

5 Cdn Inf Brigade 2 Cdn Inf Division 2 Cdn Corps

Schedule No. Unit CIC (Calg Highrs)  
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Army No. and Rank Major

Name Francis Herbert CLARKE  
(Christian names must be stated)

Date recommendation passed forward  
Received Passed  
Brigade JUN 30 1945 JUL 4 1945  
Division  
Corps JUN 19 JUL 19  
Army 20 JUL 1945 30 JUL 1945

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

Recommended by

Honour or Reward

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Major ~~FW~~ Clarke arrived in Normandy in July 1944 with the Calgary Highlanders and has served with that unit first as a platoon commander and later as a company commander in every engagement in which it took part.

*W.D. Heyland Major*  
(W.D. Heyland) D.S.O.  
Maj A/CO The Periodic  
Calg Highrs

This officer's leadership and courage throughout have been outstanding and his conduct in the attack on GRUPPE WAREN, Germany, on 26 April 1945 was characteristic. The battalion had to advance over flat open country completely devoid of cover and constantly swept by intense shelling and 20 millimetre fire which caused casualties including a platoon commander and two senior non-commissioned officers in the company commanded by Major Clarke.

*Sarah Lewis*  
COMD 5 CDN INF BDE

*Macpherson*  
Maj-Gen  
Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div

Knowing that any confusion might prove costly Major Clarke personally supervised the movement of each platoon to the forming up point and across 1200 yards of fire-swept open ground. So well planned and skilfully executed was his attack that not only did he succeed in disorganizing the enemy on his first objective and in rapid exploitation seize one

*P.P. Simonds*  
(G.G. Simonds) Lt Gen  
Comd 2 Cdn Corps  
10 Jul 45

*H.D.G. Crerar*  
(HDG Crerar) Gen  
GOC in C  
First Cdn Army T.O.

88 millimetre gun, three 20 millimetre guns, and several medium machine guns, killing or capturing the crews, before the enemy could reorganize, but also by keen observation from a forward position as his company moved onto its objective he appreciated that further immediate exploitation would succeed. Obtaining permission of battalion headquarters he led his company forward with such vigour that the battalion was able to move onto its objective with a minimum of casualties capturing a large number of prisoners.

Major Clarke throughout the entire campaign in Western Europe has earned the confidence, respect and admiration of all ranks of the Calgary Highlanders by his complete indifference to danger, cool and aggressive leadership, and sound judgment.

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

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