

5 Cdn Inf Brigade 2 Cdn Inf Division 2 Cdn Corps

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Schedule No. (to be left blank) Unit GIC The Calgary Highlanders

Brigade JUN 30 1945 JUL 4 1945  
Division 6 Jul JUL 19  
Corps 20 JUL 1945 30 JUL 1945  
Army

Army No. and Rank Major

Name William Dalton HEYLAND  
(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)
<p>Major William Dalton Heyland joined the Calgary Highlanders in NORMANDY early in August 1944 as second-in-command of a rifle company soon being given command of the company which he led with distinction through FRANCE, BELGIUM and into HOLLAND. On many occasions the success of the battalion was due to the skilful handling of Major Heyland's company. Although wounded on one occasion he refused to be evacuated and carried on after attention by the unit medical officer.</p>	<p><i>Rank. See below</i> COMD. 5 CDN. INF BDE. <i>Signature</i></p>	<p>OBE D.S.O. Periodic Maj Gen</p>	<p>Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div</p>
<p>Major Heyland was appointed second-in-command of the battalion at the beginning of December 1944 and continued in that appointment until early in April 1945. Responsible for the administration of his battalion this officer worked tirelessly, determined that there should be no need unfilled, whether for supplies, recreation or such comforts as conditions would permit. The high standard of</p>	<p><i>Signature</i> (G.G. Simonds)</p>	<p>Lt Gen Comd 2 Cdn Corps 10 Jul 45</p>	<p>(HDG Crerar) Gen GOC in C</p>
		<p>First Cdn Army</p>	<p>PTO</p>

morale and discipline and the excellent unit spirit which exists within the Calgary Highlanders is in no small degree directly due to his sound administration.

Major Heyland was detailed to command the battalion on 2 April 1945 during the absence of the commanding officer through illness, and served in that capacity until the cessation of hostilities in Western EUROPE. His outstanding leadership and sound tactics were reflected in the continued successes of his battalion in battle.

Major Heyland by his devotion to duty, vigorous enthusiasm, and fearless bearing has earned for himself the admiration and respect of his entire unit and by his efforts has contributed very materially to the efficiency and the fine record of the Calgary Highlanders.

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

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