

Date recommendation passed forward

Received	Passed
AUG 28 1945	AUG 31 1945
Brigade	Division
1 SEP 4 1945	1 SEP 4 1945
Corps	Army
21 SEP 1945	26 SEP 1945

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 K.2004 Private

Name Joseph Michael WALTON  
(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)

Private Walton took over the task of company runner in "B" Company, The Calgary Highlanders, in September 1944 and was employed as runner until the 10th of February 1945. Private Walton is very young, and during the action in HOLLAND was the youngest soldier in his company. His duties as runner took him very often into dangerous territory in order that his messages could be delivered.

*W. S. Heyland Lt-Col*  
CO The Calg Highrs  
CA(O)

*Loach, Lt Col*  
COMD, 5 CDN, INF, BDE,  
Netherlands  
Award  
Bronze Cross  
Maj-Gen  
Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div

During the action to clear HOOGERHEIDE on the 7th of October 1944, Private Walton, on three occasions, was asked to contact the company on "B" Company's left flank in order that messages might be delivered. On one of these occasions, after moving over six hundred yards of uncleared ground, he returned with two prisoners. When wireless communication failed to operate within the company, he moved forward to

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the leading platoons, who were engaged in very heavy fighting.

When the Calgary Highlanders attacked WALCHEREN ISLAND on the 28th of October 1944 over the causeway, Private Walton, under heavy enemy fire, which caused heavy casualties to our troops, carried messages for five hours, after his company's wireless set had failed to operate.

Private Walton contributed immeasurably to the success of the battalion's action, due to his cool unflinching courage and to his ability to carry out each task given to him even under the most difficult and dangerous circumstances. ~~Because of his youth,~~ he was an inspiration to all the men in the company.

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

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