

Can. Infantry Brigade. 1st. Canadian Division. Canadian Corps. 20-11-17. Date of Recommendation.

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15th. Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada.	47802	Pte Ashford Wesley ASHFORD. <i>Awarded M.M. B.P. 20. 38/3. C. 19</i>	<p>Pte Ashford was one of a party of Stretcher Bearers in the operations near PASSCHENDAELE on Nov. 6th. 1917.</p> <p>During the advance, he saw a man badly wounded in a spot that was being heavily shelled. He bravely made his way through the shelling and rendered first aid. He then carried the man to a safe place, when he could be placed on a stretcher and carried out. His work throughout the tour was very fine, and his bravery and devotion to duty are worthy of the greatest praise.</p> <p>Pte Ashford has seen 28 months service and has done excellent service at the SOMME, in Sept. 1916, VIMY RIDGE, April 9th. 1917 and HILL 70 near LENS, August 15th. 1917.</p>	<i>B. E. Beuch</i> <i>15th Canadian</i>	Military Medal.	
				<i>B. E. Beuch</i> Lieut-Col., Commanding, 15th. Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada.		

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Reference *Corois De Guerre*  
*aaa. G.O.C. wishes*  
*preference giving to those*  
*who have been right*  
*through all operations*  
*including April 22nd*  
*1915*

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Headquarters,  
3rd. Canadian Infantry Brigade.

46164 Sgt. G. Laffin.  
192774 " H.A. Robertson.  
192872 " E. Carter.  
46117 " F. Gore.

Herewith please find four recommendations for  
the Croix de Guerre. It is requested that they be granted in the  
order stated.

In the Field,  
December 17th. 1917.

Captain and Asst./Adjutant,  
15th. Battalion,  
48th. Highlanders of Canada.

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15th. Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada.	22442	Private, Alfred Beverley BREWER. <i>Awarded M.M. A.P. 20/11/18</i>	<u>Attack of Nov. 6th. 1917. near PASSCHENDAELE.</u>  The work of <del>Peter</del> Brewer in the above operation, cannot be recommended too strongly.  He was one of a Stretcher Party working in the forward area, and he rendered conspicuously gallant service in going repeatedly through very heavy shell-fire to reach wounded men.  His Officer saw him render first aid in very hazardous positions in the field, and at very great personal risk.	<i>Lt. Col. 15th Canadian</i>	Military Medal.	

*Lt. Col.*  
Lieut-Col.,  
Commanding,  
15th. Battalion,  
48th. Highlanders of  
Canada.

Infantry Brigade. 1st. Canadian Division. Canadian Corps. 30-11-17. Date of Recommendation.

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15th. Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada.	444641	Private Arthur Peter BUELL. <i>Awarded MM AP 20. 30/3-5-18</i>	<p>In the attack near PASSCHENDAELE on the 6th. November 1917, Pte Buell was acting as Stretcher Bearer. He went forward at night, accompanied by L/C. J. Fraser, during a heavy enemy barrage, and brought in a wounded Officer of the 29th. Canadian Battalion. This Officer had been lying in a shell hole for some hours, and was greatly in need of attention. They dressed his wounds, and carried him back through very heavy bombardment to the Dressing Station.</p> <p>The bravery shown on this occasion was undoubtedly instrumental in saving the life of the Officer.</p>	<i>b.e. Buell</i>	Military Medal.	
do.	204903	Lance-Corporal John Fraser. <i>Awarded MM AP 20. 30/3-5-18</i>	<p>At the attack near PASSCHENDAELE, Nov. 6th. 17 L. C. Fraser, in company with Pte Buell mentioned above, went out under an extremely heavy enemy barrage, and attended to the wounds of an Officer of the 29th. Battalion, and also assisted in bringing him in through very heavy shelling.</p>	<i>b.e. Buell</i>	Military Medal.	

*b.e. Buell*  
Lieut-Col., Commanding,  
15th. Battalion,  
48th. Highlanders of Canada.

3rd. Can. Inf. Brigade. 1st Canadian Division. Canadian Corps. 17-12-17. Date of Recommendation.

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	15th Battalion  48th. Highlanders of Canada.  1st. Central Ontario Regiment	192872	Sergeant Edward CARTER.	<p>During the attack of the 1st Canadian Brigade at PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE on November 6th 1917 Sgt Carter was in charge of a stretcher carrying party.</p> <p>Although in the course of his work, he was exposed to enemy snipers and machine gun fire, he showed an utter disregard for his personal safety and his example to the men in his charge is worthy of the highest commendation.</p> <p>During the attack <del>xxxxx</del> against HILL 70 north of LENS on August 15th 1917, he was attached to the 3rd. Canadian Trench Mortar Battery on an ammunition carrying party. Though many of his party became casualties, he persevered in taking up ammunition through the enemy barrage, and in this way was instrumental in assisting to repel the counter attacks on that occasion.</p>		Croix de Guerre	

*B. E. Bank*  
 Lieut.-Col. Commanding  
 15th. Battalion,  
 48th. Highlanders of Canada.

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	15th. Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada.	204082	Private Wilfred George DANIELS.  <i>Awarded M.M. 20/38/13/5/14</i>	<p>Pte Daniels was a member of one of the Stretcher parties supplied by the 15th. Battalion for the attack near PASSCHENDAELE on the 6th. November, 1917.</p> <p>It was necessary for him to pass through some extremely heavy shelling while carrying casualties to the Dressing Station.</p> <p>The N.C.O. in charge of the party was instantly killed, and Pte Daniels immediately took charge of the party, and bravely continued his work throughout the remainder of the day.</p> <p>In the evening of the 8th November, he organized a Burial Party to go to the forward area near PASSCHENDAELE and buried two N.C.O.'s of his Company, during a very heavy bombardment. His bravery on these two occasions are deserving of the greatest praise.</p>	<p><i>Lt. Col. Bent</i> <i>15th Canadian</i></p>	<p>Milit. Medal</p>	

*Lt. Col. Bent*  
 Lt. Col., Cox  
 15th. Battalio  
 48th. Highlanders of

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Officer i/c Records, (Canadian)  
Green Arbour House,  
Old Bailey, London.  
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Attached herewith please find list of  
personnel of this Battalion who have been awarded decorations  
and also the disposition to be made of them.

In the Field,  
Nov. 2nd. 1917.

*Carl*  
Captain and Adjutant,  
15th. Battalion,  
(48th. Highlanders of Canada).

DISPOSITION OF DECORATIONS AWARDED TO THE  
15TH. BATTALION, 48TH. HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

No.	Rank.	Name.	Decoration.	To be forwarded to
192909	Sgt	Little	W. M.M.	Mrs. W. Little 89 Rainsford Road, Toronto, Canada.
488725	Pte	Stallard	J.F. M.M.	Mrs. O. Acourt, Back Street, West Camel, Bath, England.
77766	Pte	Nicholson	T.E. M.M.	Mrs. J. Nicholson, Newcastle Townsite, Nanaimo, Brit. Columbia, Canada.
437171	Pte	Rown	D. M.M.	Mrs. M. Rown, Derroyughter, Montraven, Co. Kildare, Ireland.
47867	Pte	Smith	J.S. M.M.	Mrs. J.W. Smith, Midland Avenue, Midland, Ontario, Canada.
800247	Cpl	Heald	F.E.	will report to the Record Office in the course of the next few weeks when on leave.
447667	Cpl	Tingley	G. M.M.	Mrs. E. A. Tingley, 295 - 63rd. Avenue, East, South Vancouver, B.C. Canada.

DISPOSITION OF DECORATIONS AWARDED TO  
15TH. BATTALION, 48TH. HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

No.	Rank.	Name.	Decoration.	Address to forward Medal
27439	Sgt	Bell	D.G.	D.C.M. & Bar. Mrs A.W.R. Bell, 101 Kirkland St., Glasgow, Scotland
404288	Pte	Butterfield	G.L.	D.C.M. Mrs. E. Butterfield, 414 King St., East, Toronto, Canada.
77742	Sgt	Phillips	W.J.	M.M. Mrs. J. Phillips, 12 Harcourt Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, England.
47813	Pte	Blackall	H.G.	M.M. Mrs. E. Blackall, 13 Westhill, Henley-on-Thames, England.
27016	Sgt.	Scully	A.A.	M.M. Mrs. Mary Scully, 10 Gloucester Street, Toronto, Canada.
47842	L/Sgt.	Malone	C.S.	M.M. Mrs. Mary Malone, 28 Russell Street, Toronto, Canada.
77763	Cpl.	Brownlee	J.H.	M.M. Mrs. A. Brownlee, P.O. Box 782, Menaimo, B.C., Canada.
22588	L/Cpl.	Hodges	A.J.	M.M. Mrs. A. Hodges, 233 Campbell Buildings, Westminster Bridge Road, London, S.E.
445149	Pte.	Ganter	D.S.	M.M. Mrs. A. Gustavson, Athabasca Landing, Alberta, Canada.
799462	Sgt.	Keach	C.W.	D.C.M. Mrs. C.W. Keach, 254 Salem Avenue, Toronto, Canada.
27625	CQMS	Bedford	A.C.	M.M. Miss N.F. Bedford, Winchams House, Caterham, Surrey, England.
799147	Pte.	Scherer	G.L.	M.M. Mr. C.W. Scherer, 45 Victoria Avenue, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada.

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<p>15th. Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada.</p>	<p>77704</p>	<p>Sergeant, Joseph DOUGHAN.</p> <p><i>Awarded M.M. N.P. 20. 388. 5. 18</i></p>	<p>Operations for the capture of PASSEBENDAELE Ridge.</p> <p>During the preparation for the above engagement, Sgt. Doughan was detailed to take charge of a party for work with the R.F.A. on November 5th. 1917.</p> <p>The party was heavily shelled whilst proceeding to their work, but owing to the cool courage and skill of Sgt. Doughan in leading his men through a difficult and dangerous situation, he undoubtedly saved many casualties.</p> <p>Sgt. Doughan has been with the Battalion for 28 months and has done excellent service at the following engagements :-</p> <p>ZILLEBESKE, near Ypres, June 1916. MOUQUET FARM, Somme, Sept. 1916. VIMY RIDGE, April 1917. HILL 70 Nth of LENS, Aug. 1917.</p>	<p><i>Distinguish Conduct Medal.</i></p> <p><i>C. E. Beut St Col 15th Canadian</i></p> <p><i>C. E. Beut Lieut. Col., Commanding, 15th. Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada.</i></p>	<p>Distinguish Conduct Medal.</p>	

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	15th. Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada.	204925	Private John Alexander GORDON. <i>Awarded M.M. B.P. 20. 30/11/17</i>	<p>Private Gordon was acting as a Runner when his Company was in close Support near PASSEMEUBLE. and it was necessary for him to carry messages through several very heavy bombardments of both H.E. and Gas Shells.</p> <p>He showed the greatest gallantry in carrying out his work and safely delivering his messages to Advanced Headquarters. On one occasion after his partner had been wounded by shell-fire, he dressed his wounds and helped to take him to the Dressing Station. It was necessary for him to return alone through a heavy Gas-shell bombardment.</p> <p>His courage and determination in carrying out his duties, are worthy of the greatest commendation.</p>	<i>Lt. Col. B. E. Bent</i>	Military Medal	

*B. E. Bent*  
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Commanding,  
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48th. Highlanders of Can

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	15th. Battalion 48th. Highlanders of Canada  1st. Central Ontario Regiment.	4617	Corporal (A/Sgt) Frederick GORE.	<p>During the attack on HILL 70, north of Lens, on August 15th, 1917, Cpl Gore was in charge of a Lewis Gun in a detached post. During the many enemy counter attacks, though some of his section became casualties, he continued working at his gun, and his effective handling of it was partly instrumental in repulsing these attacks.</p> <p>During the attack of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade against PASCHENDAELE RIDGE, he was in charge of a Stretcher Bearing Party. The ground over which this party worked was continually shelled by the enemy, but his cheerful courage and utter disregard for personal danger set his men a fine example, and is worthy of the highest commendation.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>L. A. Bent</i> Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding, 15th Battalion, 48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.</p>	Croix de Guerre.	

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<p>15th. Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada.</p> <p>1st Ontario Regiment.</p>	<p>46164</p>	<p>Sergeant Guy. LAPPIN.</p> <p><i>Award - Belg. Croix de fer D.O. 3962/8. 2. 18</i></p>	<p>Sergeant Laffin is the N.C.O. in charge of the Scouts of this Battalion.</p> <p>He is one of the 1st Contingent, and has been in every engagement in which the Battalion has taken part. On April 9th, at both during and after the attack south of THALUS he obtained valuable information which was of the greatest benefit, and his work on the occasion of the taking of HILL 70. in patrolling prior to the attack, his reports during the attack, and his leadership of the offensive patrols after the attack where his Officer had been wounded, were a material factor to the Battalion's success.</p> <p>He, himself, has taken out patrols on every tour in the trenches, and his work since his arrival in France is indeed worthy of award.</p>	<p><i>L. E. Burt</i></p> <p>Lieut-Col., Commanding, 15th. Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada.</p>	<p>Croix de Guerre.</p>	

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	15th. Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada.	37171	Private, Cyril Ignatius Valentine MONTEITH.  <i>Awarded M.M. B.P. 2. 38/3. 17</i>	<p>In the operations near Passchendaele on the 6th. November 1917, Pte Monteith's platoon suffered heavy casualties. The Stretcher Bearer was wounded, and he volunteered to take over those duties.</p> <p>All through the operation, he rendered splendid service, often at the greatest personal risk.</p> <p>His platoon Commander, N.C.O's and comrades seem unable to speak highly enough of his cheerful bravery and skill.</p>	<p><i>C. E. Bent 15th Canadian</i></p>	Military Medal 1.	

*C. E. Bent*  
Lieut-Col.,  
Commanding,  
15th. Battalion,  
48th. Highlanders of Canada

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Headquarters,  
15th. Battalion,  
48th. Highlanders of Canada.  
Nov. 21st. 1917.

Headquarters,  
3rd. Canadian Infantry Brigade.

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Herewith please find recommendations  
in the undermentioned cases, for award in connection with  
the operations in Flanders. These are placed in Order  
of Merit.

	Lieut Read	C.E.		M.C.
77704	Sgt Doughan	J.	1	D.S.M.
47802	Pte Ashford	W.	1	M.M.
444641	" Buell	A.P.	4	M.M.
203082	" Daniels	W.C.	2	M.M.
22442	" Brewer	A.B.	1	M.M.
192819	L/S Simpson	W.C.	1	M.M.
37171	Pte Monteith	G.I.V.	1	M.M.
204925	" Gordon	J.A.		M.M.

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48th. Highlanders of Canada

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	15th Battalion, 48th HIGH LANDERS of C.A.D.A.		Lieutenant, Charles Edward REARD.	<p>This Officer was in charge of a stretcher Bearing Party of 100 other ranks in the attack against the P. SCHEIDTLE Ridge on November, 6th 1917.</p> <p>He led his party forward, following the 3rd Canadian Battalion. He personally directed his men in collecting and carrying the wounded. It was necessary for him to lead his men through the fiercest shelling and the most withering Machine Gun fire.</p> <p>He was always an example of bravery and cool courage, and the thorough way in which he carried out his duties on that day, in the greatest personal danger, earned for him the unstinted praise of the Officer Commanding 3rd C.A. Bn.</p> <p>This Officer has been with the Battalion for a year, and he has always behaved in a very courageous manner, and shown the finest bravery under fire. He went over in the attack on the VINY RIDGE on April 9th, 1917.</p>		MILITARY CROSS	

Lieutenant Colonel,  
Commanding,  
15th Battalion C.A.D.A.  
48th HIGH LANDERS OF C.A.D.A.

3rd Can. Inf.

1st Canadian

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*Mention*

15th Canadian  
Battalion.  
(1ST CENTRAL  
ONTARIO  
REGIMENT).

Captain, Hubert  
John Stokes  
RMCN.

( Verified )  
( Despatch Army List  
Col. )

This Officer has acted in the capacity of Quartermaster to this Battalion since January 1917. His work has always been of the most thorough and satisfactory character.

He took part in all the operations that this Battalion was in this summer and fall between August 8th until October 22nd, and it was largely due to his very excellent management that rations and necessaries were constantly supplied to the troops in the line and that even through the heaviest fighting the men were well fed.

This Officer came to France with the Battalion February 1915 as a Company Sergeant Major and received his commission in January 1917.

Recommended ..... Brig.-Gen.  
Comdg., 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade.

Recommended ..... Maj.-Gen.,  
Comdg., 1st Canadian Division.

..... Lieut.-Col.,  
Comdg., 15th Canadian Battalion,  
(1ST CENTRAL ONTARIO REGIMENT).

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	15th Battalion, 48th. Highlanders of Canada.  1st Central Ontario Regiment.	192774	Sergeant Henry Alexander ROBERTSON.  <i>Award: See Croix de guerre D.O. 3962/8.2.16</i>	<p>During the attack on Hill 70, north of Lens, on August 15th 1917, Sgt Robertson was in charge of a section of the Support Company. On his officer becoming a casualty, he took charge of his platoon in a most efficient and fearless manner. The Company on the left flank having suffered severe casualties, he led reinforcements through the heavy enemy barrage to their assistance.</p> <p>On November 6th at PASCHENDAELE RIDGE he was in charge of a Stretcher bearing party during the of the 1st Canadian Brigade, and his bravery and determination on that occasion in the face of heavy enemy shelling and Machine Gun fire, were an inspiring example to the men in his charge.</p> <p>His work with the Battalion has always been of the highest character, both in Billets and in the trenches and he is worthy of the greatest commendation.</p>		Croix de Guerre.	

*B. G. Beuk*  
 Lieut-Col., Commanding,  
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<i>15th Battalion 48th Highlanders Canada</i>	<i>192819</i>	<i> Lance Corporal William Gordon SIMPSON</i>	<p><i>Attack Rapunsh PASSCHENDRELE RIDGE 7th Dec 1917.</i></p> <p><i>In the above engagement, L/C Simpson was in charge of a party of Stretcher Bearers, and had to work over country which was being very heavily shelled. Although more than half of his party was wounded, he persevered at his work, and by his cheerful courage and disregard of personal danger, set a very fine example to the men of his party.</i></p> <p><i>This A.C.D. has seen over 14 months continuous service, and has behaved with the greatest gallantry as a Machine Gunner in the operations at the Somme, in 3 phases, Vimy, Arras, and at Amiens 1917 and at Amiens 1918.</i></p>	<i>6.2. Bent Lt Col</i>	<i>Military Medal</i>	<i>15th Battalion</i>

*Awarded M.M. 16/12/17 or 30/1/18*

*6.2. Bent Lt Col 15th Battalion*