

6 Cdn Inf Brigade 2 Cdn Inf Division 2 Cdn Corps

Schedule No. (To be left blank) Unit (CIC) Fus MR

Army No. and Rank D-72347 A/Sgt

Name Gerard Alderic DUROCHER
(Christian names must be stated)

Date recommendation passed forward
Received Passed
Brigade 27 Mar 45 27 Mar 45
Division 8 1945 MAR 12 1945
Corps MAR 12 MAR 21
Army 22 MAR 1945 21 APR 1945

Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
On the 26th of February 1945, Les Fusiliers Mont Royal were ordered to capture the area centering on SCHRVANENHOE, forming a firm base to enable other units of 6 Canadian Infantry Brigade to exploit to the flanks.	<i>J.A. Dextraze</i> (J.A. Dextraze) Lt-Col OC Les Fus MR	IMMEDIATE	
To assist the unit to reach their objective with the minimum delay, the battalion was supported by tanks, on which the infantry were carried.	<i>V. Stott</i> (V. Stott) Lt-Col A Comd 6 Cdn Inf Bde		
Due to the nature of the ground the tanks bogged down about 200 yards from the objective, and despite numerous attempts, were unable to get forward. Sergeant Durocher, commanding the leading platoon, immediately debussed his troops and led them forward, on foot.	<i>M. G. Simonds</i> (M. G. Simonds) Lt Gen Comd 2 Cdn Corps 17 Mar 45	Maj-Gen Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div	
The enemy were well positioned, with well sited automatic weapons from the front and flanks, supported by mortars, which very early pinned down the platoon.	<i>H. D. G. Crerar</i> H. D. G. Crerar, Gen. G.O.C.-in-C. First Canadian Army.		PTO

Quickly appreciating the urgency of getting forward, Sergeant Durocher, with a small body of men assaulted the position, and despite the tenacious resistance of the enemy, drove them from the objective, capturing one Sergeant Major and fifteen paratroopers. He then made his way to the flank and personally destroyed the machine gun post and occupants, which allowed the remainder of his platoon to go forward.

Returning he found the enemy were clinging to the outer ring of his objective, and were subjecting the whole area to intense fire. Showing utter disregard for his own personal safety, he worked his way forward and despite the ~~very heavy~~ enemy fire was successful in eliminating one by one all of the positions.

The strong sense of duty, superb courage and outstanding leadership of Sergeant Durocher was not only an inspiration to all his men, but was a contributing factor in the successful conclusion of the operation.

If a casualty as under, fill in date

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

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