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CANADIAN INFANTRY CORPS
 Schedule No. Unit **The Calgary Highlanders**

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Army No. and Rank **M. 12601 Sergeant**

Name **Donald FERGUSON**
 (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>Sergeant Ferguson landed in FRANCE with The Calgary Highlanders and fought with "D" Company until 8th September 1944 when he was wounded. During this fighting Sergeant Ferguson, then a private, did an excellent job at all times. He rejoined the unit in the first part of November and soon became a Sergeant. Showing natural leadership, led his platoon without an officer into the face of the enemy without hesitation and with great skill and daring.</p>	<p><i>W. St. Myland</i> (WD Hayland) Lt-Col The Calg Highrs GOMD. 5 CDN. INF BDE.</p>	<p><i>award</i> Bronze Lion Maj Gen Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div</p>	<p>Bronze Lion</p>
<p>On the 31st of March, 1944, "D" Company, in which Sergeant Ferguson commanded a platoon, was held up on the outskirts of DOETINCHEM, HOLLAND, by heavy machine gun, bazooka and mortar fire protecting an enemy road block. The leading platoon of the company was pinned to the ground. Sergeant Ferguson's platoon, in rear, was ordered to seize</p>	<p>(G G SIMONDS) Lt Gen GOC Cdn Forces in the Netherland</p>		

and hold a bridge leading into the town on the left flank. This objective was covered by heavy enemy machine gun fire as well. But Sergeant Ferguson, in a brilliant manoeuvre, quickly got his platoon to the bridge and held the position in the face of a determined counter attack.

On the 1st of April 1945 the battalion commander decided to assault the town with flame throwers. Again Sergeant Ferguson's platoon was called upon to perform a difficult task. He followed the Lifebuoy flame throwers into the town and immediately organized a strong defensive position in the first street to cover the demolishing of the road block.

Once the road block was demolished a Wasp flame thrower was driven up to Sergeant Ferguson's position. He reorganized his platoon and boldly pushed off into the town, using the flame throwers to shield his advance.

It took great courage to fight forward ^{as} though each house was strongly defended by the enemy. He led and encouraged his men every inch of the way right into the centre of the town. When the street had been cleared he had accounted for 37 enemy prisoners of war, 6 machine guns and an uncounted number of enemy dead. In one house alone, 17 dead Germans were found.

The capture of DOETINCHEM was due in no small way to the outstanding leadership and quick thinking of Sergeant Ferguson. He accomplished a difficult task with great loss to the enemy suffering very few casualties in his platoon in the process.

Sergeant Ferguson is highly esteemed by his men who would follow him into the most dangerous engagements without questioning his orders.

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

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