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5th Brigade 2nd Division 2nd Corp

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Schedule No. Unit Calgary Highlanders (CIC)
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Army No. and Rank M-127987 Lance Corporal

Name Robert Allan McMahon
(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)

On 8 February 1945, "A" Company of Calgary Highlanders, the right forward company in the initial phase of the attack to capture WYLER, GERMANY, was given the task of clearing the village of VOSSENDAHL with, as final objective, sealing off the enemy's escape route from WYLER.

The section led by Lance Corporal McMahon ran into an unmarked area, heavily mined with Schu-mines and all, except this NCO, became casualties from mines and enemy mortar fire. The task allotted the section was to clear two buildings on the edge of the village of VOSSENDAHL. Realizing that if these buildings were not cleared the success of his company's effort would be jeopardized, Lance Corporal McMahon went forward alone through the remainder of the minefield, cleared the buildings, killing and wounding a number of the enemy and taking prisoner

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one officer and twenty-two other ranks. Had he not succeeded, it is doubtful if his company could have reached its objective without great loss of lives and time.

Being alone he had to evacuate the prisoners himself. One of the prisoners, an officer, attempted to stir up insurrection but this Corporal McMahon stopped with his fists. He marched the prisoners back through the minefield, handed them over and returned once more through the minefield, rejoined his platoon and went with them to the final objective.

Lance Corporal McMahon displayed great courage, initiative and unselfish devotion to duty throughout the entire operation and set an example which was an inspiration to his company.

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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