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7 JUL 1945 + 30 JUL 1945

Schedule No.
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Unit HQ 1 Cdn Corps

Army No. and Rank

A/Capt

Name William James HENDERSON
(Christian names must be stated)Action for which commended
(Date and place of action must be stated)Recommended
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During March 1945 a Civil Affairs Branch was formed as an increment to HQ 1 Cdn Corps. This branch assumed full responsibility for the civil administration and reorganization of the Dutch province of GELDERLAND, and subsequently for the provinces of NORTH & SOUTH HOLLAND & UTRECHT. The necessity for reconstituting civil courts of law throughout these areas became of vital importance shortly after the branch became operational, and it developed as a matter of great urgency that the reorganization take place without delay. A/Capt W.J. Henderson, working entirely without aid, undertook full responsibility for the reorganization, and, by his tireless efforts and organizing ability, had the situation throughout the entire areas well under control in a comparatively short period of time. This officer, by working exceptionally long hours, personally directed the reconstitution of civil

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law courts throughout these areas. In many cases, especially in damaged areas where the existing accomodation for courts had been destroyed, he immediately made arrangements for temporary facilities and personally directed the situation until such time as the court was able to function alone.

By his enthusiasm, energy and devotion to duty this officer was largely responsible for the speedy restoration of law and order in these provinces, and his zeal was an inspiration to all he worked with, Canadian, British and Dutch alike.

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