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Brigade

Division

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Date of Recommendation

Schedule No. (To be left blank.)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name. (Christian names must be stated.)	Action for which commended. (Date and place of action must be stated.)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	To be left blank.
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1st. Bn. The 160864
Royal Welch
Fusiliers.

W/S Lieut.
ROSTRON
John Norfolk.

DONBAIK, BURMA. 18th. March 1943.

Lt. Col. A. H.
Williams.

14 Pl. "C" Coy. under comd. of Lt. Rostron, was ordered to attack an enemy strong point, S 16. Lt. Rostron reached his objective, suffering heavy casualties in his advance, only five of his Pl. arriving on the objective with him, the remainder having fallen to heavy mortar and machine gun fire. The objective itself was found to be unoccupied by the enemy, and Lt. Rostron pushed further on toward his Coy. objective. When continuous enemy mortar and M.G. fire made further advance impossible, he commenced to dig in. During the whole of the day his position was subjected to frequent mortaring and M.G. fire. Enemy snipers killed two of his party. Toward the end of the day Lt. Rostron succeeded in contacting elements of B Coy. who had reached their objective, M 16. Lt. Rostron took command of this party, and though isolated by enemy fire from any source of re-inforcements, continued to hold his position throughout the remainder of the day until 0430 hrs. on 19th. March, when he was ordered by loudspeaker to withdraw. Lt. Rostron then organised the withdrawal of the whole party, including several wounded and making his way round an enemy M.G. post eventually reached our lines. Throughout the day and night this officer had set a magnificent example of leadership and devotion to duty.

Recommended for IMMEDIATE award of the Military Cross, D.S.O.

Lieut. General,
General Officer Commanding in Chief, Eastern Army

11 April 1943

Major-General,
Commanding, Ind. Div.

② After considering this action further and making more detailed enquiries, I consider that it is worthy of the Distinguished Service Order and I strongly recommend him for this award.

Awarded D.S.O.

L G 1-4-43

Lt. Col. Williams,
Commanding, The Royal Welch Fusiliers.

① Strongly recommended for an immediate award of the Military Cross.
31. Mar 43.

R. J. Gaudin

S.P.-455/G 105-11-4-42-3,00,000.

R. J. Gaudin
1 Apr. 43.

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