

5 Cdn Inf ..... Brigade 2 Cdn Inf ..... Division 2 Cdn ..... Corps

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Schedule No. .... Unit The Calgary Highlanders  
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Army No. and Rank ..... B.138031 ..... Lance-Corporal

Name ..... MCVAY, Gordon ~~S.R.~~ Stanley Rny. .....  
(Christian names must be stated)

Date recommendation  
passed forward

Received	Passed
<u>AUG 28 1945</u>	<u>AUG 31 1945</u>
Brigade	
Division <u>1 SEP</u>	<u>4 SEP 1945</u>
Corps	
Army <u>6 Sep 45</u>	<u>26 SEP 1945</u>

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

Recommended  
by

Honour  
or  
Reward

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Patrolling in the low, wet dyke-land, west of OSSENDRECHT, in HOLLAND, was hazardous. Information about the enemy's activities was, therefore, hard to obtain.

*W. R. Heyland Lt Col*  
(WD Heyland)  
Lt-Col The  
Calg Highrs

Netherlands  
AWARD

Bronze Lion

Lance-Corporal McVay volunteered to take a patrol out into a flooded area to get details on the enemy's strength and positions. The only passable piece of land was a narrow, boggy strip along the bottom of a dyke. Moving well ahead of his men, Lance-Corporal McVay carefully picked his way along this strip observing all the while. Suddenly a strange movement ahead indicated that the enemy was lying in wait for his patrol.

*Harold Hol*  
COMD. 5 CDN. INF BD.

Maj Gen  
Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div

Quickly, and without hesitation, he jumped forward, sten gun blazing, and engaged the enemy. At the same time he called back to his men to take cover

(G G SIMONDS) Lt Gen  
GOC Cdn Forces in the Netherlands

and find their way back to safety. This action attracted intense fire on his position and it was thought by the patrol that he had been killed. However he managed to move to a second point from which he again engaged the enemy, inflicting several casualties. Intent on capturing a prisoner, once more he made a brave effort to close with the enemy. They retreated before he could accomplish his task.

By his daring and courageous effort, Lance-Corporal McVay saved his men from a planned ambush. By provoking the enemy to fire he obtained invaluable information regarding their positions and approximate strength.

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

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