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 9 Armd Brigade 5 Cdn Armd Division 1 Cdn Corps

Schedule No. Unit 1st Bn KRRC
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Army No. and Rank 6857254 W/Corporal

Name **QUILL, Ernest Jack**
 (Christian names must be stated)

Recommendation passed forward
 Received Passed
 Brigade 15 Feb 45 24 Feb 45
 Division
 Corps
 Army 2 MAR 1945 - 6 MAR 1945
 AFHQ - 8 MAR 1945

Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
<p>For outstanding courage and determination in assuming the duties of Platoon Commander after being wounded. On 1 Jan 45, Cpl QUILL's Pl was holding a posn in and around a house at MR 482462 ITALY 1:25,000 89 III NW. Cpl QUILL's section was responsible for a bren posn in the farmyard. At about 0300 hrs the area was mortared, the listening post driven in and the posn surrounded by a strong enemy raiding party. Cpl QUILL was badly wounded in the shoulder by a spandau bullet but continued firing his bren gun with the utmost determination and prevented any enemy entering his sector. However the outside posts on another flank were neutralised and enemy entered the farm yard and bazooked the house, which collapsed except for a small part of the ground floor. All the posts in the house ceased firing and it was clear that unless they could be brought into action</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(overleaf)</p>	<p><i>E. A. W. Williams</i> (Signed) DCM E. A. W. Williams, Lieut Colonel Comdg 1 KRRC <i>W. C. C.</i> W. C. C., G. O. C.,</p>	<p>Honour or Reward Immediate BRIGADIER COMMANDER, 9 ARMD BDE Lt.-Gen., EIGHTH ARMY.</p>	<p>1001 D.C.M 21.6.45. 35702</p>

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again the whole posn would be over-run with the possible exception of Cpl JULL's gun post. The only way in was across the open farm yard, which was brightly lit by burning haystacks, and through the door, which was under constant fire. Cpl JULL entered the building, where he found that the Pl Comd, Pl Sjt and several Riflemen were wounded, one section Comd and two Riflemen were missing, Cpl BAPTIST and the few Riflemen still in action were dazed and injured by debris, most of the weapons and amm were damaged or buried under debris. Helped by Cpl BAPTIST he rallied the Pl and organised the fire posns and treatment of the wounded. As soon as the posn in the house had been restored he again crossed the open yard with one Rfn to occupy an outside post, from which he engaged the enemy until they withdrew. After a relieving force and arrived, Cpl JULL completed the re-organisation of his Pl and stayed at his post until ordered back to the RAP by an officer, when the full severity of his wound was discovered. This NCO's fighting spirit and self sacrifice were a magnificent example to his Pl. His courage and initiative saved a very ugly situation.

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H.R. Alexander

Field Marshal
Supreme Allied Commander
Mediter...

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