

THE PERTH REGIMENT OF CANADA

M107678 Cpl. Robert Julius Arndt DCM Citation



Distinguished Conduct Medal

Cpl Robert Julius Arndt THE PERTH REGT

On 29 April 1945 Corporal ARNDT was commanding a section in "A" Company THE PERTH REGIMENT. The Company was engaged in a night attack on a very strong enemy position, in the area immediately SOUTH of the village of Nansum.

When the leadingtroops of the Company reached a point approximately 100 yards from the SOUTHERN edge of the village a strong belt of wire was encountered and the enemy in a house 100 yards distant opened fire.

Corporal ARNDT's section was ordered to breach the wire and assault the house from which the enemy was firing. The section succeeded in getting through the wire and across a deep water-filled ditch. The enemy fire became more intense and machine guns were now firing at the section from both flanks as well as from the house. Corporal ARNDT with complete disregard for the enemy fire led his section in a charge against the enemy held house. Upon reaching the house the section were met with grenades, thrown from the windows, and fire from small arms. Corporal ARNDT silenced some of the enemy by throwing a grenade through a window after which he dashed into the house alone firing his weapon. The enemy gave way before this determined assault and the section took 70 prisoners in addition to wounding six and killing several of the enemy. Six enemy machine guns were captured.

Several hours after the capture of the house a force of approximately 30 enemy, armed with machine guns and bazookas, counter attacked and attempted to recapture the house. During this counter attack Corporal ARNDT, himself occupied a slit trench covering the left flank of the position. With great coolness and determination, he with-held his fire until the enemy were approximately ten yards from him. When he opened fire he killed five of the enemy, including two officers, and completely disorganized and routed the enemy.