

71 Inf Brigade 53 (W) Division 30 Corps

Schedule No. Unit 1st Bn The HLI
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Army No. and Rank Capt. (A/Major) CDN/4

Name HEMELRYK, Joseph (Can Loan)
(Christian names must be stated)

Date recommendation passed forward Mar 45

Received	Passed
8 Mar	10 Mar 45
Brigade	
11 Mar	11 Apr 45
Division	
13 Apr	21 Apr 45
Corps	
26 Apr	7 May 45
Army	

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

Recommended
by

Honour
or
Reward

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This officer was in command of the right forward company of 1st HLI when the battalion was ordered on the night of March 4th to gain part of a bridge-head astride the main roads in the woods N.E. of ISSUM (O926) in order to cover a bridging operation to allow the armour to advance towards the RHINE. In order to reach this objective he had to advance uphill over open ground swept by MG fire from spandau posts in the forward edge of the wood. In spite of the fact that both flanks of his Company were exposed to heavy and accurate MG fire, the Company on the left having been held up short of the wood, he put in a well organized assault on the enemy positions in the wood and succeeded in breaking through to his objective. Although this position became almost untenable by daylight as a result of an enemy counter attack astride the road on his left, Major HEMELRYK kept his company in good heart by his personal coolness and disregard for his own

Immediate
MC

