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5 Cdn Inf Brigade 2 Cdn Inf Division 2 Cdn Corps

Schedule No. (to be left blank) Unit CIC (The Calgary Highlanders)

Army No. and Rank K52168 Sergeant

Name Emile Jean LALOGÉ  
(Christian names must be stated)

Received	Passed
NOV 21 1944	NOV 25 1944
NOV 28 1944	DEC 1 1944
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16 DEC 1944	2 JAN 1945

Action for which commended  
(Date and place of action must be stated)

In the early morning of 1 November 1944 the leading company of the Calgary Highlanders suffered heavy casualties after being subjected to enemy fire of all types as they were proceeding across the causeway to WALCHEREN ISLAND. D Company was ordered to proceed through and the leading ~~No. 18~~ <sup>No 18</sup> platoon was commanded by Sergeant LaLoge. The platoon fought its way to within 25 yards of the enemy end of the causeway when they were pinned down by severe enemy machine gun and 20 millimeter cannon fire which swept the open causeway.

When his runner had failed to reach company headquarters Sergeant LaLoge ~~set out himself~~ and made his way back through the intense fire. After arranging for artillery support he returned to his platoon. With the aid of artillery fire the platoon succeeded in reaching its objective after heavy fighting.

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Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
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*Russ Ellis Lt-Col.*

(R.L. Ellis)  
Lt-Col.  
CO Calg High  
D.C.M.

COMD. 5 CDN. INF BDE.

*A Matthews*

(A Bruce Matthews) Maj-Gen  
Comd - 2 Cdn Inf Div

(G G Simonds) Lt Gen  
Comd 2 Cdn Corps  
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The right flank of the platoon position was very close to the enemy's position and three times Sergeant LaLoge picked up enemy grenades which fell near his men and threw them into the water. When one of his Bren gunners was killed and the gun slightly damaged Sergeant LaLoge repaired ~~the damage~~ and manned the gun until one of his men was able to relieve him.

A counter attack was developing and he called for fire from the PIAT only to find that the PIAT man was wounded and unable to operate the weapon. Sergeant LaLoge <sup>immediately</sup> took over the weapon and successfully broke up the counter attack by accurate fire.

The successful accomplishment of his company's task in which over sixty prisoners were captured, one 20 millimeter cannon and two medium machine guns were knocked out, and many enemy killed and wounded, was directly due to this NCO's magnificent courage and leadership. His complete disregard for his own personal safety and his cool and efficient manner in handling his platoon under continuous heavy fire inspired his men to face and overcome the ~~heavy~~ odds against them.

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

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

*LaLoge*  
**M. D. G. Crerar, Gen.**  
 G.O.C.-in-C.  
 First Canadian Army

*B. L. Northcote*

FIELD MARSHAL  
 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
 21 ARMY GROUP.