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Schedule No. Unit C.I.C. (The Calgary Highlanders)

Army No. and Rank B-97085 Lance Corporal

Name WOLFE, Richard George
 (Christian names must be stated)

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

Recommended by

Honour or Reward

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On 1 November 1944 The Calgary Highlanders were assigned the task of establishing a bridgehead immediately across the causeway on WALCHERN ISLAND. After "D" Company had established themselves at the end of the causeway "B" Company was ordered to proceed through them and to consolidate at the west end of the causeway.

Ross H. Ellis
 (R.L. Ellis) Lt-Col
 OC - Calg Highrs
 IMMEDIATE
 Brig
 Comd - 5 Cdn Inf Bde

No. 11 Platoon with Lance Corporal Wolfe in charge of the 2 inch mortar progressed about four hundred yards south along the flooded bank and consolidated. A sudden increase in enemy fire particularly at the end of the causeway indicated a counter attack. In order to tighten the defences it was decided to move 11 Platoon further back. The enemy fire of small arms, mortar and 20mm was increasing and painfully effective. It became necessary to move in short bounds, and to hold each successive position. ~~to enable the evacuation of casualties.~~

Bruce Mathews
 (A Bruce Mathews) Maj-Gen
 Comd - 2 Cdn Inf Div
G.G. Simonds
 (G.G. Simonds) Lt Gen
 Comd 2 Cdn Corps
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Lance Corporal Wolfe with great courage and under withering fire succeeded in holding several points firing upon the enemy and delaying them. Several times it appeared as if No. 11 Platoon would be wiped out but the mortar fire brought down by this NCO ~~saved~~ the situation. The protection given by Lance Corporal Wolfe with his 2 inch mortar enabled the platoon to take up more effective positions.

When the Platoon was in a position to bring effective fire upon the enemy they noticed Lance Corporal Wolfe coming towards them in the midst of heavy enemy fire helping a wounded NCO back. The enemy fire became extremely heavy and Lance Corporal Wolfe stopped, set up his mortar and attempted to neutralize this withering fire which was being brought to bear on himself and his Platoon.

Throughout the whole operation Lance Corporal Wolfe showed remarkable coolness and complete disregard for his personal safety. His gallant action made possible the effective repositioning of his Company and was an inspiration to all who were with him.

W. D. G. Creer
W. D. G. Creer, Gen.
G.O.
First Canadian Army

If a casualty as under, fill in date

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

B. R. Don Deameny

FIELD MARSHAL
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
21 ARMY GROUP.