DONBAIK, BURMA. 18th, March 1943.


14 Pl. 4th Coy., under command of Lt. Rosstrom, was ordered to attack an enemy strong point, No. 10.

Lt. Rosstrom 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. Rosstrom 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. Rosstrom succeeded in contacting elements of the Coy. who had reached their objective, No. 12. Lt. Rosstrom took command of this party, and those isolated by enemy fire from any source of reinforcements, 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. Rosstrom then organized 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. Awarded D.S.O.

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Commanding, The Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Strongly recommend for an immediate award of the Military Cross. A. T. §

R. T. Haynes

18th April 43