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3<sup>rd</sup> Can. Inf. Bde

404288 Pte (a/cpl.) Butterfield G.L.

Herewith recommendation for  
Military Medal for the  
above mentioned.

The original recommendation  
is also attached. It will be noted  
that this is made by the men  
who were on the patrol as there  
was no officer present



P.  
C. W. Haedemby  
Capt. G. L.  
15/18

IMMEDIATE ACTION

3rd Canadian Infantry

1st Canadian

Canadian

15th Cdn  
Inf Batta  
1st CENTRAL  
ONTARIO  
REGIMENT

404208

Private  
(Actg/L/Cpl)  
George Lewis  
BUTTERFIELD DCM

*Awarded M.M.  
BRO 41073.3.18*

Pte Butterfield was in charge of an offensive patrol of 7 men on the night of 8th February 1918 in the HILL 70 Section. The patrol advanced across No Man's Land in an old German trench and had gone 75 yards when they came upon a party of 20 of the enemy in the trench; Pte Butterfield was leading and he saw the nearest German prepare to throw a bomb. Butterfield was quicker and threw a MINE into the middle of the Germans, some of whom then jumped out of the trench and came forward in an attempt to surround our men. Private Butterfield rallied his men with great coolness and opened fire with revolvers and bombs on the enemy. Our party carried a Lewis Gun and this was brought into action, with the result that the Germans withdrew temporarily. Pte Butterfield placed his men on guard and ran back and got a fresh supply of bombs and revolver ammunition. He returned with these and again advanced down the trench and found the enemy party advancing. He at once led his patrol against them and with his fresh supply of ammunition, forced the enemy back into their own lines inflicting casualties on them as they withdrew. The enemy did not attempt to come out again during the night. There is no doubt that this large party of Germans was preparing to make a steady raid on our trenches, and that Pte Butterfield and his party were entirely successful in breaking up this operation in its beginning. His leadership and daring on this occasion are worthy of the highest praise, and his conduct was the finest example to his men.

*A. J. Farber*

Lieutenant Colonel,  
Commanding 15th Battalion,  
1st Central Ontario Regiment

Forwarded to:-

Brigade \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_

Corps \_\_\_\_\_

Army \_\_\_\_\_

He was awarded the D.C.M. in November 1917

3<sup>rd</sup> C.I. Bde

Lieut A.G. Donald

I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith recommendation in the case of the above named officer.

I have had voluntary interviews with the sergeant of the party and also some of the men and they were loud in their praise of the coolness and control which he exercised over the men under the trying conditions.

In the attack on Hill 70 Aug 5 1917 he displayed the same qualities and his Coy Command at that time was loud in his praise for the manner in which he led his men

Lieut Col etc

LIEUT Alexander George DONALD

~~Lieut was in command of the 15 Battalion during party at~~

Lieut D. was in command of the raid carried out by the 15 Coy on Hill 70 on the morning of Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1918

He was forced to bring his party up to the assembly position through a heavy bombardment of gas shells. He kept his men well under control during these trying conditions and led them through the gas without a casualty. He brought his party safely across No Man's Land and he found that the wire was not sufficiently cut and that at one point of entry on which he had depended, a passage did not exist. He was then forced to change the disposition of his sections immediately as a time limit had been set for

the operation. He personally reconnoitred the wire and, after considerable enemy opposition from a M.G., he managed to get his party through one partially cut gap into the enemy's trench. He at once attached the machine gun which was opposing his party and killed the crew and captured the gun. Lieut Donald then proceeded along the trench and was met by a German Bombing post. The personnel of this post were attacked with bombs and all killed. The raiding party was then led up a C.T. where two occupied dugouts were found and destroyed with their occupants in them. One prisoner was taken.

As the time was up he ordered his party to return and although the conditions were very difficult owing to the intense darkness and the heavy retaliation, he brought his men safely back to our lines without a single loss.

Throughout the entire operation he showed the greatest coolness and during and his

Headquarters  
15th Battalion,  
48th HIGHLANDERS OF  
CANADA

To:-

3rd Can Inf Brigade,

Following is Nominal Roll of  
Recommendations for Honours and Awards in order of precedence

27944	Cpl	Rice	E
799199	L/C	Black	F C
192453	L/C	Brodie	W
1045801	Pte	Seckel	M T
800006	Cpl	Duncan	G O
47921	Pte	Patterson	J T

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