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Army 1 DEC 1944

Army No. and Rank K2190 Private 21 NOV 1944

Name BROWN, William Care

(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)
<p>On 23 October 1944 "D" Company of the Calgary Highlanders CA(O) was ordered to attack a strongly held German position on a Holland dyke near OSENDRECHT.</p>	<p><i>R.L. Ellis</i> Lt-Col. (IMMEDIATE) O.C. Calg Highrs</p>		
<p>At approximately 1600 hours, 16 platoon which was the lead Platoon of the Company came under very heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire and was pinned down. Private Brown, the Company Runner, went forward on his own to ascertain the difficulty and found that the Platoon Commander and all the NCOs were out of action, so he took over the Platoon and by crawling up to the top of a ditch he directed the fire of 16 Platoon's Bren Guns onto the enemy. At this time the Company Commander and 18 Platoon Commander were both wounded and the Company Sergeant Major took over and sent Private Brown back for more ammunition. He had to go back under heavy fire. On his return with the ammunition</p>	<p><i>W. J. Simonds</i> Maj-Gen Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div (G.G. Simonds) Lt-Gen Comd 2 Cdn Corps 18. Nov 44</p>	<p>Brig. COMD 5 CDN, INF, BDE.</p>	

he saw our tank support moving into position and regardless of personal danger he went over to them and personally directed their fire on the enemy positions which he had located previously. He then returned to the forward Platoon with the ammunition.

Brown's coolness and quick thinking in taking control of the forward platoon and, later assisting them by directing the tank fire on the enemy undoubtedly saved the Company from very heavy casualties and made it possible for them to carry on and take their objective. At all times throughout the action Private Brown's extreme courage, coolness and complete disregard for his personal safety were an inspiration to all those with him.

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		On 23 October 1944 "D" Company of the Calgary Highlanders was ordered to attack a strongly held German position on a Holland dyke near <i>M. D. G. Creer, Gen.</i> G.O.C.-in-C. First Canadian Army

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

Nature of Casualty	Date
Killed in action	
Died of Wounds	
Died	
Missing	
Prisoner of War	

A. H. Montgomerie
 FIELD COMMANDER
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
 21 ARMY GROUP