious service. The lesser degree than that required for the award of the Legion of Merit must nevertheless have been meritorious and accomplished with distinction. (2) Award may be made by letter application to Commander, ARPERCEN, ATTN: DARP-VSE-A, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200 (enclosing documentary evidence, if possible), to each member of the Armed Forces of the United States who after 6 December 1941, has been cited in orders or awarded a certificate for exemplary conduct in ground combat against an armed enemy between 7 December 1941 and 2 September 1945, inclusive, or whose meritorious achievement has been other wise confirmed by documents executed prior to 1 July **1947.** For this purpose, an award of the Combat Infantryman Badge or Combat Medical Badge is considered as a citation in orders. Documents executed since 4 August 1944 in connection with recommendations for the award of decorations of higher degree than the Bronze Star Medal will not be used as the basis for an award under this paragraph.

(3) Upon letter application, award of the Bronze Star Medal may be made to eligible soldiers who participated in the Philippine Islands Campaign between 7 December 1941 to 10 May 1942. Performance of duty must have been on the island of Luzon or the Harbor Defenses in Corregidor and Bataan. Only soldiers who were awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation (Presidential Unit Citation) may be awarded this decoration. Letter application should be sent to the Commander, ARPERCEN, ATTN: DARP-VSE-A, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200.



## **Croix de Guerre**

Croix de Guerre (War Cross 1914-1918) Probably the best known French decoration, this cross was awarded to all those who were mentioned in dispatchessince the outbreak of war (2 August 1914). It was instituted on 8 April 1915 as an outward recognition for being mentioned in the order of the day of an army, corps, division, brigade or batallion. Award of the Legion of Honour for valour displayed on the field or of the Military Medal automatically brought entitlement to the War Cross.



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Sgt Prenevost landed in this Theatre with his regt and was in charge of a tank in the recce troop of the regt for the Mhole period of operations in FRANCE. During the period 18 - 22 Aug 44, 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt held the high ground between TRUN and CddMBOIS covering one of the main escape rences from the FALAISE pocket. Sgt Prenevost was in command of two Stuart tanks vtich had been detailed to hold a 200 yard front against enemy penetration. For three days and nights this small force fought off repeated attacks and inflicted severe casualties upon the enemy. On the third day the other tank was knocked out and the ferocity of enemy small arms fire. Sgt Prenevost left his tank, engaged the enemy with a machine gun and succeeded in driving to permit the crew of the disabled tank to evacu occasions during this engagement, this NCO le of his tank in order to deal with the enemy of Throughout this operation and numerous other has shown outstanding ability and courage in early information about enemy strengths and e and complete dic regard for personal safety shows of times been a splendid example to all ranks of	(J C Jefra Cond 10 Cd. (C.Vokes) M GOC 4 Cdn A Shem far en mate. On the eft the relinfantry ef engagement his task o lisposition hown by thi	a <b>sith</b> <b>BRONZE</b> <b>STAR</b> robe)Bria n Inf Bac a <b>j</b> -Gen rmd Div ougn away his and c ative saf fectively s, Sgt Fr f providi s. The J s NCO has	ther ety enevost ng eadership

## Military Medal (MM)

The medal is awarded to Warrant Officers, noncommissioned officers and men for individual or associated acts of bravery on the recommendation of a Commander-in-Chief in the field.

Bar

The silver, laurelled bar is awarded for a subsequent act or acts of bravery and devotion under fire. Description

A circular, silver medal, 1.42 inches in diameter. Obverse

King George V: A bareheaded effigy, in Field Marshal's uniform, facing left, and the legend: GEORGEIVS V BRITT: OMN: REX ET IND: IMP:



#### Tpr. Devreker 40/P & S/1420 (3080) Date recommendation 10 Cdn. Inf Brigade 4 Cdn. Armd Division 2 Cdn. Corps passed forward Originated 28 Sep 44 Schedule No. ..... Unit 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt. Division3 Oct 7 Oct (to be left blank) Carps 7. Oct. 44 10. Oct Army No. and Rank ...... A-105460. Trooper. Army12.Oct. 44.20. Oct. 44 DEVREKER Albert Name ..... CECH M. WILLS. (Christian names must be stated) Alter the Action for which commended Honour Recommended Sec. in 1 (To be (Date and place of action must be stated) or by left blank) Reward On 10 Sep 44, 29 Cdn.Armd Recce Regt was part of a M. M. force which had est a brhead over the canal at (ILMEDIATR( MOERBRUGGE, Belgium. Tpr.Devreker was a member of the crew of a tk which was knocked out by a German Sgd. 2 4t.Col. A/Tk projector. The members of the crew although badly burned were able to escape with the exception Sgd. H.W.Foster, Maj.Gen. of one member who had been seriously wounded. Tpr. GOC 4 Cdn. Armd Div. Devreker although suffering great pain from burns got this soldier out of the tk and carried him Sgc.C.Foulkes, Maj.Gen. wrough ditches towards the main regt posn. On the T/Comd 2 Cdr.Corps way the party was under hy shell fire and enemy inf were so close that Tpr. Devreker using a pistol Sgd.G.G.Simonds, Lt.Gen. personally shot and killed two Germans and captured A/GOC-in-C five others. Tpr.Devreker's determination, bravery First Canadian Army and complete disregard for his personal safety undoubtedly saved the life of at least one member Sgd.B.L.Montgomery, Fd.Msl. of his crew and served as an inspiration to all C.-in-C.21 Army Group. ranks of the regt.

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Tpr Forbes <sup>Or</sup> page 1 16 -er 45 10 Cdn. Inf. Brigade 4.5dn. Armd Division.2. Schedule NoUnit 29 Cdn. Armd. Reed (S Alta R) Army No. and Rank F-45980 Tpr. Name James Floyd FORBES (Christian names sust be stated)	Can. Corps I Receive Receive 17 Mar Brigad Divisio Corps	d forwa nitiated 1 ed pas 45 22 1 e	ard 8 Mar., 1945 85 ed Mar 45 0 3, 17 46 MAY 4 3
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aslt on the heavily def houses which were their objectives. Tpr Forbes acting on his own initiative, org the remaining two members of his crew into a small see and led them into the attack with the inf and throughout the action displayed great daring and bravery. The attack, due to lack of numbers and hy cas, was pushed back by the enemy but Tpr Forbes returned for his browning and throughout the remainder of the day and following norming, he gave valuable sp to the beleagured inf in the def of their posn. Relief by inf and the finally arrived on the afternoon of 9 Mar 45 and Tpr Forbes was evac to his unit. Throughout this important engageof duty. His personal bravery and determination was an inspiration to all supporting.

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## Cpl. Haddow

<u>10 Cdn Inf<sub>Brigade</sub> <u>4 Cdn Armd Division</u> <u>2 Cdn</u> <u>Corps</u> <u>Schedule No.</u><u>Unit 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt</u> (to be left blank) <u>Army No. and Rank</u> <u>145513 Corporal</u> <u>Name</u> <u>Arthur HADDOW</u> (Christian names must be stated)</u>	Receive Brigade .10 Division 16 Corp23Se Army27Se	Sep 44 Sep 44 p 44 2	Passed 14 21 S 6. S.e
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On 8 Aug 44 at GRAINVILIE LAR'AND OP Haddow Was wireless operator in a tk which was immobi- lized by an enemy 88 ma gun. The crew comd who was also tp comd ordered the crew to bail out an remain near the tk until assistance arrived whil he took over another tk. Cpl Haddow assumed cond of the crew and shortly after led them through intense mortar and shell fire back to the immobilized tk where he re-established comms and manned the guns to assist the Inf fwd. During the entire period his tk was in full view of enemy guns. After dark Cpl Haddow directed the repair of the tk track and then brough the tk back to the son harbour. As a result of Cpl Haddow's leadership and complete disregard for personal safety his tk was able to provide effect tive assistance to the inf towards the sudcess- ful attack on their objective.	Sgd. d CO 29 C .e Sgd. Comd 10 Sgd. H.4 GOC 4 Cd Sgd. G.0 Sgd. G.0 Sgd. G.0	ARR ? CIB . Foste n Armd . Simon dn Corp . Simon -C Firs d Monta	-Col Bri Div ds L s ds, st Cd

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On the morning of 22 Aug 44 in St Lambert-Sur- Dives the tk of which Cpl Ottenbreit was the gun- ner was hit and put out of action. He was not wounded and when he evecuated from the tk was captured from the enemy. He escaped within 15 mins and worked his way back to his tp through intense mortar, shell and MG fire both from the enemy and our own guns and tks. On his own ini- tiative he took over a tk of which the crew comd had been wounded. He then established communi- cations and reported to his tp leader. He fought this tk until it was destroyed by enemy fire_24_	Sgd. CO 29 Sgd. Cond 10	? CIB	Lt-Col Brig er. Maj-Ger
hrs later. During this period enemy mortar and arty fire was very hy and snipers and enemy inf were continueusly active within 15 feet of his th Upon this tk's destruction he successfully eva- cuated members of the crew armed with their per- sonal weapons and continued to comd them dis- mounted for the following two days of the op.	GOC 2 Co Sgd. B.I Field C-in-C.	n Corp Mont Marsh 21 Arm	W to beiQ comery- 1 osig
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DURING THE OPERATION TO SILLE THE HOCHWALD GAP, 3 TP, B. SQN, WAS IN SUPPORT OF 'C' COY, ALQ R. THE NIGHT OF FEBRY. 27TH. THEY MOVED DOWN FROM THE HIGH GROUND EAST OF KATZEN B AND ACROSS THE FLATS TO SCHOLTENHOF UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS. WHEN THEY REACHED THIS POINT DAWN BROKE AND THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY ENGAGED BY AY T GUNFIRE, THE TROOP LEADERS TANK WAS KNUCKED OUT AND SGT. FREEMAN IMMEDIATELY TOOK OVER COMMAND. HE WAS PINNED IN AMONG THE BUILDINGS FOR THE ENTIRE DAY AND UNLY BY CONSTANT MANEDUVER AND FIRE WAS HE ABLE TO SAVE HIS TROOP.

THAT NIGHT UNDER GOVER OF DARKNESS HE MOVED UP TO A POSITION JUST BELOW THE GAP. ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 1ST. MOVED UP UNTO THE CREST TO REINFORGE 4 TP AGAINST AN ENEMY COUNTER ATTACK OF TIGER AND PANTHER TANKS AND SPS. DURING THE BATTLE HIS OWN TANK WAS HIT THREE TIMES CREASING AND CRACKING THE TURRET ONCE, TEARING AWAY HIS RATION BOX A SECOND TIME, AND THE STOWAGE OF HIS REAR DECK THE THIRD. NEVER= THE LESS HE STAYED IN AND WITH THE AID OF ANOTHER TANK SUCCEEDED IN DESTROYING AN ENEMY TANK AND HELPING BREAK UP THE ATTACK.

TWO DAYS LATER UNMARCH 3RD AT NABERSHON IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET TANKS OVER THE CREST AND INFURMATION QN ROUTES WAS NEEDED. SGT. FREEMAN WENT FORWARD ON FOOT AND WHILE FREQUENTLY UNDER SMALL ARM FIRE FOUND A WAY THROUGH THE MINEFIELD AND WAS ABLE TO GIVE A REPORT ON THE ROUTE TO THE NEXT OBJECTIVE.

THIS N.C.O. HAS BEEN INACTION SINCE THE UNIT LANDED AND AT ALL TIMES HAS LEAD HIS MEN WITH THE GREATEST SKILL AND DETERMINATION. HE HAS TAKEN OVER ON MANY OCCASIONS, HIS TROOP, ALWAYS WITH THE DARING AND DETERMINATION WHICH CHARACTERIZED HIS ACTIONS IN THIS ENGAGEMENT. I RECOMMEND SGT. FREEMAN FOR THE IMMEDIATE AWARD OF THE M. M.

> (A.F. COFFIN) MAJOR AY COMMANDING OFFICER 29 CDN. ARMD. RECCE REGT. (S ALTA R)

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On 18 Sep 44 Sgt.Halkyard was in cond of a recce patrol of two light tks which had been ordered to determine wheter enemy tps were located in RIEME MR 2493 NORTH OF GHENT. H e completed this task and reported back. Then, on his own initiative, having no further orders, he proceeded to recce the area for other posns. He spotted one enemy A Tk gun which was engaged and destroyed. He then recced well fwd along the route by which the enemy were withdrawing and finally contacted their twd posns and engaged them until his supporting if arrived. His task having been completed he as then ordered to recce the route being used by the A & S H of C in their adv upon SAS VAN GENT.	<sup>S</sup> gd.J. Sgd.H. GO	M.M. (IMMED) 29 C.A.I C.Jeffers W.Foster,	Lieut. <sup>C</sup> ol. R.R. son, Brig. <sup>Maj.Gen.</sup>

This task was carried out and the patrol succeeded Sgd.B.L.Montgomery,Fd.Msl. in locating several rd blocks, one A Tk gun and two C.-in-C.21 Army Group. with in the direction of a railway gun which had been reported. His approach was so skillfully carried out

that the enemy gun crew was caught unprepared and was wiped out. Shortly after completion of this final task one of his tks was hit and put of action by an 88 mm shell. With complete disregard forhis own safety Sgt.Kalkyard personally under fire hooked a tow chain on the disabled tk and succeeded in towing it back to a safe posn where it could be repaired. The initiative and courage shown by this NCO were an inspiration to the members of his patrol and resulted in infm being passed to the inf which had a marked effect upon the successful capture of all objectives and result ant-hy cas inflicted upon the enemy during the day's ops.

Sgt. Roulston 40/P & S/1420 (3080) Date recommendation passed forward 10 Cdn Inf. Brigade 4 Cdn Armd Division 2 Cdn Corps Originated Brigade JON CACI Division (to be left blank) Corps Army No. and Rank ...... M45515....Cpl ... (A/Sgt.) Army (Christian names must be stated) Honour Action for which commended Recommended (To be (Date and place of action must be stated) or by left blank) Reward On 14 Oct 44"A" Son 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt was Adwitin mediate engaged in holding a sector surrounding ERECHT. MM Albor The regt was under could 2 Cdn Inf Div and It'soc 24 CA Recod Regt main task was to hold the right flank of the div, gain infm about the enemy and prevent the enemy from obtaining any identification of tps on our own front. Sgt Roulston was a crew comd in a tk 'o Cd which was engaged in probing enemy posns when his th was disabled by an enemy inf anti-tk projector. Although mortar shells were falling within 50 yds Of the the Sgt Roulston with complete disregard for h his personal safety arranged and successfully Foster (H.W Carried out the recovery of his own tk. "Thile his Maj-Gen nnam tk was being recovered a second tk was hit GOC 4 Cdm and tunamananderi the crew was for wed to leave the Armd DIV tk and two wounded men within the enemy's lines. Sgt Roulston realized the importance of recovering the tk and crew in order to prevent the identifica-GGG Simonds) tion of the regt by the enemy and volunteered to gb Lt-Gen back and get them out. Accompanied by one tpr Cond 2 ddn Cords he proceeded on foot through hy shell and mortar Nov 4 fire, reached the tk and after making minor repairs P.T.O. was able to start it and drive it back to his sqn area. The bravery and . ingenuity shown by this NGo prevented the enemy from gaining valuable infm, and undoubtedly saved the lives of two of his comrades. His. example was an inspiration to all ranks of the regt. B.L. Rondgauen SEd (HDG erar) Gen 4 FIELD N. GOO-in-C COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF First Con Army 21 ARMY GROUP.

VI Sgt. Woolf 10 Cdn Inf Brigade 4 Cdn Armd Division 2 Cdn Corr CAC Schedule No. Unit 29 Cdn Armid Recce Regt (to be left blank) (S Alta R) 'rmy No. and Rank M49001 Sergeant Garth Leavitt WOOLF CAC Name (Christian names must be stated)	10/2 & S/1420 (5918) Date recommendation passed forward ps. Origins ted 26 Jun 45 Brigade 27. Jun 88. Jun 45 Divisi 39 Jun Corps 5. Jul JUL 1.9
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every occasion he has displayed outstanding gallant and devotion to duty. During the battle to close ( the FAIAISE Gap in Aug 44, this NCO spent four sleepless days and nights convoying rations, petrol and ammunition forward to the leading coys along roads that were constantly subject to intense enemy	M M C 29 Cdr Armd Recce Regt FY H F Bell-Irving)Brig ond 10-Cdn Inf Bde (C.M. Drury) Brig A GCC 4 Cdr Armd Div (G G Sinords)Lt Gen Cold 2 Cdn Corrs Jul 45

the BRUGGE-GHENT canal at MOERBRUGGE, Belgium. To achieve the most effective fire he led his tank forward to a powition between two houses within 50 yards of the canal. From here he engaged the enemy so effectively that his position became the target for a large part of the enemy artillery. Despite the fact that the houses on both sides were completely demolished and his own tank was nearly hit several times he refused to withdraw and remained in this position engaging enemy strong points until the bridgehead was firmly established. On these, and every other occasion during a long series of difficult operations, Sgt Woolf has shown leadership and complete disregard for personal safety of the highest order. His initiative and bravery have been an inspiration to all ranks in his regt and in the infantry which he has supported.

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## Military Cross (MC)

The Military Cross can be awarded to commissioned officers of the substantive rank of Captain or below (therefore acting and temporary Majors are eligible) or Warrant Officers for distinguished and meritorious services in battle. In 1920, the terms were altered to clearly state the award was for gallant and distinguished services in action and that naval and air force officers could be awarded the cross for gallant and distinguished services on the ground.Description A plain silver cross, 1.75 inches across.

Obverse

On each arm of the cross is an Imperial Crown and in the centre of the cross is the Imperial and Royal Cypher of the reigning sovereign (GV, GVI, or EIIR).

Reverse

The reverse is plain with the year of the award engraved on the lower arm.Mounting

The ring welded to the top of the cross is joined to the plain

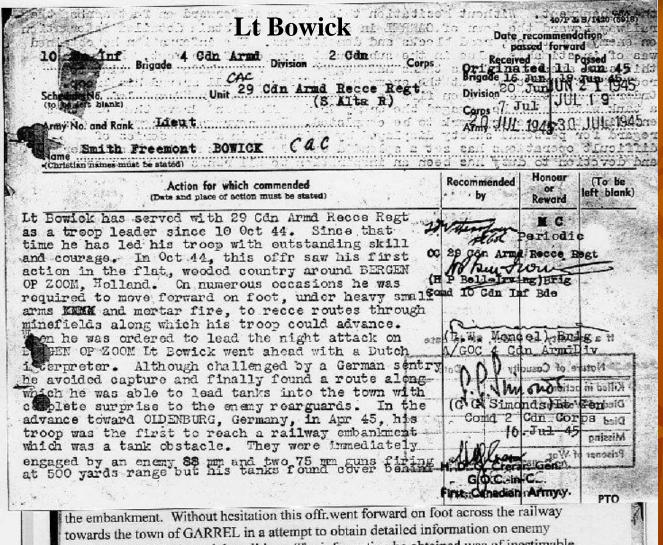
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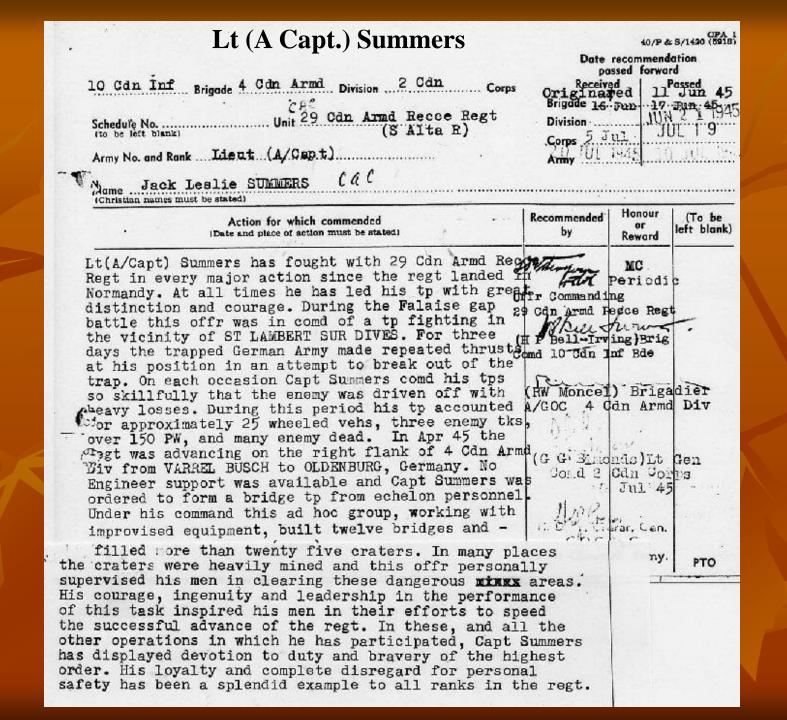
The Military Cross was established on 28 December 1915.





towards the town of GARREL in a attempt to obtain detailed information on enemy positions, road blocks and demolitions. The information he obtained was of inestimable value in the subsequent advance of the Regiment. Later on in this same area one of his tanks had bogged down and, while attempting to recover it he found that the enemy had infiltrated all around his troop. Ordering his tank to open fire he proceeded back to Sqn. HQ and led forward a tank with which he engaged the enemy from a flank and drove them off thus enabling the recovery work to be completed. The courage and complete disregard for personal safety display by this offr. In a long series of difficult operations has set a splendid example for his Regt. His leadership and devotion to duty has been an inspiration to all ranks under his command.

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## **Distinguished Service Order (DSO)**

The order was established for rewarding individual instances of meritorious or distinguished service in war. This is a military order for officers only, and while normally given for service under fire or under conditions equivalent to service in actual combat with the enemy, it was awarded between 1914 and 1916 under circumstances which could not be regarded as under fire. After 01 January 1917, commanders in the field were instructed to recommend this award only for those serving under fire. Prior to 1943, the order could be given only to someone Mentioned-in-Dispatches. The order is generally given to officers in command, above the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and awards to ranks below this are usually for a high degree of gallantry just short of deserving the Victoria Cross.

Bars

A bar is awarded for an act which would have earned the order in the first place. The bar is plain gold with an Imperial Crown in the centre. The year of the award is engraved on the reverse.

Description

A gold cross, enamelled gold and edged in gold.

**Obverse** 

In the centre, within a wreath of laurel, enamelled green, the Imperial Crown in gold upon a red enamelled ground.



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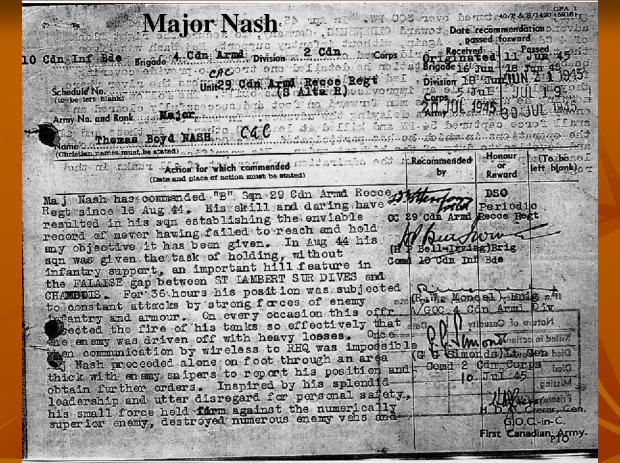
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Maj. (A/LtCol.) Coffin has served with the 10<sup>th</sup> Cdn Inf. Bde during the

entire period the bde has been in action. His service, both as second in command of the 29th Cdn Arm'd Recce Regt (SAR) and as commander A & S.H. has been worthy of the highest praise. In Feb 1945 during the battle through the Hochwald Gap, to the west bank of the Rhine this offr was acting commander of the 29th Armd Recce Regt. During the entire operation he was constantly with tactical HQ of the leading battalion. Despite intense mortar and shell fire, he controlled his squadrons with such skill and daring that, even though the ground was almost impassable for tanks, the forward troop were never without arm'd support. In Apr 1945 this offr assumed command of the A & S H of C shortly before the battalion crossed the strongly defended Kusten canal in Germany. .Although inexperienced as a infantry officer. Lt Col Coffin controlled the difficult series of operations prior to cessation of hostilities, with outstanding skill and bravery. Even during the most intense fighting this offr was constantly with the leading Coys ... His calm manner and complete disregard for his own safety set a splendid example for all ranks in his battalion. there is no doubt that this Offr has been a major factor in the consistent operations of both Regts with which he has served. His leadership and bravery under fire has been an inspiration to all ranks under his command

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Guns, and captured over 300 PW. In Apr 1945, the Regt was ordered to Advance from GARREL towards OLDENBURG, Germany, to secure the right flank of 4<sup>th</sup> Cdn Armd Div. Again without infantry support, Maj Nash was given the task of seizing a bridgehead over a small river to enable a bridge to be built. Without hesitation he detailed one troop to provide covering fire and at last light, led two dismounted troops across the river where they held firm while a improvised bridge was built. The following morning he again led his men forward on foot and successfully cleared an enemy position which was delaying the advance. In this operation his small force captured 54 PW and killed at least 30 others. In these and all the operations in which he has participated, this offr has displayed courage and devotion to duty of the highest order. His magnificent daring and leadership have earned him the admiration and respect of all ranks in the regt.

## **Croix de guerre with siver star**

This decoration was established by the French Republic on April 8, **1915** to commemorate individual Mentions in Despatches. The cross is awarded to soldiers, airmen or sailors or all ranks, officers included, and also to officers and men of Allied forces, mentioned in French Despatches, for an individual feat of arms mentioned in a **Despatch from the general officer commanding an Army, Army** Corps, Division, Brigade or the C.O. of a regiment or the corresponding unit of Naval forces. The different classes of despatches for which a recipient was awarded the cross may be recognized by the following emblems on the ribbon: Army Despatch - small bronze laurel branch (Palme en bronze); Army Corps **Despatch - silver gilt star; Divisional Despatch - silver star; Brigade, Regimental or similar Unit Despatch - bronze star. Every mention is** represented by its emblem, thus a man can wear the cross with a silver star and a bronze palm. For every five bronze palms he gets instead a silver palm. The award of the Légion d'Honneur carries with it a Croix de Guerre avec Palme.

The ribbon is green ribbed with black and has seven red stripes.

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Lt G.E.Irving commanded a troop of 29 Cdn Arm Recce Regt during the entire period the regt was in FRANCE. On 18 Aug 44, his troop was holding a front of 300 yards breadth along the enemy escape route between TRUN and ST IAMBER L t Irving deployed his small force with such skill that, although the enemy attacked the times during the next 36 hrs, access to this sector was denied. During one of these attack the enemy infantry infiltrated the position are one of our tanks was knocked out by a tank her. Realizing the danger of further loss is inving dismounted and personally led the party which stalked the enemy and succeeded in clearing the sector. His coolness and courage so inspired the men under his command that subsequent an enemy attacks were thrown back and heavy casualties inflicted upon the enemy. Later in the campaign, while his troop was supporting the Line & Welld R in their crossin of the SEINE at CRIQUEBORUF SUR SEINE, it was	OC CA Recce R (J C Jeffer Comd 10 Cd (C.)Vokes) GOC 4 Cdn A	CROIN DE CUERHE VILL SILVES STAR	
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## THE BRONZE LION (NETHERLAND)

Instituted on 30 March 1944 this gallantry award ranks next to the Military Order of William and replaced, at the time, the Honourable Mention device . Military personnel, civilians and foreigners were eligible and subsequent awards were denoted by a numeral on the ribbon.

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Ranking just below the Bronze Lion, this decoration was established on 11 June 1940 for award to the military, to civilians or to foreigners for lesser acts of bravery. Again, subsequent awards were indicated by arabic numerals on the ribbon. The design stems from the 1830's "Metal Cross" (aka Hasselt Cross). The reverse shows the date "1940" and the arms are inscribed "TROUW AAN KONINGIN EN VADERLAND" (Loyalty to Queen and Fatherland). 8 December 194 5.

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### **Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM)**

The DCM was awarded to Warrant Officers, noncommissioned officers, and men, serving in any of the sovereign's military forces, for distinguished conduct in the field. It was thus the second highest award for gallantry in action (after the Victoria Cross) for all army ranks below commissioned officers and was available to navy and air force personnel also for distinguished conduct in the field.

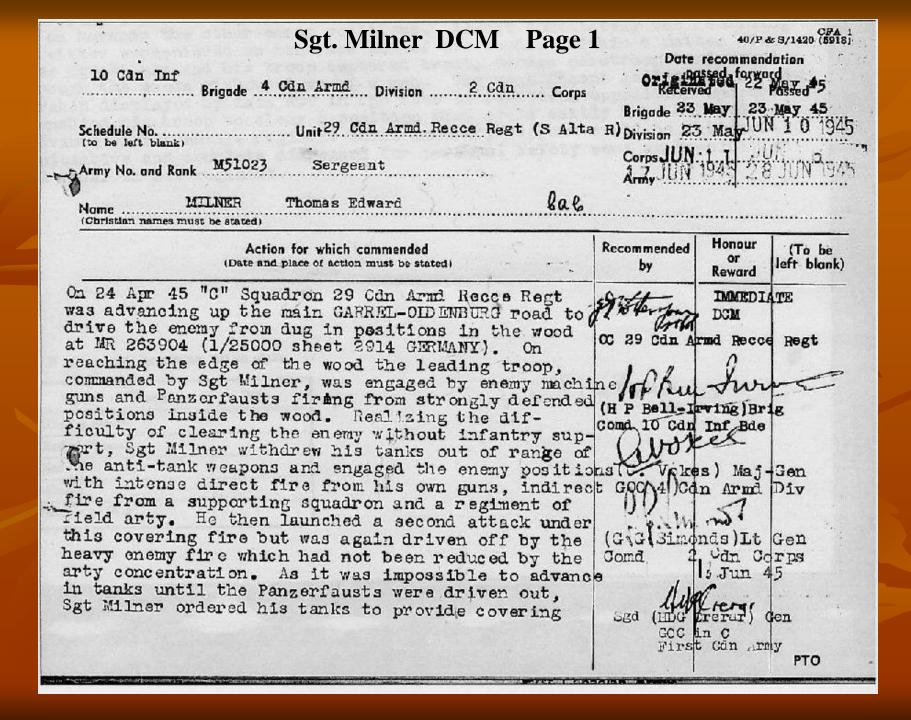
#### Bars

A silver, laurelled bar was awarded for a subsequent act or acts of distinguished conduct in the field.

#### **Description**

A circular, silver medal, 1.42 inches in diameter.





machine gun fire while he went forward alone on foot carrying a shell casing full of petrol, a Verey pistol and some phosphorus grenades. Moving directly under the supporting fire, he worked his way to the closest trench, poured the petrol into it and ignited it with the Verey pistol and a grenade. Two of the enemy immediately surrendered. Using these two as a screen Sgt Milner moved on towards the other enemy positions. Almost immediately the remaining enemy either surrendered or ran back out of the woods. Within a matter of minutes Sgt Milner and his troop captured twenty German paratroops and moved on through the woods without loss of a man. The magnificent gallantry and leadership displayed by this NCO in the face of fanatical opposition undoubte edly enabled his troop to clear a position that could easily have delayed the advance of his entire regiment until infantry support could be obtained. His initiative and complete disregard for personal safety were an inspiration to all ranks in his regiment.

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inf came under hy mortar and MG fire and were forced to vithdraw. During this action the tp leader, Lt Kennedy, was wounded by an enemy sniper and Tpr Broadbent, acting on his own initiative, took over comd of the tp. He successfully laid down cover-	Comd 10	ferson) Cdn Inf	
ing fire for the withdrawal of the inf, covered the other the out and finally withdraw his own th to evac It Kennedy to the inf RAP. His orders to his tp were clear and concise, and he had complete control of the	GOC 4 Cdn	Maj-Ge Armd D	Killed in Eliod of VI
situation at all times, despite the fact that he was constantly being sniped at from very close range. At	Ly-Gen-		Prisoner o
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#### Tpr. Broadbent DCM Page 2

12.5 0700 hrs Lt Hill came fwd to take over comd of the tp, and at 0800 hrs the inf made another attack, sp by the tks. Tpr Broadbent's tk came up over the dyke and he spotted enemy mov. Without hesitation he ordered the tk to halt, indicated the enemy to Lt Hill, and proceeded to engage them. Five prisoners were taken by the inf at this pt. Later interrogation of one PW, a S/Sgt; whose statement is att, proved that the alertness and initiative demonstrated by this OR resulted in the complete destruction of one enemy pl. Again hy mortar fire forced the inf to dig in two hundred yds short of the objective from which pt a further attack with inf, tks and flame throwers was planned to take place at 1430 hrs. Owing to a misunderstanding of orders, the flamethrower and one tk started the attack too soon. Lt Hill was out of his tk at inf HQ and tpr Broadbent was again in comd of the tp. He immediately contacted his sqn comd, explained the situation and was ordered to move fwd to give sp and keep the enemy down until the inf could be sent in. He took control of the tp and moved them fwd So effectively that the inf were able to follow along and firm up on the objective before last light. After dark the enemy put in a hy counter-attack and the pl on the objective was forced to ... withdraw. Tpr Broadbent, who had remained in comd of the tp when Lt Hill. became a cas, maint his the in posn, keeping up a covering fire in front of the posn, until the inf were clear. He then withdrew to a posn behind the dyke and continued to harrass the enemy posns. The following morning, when a new tp came fwd to take over the tks, Tpr Broadbent sent his men out, but remained behind to take the new offr around on foot and indicate all the known . enemy posns. Throughout this entire action Tpr Broadbent showed the greatest initiative and leadership. On three separate occasions he took over the to and

Nature of Casualty	Date.
Killed in action	
Died of Wounds	

comd it with such skill that severe losses were inflicted upon the enemy forces. The courage and complete disregard for personal safety shown by this OK was far beyond the call of

#### Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)

With WWI lasting longer than expected and no suitable way to reward services to the war effort by civilians at home and servicemen in support positions, King George V created another order with five levels. The first two levels confer knighthood, and since 1935, have not been available to anyone retaining Canadian **Citizenship.** The three levels - Commander, Officer and Member - have been available to Canadian citizens. The order could be given generously for services to the Empire at home. in India and in the Dominions and colonies. The order was created mainly to award non-combatant services to the war and was to include women, whom most existing orders excluded. When the order was created in 1917 it had only one division, but was divided into Civil and Military divisions in 1918. The order at any level can be awarded for gallantry as well as for service.

The order took an abrupt change in 1937 when the insignia and the colour of the ribbon were changed.



SILCOX, Albert Fhilips				E/Capt.	FILE NO 203 -38-105 ATT. S. ALTA R. C.C.S. 932	
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I recommend H/Capt A.P Silcox for the immediate award of the Military Cross

(G.D. Wotherspoon) Lt. Col.

**Commanding Officer** 

29th Cdn Arm'd Recce Regt.

(South Alberta Regiment)

NOTE: As the role of Padres in the Armed forces is Non-Combatant they were not eligible to receive the Military Cross. Padre Silcox was however awarded the Member Of The British Empire Medal (MBE)

#### H/CAPT. ALBERT PHILLIPE SILCOX- PADRE (P)

On 10 Aug 44 the Regiment was ordered to seize and hold the village of CHAMBOIS. At about 1800 hrs the Regimental HQ and one squadron, with infantry mounted on the tanks, was halted in the village of .Louvieres-en-Auge While one squadron was reconnoitring forward. One squadron of Spiefires of the RAF started to engage my Headquarters shortly after and two flights had bombed and strafed the headquarters and set fire to a vehicle from another formation a few yards away. A yellow recognition smoke was thrown and vehicles with allied recognition markings were in the open with no effect even to planes diving as low as 1000 Ft. H/Capt Silcox realizing the very great danger the force was in and that some means must be adopted to indicate that we were friendly troops ran to his medical vehicle through the centre of the fire of four Spitfires diving a few seconds apart, got out his Union Jack, ran back into the centre of the fire which was the most open spot-waving the Jack then held it down as a strong wind was blowing while another flight was forming up and during the attack of the first plane. The remainder of the flight on spotting the Jack did not fire although they dove in on the position. This very gallant act undoubtedly saved some vehicle and casualties. H/Capt Silcox continued to carry out his duties as assistant to the Medical Officer for the next three days on point 117 and the St Lambert-sur-Dives area going out to collect wounded through constant sniping and shell fire always with complete disregard for his own personal safety and his services were quite invaluable.

# Commander in Chief's Certificate

## Commander in Chief's Certificate Sgt Gove

St. Army Groups E CAC For Good Service t has been brought to my notice that you have performed outstanding good service, and shown great dovotion to duty. during the compaign in North West Europe. I award you this certificate as a taken of my appreciation, and I have given instructions that this shall be noted in your Record of Service. Jon Dgomery Tield Marshal

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFINCE ARMY

OTTAWA CANADA, May 2, 1946

John A. Forter Fsq., Porter's Garage, Medicine Hat Alberta.

Dear Sir:

I am directed to enclose herewith, Commander-in-Chief's Certificate, swarded to you for performing 'utstanding good service and showing great devotion to duty during the campaign in North West Furepe.

Would you please sign the enclosed receipt and forward same to this Headquarters in due course.

DESP. MAY 8 1946 REGN 9530

(A.C. Chadwick) Major, for Director of Records,

400 / S.T

Date 1 Jan 46



#### Sgt. J.A. Porter

It has been brought to my notice that you have performed outstanding good service, and shown great devotion to duty, during the occupation of Germany.

I award you this certificate as a token of my appreciation, and I have given instructions that this shall be noted in your Record of Service.

B.L. ( Zon Dgomery

Commander in Chief , British Army of the Rhine

Tield Marshal

## Commander in Chief's Certificate Sgt Porter



**MAJOR R. ROBINSON** 

LT. J. M. ROBERTS

SGT. J. E. ROLLINSON

STG. J. C. SMITH

SGT. G. W. WEBB

**RSM. (W01) JOHN MACKENZIE** 

# **Mentioned In Dispatches.**



 (1) The Insignia for Mention in Dispatches shall be awarded for valiant conduct, devotion to duty or other distinguished service that is recognized by Mention in Dispatches.
(2) The Insignia shall consist of a bronze oak leaf.



By the KING'S Order the name of Corporal Stanley Thomas Rose, Royal Canadian Annoured Corps, was published in the London Gazette on 4 April, 1946, as mentioned in a Despatch for distinguished service. I am charged to record His Majesty's high appreciation.

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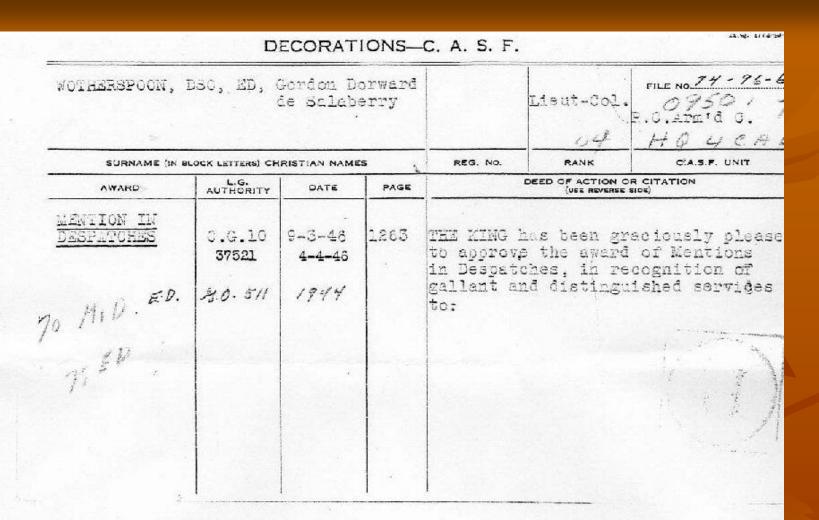
Secretary of State for War



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### Cpl Rose, Stan awarded 2 MID's



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**Lt.Col Wotherspoon** 

#### **Tpr Chaney Vincent**



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J.J. hawson



QUOTE No. H.Q. 405-C-30,115 (D.R. 3) DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE ARMY

#### CANAD.

OTTAWA, CANADA,

13th April, 1946.

#### Trooper Vincent CHANEY

Dear Sir:

It is with much pleasure that I write you on behalf of the Minister of National Defence and Members of the Army Council to congratulate you and the members of your family on the honour and distinction which has come to your son the marginally named, through his being Mentioned in Despatches in recognition of gallant and distinguished services.

The KING'S Certificate in connection with this award will be forwarded in due course. Present indications are that some time will elapse before the Certificate is available.

Yours sincerely,

(C.L.Laurin) Colonel.

Director of Records, for Adjutant-General.

M. Chaney, Esq., General Delivery, Rock Dell, Saskatchewan.

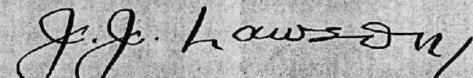
#### **Tpr Chaney Vincent**

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#### **Tpr Eric Nichols**

By the KING'S Order the name of Trooper Eric Price Nichols, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps was published in the London Gazette on 8 November 1945 as mentioned in a Despatch for distinguished service. I am charged to record His Majesty's high appreciation.



TQMS (WO 2) Quarton



By the KING'S Order the name of Warrant Officer II (TOMS.) John Henry Quarton, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, was published in the London Gazette on <u>4April.1946</u>, as mentioned in a Despatch for distinguished service. I am charged to record His Majesty's high appreciation.

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LT. S. M. BOWICK CAPT. G. E. IRVING SGT. D. S. PRENEVOST SSM (WO11) E. F. BUNDY **TPR. M. A. BERQUIST** 

The paper works for the award Mentioned in Dispatches and Commander in Chief's Certificate Was not complete when the Regiment Stopped keeping records in Dec. 1945. As a result the names of some South Albertas who received these awards may not be listed