

Army Form W-3121

18th Indian Infantry Brigade 8th Army Division - Corps - Date of Recommendation 24th October 1944

Schedule No. (To be left blank)	Unit	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour Award.	(To be left blank)
	2/3rd Gurkha Rifles. Staff Captain 18th Indian Infantry Brigade	Captain MUMFORD, Edward Neville	<p>For cool, brave, gallantry during the attack by portions of the 15th and 21st German Panzer divisions on the bank ^{headquarters} of 18th Indian Infantry Brigade on 1st July, 1942, in the Middle East.</p> <p>When two Battalions of the Brigade had been completely over-run, and all guns except one Anti-tank ^{anti-tank} gun had been knocked out, The Germans directed the whole weight of their attack onto Brigade H.Q. Captain Mumford was directing the anti-tank ^{was directing the anti-tank} platoon. He directed the fire of the one remaining Anti-tank ^{anti-tank} gun though under heavy fire. I saw him knock out several tanks which remained burning a few hundred yards away. When the ammunition for the Anti-tank ^{anti-tank} gun was exhausted Captain Mumford seized a Bren gun and kept up firing from a most exposed position on the advancing German tanks. It was only when ammunition was exhausted and the German tanks were all round the Brigade H.Q. position that Captain Mumford ceased ^{ceased} firing. His coolness and courage were an example to all ranks and it was largely due to his efforts that Brigade H.Q. were able to hold up the German advance for over three hours at a most critical period.</p>	Lieut. Colonel C.E. Gray, (I.A.) Acting Commander, 18th Indian Infantry Brigade.	MILITARY CROSS	<p>10391</p> <p>Excluded from 68/944 14071/87</p> <p>103</p> <p>5A</p>

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