

APPENDIX "C"

Non-Operational Gallantry Awards

George Medal (GM)

Member of the Order of the British Empire
(MBE) Commendations

The George Medal (GM)

Rank — Name — Corps — Address

Capt. T. F. Chandler, The Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, 199 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto, Ont.

British Empire Medal

D.23272 S/Sgt. (A/WO I) (Sub Condr) H. F. Hungate, The Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, 2292 Hampton Ave., N.D.G., Montreal P.Q.

L.74074 Sgt. H. W. Fox, Canadian Infantry Corps, Saskatoon, Sask.

K.68691 Sgt. F. J. Lockhart, Canadian Intelligence Corps, 1298 W. 10th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

C.89858 Cpl. O. H. Wilson, The Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, 582 Bolivar St., Peterborough, Ont.

B.145227 L/Cpl. N. Schneider, The Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, Barriefield Village, Ont.

H.19855 L/Cpl. G. H. Hanson, The Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers, 778 Logan Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

Commendations

L.26241 Sgt. J. Burkosky, The Royal Canadian Artillery, Long Branch, Ont.

L.26329 Bdr. A. S. Davis, The Royal Canadian Artillery, 236 19th St. E., Prince Albert, Sask.

M.43475 Bdr. J. W. Franklin, The Royal Canadian Artillery, Calgary, Alta.

M.43908 Bdr. J. F. Morice, The Royal Canadian Artillery, Herrett Rd., Springhill, N.S.

B.44373 Gnr. L. O. Coon, The Royal Canadian Artillery, 204 Dovercourt Rd., Toronto, Ont.

H.37019 Gnr. L. I. Forbes, The Royal Canadian Artillery, 283 Regal Ave., St. Vital, Man.

A.32031 Gnr. R. D. Pepler, The Royal Canadian Artillery, London, Ont.

M.43976 Gnr. L. E. Shoemaker, The Royal Canadian Artillery, Bashaw, Alta.

M.43983 Gnr. G. Wilson, The Royal Canadian Artillery, Clive, Alta.

C.11678 L/Cpl. D. J. Drummond, The Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers, 12 Second Ave., Westboro, Ont.

B.87487 Spr. H. P. Walker, The Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers, North Cobalt, Ont.

Capt. H. C. Maxwell, Canadian Infantry Corps, 236 Brock St., Kingston, Ont.

Lieut. G. Fawcett, The Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, 2632 Burdick Ave., Victoria, B.C.

G.53042 W. B. Pendrigh, The Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps, 31 Elgin St., Saint John, N.B.

Mr. GREEN: Could the minister give the approximate number for the reserve army?

Mr. ABBOTT: I am afraid I cannot at the moment. The strength of six divisions plus would indicate that it would be somewhere in the vicinity of 130,000 to 150,000 men, with supporting troops which might be somewhat substantially in excess of that. Before giving a definite answer I would want to discuss it with the chief of the general staff to see what his views are as to that. The general picture, as I have indicated, is a force of six divisions plus the usual headquarters staff and supporting troops.

The committee will recall that lists of operational awards and honours have been submitted previously. With those which I have presented to-day, the total is 5,765. Included in the list are the names of three members of the army who received the Victoria Cross. I regret to say that one of these, Sergeant Aubrey Cosens, of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, was killed in action and the cross was awarded posthumously. The other two, Major Frederick Albert Tilston of the Essex Scottish and Corporal Frederick George Topham of the first Canadian parachute battalion, happily survived and have been repatriated.

The citations in the cases of Sergeant Cosens and Captain Tilston appeared in the *Canada Gazette* of May 26, 1945, and in the case of Corporal Topham in the *Gazette* of August 4, 1945. I shall read them, Mr. Chairman, in order that they may be on *Hansard*.

First, that of Sergeant Cosens reads as follows:

The king has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Victoria Cross (posthumously) to:

B.46495 Sergeant Aubrey Cosens,
the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

In Holland on the night of February 25-26, 1945, the first battalion the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada launched an attack on the hamlet of Mooshof to capture ground which was considered essential for the successful development of future operations.

Sergeant Cosens platoon with two tanks in support attacked enemy strong-points in three farm buildings but were twice beaten back by fanatical enemy resistance and then fiercely counter-attacked during which time the platoon suffered heavy casualties and the platoon commander was killed.

Sergeant Cosens at once assumed command of the only other four survivors of his platoon whom he placed in a position to give him covering fire while he himself ran across open ground under heavy mortar and shell fire to