

Maj R Dunlop
 Comd 2 Derby Yeo.
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	2 Derby Yeo	305273	A/Cpl THOMPSON, Harry.	On the night of 16/17 Jun 44 this NCO was in charge of a section of an inf. nuisance patrol sent by 'B' Sqn 2 Derby Yeo (then holding ESCOVILLE 1274) to CUVERVILLE 1069. When the patrol was approaching Cuverville, 2/Lt K.W. Porter who was in command, ordered Cpl Thompson to take up a position to the East of the village in order to cover the remainder of the patrol. After the patrol had carried out its task, Cpl Thompson started to move his section to rejoin the remainder of the patrol at the rallying point. He was fired on by an enemy M.G. Post and forced to make a wide detour, reaching the rallying point after the remainder of the patrol had had to leave. Thompson's section started North for ESCOVILLE along the line of the direct road, but was fired on by enemy East of the road and forced to seek refuge in cornfields further West. Here the section was fired on every time it moved and Thompson appreciated that he was being stalked. He organised his section to return fire and silenced the enemy. With enemy known to be between him and Escoville, Thompson decided it was not possible to reach that village in daylight and his section spent the remainder of 17 Jun lying up in cornfields observing the enemy. He located one multi-barrelled mortar, the position of which was subsequently confirmed. As darkness came on again, the section resumed its movement North and succeeded in evading enemy patrols and reaching Herouville 1272 where another part of the regiment was. It is considered that Cpl Thompson showed fine powers of leadership in bringing his men safely home and very great courage during the 20 hrs he spent in the enemy area.	<i>[Signature]</i> Maj-Gen., Comdr., 51 (H) Division.		

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