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2 Cdn Inf Bde Brigade 2 Cdn Division 2 Cdn Corps

Schedule No. (to be left blank) Unit 72 Assault Sq. RE Division

Army No. and Rank 95078 Captain Corps 241 Aug 44 Army 2 Sep 44

Name Cecil Francis TRACY

(Christian names must be stated)

Action for which commended  
(Date and place of action must be stated)

Recommended  
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Honour  
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~~Operator 72 Assault Sq. RE 241 Aug 44~~  
SE of CAEN on the night 7-8 Aug  
During a ~~major~~ operation in which large and  
completely armoured columns were required to move 5000 yds  
into enemy territory Capt TRACY was in charge of a Tp of  
AVRE. Their task with the leading armour was to mark the  
route for one of the columns by automatic means from with-  
in their tanks. The automatic means of marking are not  
fully satisfactory, and Capt TRACY ordered a small party  
to dismount by reliefs and accompany the AVRE on foot to  
improve them. An armoured ledge containing marking stores  
was destroyed by shellfire at the start line and the  
column was subjected to periodical fire from small arms,  
A tk Guns, mortar and artillery.

To ensure the successful marking of his gap he  
frequently dismounted from his tank with the reliefs. His  
courageous example was largely responsible for their  
sustained work under fire which contributed substantially to  
the successful passage of the armoured column. His active  
work and quick decisions taken when the column came across

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