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15th Brigade 5th Division 8th Corps

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Schedule No. Unit 1st Bn The York and Lancaster Regt

Army No. and Rank 50470 WS/Maj T/Lt-Col

Name KAULBACK, Roy, James, Alfred
(Christian names must be stated)

Received Passed
Brigade 14/1/45
Division 15 5/45 21/5/45
Corps 22/5/45 2 JUN 1945
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R.J.A.

Action for which commended
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Recommended by

Honour or Reward

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In the break-out from the LAUBENBURG bridgehead over the ELBE it was essential that the village of MUSSENDORF should be secured as soon as possible as a preliminary to the final thrust on LUBECK.

This task was given, on 1 May 45, to the 1st Bn York and Lancaster Regt, comd by Lt-Col R.J.A. KAULBACK, and entailed fighting through thickly-wooded country.

With typical zeal and disregard for his personal safety Lt-Col KAULBACK took forward his Tac HQ close on the heels of the leading company.

The enemy, belonging to a Grenadier Regiment, were well-sited in concealed positions and allowed the leading squadron of tanks and the vanguard company to pass through before bringing close and heavy fire to bear on Tac HQ.

An immediate plan was made by Lt-Col KAULBACK and as a result of the personal leadership of his small detachment in an outflanking movement, 70 of the enemy were forced to surrender.

Throughout the rest of the day, Lt-Col KAULBACK displayed marked tactical skill in a series of well led and boldly executed attacks which culminated in the capture of MUSSENDORF, with a minimum of casualties.

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Brig, Comd
15 Inf Bde
9/5/45

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The success of this operation was entirely due to Lt-Col KAULBACK's cool, aggressive and determined leadership and is a tribute to the ability and thoroughness which he has consistently shown in training his unit.

B. H. Don Quixote

PHILIP MARSHALL
COMMANDER
21 ARMY GROUP

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

Nature of Casualty	Date
Killed in action	
Died of Wounds	
Died	
Missing	
Prisoner of War	

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