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Army No. and Rank M-12091 Sergeant

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Name REED, Thomas James

(Christian names must be stated)

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

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On 9 October 1944, Sergeant Reed was in charge of a Section of Anti/Tank guns, attached to "D" Company for the operations that day. The Battalion was attacking the town of HOOGERHEIDE, "D" Company's role was to pass through "B" Company capture ^{the town} and reorganize in the vicinity beyond ^{the town} beyond this town.

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As the Company approached these cross-roads, the cross roads were under heavy fire. Sergeant Reed carried out a quick recon and located a position from which he could command the whole area, but he discovered that the only route to this position was up a narrow street which was covered by fire from a German S.P. gun.

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~~He decided to risk the possible loss of one of his guns and make a dash for the position that offered such an excellent field of fire. He~~

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~~ordered his detachments to keep well down in their carriers and the drivers to drive as fast as possible zig-zagging up the street.~~ He succeeded in getting his guns quickly into position at the cross roads, and having observed that there were three pill boxes further up the road bringing down very effective fire on "D" Company, he immediately ~~ordered his guns to engaged~~ which they did, effectively destroyed the three pill boxes, them and

He then observed that the enemy had been forming up for a counter-attack in the rear of the pill boxes, and immediately applied a devastating cross-fire with his two guns, completely breaking up the counter-attack.

~~There was a short lull in the battle ended by~~ His positions was then engaged by an enemy S.P. gun. The enemy knocked out one gun and the intensity of the fire drove the crews into their slit trenches. Sergeant Reed, quickly appreciating the situation, took over the operations of the remaining gun himself. The crew, observing Sergeant Reed working the gun alone, returned to assist. He ordered them to hold out as long as possible to enable him to locate the point of origin of the enemy fire. It was quite dark at this time, and Sergeant Reed spotted the flash of the enemy gun and directed the fire of his remaining gun onto it. Their second shot silenced the enemy gun.

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

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

Sergeant Reed's good judgement, aggressive determination, bold and skillful handling of his weapon, and personal example and gallantry throughout the operation enabled the infantry to occupy and reorganize on their objective with the minimum of casualties. delay.

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