

1st Bn The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada, Overseas.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR MILITARY CROSS

Captain A.L. MacLaurin, R.H.C.
5th Cdn Inf Bde.

1. I have the honor to recommend Capt. A.L. MacLaurin for the Military Cross.
2. Capt. MacLaurin was in charge of four detachments of R.H.C. mortar Platoon on 19 Aug 1942 in the action at Dieppe. When his landing craft approached the beach it came under heavy fire from the shore and from an E boat. Capt. MacLaurin was instrumental in organizing the carrying of wounded to cover and in bringing into action Bren guns.
3. Captain MacLaurin displayed great coolness under fire and conducted himself throughout without regard to his personal safety. He was an example to all ranks and was personally thanked by the Naval Officer in command of the ship for the assistance he gave during the action.

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C. MacLaurin Lt. Col
Officer Commanding, 1st Bn
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RECOMMENDATION FOR THE MILITARY MEDAL

D-81178 Sgt. Marsh, J.W. 1 RHC
5th Cdn Inf Bde.

1. I wish to recommend D-81178 Sgt. Marsh, J.W. of 1st Bn The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada for the marginally noted decoration.
2. This NCO was 2 i/c The Black Watch Mortar Detachment during the raid on Red Beach at Dieppe. His unflinching loyalty and duty won him the admiration of all ranks aboard our vessel T.L.C.2. He unflinchingly carried out his duty while under very heavy fire, both during the period of half an hour the ship was on the beach, landing her tanks, and during the period of withdrawal. He showed complete disregard for his personal safety during the periods, and was an example which will be hard to equal in courage and sense of duty, to his men.
3. He was at all times during the action exposed to intense fire, and at no time during the whole engagement did he spare himself in the slightest.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR MENTION IN DISPATCHES

D/82389 Cpl. Morgan, M.E. 1 RHC
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1. I wish to recommend D-82389 Cpl Morgan, M.E. for mention in dispatches for his bravery during the raid on Red Beach at Dieppe on 18th Aug 1942.
2. This NCO at very great personal danger, when the enemy fire was at its height rushed out on the bow of T.L.C.2 in order to bring into cover a wounded member of the Toronto Scottish gun crew.
3. Later he went to the bridge of the vessel which was still under fire, along with men of his detachment and assisted in removing the seriously wounded members of the ship's Pom-Pom crew. This operation took a considerable time, all of which he was exposed to very heavy S.A.A. and Mortar fire.
4. His leadership and courage will go down in the annals of his Unit, and the example to his men, of which detachment he had complete control at all times, will live in their minds for the rest of their careers in life.
5. On the return journey he manned the one Pom-Pom that was servicable on our craft.

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D-82480 Pte. Barclay, J. 1 RHC
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1. I wish to recommend that D-82480 Pte. Barclay, J. be mentioned in dispatches for his bravery during the raid on Red Beach at Dieppe on 18th Aug 1942.
2. This man was one of a party sent to the bridge to evacuate the wounded gunners. He spent some time in heavy fire to accomplish this. The circumstances were most trying, as the wounded men had to be placed on stretchers on the fire swept bridge, lowered down the bridge ladder, borne along the exposed deck, and lowered into the hold. During all this period the m/n showed great personal courage and consideration for the wounded men. He had some knowledge of first aid and was a considerable aid to the Medical men aboard in caring for the wounded when they had been returned to the hold.
3. His untiring efforts to aid the wounded with no regard to his personal safety are an example to his fellow soldiers.

A. L. MacLaurin Capt.