

Date recommendation passed forward

Cdn Inf Brigade 2 Cdn Inf Division 2 Cdn Corps
 Received Passed 17 Aug 44
 Schedule No. Unit CIC The Calgary Highrs
 (to be left blank)
 Brigade 4 Sep 44
 Division 8 Sep 44
 Corps 21 Sep 44
 Army 25 Sep 44

Army No. and Rank Lieutenant-Colonel

Name MACLAUCHLAN, Donald George
 (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>On 13 August 1944, the Calgary Highlanders under command of Lt-Col MacLauchlan advanced along the low wooded country immediately to the West of River Laize to capture a crossing at CLAIR TIZON. The battalion had just completed a night march through difficult country and was to be covered in its further advance by another brigade which was to secure the high ground on the right. This ground was not in fact captured and the Calgary Highlanders were therefore advancing, overlooked from both flanks. Undeterred by this or by the fact that Battalion Headquarters was under heavy shell fire and mortar fire throughout the day Lt-Col MacLauchlan pressed his battalion on making skillful use of the ground and passing companies through to successive objectives so quickly and steadily that the enemy was not able to determine the exact course of the battle and take any effective counter measures.</p>	<p>Sgd. Comd 5 Cdn Inf</p> <p>Sgd. C. Foulkes, Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div</p> <p>Sgd. G.G. Simonds Comd 2 Cdn Corps</p> <p>Sgd. HDQ Crerar GOC-in-C First Cdn Army</p> <p>Sgd. B.L. Montgomery, C-in-C. 21 Army Gp</p>	<p>Immediate DSO</p> <p>? Brig.</p> <p>Maj-Gen</p> <p>Lt-Gen</p> <p>Lt-Gen</p> <p>Field Marshall</p>	<p>Bde.</p> <p>Div</p> <p></p> <p>Gp</p>
P.T.O.			

As a result of this determined drive the battalion was able to form a firm bridgehead over the River Laize by 1800 hours that evening and to hold it in spite of all enemy attempts to dislodge the battalion until the flanks had been secured and another formation passed through to the high ground beyond.

Lt-Col MacLauchlan, demonstrating outstanding leadership by his personal courage and example, determination and endurance enabled his battalion to inflict a severe defeat on the enemy in this important engagement.

Recommended by	Forward or Hollow	(To be left blank)
Immediate	Immediate	Immediate
Sgd. 9 Brig.	Sgd. 9 Brig.	Sgd. 9 Brig.
Comd 7 Cdn Inf Bde.	Comd 7 Cdn Inf Bde.	Comd 7 Cdn Inf Bde.
Sgd. C. Forster, Maj-Gen	Sgd. C. Forster, Maj-Gen	Sgd. C. Forster, Maj-Gen
Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div	Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div	Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div
Sgd. G. D. Simpson, Lt-Gen	Sgd. G. D. Simpson, Lt-Gen	Sgd. G. D. Simpson, Lt-Gen

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

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