

5 Cdn Inf Brigade 2 Cdn Inf Division 2 Cdn Corps

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MAY 9 1945	MAY 10 1945
MAY 11 1945	JUN 13 1945
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Schedule No. (to be left blank) Unit The Calgary Highlanders (CIC)

Army No. and Rank M.105583 L/Cpl

Name Floyd Orin ROURKE

(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 26 April 1945 the Calgary Highlanders were ordered to capture GRUPPEN-BUHREN, GERMANY. "A" Company was detailed to secure the first objective to serve as a firm base for the battalion attack.

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Lt-Col, The Calg Highrs. I M O
Immediate
A/COMD, 5 CDN, INF BDE.

To reach this objective "A" Company had to cross 1200 yards of open, flat ground completely devoid of cover and to assist them a smoke programme was laid on. Unfortunately, due to a sudden change in wind, the smoke cleared and the Company, now exposed, was subjected to most intense 20 mm, IMG and small arms fire which killed the platoon commander of number nine platoon, the leading platoon, and caused many other casualties.

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Maj-Gen
Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div

(G. J. Simonds) Lt Gen
Comd 2 Cdn Corps
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L/Cpl Rourke, realizing that he was now the senior NCO in the platoon immediately took over command of the platoon and skilfully led the men over the

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remaining 700 yards of open ground, through the barbed wire entanglements and enemy crawl trenches and into the final and successful assault of the objective.

Once on the objective, L/Cpl Rourke quickly reorganized the platoon and made a further bound to attack an 88 mm gun which was knocked out and the crew captured. A group of enemy now appeared on the platoon left flank and L/Cpl Rourke immediately moved his men over and engaged them, capturing a further twelve prisoners.

This junior NCO, by his initiative, good judgment and complete disregard for his personal safety, not only was directly responsible for the capture of an enemy gun and sixteen prisoners but also caused by his bravery and splendid leadership the collapse of enemy resistance in the area which resulted in the complete success of the company attack.

B. H. Donaganey

If a casualty as under, fill in date

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