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Rank and Army or Personal No. 26593 T/Sjt

Name TAPPIN, ROBERT, STEPHEN.
(Christian names must be stated)

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

On 20 Apr 43 T/Sjt TAPPIN took over his Pl after his Pl Comd and Pl Sjt had both been wounded and evacuated. On the night 23/24 Apr he skillfully lead his Pl in an advance over difficult country, during operations in the ENFIDAVILLE area. On arrival at the objective, while siting his sections an enemy patrol was encountered. Prompt and determined offensive action resulted in the enemy being driven off. T/Sjt TAPPIN then proceeded to consolidate his position and displayed considerable skill and ingenuity in the siting of his posts on difficult terrain, on Pt 114. For the following 48 hours his Pl successfully held this exposed position under constant and heavy shellfire. Owing to his forceful personality and fine personal example the morale of his Pl remained of the highest order. During this period T/Sjt TAPPIN also constructed and manned an O.P. from which much useful information was passed back to Bn HQ.

Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
<i>J. Gandy</i> Lt. Col. Comd. (Temp) 24 NZ BN.	M.M. IMMEDIATE	
<i>P. Frey</i> Lieut.-General Commander 10 Corps		
<i>W. M. ...</i> Brigadier Commander 6 NZ Inf Bde.		
<i>W. H. ...</i> Maj. General		
<i>W. ...</i> General Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Forces.		

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