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# WAR DIARY LE REGIMENT de MAISONNEUVE

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England	1 Jul 44		<p>The fact that this Bn is to move to marshalling area has long since been known to all of us but the news that we must send an L.O. to East Kent sub-district to find out the times for the move and the date thereof is really big news as it makes all concerned realize that we have but a few hours left before embarking on the Great Adventure i.e. to do our part in the liberation of Europe. Lieut. Paul Fafard proceeded as L.O. to obtain the movement orders for the move to marshalling area. We are to move in two groups (1) M.T. Gp and (2) Marching personnel. Gp 1 leaves Folkestone 0425 hrs tomorrow 103 vehs and 357 all ranks. Gp 2 leaves Folkestone by rail 1515 hrs tomorrow 490 strong.</p>	RF.
England	2 Jul 44		<p>At 0425 hrs this morning the unit MT group leaves Folkestone for marshalling area North East of London. All personnel in this group are quite amazed to note the blast effects caused by the German pilotless bombs. Quite a lot of damage is noticed as the group passes through London. We are escorted through London by the Metropolitan Police. Arrival at the marshalling area is effected at about 1300 hrs. Upon entering the area we are split into two ship loads. Each shipload must go to a different camp within the area. To split such a group and still keep the personnel for each camp at approximately equal numbers entailed quite a few headaches for the people doing it especially since essential personnel were being called away every three minutes or so to do the hundred and one things that must be completed in the marshalling area such as: Feeding - distribution of rations for 48 hrs after landing - paying personnel in foreign currency - issuing bedding and tents for the night. However everything was eventually settled. Capt J.G. Vallieres Sp Coy Comd was given comd of one shipload and Capt C. Gaddihy was given comd of the other.</p>	RF.
On board	3 Jul 44		<p>Move from marshalling area to Tilbury Docks London by MT group with dvrs only. The two gps load on to SS Houston City and SS Marwarri respectively and the dvrs spend the night on the boats.</p>	RF.
On board	4 Jul 44		<p>Aboard the Marwarri a cargo steamer of the Brocklebank Line everyone was well treated. Officers were given sleeping accommodation with the ships officers. The ship's master Capt. Armstrong and the first mate Mr G.S. Jackson gave us every welcome and were most hospitable. We remain on board until the 7 Jul 44.</p>	RF.

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On board	5/6 Jul 44		On board the ship all day arrive off Juno beach 2300 hrs 6 Jul 44. Marching personnel arrive in France.	DF.
On board	7/8 Jul 44		ME groups disembark - downwaterproof vehicles and move to concentration area. Visit by Corps Comd Gen Simonds.	DF.
France	9 Jul 44		In concentration area - MR 874836 sheet 7E-5. The church parade was formed up on Sp coy grounds and all catholics of 5 Cdn Inf Bde assisted. A great number went to communion. Brigadier McGill assisted. The rest of the day was quiet. General Montgomery visits 2 Div HQ; Lt-Col Bisailion attended the meeting.	DF.
France	10 Jul 44		Nothing much to do but we expect to move to a concentration area closer to the front line. Capt Bourcier and Lieut Hallette leave for the concentration area. Capt F.D. Bourcier when returning stated that the place was rather sticky. Many dead bodies and dead animals lay around. The Germans were also shelling the place.	DF.
France	11 Jul 44		The day is spent in clearing the battle fields. The padre is kept busy burying the dead. No need to tell the boys to dig slit trenches. All shovels are kept busy. Major C.W. Granda was evacuated today with a sore eye.	DF.
France	12 Jul 44		The day as a whole was rather exciting. B coy started off by capturing a German hidden in their area (Authie). The Gerry was evacuated to 13 Cdn Fd Amb. An ME 109F was shot and crashed in B coy lines. It just missed Major Masse's head and went crashing into a rock wall. He was buried on the spot by the padre. A carrier pigeon with a message in a green container was shot by a DR. The pigeon and message were evacuated to Bde. Capt J. Ostiguy becomes A/Major to replace Major Granda.	DF.
France	13 Jul 44		Not much excitement in the regiment today. We are waiting for the orders to move to the front line. As it stands now the whole of 4 Cdn Inf Bde are in the front line but there is not much movement. Patrols are being sent forward to try and get information.	DF.

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France	14 Jul 44		<p>Today a Guard of Honor has been chosen from Le Regiment de Maisonneuve to assist at a celebration of the Bastille day at Rots. It is the first time since the German occupation that this feast was celebrated. Lient Laurencelle was detailed with six men of each coy as the Guard of Honor. A group of 25 spectators including two from RHC and CH also attended. Among the spectators in this regiment were Lt-Col Bisail- lon, E.D. - Major J. Bibeau - Lieuts J.D.R. Racine, J.M. Brisebois, and J.M. Mathieu. The ceremony consisted of High Mass with Rev Father Beaulieu officiating. After mass appropriate speeches for the occasion were made by Father Beaulieu and by Major Larabee. After which the last post was sounded and one minute silence was observed. The Guard of Honor presented arms and the 2 Cdn Inf Div band played "La Marseillaise" "God save the King" "Star spangled Banner" and "O Canada". The parade then broke off and the band played light music and march tunes of 1914-18. The senior officers present were then invited to the Mayor's Mr Philipp's residence, where bottles of champagne, hidden since the occupation were opened in honor of the liberation of this part of France. Other noticeable incidents were the display of the French, British and American flags., who had also been hidden since the occupation. The Cdn officers then presented per- sonal subscriptions towards the reconstruction of the parish church. These were ac- cepted with great emotion by Father Beaulieu. Lt-Col Bisailon and Major Bibeau, accompanied by local people went to the cemetery to offer prayers for one of the Frenchman who died a victim of the German tyranny. He had been shot by the German because he belonged to a secret organization. Present also at the celebration were three young frenchman who belonged to the same organization, "La resistance Nationale" without knowing it until a few days before D day. In the afternoon German fighters were over the area, one of which was shot down by a spitfire. The pilot escaped with a broken leg and was captured by the provost. Unfortunately many went to see the wreck and while there another enemy fighter machine gunned them. One was killed, one seriously wounded and three others slightly wounded.</p>	PF.
France	15 Jul 44		<p>During the night the Corries entertained us with an air raid. They bombed somewhere near Rots and Rassel. After some time reconnaissance planes dropped flares over the fron line for the purpose of taking photographs. Otherwise all was quiet.</p>	PF.

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16 Jul 44		A terrific arty bombardment was launched during the night. It was probably directed on Esquay as it was taken by the 43 British Division during the night. During the day it was very quiet.	RF
17 Jul 44		Nothing to report - Slight air activity overhead during night. Big attack imminent in the Caen area for tomorrow.	RF
18 Jul 44		At 0630 hrs everyone was awakened with a bang. An aerial bombardment East and SE of Caen plus a major artillery barrage in the course. At 0940 hrs the unit crosses on the move to assembly area in the Western outskirts of Caen. This move is in anticipation of an attack in which this unit is detailed to play a part tomorrow.	RF
19 Jul 44		Le Regiment de Maisonneuve sees its first action of this war today. The objective Le Haute on the main rd CAEN - FLERSY SUR ORNE. The SL on the Southern outskirts of Faubourg de Vaucelles. The zero or H hour 1300 hrs. The plan A and D coys to cross the SL and follow the barrage to the objective. C and B coys to follow thru mopping up the buildings along the axis on the way. A coy left forward coy D coy right fwd coy. C Coy to be left res or follow thru coy and B coy to be right follow up coy. A platoon of MG from the Tor Scots to give protection on the left flank. A sqn from the Sherbrooke Fus of the 27th Armd Regt to support the attack. A tp of 20 Can A Tk Battery 2 A Tk Regt RCA are in sp and are to go in on success to aid in the consolidation. Sequence of events: A and D coys in moving to the SL got ahead of their SL by some two to three hundred yards. At E a few minutes when the Arty barrage began the two fwd coys became trapped in their own arty. Major L. Brosseau commd D coy in an attempt to get his tps under cover was himself killed. Capt A.L. Orioux mortar pl commd receiving posns for his mortars was also caught in the arty fire and killed. A and D coys suffered several casualties and became quite disorganized. Lt-Col H.L. Bisailon realizing the situation ordered the two follow up coys to proceed through A and D coys respectively and to carry on with the attack supposed to have been carried out by A and D coys. C and B coys carried out their orders and with but little opposition reached the objective. In the meantime Capt C. Vallieres took charge of D coy reorganized it and went fwd on the right. Major J.A.A. Dugas reorganized hi coy - A coy and went fwd on the left in the follow up role.	RF



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France	20 Jul 44		<p>The position at Le Hante was consolidated by 1630 hrs. On consolidation BnHQ moved to a position at 026656. At approx 1930 hrs after Calg Highrs and BHC had passed through R de Massu orders were received to establish ourselves firmly in Fleury sur Orne taking all round defensive positions.</p> <p>Positions around Fleury sur Orne are consolidated the coys all report themselves in position by approx 0300 hrs. BnHQ is established at the entrance to caves at MR 023649 Sheet No 40/16 SW. Many french civilians, inhabitants of the various battle torn villages of the district were found in the caves. These were indeed very glad to see us. Conditions in these caves were very unhealthy but they are the only safe place to be in. The fwd coys were heavily shelled continually today and we had a few casualties. Major Masse and his coy pushed into Basse and found it unoccupied.</p>	28.
France	21 Jul 44		<p>At 1030 hrs Lt-Col Bissillon, E.D. went back to B echelon for a rest and was relieved by Major J. Eibeau who took over the battalion. The remaining coys moved fwd into Basse and BnHQ into a farmyard behind the coys. A direct hit in the farmyard caused 7 casualties including 2 dead. BnHQ moved immediately into the orchard on the opposite side of the road where everyone at once dug themselves in. We were under very heavy mortar fire all night and had a few casualties. During the night C Coy sent a fighting patrol into Etavaux and found it unoccupied. However the Calg Highrs had also sent a patrol to the same place a few hours before us and found the place very strongly defended by machine gun posts. When our patrol went through the enemy had either withdrawn or had let our patrol through.</p>	29.
France	22 Jul 44		<p>Lt-Col Bissillon came back this morning to prepare an attack on Etavaux. The attack will be more of a raid as it was understood that we were not to stay in it. Before we are able to occupy Etavaux the 43 Brit Div are to attack Maltot on the opposite side of the river Orne. H hour for the raid was set at 1500 hrs. An arty barrage preceded the attack. D coy was on the left led by Major Vallieres and C coy on the right led by Major Ostiguy. The place was found to be heavily occupied. The raid was successful but Major C. Vallieres was killed during the operation. We also suffered a few other casualties. The attack on Maltot was launched at 1700 hrs and was successful. At 2300 hrs A coy and B coy's went back to occupy Etavaux. Many</p>	30.

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			prisoners were taken without a fight. As many as 36 were counted and others followed during the day. It took some time to consolidate as the night was extremely dark and Major J. Dugas had some trouble finding his objective.	
France	23 Jul 44		After consolidation was completed everything was rather quiet except for mortar fire and a bit of arty shelling. B echelon moved from Antide to just out of Caen. A echelon moved to Vaucelles.	BF
France	24 Jul 44		Everything remains quiet. In the evening Major J. Bibean brought up beer and chocolate rations. Enemy fighter planes came over at about 2200 hrs and machine gunned some positions on our front but did not bother us. Contact was made with the Cams of C by Lieut A. Bataille scout pl cord. Apparently things were rather uncomfortable in St Andre sur Orne where the Cams of C have been holding out for some time.	BF
France	25 Jul 44		2 Cdn Inf Div is to push forward with 5 Cdn Inf Bde having as axis a line running through Fleury sur Orne, St Andre, May sur Orne and Fontenay le Merion. Our Bn established a HL in St Andre sur Orne. H hour was set at 1900 hrs. C coy was on the left and B coy on the right with A coy following behind C coy and D coy behind B coy. The fwd coys kicked off on time and after pushing fwd for some time were fired on from behind. The enemy had let them go through and then caught them from the rear. Fighting was confused for some time and finally our fwd coys had to withdraw. A defensive position was taken up in St Andre. BnHQ was established in the orchard behind St Andre. The village was heavily mortared and shelled during the night. During the attack Major H. Massue was wounded in the foot and Lieut Hudson in the right shoulder.	BF
France	26 Jul 44		Orders to take up defensive positions on the west side of the main road were received from Bde. This was done during the day and BnHQ moved into A coy locality in the afternoon. Contact was kept with the enemy but no clashes occurred. Calg Highrs and RHC were taken back to regroup so we came under command 6 Cdn Inf Bde. Our transport had to be left in the orchard as movement was absolutely impossible. As soon as a bit of dust was raised down came the arty and mortar fire. It was also impossible to bring up rations or water. These were taken up during the night only and greatly appreciated as the tps had not eaten for over 24 hrs. Lieut JDR Rapine	BF

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France	27 Jul 44		<p>and several of his men were reported missing.</p> <p>Positions remain the same. Very violent mortar fire and shelling in area orchard and road SE Caen. Casualties were reported in number. Coy comds had to crawl part of the way for G Gps on account of intermittent sniping and shelling. One Jeep Amb is reported missing with its driver and S.B. Plans are conceived to attack St Martin's church and hedges nearby. The area seems heavily defended. Late at night German aircraft came over to do their usual job of ground strafing and dropping anti-personnel bombs. No casualties were reported. Lieut L.L. Hudson D coy, having been wounded in the previous night attack, spent the whole night and following morning in enemy's lines, succeeded to come back and was immediately evacuated.</p>	VF.
France	28 Jul 44		<p>CAPT. A. ANGERS</p> <p>*(A coy under Major J. Dugas command with a strength of approx 45 men will attack St Martin's church, whilst C coy has the job to secure the X road North of St Andre. C coy commanded by Major J. Ostigny secured the X road with a minimum of casualties. A coys attack is repulsed. Stiff opposition was encountered. Carries MG's caused heavy casualties. A coy withdrawn to reorganize.) Sigs officer Lieut Duguay received slight wounds from mortar shells and had been evacuated during the day.</p>	occurred on the 29 <sup>th</sup> VF.
France	29 Jul 44		<p>At 0030 hrs Major J. Bibean arrived with Capt A. Angers and Lieut Fontaine to take over respective commands. Now Major Bibean commanding the Pn is called for an O Gp at Bie. at 1430 hrs where another attack on the church is planned. The attack will be made by A coy under command of Capt A. Angers at 2200 hrs. Major A. Dugas being L.O.B. This reduced company succeeded to have two sections infiltrate in the church. Even so the attack was not successful and out of the two sections in the church very few were able to fight their way back. Lieut Vallerand of A coy is wounded and evacuated. Mortaring and shelling had been heavy all day in the orchard and in coy areas. Sgt Boullien, provost sgt of the unit was wounded and evacuated. Lieut Paul Lafard, Pn Intelligence Officer on his way to Bie was injured in a m/c accident and evacuated.</p>	VF.
France	30 Jul 44		<p>Germans planes are over again to drop anti-personnel bombs. At 0500 hrs another attack on the church is launched by the remainder of A coy. Their left flanking is once more unsuccessful. Approximately 15 men held captured ground by occupying</p>	VF.

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France	31 Jul 44		<p>houses near the church and sniped the enemy from their positions overlooking the objective. Shelling and mortaring is intermittent all day. During the afternoon news is received that we will be relieved by the F.M.R. At 1230 hrs respective Gp comds of the relieving Bn arrived to recue the area of our Bn. Plans are made for the successive taking over of respective groups and coys.</p> <p>At 0030 hrs first part of F echelon transport of the F.M.R. arrived in area orchard ST Andre sur Orne and take over positions of our own F echelon going back North of Stavanz. The change over of groups of the respective Bns goes on until 0300 hrs without interference by mortaring or shelling. At 0500 hrs all personnel of R de Mais are back in Stavanz occupying approximately the same positions we had on the 22 and 23 of July. Everyone seems happy to get a little rest. General reorganization begins during the day. Lt-Col Bisquillon arrives at 1000 hrs. In the evening beer, cigarettes, chocolate and matches are brought up from B echelon and distributed to the personnel. At 2345 hrs German planes are heard overhead and a carrier from the F.M.R. which had been strafed on the road down to Stavanz stopped in flames in front of our lines. Fire is quickly under control and no one is injured.</p> <p><i>J. Bibeau</i> major &amp; A/O.C.</p>	

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France	1 Aug	44	Bn is reorganizing in area Etavaux at 1000 hrs C.O. pays us a visit. In the afternoon war correspondents interview the Adjt Capt Judding and gather the story of the work done by the Unit at St-Andre sur Orne. E. of C. come up at 1200 hrs and the boys purchase what they need.	WORK PF
France	2 Aug	44	Nothing very special to report. Few reinforcements come up to join the Coys. The area is almost cleared now of dead bodies of animals, some which had been lying around for quite a long time. No operation is in view for the following days so far as the Bn is concerned.	PF
France	3 Aug	44	At 1500 hrs orders are received from Hq that our Bn is to supply two Coys to be attached to R.H.C. for the following night operation. Hereunder is the general plan. To-morrow night 5th Bde is to replace P.H.C. and two Coys of the Camerouns at St-Andre sur Orne. R.H.C. will take position on this line with under command "B" and "D" Coys of R. de Mais. In order to give these two Coys at least 80% of their normal strength, 1st and 3rd Coys had to be transferred to the a/n Coys for the operations. Carrier 1. is given the task to replace by fire power the personnel of Coys who had left to join R.H.C. Lieut. Cyr Palardeau is being transferred from "A" Coy to Support Coy. Carrier 1. Our Sgt M. Labrie is attached to A/C 11. During the night there is very little activity from the enemy a contact - No casualties are reported.	PF
France	4 Aug	44	The C.O. holds a C. Op. after giving the general situation, issues routine orders and details patrols to recon area Quarry H. ref 003621. No enemy is reported there. At about 0700 hrs A and B. Coys proceed up to the lines at St-Andre sur Orne and become under command of R.H.C.	PF
France	5 Aug	44	At 1600 hrs "C" Coy at Hq and situation is given as follows: Patrols from R.H.C. report that enemy has withdrawn from May-sur-Orne. The plan is that R.H.C. will push forward and infiltrate in May-sur-Orne while 1st Bn troops on the right flank close in on Clinchamps sur Orne. R de Mais is to move forward in the direction St-Andre sur Orne. Order of march; Carriers - "A" Coy - "B" Coy - "C" Coy and the H. Co. On arrival we will meet "D" and "E" Coys and reorganize. The approximate present strength of the Coys is as follows; "A" Coy 40 -- "B" Coy 60 -- "C" Coy 40 "D" Coy 60	PF

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	5 Aug 44	Cont'd	<p>"B" and "C" Coys are to occupy ST-MARTIN de FONTEILAY while Spt and Bn H.Q. will remain in ORCHARD ST-ANDRE. The forecast of operations is that if R.H.C. take MAY S. ORIE or find it clear R. de Mais will push through and <del>occupy</del> FONTEILAY-LE-MARMION</p> <p>II hour: 1700 hrs - At H hour Bn is in allotted location. News <del>is</del> now received that R.H.C. is withdrawing; and we hold the plan to keep an advanced guard Coy. The Brigadiers comes along and tells us to hold hard and to send a Coy in the COALIARY area. <del>ORDERS</del> area issued to that effect. The Brigadier comes back with the news that Lt-Col., Cantlie, C.O. "R.H.C." has been killed in the previous action, but the R.H.C. is still holding in the COALIARY. He orders us to go in and take MAY SUR ORIE, stating that the only defences there are only a few dug in tanks. He lays on Medium Arty on the village and gives us a <del>Squad</del> of Tanks. Coy Comds are called in again for the fourth time in the last few hours to get the latest batch of orders for the attacks: <del>Two</del> Coys forwards "A" Right "C" left. "A" along orchard will push on to S.W. end of Village - A F.C.O. is attached to them - "C" Coy along left Axis main road will go for S.E. end of village; an F.C.O. is also attached. Tanks are to manoeuvre East of factory area and Support "C" Coy. "B" and "D" Coys stay at their present location, ready to go forward on orders. "B" between A and C - D at E. end of village. A/Tk M.M.Gs and 4-2" M. held in reserve will go forward on consolidation. Bn H.Q. to remain here. Report times: Factory area; Blue. Village MAY SUR ORIE Gold. "II" hour 2045 hrs. At 2055 hrs both A and C Coys report they are on the move.</p> <p>At 2215 hrs Peter 1 reports: Blue A, 2217 hrs Peter 3: Blue A, 2220 hrs Peter 1 200 yards beyond Blue line, same time Peter 3 reports: Enemy tanks 100% in front of his position. 2230 hrs our tanks give heavy supporting fire but enemy M.M.Gs are still heard. Communications are difficult because several nets are on the same frequency and there seems to be all kinds of "jamming" in the air. At 2400 hrs situation stands as follows: "A" Coy has run into heavy opposition from M.G. posts and due to their very restricted strenght are unable to proceed further. "C" Coy ran also into fire from both M.G.s and tanks. They are also unable to proceed forward. Both Coys hold their positions.</p>	
	6 Aug 44		<p>Confuse fighting took place during the night. At 0700 hrs C Coy is probing forward. Recce patrols do not draw fire but any atempt to push a fighting force into MAY SUR ORIE is met with heavy fire. At noon it has been decided not to try to take MAY SUR ORIE with this Unit. Regrouping of Coys takes place during the</p>	PT



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FRANCE	6 Aug 44	Cont'd	afternoon. At such time Support Coy kitchen, around which several men <sup>gathered</sup> to get their food, received two direct hits from 88 mm shell. There are many casualties: 13 dead 22 more or less seriously wounded. Amongst the wounded is Capt Henri Labrie, the new A/lt officer. He is not seriously wounded but is evacuated. Lt. O Langlais, from "C" Coy, is exhausted and evacuated. At 2000 hrs Mosco party under Capt L. Lacroix, is sent to TROUVAIL area, held by F.M.R. and a change over of respective Bn areas takes place from 2330 hrs.	
FRANCE	7 Aug 44.		At 0330 hrs the Bn is at TROUVAIL. No incidents during the move. At 1130 hrs C Coy is held and the general situation is as follows: The Germans are apparently trying to pivot their front from E... to S.E. We will strike now. The thrust will be made by 3 Inf Bns, 2 Armd Div and 2 Armd Bns. 2nd and 3rd Cdn Div., the 51st Highland Div, 4th Cdn Armd Div., the Polish Armd Div, and 2nd and 14th Armd Bns. The 1st S.S. is known to have been replaced by the 190 Div. which is withdrawing. The main thrust will be along the road GAMB-FAUCON on our right the 2nd and 14th Armd Bns on the left 51st H. Div and the Polish 4th Armd Div will fan out and capture MAY SUT and FOURMAY LE MARTEL. 4th Bde will capture high ground around GAGUILLY 5th Bde. is held up as Divisional reserve and when phase I is completed will be pushed through and capture GAGUILLY and the woods nearby, Calgary on the right flank, A. de Paris on the left R.H.C. will be reserved. - At 2000 hrs another C Coy and further information on the coming operation is given. Aerial bombardment of selected targets in front is taking place between 2300 hrs and 2340 hrs. Tanks which had been moving in the assembly area on our two flanks, are to cross the S.E. Road VILVUIR-TROUVAIL at 2330 hrs. Lanes have been taped: PIGEON on Right, MEACRE on left. Our Bn will probably not move before 0700 hrs to-morrow.	PF
FRANCE	8 Aug 44.		Under cover of terrific arty fire the tanks have been going by all night following their respective times whilst C and D Coys had reached the S.E. - D Coy of 6th Armd Bde is now attached to us. Calgary Highlanders have moved during night from VERNIERE into RUCY following the Armored thrust. - At 0700 hrs we receive our move order to proceed to RUCY. The advance is to be done as follow: D Coy advanced guard Coy with under command 1 sec of V/lt guns, 1 sec of 3" H and 1 tp of Tanks attached.	PF

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FRANCE	8 Aug 44	Cont'd	<p>Main body is composed of B Coy, 2nd Bn, C - A Coys support Coy-F Echelon and 3 tps of Tanks are proceeding by bounds towards ROCHAMBEAU. Heavy shelling by 88 mm, mortar and "Morning Minnie" accompanied the advance and there were quite a few near "misses". At 1100 hrs an O Coy is held in the ROCHAMBEAU area. Roads are blocked with tanks and vehicles of all kinds. Heavy shelling is a non-stop <sup>affair</sup>. The 120 is ordered to move and take over from 4th Bde. HETTERVILLE and L 120 is given as objective to the Calgary while WILLY and LA HUISSEVILLE will become ours. A 15 mins attack of Arty will precede the attack. Targets are to be submitted to an air bombardment from 1330 hrs to 1345 hrs. H hour is to be 1345 hrs. Axis of advance is to be followed on a compass bearing. "B" Coy Right forward - D left forward - A Coy right rear - C Coy left rear. Support - tanks - the right flank will be smoked during the whole attack. Code word for success is "King". H hour is postponed until 1500 hrs due to heavy traffic 'jam'. On the advance towards the H.L. we witness the aerial bombardment about a mile only ahead of us. 88 mm. are still firing at us along our advance. Infantry and tanks are now attacking but no opposition is encountered. "F" Echelon which had remained behind the crest is shelled from the right flank being under direct observation now that the smoke screen has lifted. At 1330 hrs Coys have attained their objective without any casualties. As soon as F ech moves into the new captured area an 88 mm. gun, coming up from the left flank and puts one tank out of action, killing its driver. After a tank and Infantry hunting, this gun is soon put out of action. Meanwhile sniping is going on and mopping up of the area is completed satisfactorily by 1800 hrs. About 30 P.W. including 2 officers have been captured. In the evening two sections of our 3" Mortar are given the task of silencing 1 "Morning Minnie". Night is quiet except for slight aircraft activity.</p>	
FRANCE	9 Aug 44.		<p>In the morning C-Coy is detailed to mop up a small wood on the right. Major Ostiguy and his coy capture the barrel mortar that was firing at us the previous night. At noon "A" echelon moves in the area. Intermittent shelling caused several casualties including three deaths: one is J.B.M. Thibault of "A" Coy killed by a direct hit. At 2000hrs an O Coy is held in which the C.C. gives a tentative plan for smartening up duties: the next few days we expect to remain in this area for a certain length of time.</p>	

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FRANCE	10 Aug 44		Bath parade is held in the morning, to the satisfaction of all men, underwear, socks and shirts are changed. At 1030 hrs O Gp. We are moving to a new location. We must be ready for 1330 hrs. A terrific jam on the road to BRETEVILLE SUR LAIZE caused by the mixture of tanks and vehicles of 3 to 4 other Units also moving forward delays our own move for at least 1 1/2 hr. Our objective is USRY. We are to follow Calgary Highlanders through 4 or 5 report lines objective of 4th Bde. At about 1800 hrs the Bn is ordered to deploy in wood between GOUVIN and MONT-AMONT. At 2030 hrs O Gp is held: The situation is unchanged. Plan remains the same. The operations are only delayed due to opposition encountered by 4th Bde. Later on objective is changed from USRY to heights of LA CHENEAUX. Calgary is established bridge head with two Coys on the South bank of the River. This will be our J.L. We will move two hours behind the Calgary. At 2330 hrs a hot meal is brought up in wood and served to all. We will now take a rest awaiting the code word "London" to advance.	PF
FRANCE	11 Aug 44.		The code word London was not awaited long. At 0330 hrs it came over the air and once again we are on the move. The route we are to follow is a secondary road and in the woods. The night is very dark and we do not arrive on our first objective until 1030 hrs. While the Calg. High push forward we are momentarily halted. At 1630 hrs we move again and arrive close to USRY at 2000 hrs Bn HQ is installed in an old barn and the four coys are forward, deployed to avoid casualties from shelling and to repulse any strong counter attack. We remain there for the night. It is not a quiet one as there is a lot of shelling.	PF
FRANCE	12 Aug 44.		"O" Gp. early this morning. Plan is to have our next pass through the S.C.R. in USRY and capture the heights at LA CHENEAUX. The attack is to go in when the S.C.R. are firmly established in USRY. It appears that there may be some difficulty as the German is showing determination. It is his last stand before PALAISE so he may throw in all he has left.	PF
FRANCE	13 Aug 44.		It appears that our attack will be at about 1330 hrs. "A" Coy is to cross the bridge and establish a firm base. B and C Coys will then go through with "A" on the right and "C" on the left to capture the heights. "D" Coy will then pass through to capture LA CHENEAUX. "A" Coy leaves at 1800 hrs and as they are about to cross	PF

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FRANCE	13 Aug 44	Cont'd	the bridge the gun let all he had loose 15 cm's - 10.5's - 88 and the mortars sent all their hellish cargoes on our heads. The coy was disorganized and unable to push forward. Major Alexandre Dugas was killed trying to reorganize his coy. Lt Angers took over but was unable to go ahead due to the constant concentration on his coy. The other coys in the rear also suffered casualties and the push was cancelled for the time being. Capt Cavendish, the P.O.O. att to "A" Coy testified that it was impossible for the coy to advance. The heights of LA GEMME were strongly occupied and it would take more than one bde to clear it.	PF
FRANCE	14 Aug 44		It has been decided that LA GEMME would be outflanked so the bn was pulled back to Ft ISI near KIRCHU wood. The coys are spread out to stop any infiltration through our lines. Major Gibson replaces Lt-Jol., Sicaillon who goes back to the D.M.A. for some rest. Major J. Gibson inspects the coy localities with the P.O. Lt. P. Lafard. The remainder of the day is quiet.	PF
FRANCE	15 Aug 44		At 0900 hrs we leave for COVILLE. At an "O Gp." at 1100 hrs the Brigadier tells us that we will attack BUISSE LAUX by passing through VILLERS LONGCHENNE. Our first food at COVILLE and then proceed to our O.L. at VILLERS LONGCHENNE. The attack goes in at 1645 hrs but no opposition is encountered. We remain there for the night.	PF
FRANCE	16 Aug 44		At 0800 hrs we leave for VILLERS CANTIER but are obliged to stop before getting there as it is still occupied by S.I.R. We enter the town at 1700 hrs. An H.Q. is established in the clearing.	PF
FRANCE	17 Aug 44		The Bn is detailed to clear the BOIS DE ROI. The recon regiment has been through the wood but it has to be mopped up. "C" Coy is detailed to do the job with the help of the carrier platoon. Nothing was found in the woods so the coy comes back to VILLERS CANTIER.	PF
FRANCE	18 Aug 44		"O Gp." at bde at 0830 hrs. We are to move to VERDUNVILLE - 160302 at 1300 hrs. On our arrival at VERDUNVILLE, the coys, D and E are detached and sent forward to MATHIEUX to occupy the town and guard the river from infiltration. It is quite possible, although improbable, that the enemy in the FAULT will try a breakthrough in our direction. We also receive news that Lt. Col. Sicaillon has been taken.	PF

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FRANCE	18 Aug 44	Cont'd	to hospital. We lose in him an excellent leader as at all times he has spent himself tirelessly for the benefit of his troops. Not once, even when under exceedingly difficult situations, has he neglected doing the utmost for those under his command. His calmness and mastery of himself were a striking example to all ranks and whenever the battle was at its highest pitch he would go around to the coys to counsel and help them out. We sincerely hope that he will be landing us again very shortly. In the meantime may he be granted a very speedy recovery.	
FRANCE	19 Aug 44		The day is spent in VERMAINVILLE and everything is exceedingly quiet. At 1930 hrs at Bde orders us to be on the move again tomorrow.	PF
FRANCE	20 Aug 44		At 0930 hrs we are on the move again to LES MOULINS en BGE to replace Le Regt de la Chaud. We arrive there in the afternoon and are the reserve battalion as no enemy action in our sector at 2400 hrs Bde calls another "O Co."	PF
FRANCE	21 Aug 44		Once again we are on the move and this time at 0700 hrs we are on the way to VILLOTTIERE. The day is spent on the road and we arrive in the late afternoon. We are to take the heights south of VILLOTTIERE. "D" Coy leads with C-B and A following. The night is exceedingly dark & the coys are unable to reach their objectives. We are also out of touch by wireless with the coys.	PF
FRANCE	22 Aug 44		At 0700 hrs yet no news of our forward coys so we set off with two sections of carriers. We clear up to GUESNART and take 1 off and 2940 hrs as prisoners without firing a shot. When coys are reorganised we proceed to LAILLIERE where we stay for the night.	PF
FRANCE	23 Aug 44		At 0800 hrs we leave again and pass through GUESC and reach VAILLIERE where we stop for the night.	PF
FRANCE	24 Aug 44		Another "O Co." at Bde at 0800 hrs. Our advance is to continue and by 1300 hrs we reach BERTYVILLE. Capt. C. Gaudinour our adjt is wounded by a piece of shrapnel and evacuated. He is replaced by Lt. A. Safard as adjt and Lt. Dussoult becomes I.O.	PF

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FRANCE	25 Aug 44		At 0830 hrs we leave again for ST-CHL. At 2230 hrs the german bombers are over, dropping A.P. bombs. We have 15 wounded and Lt. Leberge killed. Major Bibean and Lt. Dussault, while proceeding to Bde are captured by 7 S.S. By chance Capt Cavendish happens to come by in his carrier. Major Bibean makes a dash and escapes. Capt Cavendish's carrier breaks down so Major Bibean decides to come back for his jeep. He picks up a 88mm gun and gets his jeep, to proceed to Bde where he spends the remainder of the night.	PF
FRANCE	26 Aug 44		The Bn continues to advance. We are to capture pt 164 by passing through BOULSIERES. At the latter place we come under heavy shelling and mortar fire. However with the aid of a sapper tank our objective is reached without any trouble.	PF
FRANCE	27 Aug 44		Very quiet day with church parade at 1700 hrs.	PF
FRANCE	28 Aug 44		Move to Bois de la Vierge at 1400 hrs. Night is spent there. Major Bibean is promoted to Lt-Col., All rejoice in this and we feel sure that he is quite capable of fulfilling his task. We offer him our sincerest congratulations and are proud of having him as our new leader.	PF
FRANCE	29 Aug 44		Patrols are sent out in the Bois de la Vierge. This wood is strongly occupied by the germans but we encounter none.	PF
FRANCE	30 Aug 44		Lt-Col., Bibean and Lt. Dussault leave with the Brigade to recon the Bois de TOURVILLE. During the evening the Bn leaves for the same area in a very heavy rain. We are diverted from our route by the provost and it takes some time to reorganize the Bn.	PF
FRANCE	31 Aug 44		At 0500 hrs Lt. Col., <sup>B. Bibean</sup> Bibean leaves with a battle group to enter RAMEL. The outskirts are reached at 0740 hrs by Capt Robert F. de S. No opposition is encountered. Civilians crowd the streets and shower us with flowers. We do not stop at RAMEL but continue and reach VILLE VILLE de MONTVILLE by night fall.	PF

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*H. Bol*



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FRANCE	1 September 1944		At 0315 hrs we receive the orders that we are to move from VINCENNES to a concentration area at LIGNY-EN-BAULLE. At 0600 hrs we receive the move orders and we are to pass the SE, cross-roads just north of VINCENNES, at 0700 hrs. "A cat" still moves with us. We arrive at LIGNY-EN-BAULLE at 0815 hrs. The people of the town are very enthusiastic and doubly so when they find out that we are french canadaians. We meet the mayor of the town Mr. Andre Loba dy. He immediately calls his councillors and at 10 o'clock an official reception takes place at the city hall. Lt-Col J. Gibson, Capt. J. Pafard and our guide R/Capt Barchand attend. A toast is given by the mayor in which he offers his sincerest thanks and welcomes as an old liberators. Lt-Col. Gibson returns the compliment by extending the wishes that before long the whole of France will be liberated and Germany at out of the war for ever. Mr Loba dy invited us to an excellent meal where many pleasant remarks were made.	RF
FRANCE	2 September 1944		We receive orders that we are to move to a concentration area near Dieppe. The town is concentrated at GREGGIE, S.E. of DIEPPE. We are to have at least 48 hours for reorganization and rest. The 2nd Canadian Div is to march past through the streets of DIEPPE tomorrow. A memorial service is also to take place at the old cemetery for our comrades who fell in the DIEPPE raid in 1942.	RF
FRANCE	3 September 1944		The day should be well filled in as we have a number of different items on today's program. At 0900 hrs a voluntary church service; at 1130 hrs a ceremony at the old cemetery; and at 1430 hrs the March past in DIEPPE. In between all this we are to try and camp like a bath house for the town. The day started with bad weather. The mobile buses were installed in the R.F.C. lines. It was expected that by 1100 hrs we would be in the two days. At 1045 hrs Lt. Col. Gibson assisted at the ceremony of 2nd Canadian Div cemetery. The May Lord also attended. The protestant service took place at 1100 hrs and the catholic at 1100 hrs. The "March Past" was scheduled for 1430 hrs. Expected to gather approx. 1000 for this parade and drive roads and drive 1/2 way. Expected to be accompanied by old men. We arrived at our position along the DIEPPE-LEZ road at 1400 hrs and carried up in parade in rows of 4's. At 1430 hrs we proceeded towards the reviewing stand. There were Gen. Gorman, Lt-Col. Gibson, Lt-Col. Barchand and	RF

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FRANCE	3 September 1944.	(Cont'd)	Many D.E.M. officials. The streets were crowded with civilians who seemed exceedingly glad to see us. After the parade Lt. Col. Bibou broke away and joined the G.C.C. for tea at Div H. The Battalion marched back to the tp and then to the static position.	
FRANCE	4 September 1944.		Very quiet day. No news of any move as yet. We take the opportunity to clear up certain administration points and maintenance on vehs. Our next move may be a long one as the front is now some distance.	PF
FRANCE	5 September 1944.		The day is nice and quiet. At 1700 hrs there is a conference at division for Lt. Col. Bibou. We also receive the news that we are to move in the early hours of morning.	PF
FRANCE	6 September 1944.		We leave DIV H at 0630 hrs and arrive at MONTMILL at 1045 hrs. We are not there very long as at 1700 hrs we are again on the road to cover 50 miles. The night is very dark and we arrive at ST-PUL at 0300 hrs.	PF
FRANCE	7 September 1944.		At 1800 hrs we get the order to attack LA ROCHE BEAULIEU. We advance towards the bridge and come under very heavy shelling and had two men killed. We suffer a few casualties including 3 dead. We had to fight our way to the town and by night-fall we are in the outskirts.	PF
FRANCE	8 September 1944.		The fight for the town lasted all night but it is finished at 0800 hrs. The people are very enthusiastic over our arrival. In the evening there is a grand reception with a band on the square. Major J. Gaultier gets the honors. Lt. Col. Bibou leaves with the band to give a band to the G.C.C. who are stopped by fire coming from their night flight. Major J. Gaultier is wounded in the knee during this attack and is evacuated. The two boys are called back at 0145 hrs.	PF
FRANCE	9 September 1944.		Another quiet day. At 1430 hrs at Mo. A small program is built up to feel the ground. Lt. Col. Bibou leaves at 1130 hrs but is unable to reach his objective on account of the flooding. The country is flooded once it for the roads and we have had to take a detour, which makes it difficult to move.	PF

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FRANCE	10 Septem bre 1944.		Still very quiet. Regimental church parade in the BOURBONVILLE church. Padre Marchand delivers a nice sermon. Lt. Col. Bibean and a recon party recon a new area. As soon as they get back we learn that our area is to change again.	PF
FRANCE	11 Septem bre 1944.		We move to our new area with Bn H.Q. at 30000, "A" coy at 2773, "B" coy- x-roads 2372 and 2375, "C" coy at 27000 MLD and "D" coy at x-roads 2773 and 2774. The coys have been probing all day and obtain a great deal of information.	PF
FRANCE	12 Septem bre 1944.		Patrols were sent out all night and more information is obtained. An ultimatum is sent to the garrison of BRYEN. It is delivered by a young Frenchman working with the F.P.I. He is shot there for ever in hand. At 1915 hrs he comes back with the message. It is rejected so we cheer up with everything we have and give them a good plaster.	PF
FRANCE	13 Septem bre 1944.		"C" Coy at 1.00 hrs at 140. A and B coys take up positions at 27110 (27110) to cover the retreat of the R.I.C. "C" and "D" coys take up positions at 27110 (27110) and 27110 (27110) respectively. After the R.I.C. have completed their withdrawal A and B coys also withdraw to x-roads 27073 and 27079. Patrols of "C" coy kill one prisoner and patrols of "D" coy also kill one and capture another.	PF
FRANCE	14 Septem bre 1944.		During a patrol Lt. Forbes is surrounded by the enemy but after some time manages to get away. Lt. Dempsey, also out on patrol also gets surrounded but is not as fortunate. He is wounded and probably taken prisoner.	PF
FRANCE	15 Septem bre 1944.		Very quiet day.	PF
FRANCE	16 Septem bre 1944.		Lt-Col. Bibean assists at a Div conference at 1000 hrs. The three battalions of the Bde leave for 27110 where the regiments will join soon tomorrow.	PF
BELGIUM.	17 Septem bre 1944.		We are on our way to 27110, 27110. Major M. Jackson is in charge of the recon party. Arrive at Fort No 1, 27110 at 1400 hrs. We proceed through 27110 (27110) and 27110. All are surprised at the beauty of the 27110 (27110) area, not speaking of the 27110 (27110) hills.	PF

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BELGIUM	18 Septem bre 1944.		Everything quiet at the for. Coys established along the ALBERT Canal. Any attempt at crossing is strongly contested.	PF
BELGIUM	19 Septem bre 1944.		Another "O" Coy at 1130 hrs. We are to hold our front with two coys, A and C. "B" coy takes over the airplane factory.	PF
BELGIUM	20 Septem bre 1944.		At 1000 hrs we start moving; and establish our bn 2. in a little chateau at BEEBE. Very comfortably set in.	PF
BELGIUM	21 Septem bre 1944.		The coys are still in the same positions. "B" coy moves from airplane factory to a position in between A and C coys. The platoon leader Capt. J. Joy, is also with us today and orders the coys to pay the men and employees the French money to Belgium money. He has to pay "B" coy later but only as it is impossible to reach A or C by day.	PF
BELGIUM	22 Septem bre 1944.		The battalion is ordered to move up to the ALBERT Canal to pass through the Cal. Light and under the bridgehead. Over the Cal. Light have not strong opposition and have been forced to withdraw a little. The engineers are unable to put their bridge over the Cal. by shelling. The battalion moved up just south of Fort No 1 and remain there for a few hours. By 1900 hrs the engineers succeed in setting up a Class 2 bridge over the ALBERT canal at 2115 hrs to reach the bridgehead. The shelling has diminished a great deal and it is expected that the enemy may have withdrawn. Major De Grandpre who had been wounded in the Cal. Light returns to the unit and takes command of "B" Coy. Capt. Montet becomes a 1/3 of "B" coy. Lt. G. Scholler joins the unit and is given a 1/2 of "B" coy.	PF
BELGIUM	23 Septem bre 1944.		Command 1 is given to Major Jacques Ostiguy. Today he received personal congratulations from Lt. Gen. Grenier for being awarded the D.S.C. Lt. Gen. Grenier's letter reads as follows: "Dear Ostiguy - Just a line to congratulate you on your thoroughly earned D.S.C. I am well liked and this recognition of your fine leadership and gallant service I am. D.S.C. Grenier." Yes our Joe was certainly deserved this recognition. He has been such an example to his men at all times that they are willing to follow him to death if necessary. He has proved his leadership throughout the campaign.	PF

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BELGIUM	23 Septem- bre 1944.	(Cont'd)	at 2300 hrs - 22-0000-0000-0000, DIV SUR 0000. He has always been a great enthusiast and is what we term a "fighter". He are all pleased that he should get this honor. The enemy have actually withdrawn from the ALBERT Canal to the MEUSE Canal. The battalion passes through the bridgehead formed by the Belg High and reach the MEUSE Canal. We tie up positions along the MEUSE Canal and keep probing the enemy. The sixth brigade pass through us to try and form a bridgehead over the MEUSE Canal a bit further north. The F.M.R. and S.S.R. manage to get some of their men across a mile N.E. of L. J. J. J. J.	PF
BELGIUM	24 Septem- bre 1944.		C, D. and B Coys are positional along the canal and having a good time shooting up Germans on the other side. The S.S.R. and F.M.R. have been forced to withdraw from their bridgehead. They were counter-attacked by a considerable number of tanks.	PF
BELGIUM	25 Septem- bre 1944.		Other plans will be made to get across the river. In the meantime we continue to probe the canal for possible crossing places.	PF
BELGIUM	26 Septem- bre 1944.		at 2000 hrs it reveals that an entirely different plan will be tried. The 49th British Div have crossed this same canal at DE MEUSE a small town N.E. of MEUSE. From there we will be working back towards MEUSE to liberate the locks.	PF
BELGIUM	27 Septem- bre 1944.		We move from MEUSE BRIDGE at 1400 hrs to a concentration area at 0000 hrs.	PF
BELGIUM	28 Septem- bre 1944.		Marching, we leave at 0630 hrs and N.E. at 0830 hrs to cross the MEUSE-THYRENT canal at DE MEUSE. Move will be 1230 hrs to attack 0000-0000-0000. The objective is taken at 1200 hrs. We capture 1 officer and 46 G.I.'s.	PF
BELGIUM	29 Septem- bre 1944.		Our next objective was to be MEUSE but plans are now changed and we are to capture MEUSE. For today we only take over key positions from the R.I.I. 21 hrs.	PF
BELGIUM	30 Septem- bre 1944.		The 3rd Division leaves at 0630 hrs to attack MEUSE. We are supported by a lot of tanks. Most of our tanks are knocked out of action but we reach our objective.	PF

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BELGIUM	30 Septem bre 1944. (Cont'd)		We remain there for the night. Our casualties numbered 4 dead and about 45 wounded including Lt. Valois who was co-commanding the Scout Pl since Lt. Ratelle A. has been wounded.	RF.



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BELGIUM SHEET No 3 ANTWERP 1/100000 BRECHT Sq 8410	1 Oct.	44	The attack on BRECHT by the RHC scheduled for 0755 is going well and BRECHT falls into our hands at about 1200 hrs. "A" Coy takes over posn of C Coy at MR 848105, D Coy takes over C Coy area. F 2 ech. and LOBs are sent for. During the last 5 days the Bn made very slight advances but took approximately 1 offr and 260 ORs PW. During the day there was intermittent shelling. Recce party goes to STERNOVEN to look over PWR posn which we are to take over.	JP
	2 Oct.	44	Night has been relatively quiet. The C.O. is back from an O gp at Bde at 1100hrs. Change over with FRM at STERNOVEN MR Sq 8209 is completed by 1500hrs, the place is found badly battered, smoke still raising from half destroyed houses and roads covered with branches cut off by previous shelling or mortaring. The Bn is well concentrated around Krd south of OVERBROEK sq 8210. There are only patrol activity and intermittent shelling from both sides.	JP
	3 Oct.	44	Morning is quiet, and at 0700hrs A Coy takes over from Calg High at 835081. Shelling and mortaring in the afternoon. Base plate posn of our 3" mortar having been located by the enemy is submitted for a while to heavy counter-mortaring, however no casualties are reported. 8 PW are captured by D Coy after a patrol of the main road to OVERBROEK. Limited patrol activity during the night.	JP
	4 Oct.	44	C.O. is back from an O gp at Bde at 1100hrs. B and D coys are to advance and capture OVERBROEK. Sudden change of plan brings us to Krd sq 8308 where we are to enjoy a short rest. There is no news about 2 F00s who had ventured on the main road to OVERBROEK in search of an Op. Later on during the day a civilian coming out from the german lines reported having seen 2 Canadians PW but there is no direct confirmation that these were the F00s.	JP
	5 Oct.	44	C.O. is going LOB with I.O., Major Jacques takes over. Recce party from SSR arrived to our location at 2200hrs as they are to take over the Bn area, change over is completed only late in the morning. Recce party is called and we are due to go to new location in BRASCHAET. The move is made early in the morning and completed at about 1100hrs. The Bn has no operational role to perform as the Bde is now concentrating in this area for the next move further north. However the Germans are not too far away on the other side of the canal as a civilian guide with the scout Sjt made a patrol in the wood north of Bn HQ location and encountered enemy fire. CO and IO return to Unit.	JP
	6 Oct.	44	The Bde is moving NORTH to CAPPELLEN, we arrived there in the morning, there is very heavy traffic on the rd, sqs of tanks, Arty and other units are waiting to go over the BR 677015 which had been demolished by the retreating enemy. The Bn stays in the area for the night, intermittent.	JP

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BELGIUM	6 Oct 44	Cont'd	shelling in the area bridge which the engineers are repairing.	
	7 Oct 44		At about 0500 hrs the Bn is ready to move forward with under command a sqn of tanks. The General plan is as follows: The main axis of adv is main rd running NORTHWARD from PUTTE, HOLLAND, to HOOGERHEIDE, CH are to branch off to the left at xrd 649158 in the direction of OSSENDRECHT, the R de Mais follows and are to carry on, on the main axis Bn in reserve behind. At about 0615 hrs the fwd tps of the Bn set foot for the first time in HOLLAND. we pushed up the main rd without much opposition until we reached a roadblock 648168 covered by enemy fire and reinforced by anti-tank ditches on both sides of the rd. Many attempts to go over or to make detour bring down very heavy mortar fire, machine-gun and 20mm fire, a few casualties were incurred. Finally the coys are told to remain in present location while the engineers will try to clear the roadblock under cover of darkness.	LL
HOLLAND	8 Oct 44		Early in the morning the rifle coys had passed over the obstacles now cleared from the main rd and the BnHQ moved fwd to house at 685185, intermittent shelling is reported. As the ground covered was pretty large and infiltration relatively easy there was very great patrol activity during the night CH and A are now in HOOGERHEIDE and we cover the right flank in a SOUTHEASTERN direction.	LL
	9 Oct 44		A counter attack on the CH is being repulsed and enemy shells and air-bursts were for a while pouring down on our area. C coy whose location near airfield sq 6419 makes it fairly well isolated, is withdrawn near Bn HQ location. During the evening another counter attack with tanks is reported in Calg Hi hrs and RHC sectors, it is repulsed with casualties on both sides. Airbursts are still exploding in great number over our area.	LL
	10 Oct 44		Night relatively quiet. The Bn is to be relieved by Essex Scot, however we still remain under comd of 4 Bde for the moment. Recce party goes to OSSENDRECHT, by 1800 hrs the change over is completed, Bn HQ is in the city hall, A film is shown to the men the same night in the RAP location.	LL
	11 Oct 44		C and A coys occupy positions on the dykes WEST of OSSENDRECHT, they are under comd RRC while B and D coys are counter attack coys in case help is needed for SSR and ESR.	LL

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HOLLAND	12 Oct	44	CO goes to an O gp at 4 Bde at 0900 hrs and there is a Bn O gp at 1415 hrs, he is called again for an O gp at 5 Bde at 1530 hrs and one at 4 Bde at 1730 hrs. There is a few changes in the coys location on the dykes.	LL.
	13 Oct	44	There is a mass for the Bn in the church at OSSENDRECHT at 1000 hrs. At 1800 hrs D coy is detailed to go and help A coy of the SSR sustaining a counter attack.	LL
	14 Oct	44	Early in the morning D coy makes contact with the SSR and are given the task of preventing a concentration on the SOUTHERN flank of their position. Later during the day D coy is also called to give help to SSR who are submitted to intermittent counter attacks and heavy arty fire. We then take over the RRC positions on the dykes while RRC takes over SSR positions on the right. Rum is being distributed to the men almost every day now.	LL
	15 Oct	44	At 0500 hrs D coy moves on the left flank to protect the locks SC 5718. At 0800 hrs D coy moves to area 5916, in the afternoon at 1600 hrs C coy p de mais replace C coy Calgh at 596193 and 594197. MOENSDECH S-q 6020 which had been submitted to heavy artillery fire and was causing a lot of trouble on account of the very stiff resistance by enemy is again to be attacked by the BFLI tonight. there is no special task for the Bn at the moment.	LL
	16 Oct	44	At 0800 hrs MOENSDECH is reported clear. A short pioneer course is being held at gp coy under the supervision of RCE HQOs. Lt L Fontaine is now back to the Bn after his turn of duty as IO at Bde and he takes over the pioneer pl. Lt C Falardeau is now acting as IO. At 1800 hrs C coy moves up to pt 623197 while D coy under comd of <del>SSR</del> moves to 630195.	LL.
	17 Oct	44	Bn HQ moves back into <sup>OSSEN</sup> <del>MOENSDECH</del> . In the evening a film is shown by the K of C.	LL.
	18 Oct	44	O Gp at 1400 hrs, adm problems are discussed, there is still no definite plans for the future. C and D coys are still under comd of SSR in area HOOCHSIDE.	LL.
	19 Oct	44	At 1200 hrs a group of offrs are going to a demonstration of LVTS near ANTWERP. nothing else to report.	LL.
	20 Oct	44	C and D coys are brought back to <sup>OSSEN</sup> <del>MOENSDECH</del> on carriers and cease to be under comd of <del>SSR</del> .	LL

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HOLLAND	21 Oct 44		Admin work and maintainance is carried out by all coys. padre holds mass in a barn on the dykes in B coy area. Nothing to report in our sector and activity is limited to contact patrols between A and D coys who are still on the dykes and the Calgh Highrs in front.	RR
	22 Oct 44		Capt G. Brosseau, OC A tk pl is appt'd A/Major and takes comd of B coy. Lt L.A. Hudon pl comd in C coy takes comd of A tk pl with the appt of A/capt. Lt M. Dussault, I.O. goes on an intelligence course near ANTWERP. The carrier pl is given the task of posting sections, one at pt 589163 one at pt 593141 and one at pt 600132, their front was then pretty well extended, two sections in HOLLAND and one in BELGIUM.	RR
	23 Oct 44		Another quiet night, in the morning at about 0700 hrs a VI is reported to have landed between 2 sections of carriers. Capt G. Charron brings up to the CO material evidence of the fact. C and D coys carrierborn are moving up to NEDERHEIDE Sq 6219 where they will be in reserve under comd of FMR. A and B and Sp coys remained at present location.	RR
	24 Oct 44		At 1400 hrs recce party goes up in area Sq 6718 and at 1430 hrs balance of the bn moves up to area already recce'd. The General plan is now that we are to take over the FMR near FORTVEEN and Sq 6221 once its objective are captured. The objectives are all in hand by 2300 hrs and A coy moves up to 629219, B coy in Brickworks 626212, C coy at xrd 622218 and D coy at 633219.	RR
	25 Oct 44		At 1000 hrs Bn HQ which was located in house along the main rd moves at 635212 in a mil camp previously occupied by Germans. Although pretty well camouflaged there is many signs that typhoons located it as there were traces of straffing.	RR
	26 Oct 44		C coy moves up to area 620222 Brickwork, two men were wounded by shrapnel in attempting to go around a roadblock on the main rd going towards HERGEN OP ZOOM. In fact the whole area was very heavily mined, there were booby traps fixed on trees and 88mm shells were found attached to trip wires. Nevertheless the enemy activity was at the moment very slight.	RR
	27 Oct 44		Very quiet day. RAP is now located in city hall of MOOGERHEIDE. The 8 Recce takes over from us and Bn is concentrated in mil camp where bn HQ was already established. We learned today that a small percentage of personnel will be allowed to proceed on 48 hrs leave and names are immediately submitted.	RR

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HOLLAND	28 Oct	44	There is an O gp at 1030 hrs. AS we expected the BN is to move into the BEVELAND peninsula. At 1800 hrs the convoy is lined up on the rd, R de Mais to follow RHQ and to concentrate on the Western side of the canal running across the peninsula.	LP.
HOLLAND Sheet 14SE 2nd Edition 1/25000 GOES	29 Oct	44	At about 0600 hrs the BN concentrated at SHORE Sq 4024. At 0730 hrs the bn goes over the canal and is to capture KLOETTINGE S q 3529. The order of march is B right, A left, D center and C reserve. A concentration of mortar HE and smoke is laid down on area church 348290. The objective was attacked on two sides and very slight resistance was encountered, 88 pw were captured during this operation. At 1300 hrs the whole bn concentrated on the objective. At about 2300 hrs the Bn is ordered to move to HEER ARENDSKERKE Sq 2828.	LP.
	30 Oct	44	The main rd from GOES to HEER ARENDSKERKE was heavily mined and we had to take a secondary rd flooded on both sides and in very bad condition, the convoy was held up for 2 hrs on account of 2 heavy armoured vehs and 1 carrier blocking the rd completely. After pushing them aside in the water we resumed the advance and arrived at new location at 0530 hrs. In the morning a German offr reported himself with his car to B coy by mistake, two other pw reported themselves to Bn Guard. We spent the rest of the day resting, the civilian population greeted us with warm welcome.	LP.
	31 Oct	44	Bn HQ moves to private billets. O gp at 1030, 1530, 1630 hrs, finally the general plan was for R de Mais to go through Calg Hls and extend the bridgehead on the other side of the causeway joining BEVELAND peninsula to WAREREN island, at about 2330 hrs coys are on the move. Special fatigue parties were detailed to carry mortar bombs in relays on the other side of the causeway. Everything had to be manloaded on account of the conditions of the cratered road and the heavy shelling in the area of the causeway.	LP.

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HOLLAND SHEETS 14 S/V 14 H/V 1/25000 VLISSEINGEN MIDDELBURG	1 Nov 44		The attack of Calg High succeeded in pushing back the enemy on WALCHEREN ISLAND. The Bn moves from ARNHEM to 229293, ready for our next advance to replace Calg High.	L.W.
	2 Nov 44		Calg High repulsed from CAUSEWAY must recapture ground. O Cp at 2100hrs. Order of march for next advance is as follows: D-B-C. At 0245hrs the coys are proceeding on a secondary road on their way to replace Calg High and to establish a bridgehead across the CAUSEWAY 202302. Start line 212302. This junction was shelled at various intervals. The H hour was 0400hrs. An arty, 4.2 and 3" mortars concentration for 45mins gave the Jerries something to remember. During that barrage, our rifle coys made their way along the CAUSEWAY. D coy came close to the end of the CAUSEWAY APPROX 200YDS. B coy advanced half way, followed by C coy. In one instance D coy was completely cut off. At 0500hrs a British unit takes over A-B-C coys positions. D coy is at the moment in the impossibility to withdraw and encounters heavy shelling Mortaring and 20mm fire.	L.W.
	3 Nov 44		D coy is still trying to fight its way back to concentration area and it succeeds to withdraw at 1445hrs. They had suffered 12 casualties, some seriously wounded. The Bn now concentrate in ARNHEM.	L.W.
BELGIUM Sheet 3 1/250000 BRUSSELS LIEGE	4 Nov 44		The Unit is now to proceed to Lierre for a short rest period. F Echelon followed by A and B Echelon. At Lierre, an O Cp 1550hrs is held. Everyone is put in the picture regarding the days to come and the general plan is as follows; Administrative work, morning parade with OC inspections. The afternoon will be free as passes can be given up to 2230hrs. Special tours are organised to BRUSSELS. All the Officers are billeted in civilian homes while the tps are comfortably billeted in the caserna provided with beds, showers and washing facilities.	L.W.
	5 Nov 44		Mass at 1045hrs by the padre. In the afternoon, there is an exchange of currency for the coys. This enables the officers and men to visit Antwerp, Brussels and Malines	L.W.
	6 Nov 44		Everybody enjoyed well this rest period and those allowed to go on leaves are seen with new battledress and boots. It was like the old days.	L.W.



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BELGIUM SHEET 3 1/250000 BRUSSELS LIEGE	7 Nov 44		A picture of all the officers of the unit is taken on the parade ground in the cinema of Liège. A few flying bombs are seen going over in the general direction of Antwerp. We also hear for the first time the two tactical explosions of the y2s Major Charlebois is taken on strength the unit and temporarily posted to C Coy.	L.W.
	8 Nov 44		On parade square the whole unit listens to CO welcoming new recent reinforcements, review of the past- expectation for future- congratulations to all for their brilliant jobs in France Belgium and Holland. At 1800hrs dances for all personnel of R de yais in rolling skating rink Liège. The Brig, Staff Capt, CO and majority of the officers were present; it was a success. Unfortunately on account of curfew it ended at 2000hrs.	L.W.
	9 Nov 44		Heavy rain most of the day. Preparations for departure. CO, IO and major procureur leave for MOOK Holland at 1430hrs on the heels of new location. O GP held by Major Jacques 2 1/3 of the BN gives details of the move. The period in Liège ended and was enjoyed by all.	L.W.
HOLLAND SHEET 12 N/W EASTERN HALF 1/25000 GROESBECK	10 Nov 44		At 0200hrs the convoy is all lined up ready to move to DP at grave Holland. The rain is really pouring down. At about 0315hrs the jeep of Major Jacques hit the ditch and nothing serious happened. The journey is surely tiresome for the drivers with the rain and foggy weather. The BN due to arrive at the DP at 0820hrs gets there at about 1100hrs on account of the weather conditions and heavy road traffic. The new BN location is a very shattered little town. Although there is still no noise or whistling or explosion of bombs in the area, the fighting must have been hard and gives us an idea of the days to come. We are getting closer and closer to the FATHLAND approx 8 kilo from the North Western frontier of Germany. We are now on the banks of the Maas river.	L.W.
	11 Nov 44		REMEMBRANCE DAY was spent quietly in a small shattered village in Holland called MOOK. The CO with his 2 1/3 went to a trg conference at 1000hrs.	L.W.

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HOLLAND SHIRT 12 H/W EASTERN HALF 1/25000 GROESBEKK	12 Nov 44		Mass was said in the parish church of MOOK at 1000hrs. by our padre. The holy communion was received by all. At 1830hrs the X of C presents a film which was most amusing "See here private HARKOVER". 25 engs arrived to-day from Canada as reinforcement. Many of them spent sometime in hospital in England and are back with us again.	L.H.
	13 Nov 44		B coy spent the day on the range for further trg on the PIAT. The paymaster went around the different coys to exchange our Belgian Francs into Holland's Guilders.	L.H.
	14 Nov 44		Very foggy weather and occasional rain. D coy was on the range for PIAT trg. At 1830hrs K of C present a film with Dick Powell and Lucille Ball, part 1st "Meet the people". This is the kind of picture the boys like. Lieut J Forbes left for 3 NSTD.	L.H.
	15 Nov 44		Cloudy day. Arrival of Capt H Bourget posted as 2 1/2 p coy. Capt Montpetit takes over command carrier pln. Arrival of 35 engs. Visit of an old officer of the Unit Capt J.C. Beauchemin. Trg conference at 1400 for CO at 0900hrs. Rehearsal at 1100hrs for officers' discussion on 20th of Nov.	L.H.
	16 Nov 44		Quiet day. At 1100hrs rehearsal for officers' discussion on 20th Nov 44. At 1800hrs a film Mickey Rooney "ANDY HARDY BLONDE TROUBLE". Good.	L.H.
	17 Nov 44		Occasional rain during the day. A and C coy were on the range for further trg on the PIAT. Mickey Rooney's film was again presented at 1830hrs.	L.H.
	18 Nov 44		Arrival of Lieut Dauphin posted to c coy. From 1930hrs to 2145hrs TRG with grig attending. Exercise prepared by HIC and problems were discussed between syndicates.	L.H.
	19 Nov 44		Bright shiny day. To-day's valogan: "It's a lovely weather for our Spits and Typhoons". At 1000hrs Mass was said by our padre in parish chure of MOOK.	L.H.
	20 Nov 44		Beautiful clear day. CO visits area of Essex scottish which we are about to replace on the 23rd of Nov. Our own officers discussion on the battle of Bourbourg France very good. In fantry and tank cooperation scheme for rifle coys. Major estiguy DSO	L.H.

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HOLLAND SHREY 12 N/W EASTERN HALF 1/25000 GROSSBEEK	21 Nov 44		Foggy day. Flame thrower demonstration to all rifle coys. At 1800hrs and 2100hrs film shown. The song of Bernadette starring Jennifer Jones as Bernadette Soubirous. Very good show.	L.W.
	22 Nov 44		Beautiful clear day. O GP for PA on orders for next move to replace Essex Scottish Order of March: BN, RA, Sp coy HQ, Mortars, ATK, D, B, A, C. Artillery for A-D coys. 2 hrs of 17 pins now in pen. Jeeps only will remain with the coys. Rations Camp for day of 24th. No lights whatsoever in new area. Dress, battle order, 1 blanket rolled, and rubber boots for all. Coy coms and ATK pin and Mortar Coms. 2 carriers section coms to move new areas at 1600hrs to-day. p.m. at road junction 75655L. At 1900hrs to 2200hrs Cols High discussion exercise for all officers of 5 Bde. Brig and his staff were attending. At 1900hrs C coys billets caught on fire and was completely burned down.	L.W.
HOLLAND SHREY 12 N/W EASTERN HALF 1/25000 GROSSBEEK	23 Nov 44		Rainy day. Preparation for to-day's move to replace Essex Scottish. Head of column to pass SP 74527 at 1600hrs route as per trace. By control. Railroad track June 747548-tinings: D coy will replace Essex Scottish's D coy at 1730hrs, B coy at 1800hrs, A coy 1830hrs and C coy at 1900hrs. After we released D coy of Essex Scottish, they suffered 14 casualties, two killed and 12 wounded by enemy shelling. Patrols were sent for information during the night.	L.W.
	24 Nov 44		Rainy day. An enemy patrol infiltrate during the early morning and wound 1 man of A coy and presumably took him as p o w. At 1200hrs GOV's O GP. The CO dealt mainly on patrols. Duty offr and guard comd on 24hrs duty will keep a log book. Divisional study period for coy coms only. From 25 Nov to 29 Nov incl. At night the moon was shining. Lieut Vozina attempt to cross Holland-Germany frontier with his recon patrol but did not succeed and came back at 0500hrs with good information.	L.W.
	25 Nov 44		Rain all morning. Quite a bit of enemy shelling came over us early in the morning and late in the afternoon. 1 offr Lieut R Gaverres and 21 GPs arrived as reinforcement. A fighting patrol was sent out during the night under Lieut Mondoux of D coy and met strong enemy opposition, no casualties.	L.W.

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HOLLAND SHEET 12 N/W EASTERN HALF 1/25000 CROCHENET	26 nov 44		Beautiful clear day. Activities on the front line are very quiet. A few enemy planes came over us and were soon pushed back by our AA guns. At 1400hrs Major Gen Vanier met some officers of our Unit, CO and all the coy comds. Major Gen Vanier extended an invitation to all COs on passage to Paris to pay him a visit. Lieut G De Merlis took a fighting patrol out to reach houses 90-91 which were cleared of enemy but they encountered strong enemy resistance and had to come back. Lieut Lachance took a press patrol out north of railway and came back with good information.	L.N.
	27 nov 44		Clear day. CO and Capt G Charron were left this morning on a 48hrs pass to proceed to Antwerp. Major M Jacques is acting as during the CO's absence. Major Charlebois left us to-day. Patrol progress for the night: Recon A coy during darkness on rd running east from Huest to limit of cross road 782544 under Lieut Golswert, fighting by B coy one pln during darkness to houses 96-97-98-99 general area 772553 (woods) rd and railway crossing 772552 to clear and take P O W under Lieut G Merlis. Two P O W were brought in to the HQ by B coy, one Frenchman from Alsace and one born German. A lot of valuable information was taken from these two P O W.	L.N.
	28 Nov 44		Rainy day and very quiet on account of weather. Enemy propaganda leaflets were sent over our area during the day. D coy sent a fighting patrol under Lieut Gendoux to cross road 782554 keeping north of road running east from Huest. They encountered a few mines at 772547. They were stopped by 3 mines all around them, one mine exploded behind them after they were passed.	L.N.
	29 nov 44		Very clear weather. Our typhoons and spitfires took advantage of the weather to attack an enemy HQ and many other important targets. Our acting CO and the coy comds went to Dig HQ to attend a conference in the morning and again in the afternoon they went to Bde to attend discussion period on the REICHALD. CO and Capt Charron were back from their 48hrs leave. B coy sent a fighting patrol under Lieut Gendoux at 1930hrs they reached house 35(774543) without trouble but they were fired upon by snipers in house 38(774544). They returned fire with mortar and PIAT. They encountered no fire from house 42(774544). 2 men reached house 38(774544) and found it unoccupied. They were fired upon by MG at 777543.	L.N.

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HOLLAND SHIRT 12 H/V EASTERN HALF 1/25000 GROESBEK	30 NOV 44		Cloudy day. Capt M Bourget has been evacuated due to illness. A standing patrol from A Coy was on its way to take position in house, but they were engaged by enemy which had infiltrated in house 21(773543). They withdrew to own lines. After engaging the enemy with mortar and small arms fire from own position patrol returned and found enemy had evacuated area 773543 by 1915hrs. They reported a very peaceful night except for occasional flares and sniper fire coming from the church area 781543.	L.W.
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HOLLAND SHIRTS 12 H/V EASTERN HALL 1/25000 GROSSHUSK	1 Dec 44		Cloudy day. Our CO, Lt-Col Matthews made an unofficial visit to our CO at 0730 hrs. Brigadier McGill came a short while afterwards. At 1315 hrs enemy shelling around area of Support company kitchen. Private Magnus one of our driver was seriously wounded while Private Letellier of the Scout Platoon was slightly burned from hot tea. At 1830 hrs Lieutenant C. Palardou stayed for supper at the battalion. 'A' company sent a recon patrol to HOUSE (772543). A german dead for two days was found in a slit trench. They went as far as house (775443) and were stopped by MG fire at 775443. Another recon patrol led by Lieutenant G. Damerlis of 'D' company went to house 100 (773532) and to corner of field 774553. There after while they observed two germans relieving themselves on MG post at 775553 in railway embankment. MG post spotted in front house 101 (776554). Patrol was stopped by MG fire when trying to approach house.	
	2 Dec 44		Rainy day. Nothing new, very quiet during the day. A recon patrol was taken out by Lieutenant G. Damerlis and two other ranks. They started from 762553 went along NORTH side of road and observed a light in a house 772552. One man started to cross the road to investigate and was fired at by a sniper and also MG fire from house 59 at 777552. They also found house 100 (774553) and open field general area 774554 occupied by a german patrol.	
	3 Dec 44		Rainy day. At 1100 hrs our Typhoons and Spitfires were over the enemy area. Brigadier McGill and the Brigade Major J.M. Delanore had dinner with the CO, 21/c, I.O. and Adj at 1900 hrs. A fighting patrol with Lieutenant Damerlis, Lieutenant Mondou and eighteen other ranks from 'D' company proceeded from company positions along NORTH bank of railway to houses 96, 97, 98, 99 and 100 (771552). Recon elements kept on going along railway up to 400 yards beyond railway and road junction (772552). They lay there for while and observing no enemy activity, they returned, leaving a line patrol at house 771552 to stay there and occupy house 100 until last light.	
	4 Dec 44		Cloudy day. Brigadier McGill and Brigadier Keefler came in the morning to see the CO. A fighting patrol under Lieutenant Mondou with twelve other ranks from 'D' company were out all day and stayed at houses around 771552. At 1745 hrs they established themselves in houses 100 (772553) until they were relieved by another patrol to ambush an enemy patrol. They proceeded with recon elements forward. They went along	

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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 N/W EASTERN HALF 1/25000 GROSSBEEK	5 Dec 44		<p>trunk and checked house 101 and 102 (774553). They encountered some mines all connected with trip wires around 779555, so they went north through the fields. As they heard SA fire on their left, they went back towards our lines going through houses 111, 113 and 109 (776558). They did not find anybody. They waited there 15 minutes to spot this SA fire but they did not hear it anymore. They went SOUTH and came back along railway without having contacted the enemy. Enemy shelling landed in our area during the night. No casualties.</p> <p>Cold windy day. Our 40 mm guns gave harassing fire on the enemy at various intervals during the day. Patrol activities during the night: an enemy patrol approximately twenty men attacked a standing patrol from 'B' company. The enemy succeeded to go back with two of our men which are still missing. A fighting patrol under Lieutenant G. Boisvert and twenty other ranks met enemy in great strength at 783554, they seemed to be digging dugouts. They observed for 15 minutes and saw two enemies coming towards them and approximately 25 yards in front of them the enemy disappeared in what seemed to be a communication trench. The patrol then threw eleven grenades J6 and one smoke in group of houses 104, 105 and 106 at 783553 and also fired 2-in mortar bombs and PIATS and believed to have wounded or killed at least ten Germans. The enemy fired back at them with 20 mm, then they decided to withdraw covering themselves with MGs. As they reached 777556 they noticed that they were being followed by the Germans so they kept on firing MGs. Fire from 'C' company and standing patrol supported them, and they reached their lines without casualties. There was one dead German in house 102 at 777554. A recon patrol under Lieutenant Vozina and three other ranks crawled up to orchard at 771553 where they saw two dead Germans. As they went further along the road they were fired at by MGs and Schmeissers coming from approximately 781553 where enemy seems to be in great strength. They found house 59 (776551) cleared of enemy and group of houses 61, 62, and 63 at 780552 occupied by a small force of the enemy.</p>	
	6 Dec 44		<p>Cold cloudy day. Patrol activities during the night consists of standing patrols only in company lines. One Sergeant and sixteen other ranks left their company lines to take positions in HORST, but found enemy already occupying houses 34 and 35 (774543). They engaged them with SA and 2-in mortars. The enemy withdrew after a short fight and by 1930 hrs they occupied houses 34 and 35 for the night.</p>	



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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 H/W EASTERN HALL 1/25000 GEORSHUX	7 Dec 44		Cloudy day. Occasional enemy shelling during the day in area of 'A' and 'C' companies. Movement Order No. 1, Para 3-1-1-1 approved. Relief of R de Main by Fus MR and move to rest area HOOK. 'C' Group at 1800 hrs. Heavy enemy shelling during 0800 to 0845 hrs around 'A' and 'C' companies sectors. A standing patrol of one NCO and six other ranks intercepted an enemy patrol of ten men in 'A' company sector. Three Germans are believed killed but found only one body. Identification papers were collected.	
	8 Dec 44		Cold cloudy day. In the morning preparations were made for the change over with the Fus MR. (See appendix 'A' of movement order No. 1. Change over was completed by 2230 hrs and all our companies returned safely to our new location in HOOK.	
	9 Dec 44		Cold foggy day. We are again in HOOK for seven days as reserve battalion. The companies take this opportunity to do a bit of paper work and reorganization. Major Ostiguy, DSO left for PARIS on a 48 hrs leave with Lance-Corporal Lamarche. The K of C presented a film at 1800 hrs and 2000 hrs.	
	10 Dec 44		It rained part of the morning but the afternoon was nice but cloudy. Mass at 1000 hrs was said by our Padre, R/Captain G.J. Warfield in the parish church of HOOK. The K of C opened a canteen with a reading and writing room for our boys. Supervisor Louis Morency of the K of C arranged afternoon and night shows to be held in an old parish hall.	
	11 Dec 44		Cloudy day and occasional rain. A beer distribution was sold to all. It was exceptionally the finest brand; "A scotch beer" from EDINBURGH. A film presented by the K of C entitled "And the angels sing" starring Dorothy Lamour and Fred Mac-Murray was shown at 1800 hrs and at 2000 hrs.	
	12 Dec 44		Beautiful clear day. A well organized dance was held in HILTZEN for our unit only. It started at 2000 hrs and ended at 2300 hrs. A marvelous orchestra entertained approximately four hundred of our boys who were all sorry that it ended so early. Lt-Col J. Ribem, Major E.F. Jacques and the majority of our officers were present. The girls were really charming.	

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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 H/V EASTERN HALF 1/25000 ORANGE	13 Dec 44		Cold cloudy day. Some enemy shelling over our sector area in the early morning. The X of C presented a film at 1800 and 2000 hrs "chip of the old block" starring Donald O'Connor. At HATFIELD support company's rest area, while they were peacefully resting, Jerry decided to entertain them. It was about 0100 hrs when they heard the screaming sound of rocket projectors broke up the silence. A camp landed all around the mortar platoon area. A second group of six rockets got direct hits on two of the mortar carriers loaded with ammunition. They tried to extinguish it while another camp landed behind them. The Jerrycoons caught on fire and SAA, grenades, PIAT and all of the 3-in mortar bombs began to explode one by one. The neighbouring sub-unit thought there was a counter attack on. Corporal Berenoughy drove off two carriers that were approximately twenty yards away while the other two were exploding. Lieutenant J.H. Brinsford said that it was the first mortar loss in their platoon in six months of action.	
	14 Dec 44		Occasional rain during the day. Change over with the Essex Scottish. 1st Group at 1630 hrs held at Battalion Headquarters under Lt-Col J. Ribean. The order of relief is as follows: B, C, D, A, Sp Coy, Bn HQ, and RAP check point will be at 726517. RAP at 725518. Bn HQ at 725517. The timings for changeover for 1st company to pass check point at 1330 hrs, 1st company at 1430 hrs, 1st company at 1430 hrs, 1st company at 1500 hrs, Support company at 1530 hrs, Bn HQ and RAP at 1600 hrs.	
	15 Dec 44		Cold foggy day. Preparations are made for change over with Essex Scottish. The change over was completed by 1600 hrs as per trace. The battalion is now in reserve and rifle companies are in dugouts. The ground is muddy, wet and very unpleasant.	
	16 Dec 44		Occasional rain during the day. A very quiet day. The rifle companies are busy on road repairs. Supervisor Louis Hervey has arranged to serve tea at 1030 hrs every morning during our stay here. Two flying bombs are seen passing over us going via ANTWIP. A standing patrol of one NCO and ten other ranks went out at 1730 hrs through the Calg Highways lines to get to cross roads 751517. They were in position by 1800 hrs. They heard a lot of enemy SA fire all night around 754518 but nothing was in our direction. They returned at 0700 hrs.	

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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 N/V EASTERN HALF 1/25000 GROSSBEEK	17 Dec 44		Occasional rain during the day. A standing patrol of one HCO and eleven men went through Gulg Highways positions to cross roads 75513 and were in position by 1745 hrs. They were contacted four times by the Gulg Highways without any interference from the enemy. They came back at 0745 hrs without trouble. An enemy plane, a Junker 88 came over our area around 1900 hrs. Our searchlight got him well surrounded and our anti-aircraft guns responded very well. For awhile we thought he would not get away, but he finally managed to slip in the darkness.	
	18 Dec 44		Intermittent rain during the day but by 1800 hrs the moon and stars were shining. An investiture was held at GRAYES PARK at 1630 hrs. Decorations were awarded by Field-Marshal B.L. Montgomery to Major J. Cobigny, DSO, Company Sergeant-Major B. Lacourse, DCM, Sergeant L. Hantel, MM, Sergeant J.P. Leblanc, MM. The ATHEN radio station, a german broadcast announced that two of our own men were now dead. They were Privates Cholette and Lamoureux, but it is not yet confirmed. Lieutenant Leclerc was wounded and evacuated.	Phil
	19 Dec 44		Cloudy day. An anti-spy lecture was given by Captain Greene at 0900 hrs. Lieutenant R. Sney is back from the Divisional HCOs School where he had been instructing for two weeks. Captain D.V. Freshley has been chosen as Chief Instructor for the next course which will begin tomorrow. A standing patrol of one HCO and seven other ranks went out at 1600 hrs and returned at 0700 hrs. SER went through their position at 2025, 0030 and 0400 hrs. The night was very quiet.	
	20 Dec 44		Weather is still unchanged and very foggy. A fire completely destroyed the support company kitchen and the Secours billets at 1300 hrs. A spark from a hot stove lit the fire.	
	21 Dec 44		The temperature is milder but still very foggy. Leaves of 48 hrs to ANTWERP, BRUSSELS, and GHEENT are granted. This helps to maintain high spirit and good morale for our troops. A standing patrol of one HCO and ten men established without any trouble. Everything was quiet during night except from occasional MG fire from 76513 they returned at 0730 hrs.	

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HOLLAND SECRETS 12 H/T EASTERN HALF 1/25000 CROSSHATCH	22		Weather unchanged. Lt-Col J. Ribean went to a conference of brigades at 1430 hrs. The topic of the meeting dealt mainly on the german offensive counter measures. Lieutenant A. Vignier had an unusual experience on a reconnaissance patrol which he took out with two other men at 1830 hrs. They spotted a few enemy MG posts and they were fired at by them. As they were closing in the fog lifted, they were fired upon probably mistaken for an enemy patrol. After awhile they crawled back to safety in their own lines after a fine illumination from our own troops.	
	23		The weather has finally changed to a beautiful clear day but somewhat colder. An HQ Group was held by Lt-Col J. Ribean at 1030 hrs for all company commanders and supporting arms commanders. The HQ dealt on different matters: Four junior officers will be added and attached to our establishment to get experience in the field. The HQ spoke on the german offensive now in progress. He said the allies hoped to make another FALAISE POCKET. The enemy has two panzer divisions and two parachute divisions not yet committed. We must therefore take steps for a higher degree of alertness against airborne attacks. Captain F. Lafont has been posted to 'B' company and Captain Y. Bernier to 'C' company while Lieutenant D'Avignon was posted to 'D' company. Captain Y. David's batman, Private Maurier, E.V. was killed on his way from 'B' echelon to 'A' echelon in his jeep.	
	24		Cold sunny day. At 1530 hrs Lt-Col J. Ribean held a HQ Group for all company commanders: Majors E.T. Jacques, G. Degrandpre, J. Catigny, M.D. G. Brossseau, F de S Robert, Lieutenants J.M. Dussault, L. Woods were present. The topic of the meeting was mainly on our future operations on the present german offensive. The next fifteen days said the HQ, will gather important events. A special warning against airborne landings was also mentioned for the next twenty four hours.	
	25		Everyone will not forget how Christmas was spent. The day was cold but lovely. Brigadier McGill came to extend his Christmas best wishes to one and all. He went around the different companies to offer his wishes to those who were in dugouts. In the afternoon Lt-Col J. Ribean and Major E.T. Jacques did likewise and our boys really appreciated this gesture. A special Christmas dinner by all. Turkey, oranges, beer, cigars were a delight to all. The germans must have celebrated this divine day too because no shelling at all came over us during the day.	



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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 N/W EASTERN HALF 1/25000 CROSSHEEK	26 Dec 44		Captain G. Charroon's cook Private Louis Lavesque deserves to be mentioned for his superb christmas special "a little pig" which was enjoyed by all the officers from Support company and a few guests: Captain Charles de Salaberry, Cj at Brigade, Captain Griffin, I.O. at Brigade, Captain L. Lacroix our Adjutant, Lieutenant G. Lacroix our assistant adjutant, Lieutenant J.M. Massault our I.O., Lieutenant L. Woods our Scout officer. The officers from Support company were Captains G. Charroon, M.E., G. Montpetit, L.A. Hudson, Lieutenants J.M. Brinsbois, L. Montaine, P.A. Brien and G. Solisvert.	
	27 Dec 44		The weather is getting colder and colder with a clear beautiful sky. Some heavy shelling landed not very far from our sector across the MRC river. During the night an enemy plane flew over us and was soon driven away by our strong anti-aircraft.	
	28 Dec 44		The temperature is cold but very fair. Everything is quiet but for occasional enemy shelling in the rifle companies. Lt-Col J. Bibeau presented an operational plan to the 3rd Division HQ on a counter measure offensive. Captain P. Pafard was taken on strength and posted to 'B' company. Capt Y. Bernier was taken in 'A' company as a special increment in No. 8 platoon.	
	29 Dec 44		The weather is very fair but milder. Strong enemy mortar shelling landed in 'A' company's sector wounding slightly two of our men. Lt-Col J. Bibeau went to the HHC forward company in the afternoon and while he was there some enemy shelling opened up and a few enemy snipers were heard. The CO held a 'Q' Group at 1200 hrs in preparation for the change over tomorrow morning at 1000 hrs with the HHC. At 2100 hrs the change over was cancelled until further orders.	
	30 Dec 44		Cold fair day. At 1200 hrs Major E.T. Jacques and the companies 2 i/c's went on a recon of our new location OUYK. At 1700 hrs the change over with SGR took place. A heavy fog came late in the afternoon making it excellent for our troops on the move. All rifle companies are now in private homes.	
GENEP SHEET 12 S/W/ EAST			The weather is very misty and cold. The roads are slippery and very dangerous. Some enemy shelling landed close to Battalion Headquarters around 0930 hrs. Captain A.E. roy our paymaster paid all those who needed money. Everything looks as if New Years DAY will be spent in this small village. OUYK.	

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GERNEY SHEET 12 S/V EAST	31 Dec 44		<p>The weather is very fair and cold. Three officers were taken in the unit as special increments to get experience in the field. They are Captain R. Gernet, Lieutenants R. Levesque, J.J. Bastien. Lieutenant R. Sany is now in charge of the Pioneer platoon and Lieutenant J.M. Fontaine is posted to 1st company. New Years eve was spent quietly with a few drinks here and there. The CO was host to all the company commanders, the padre, M.O. and the Adjutant. At 2358 hrs some heavy enemy artillery shelling landed in area of HOOK. It was like a twenty four gun salute to the new year.</p> <p> (J. Ribean) Lt-Col, Commanding Officer, Le Regiment de Liaison No 1 CA(0)</p>	

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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 S/W GENNEP EAST CUYK 1/25000	1 Jan 45		New Year's day was fair and during the afternoon a snow storm covered all the roads making them very slippery. For New Year's dinner, we received eleven turkeys as a present from the US Army. Our men are still wondering why we did not receive any turkey from the Cdn Army. But to compensate this lacking, a beer ration of one bottle per man from UK was given. Lt-Col., J. Bibeau and Major E.T. Jacques paid a visit to all coys to extend their best wishes to all. Our New Year's resolutions are to bring to the enemy a complete defeat and victory to us in a near future. The K of C., offered a film at 1900hrs, "A GIRL IN OVERALLS" starring An Sothern. Four enemy planes were shot down during the day around Mook and Cuyk.	PW.
	2 Jan 45		The weather is fair and somewhat milder. Lt-Col., J. Bibeau went to an O Gp at Div HQ. In the afternoon and during the night a recce was made by all coys for our change over with RHC to-morrow. The night was very dark and foggy.	PW.
HOLLAND SHEETS 12 N/W EASTERN HALF GROESBEEK 1/25000	3 Jan 45		The weather was still foggy and cold. Preparation are made for our next move. Lt-Col., J. Bibeau held an O Gp at 1000hrs. The carrier pl under Capt C. Montpetit and the scout pl under Lieut L. Woods and Lieut R. Levesque are to take up the positions on the front line. The coys took up their positions at last light. During the night standing patrols from all the rifle coys reported the situation very quiet, except for enemy flares and MG fire on fixed lines. Lieut G. Dwyer has been chosen as instructor in the 2 Cdn Div Sniper's school for a month or more.	PW.
	4 Jan 45		The temperature is cold and cloudy. Major G.F. Charlebois has been attached for one month as surplus to War Establishment. In "D" coy sector heavy shelling landed and many enemy MGs on fixed lines kept them busy up to 0200hrs until they were silenced by our 3" Mortars. Occasional enemy flares were reported in all the coys' areas. A few standing patrols were sent out and came back with no trouble at all.	PW.
	5 Jan 45		Beautiful clear day with sunshine. Morning is very cold C.O. had a defaulters' parade at 1100hrs. Enemy seems to keep silence with his guns. We have entertainment for some of the coys. They enjoyed such shows and movies. Especially when it is held outside our present area. Major J. Ostiguy DSO and a few NCO's will probably be leaving for England as instructors.	PW.



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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 N/W EASTERN HALF GROESBEEK 1/25000	6		It does not look Epiphany. Very nice day but cold. In the afternoon a few shells exploded near BNHQ. We had the visit of Major M. perusse of Fus M.R. who had just been promoted in the morning to proceed to England as instructor. We received five ORs as reinforcement, all old personnel returning from hospital. Major F de S Robert's name was submitted for an attachment of four days to the RAF.	LW
	7		Weather is uncertain, cloudy. Everybody is anxious to know the outcome of the First Ballot for 7 days leave in UK. Major G. de Grandpre is appointed 2 i/c and A/CO as the CO is about to leave for UK. At 2100hrs, our pde L.O. Lieut A Garneau draws the names in presence of all coys' representatives. Instructors leaving for England are very happy about the whole thing. They leave at 0600hrs to-morrow. The enemy shelled a little during the night. Lieut L. Woods goes on a recce during the night and brings back good informations.	LW
	8		We woke up as a heavy snow storm covered the ground with a thick white rug. Around 1000hrs it calms down but continues throughout the day. CO is advised to report to First Cdn Army HQ by 091200A. Capt L. Lacroix our adjt is promoted to Major and OC "C" Coy to replace Major J. Ostiguy DSO who left this morning for England for trg purposes. Lieut G. Leclerc is promoted to Capt and Adjt. A recce patrol of one ofr Lieut L. Woods (raid leader) and 2 ORs went out at 2020hrs directly to three objectives at 737496, 738495, and 739492 without checking into any of the houses. There was no enemy at those objectives. They came back at 2210hrs. Another recce patrol of one ofr Lieut D. d'Avignon, one NCO and five ORs were sent out at 2240hrs to recheck the above posns. They were confident there was no enemy there, but when they reached road junction at 738495, they heard voices in houses 738495. The patrol was divided into two groups, one going to the front and the other to the back of the house. Lieut d'Avignon went in to check the house alone, going in by the front. As he entered there were two rifle shots and it is reported by the NCO that the officer shouted "ENEMY". The NCO and the group at the front of the house returned to the coy HQ position leaving the remaining three men at the rear of the house who after approximately 10 minutes, not getting any orders returned to coy posns. They were all in by 2355hrs and except Lieut d'Avignon who was reported missing.	LW

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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 N/W EASTERN HALF GROESBEKK 1/25000	8 Jan 45		<p>As a result of the above it was decided not to put in the raid as it had not been confirmed that the enemy in sufficient strength to warrant the fire plan, therefore the CO elected to send a fighting patrol. Then Lieut L. Woods raid leader, one sgt and 22 ORs went out at 0020hrs. They started out from forward posns at 734497 and worked right following the hedge up to 737497. As number three section was working left to get to 737396 they saw an enemy patrol (strength unknown) coming towards them. Number one and two sections started to go across the opened field when two enemy MGs opened up. Number three section was cut off from number one and two sections. They decided to return to their coy posns and on their way back enemy MGs opened on them from the left. Unable to pin point them the patrol was in by 0200hrs.</p>	<i>PH.</i>
	9 Jan 45		<p>The weather is cold and it seems as if winter was here for good. The fields are covered with approximately 3" of snow. On the front line it is very quiet during daytime. At night a recce patrol of one offr, Lieut R. Levesque raid leader and 2 ORs went out at 2005hrs as far as 737496. There, using the cover of the hedge they observed and listened. Along the other hedge around 737495 they observed enemy movement. As they waited to be sure of his presence and his strength they laid up for at least 25 minutes. They estimated there were around five Germans along this hedge maybe established there to ambush any of our patrols coming in. Being definitely sure of his presence they went back to get the fighting patrol. At 2205hrs they left the standing patrol (737497) where had been assembled the fighting group while the recce took place. As they were moving on the right end side of the road they were stopped twice by white flares coming from around wood 744500. Arriving at 737496 they formed up with two sections ahead in extended line and one section behind. As they were crossing the SL which was the hedge 75 yards away an enemy MG opened up from where they believed to be around 736494. They kept firing while the enemy was racing towards houses 6 and 7 (738495). They are quite sure they killed or wounded two as they fell flat on the ground. At the same time they were fired upon by SCHMEISSER and rifle from houses 6 and 7. Also by MG believed to be firing from houses at 739497 and from track and dyke junction at 740495.</p>	<i>PH.</i>

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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 N/W EASTERN HALF GROESBEEK 1/25000	9 Jan 45		Five flares were fired over the area from two places 740495 and 739494. Houses 6 and 7 being occupied they fired two Piat bombs on each (they had two piats). As the road junction was well covered with MG fire and having no time left they had to withdraw to get out of our Arty fire. They were pulling back when they were again fired upon by five machine guns at 736494. As they were closing our standing patrol opened a browning MG and 4 Bren to cover their withdrawal. Lt-Col J. Bibeau has left for England to lecture. Major G de Grandpre is now A/CO. Major E.T. Jacques has left too for England with Major J. Ostiguy PSO for three months. Major F de S Robert is 2 i/c of the BN.	LW.
	10 Jan 45		This is our 7 day on the front line. The cold weather and the snow covered field have brought out in the midst of a winter campaign. Our duties are restricted mainly to patrolling. At 1730hrs the Quenn Own Camerons took over our posns by 1900hrs we were all back again in Mook in reserve.	LW.
HOLLAND SHEETS 12 S/W GENNEP EAST CUYK 1/25000	11 Jan 45		Cold winter morning. Lieut L. Woods takes a party of 100 men to Nijmegen to the swimming pool for a shower and a swim. Capt D. Bourcier is still very busy these days on summary of evidence and court Martials. He has been prosecutor for many a case.	LW.
	12 Jan 45		The weather is cold but fair. The bn being in reserve takes this opportunity to relax and rest. At 1400hrs we change over with FMR to proceed to Cuyk again. At 1600hrs we were all established in our old places in Cuyk. During the night the K of C, with our new spvr Mr Larose, presented a film "FOLLOW THE BOYS" starring George Raft and Vera Zorina.	LW.
	13 Jan 45		The weather is still cold and fair. At 1100hrs Major G de Grandpre our A/CO held an O Gp for all coy comds. The main topic of the meeting was on the trg during our stay here. A syllabus must be ready from all coys to start trg on the 15 Jan 45. The scout pl will be provided with men from the rifle coys to make it full strength and ready for further activities on the front, mainly patrol duties. Our A Ech personnel have joined us in Cuyk.	LW.

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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 S/W GENNEP EAST CUIK 1/25000	14 Jan 45		A cold sunny day. The coys have been issued with camouflage suits (white parkas) especially for using in night patrols. Eight ORS arrived to-day as reinforcements and were all posted to the scout pl, which will be reorganized according to a new set up.	LW.
	15 Jan 45		The weather is fair and cold. A trg program has been taken up by all the rifle coys. A syllabus has been issued and the coys have started to train. Further trg on tank hunting, Piat, has been the main subject during the day. Lieut R. Levesque has been posted to "B" Coy.	LW.
	16 Jan 45		The weather is milder and fair. The rifle coys had trg on the lifeboy. At the range they worked in cooperation with the 10 Cdn Armd Regt.	LW.
	17 Jan 45		The weather has become milder and it seems as if spring was already here. "A" and "B" coy were on a 8 miles route march in the morning. They also had map reading and a lecture on recce patrol. "D" Coy had trg with 10 Cdn Armd Regt while "Sp" Coy had specialist trg. Major F de S Robert our A/ 2 i/c has left on an Air attachment course of 4 days.	LW.
	18 Jan 45		The temperature is mild but fair. A gp of officers attended the lecture in MOOK given by a psychiatrix at 1400hrs. Cases of exhaustion, shell shock were discussed. Many important points were brought up by those attending. The rifle coys followed the trg syllabus laid down for the day. A lecture on flame throwers was given in MOOK at 1930hrs for all officers. Capt. G. Montpetit has left unit to proceed to UK as a possible instructor. Major C. Brosseau left for Brussels on a 48hrs leave with Major L. Lacroix.	LW.
	19 Jan 45		The weather is cold and fair. The rifle coys are still on their trg program. A gp of men went to Nijmegen in the afternoon to the Canada club and at night another party attended a representation at the Wintergarden. Reinforcements are still pouring in and the unit is now full strength. The scout pl has started a trg program in view of specializing scouts, snipers and observers for our future operations at the front. Our A/CO Major G de Grandpre and Luch at 1300hrs at Pde with Brig McGill and Brig Colquhoun. In peace time Brig Colquhoun was Major de Grandpre's OC in the PPCLI	LW.

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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 N/W EASTERN HALF GROESBEEK 1/25000	26 Jan 45		Very cold winter day. "D" and "B" coys' standing patrols were relieved by two snipers from the scout pl for the whole day. The coys' area was quiet during the day but for occasional MG fire and sniping. The winter camouflage suits proved very satisfactory according to our patrols.	LW.
	27 Jan 45		The temperature is cold and foggy. Those in dugg outs reported their conditions as satisfactory. Many have a stove pipes arranged in their holes and others have the privilege to be incellars of shattered houses. At night a patrol from "C" coy under Lieut <del>IA</del> Vezina went to 764564 and reported everything peaceful.	LW.
	28 Jan 45		The temperature was cold and fair. Our snipers from "B" Coy and "D" coy reported occasional enemy MG fire and sniping. A Lancaster crashed at 1300hrs in "B" coy area nine flyers bailed out to safety. The scout pl sent two recce patrols out at 1900hrs in "B" and "D" coy sector respectively. Sgt L. Frechette reported enemy at 769578 approximately 4 on a standing patrol. Lieut L Woods and two ORS proceeded via Voxhill 766573 and met Mk4 and schu mines. The thick snow made difficult to find other mines in front of our own traced minefield. "D" Coy push ahead to clear houses at 768573. Our A/Brig Lt-Col J Bibeau came to the BNHQ in the afternoon with our LO Lieut A. Garneau. 4 snipers from the scout pl succeeded to move their sniping post from Voxhill 766573 to houses 768573.	LW.
	29 Jan 45		The temperature was cold and visibility poor. A series of General officers both cdn and British have been visiting our posns in the past 24 hrs. We were also visited yesterday afternoon by Mr Membre a French Press correspondent and Lieut phil Lauzon. They brought with them a lot of photos tehey had taken while they were in a reserve posn just east of Mook before christmas. They spent the night with us and to-day have been with "B" and "D" coy.	LW.

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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 N/W EASTERN HALF GROESBEEK 1/25000	30 Jan 45		<p>The temperature is cold with additional snow fall. visibility is poor but somewhat clearer in the afternoon.. We have been clearing gaps in our own mine field in front and started to build up a tac HQ in area of "D" Coy. All his progressing satisfactorily. To-day we just got a new jeep for the CO. This is going to be a better welcome back for him when he returns from his stage at Pde. Major P Coderre 7 Medium Regt paid a visit to Major G de Grandpre to-day. He came to discuss on different tactical points mainly the advisability of picking up potatoes out of a field just in front here. Major G de Grandpre told him if he did not mind picking up mines at the same time it was quite OK with him (the said potato fields are crossed by one of our own mine field. Two snipers from the scout pl reported one German psn in a knock out Sherman tank. 772578 in "B" coy area. That German was seen walking to and fro from the tank to a small bush. A mortar task given by these two snipers at 772578 completely destroyed an enemy machine gun post.</p>	LH.
	31 Jan 45		<p>The temperature is mild and rain started to drop at 0800hrs. A recce party from RHLI went around our different posns in view of our next change over on the 2 Feb 45. Six snipers from the scout pl spent the day from 0700hrs to 1830 hrs at "B" and "D" coy respectively. The y reported the situation as normal except for occasional Enemy MG and sniper fire. During the night two recce patrols from the scout pl went in "B" and "D" coy sectors. They came back with valuable information.</p> <p><i>J. Bibeau</i> (J. Bibeau) Lt.-Col., Commanding Officer, Le Regiment de Maisonneuve CA(O)</p>	LH.



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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 N/W EASTERN HALF GROESBEEK 1/25000	1- Feb 45		The temperature is very mild and the rain has melted completely the snow covered fields. Snipers again from the scout pl spent a day at "B" "C" and "D" Coys. During the night at 2200hrs one NCO L/Cpl Gaudette with three ORs made a recce patrol in area of both standing patrols of "D" Coy. They reported back at 0300hrs with most valuable informations about enemy activities, posns and locations. Our A/CO Major JGAD de Grandpre was most pleased and satisfied on the good report made by this report. Our IO Lieut M Dussault mentioned that it was one of the best patrol done in the units since a long time.	GB
	2 Feb 45		The temperature is still mild and it seems as if the winter as faded away. An "O" Gp was held at 1000hrs by A/CO Major JGAD de Grandpre for all coys domds. The topic of the meeting was on our change over with the RHLL. BNHQ was relieved at 1400hrs; "A" Coy at 1530hrs; "C" Coy at 1630 hrs. The CO suggested a kit inspection for everybody in our new location in GROESKE, Holland. Six snipers from the scout pl had an usual experience at 1830hrs in "D" Coy area, when during an artillery barrage, a gp of Germans infiltrated and succeeded to get in their posns. Two snipers Ptes Pulletier and Lepage were surprised by one German in their house who was finally repulsed with two grenades. Two other snipers, Ptes Mainville and Pilon encountered ten Germans who came in during the same circumstances. They managed to withdraw as they were outnumbered. They were back at 2400hrs. They had been on duty since 0700hrs.	GB
	3 Feb 45		The temperature is fair and mild. The Bn is now in billets for a short rest period. Our A/CO Major JGAD de Grandpre held an "O" Gp at 1300hrs. Those present were Majors Charlebois, Brosseau, Lacroix and Robert; Capts Sabourin (MO) Lieuts DUSSAULT (IO), Brisebois, Lachance, Pounder and Woods, RSM Archambault. The CO treated mainly on organization and administration points. A film was presented by the K of C at 1900hrs entitled "YELLOW CANARY" starring Anna Neagle and Richard Greene.	GB
	4 Feb 45		The temperature is cloudy and mild with intermitted rain. A group of officers went to the officers' shop Nijmegen in the morning while the balance went in the afternoon. "A" and "B" Coy went to a bath parade at our "A" ECH at 1000hrs while "D", "C" and "F" and "BNHQ" went during the afternoon. Our padre Rev JG Marchand said three masses during the morning. A large gathering for holy communion was noticed.	GB



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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 N/W EASTERN GROESBEEK HALF 1/25000	5		Lt-Colonel J Bibeau who has been A/Comd 5 Bde while Brigadier McGill was away in UK, returned to unit this morning. He will take over as CO Major JGAD de Grandpre as his 2 i/c	
	Feb		The weather is very mild and all the roads are terribly muddy. The unit is now in billets and getting organized for our coming operation in a very near future. The unit is full strength and very anxious to take part in the big drive in Germany. We have been hoping for this moment for a long time now. There was never before seen so much traffic in an area that would show the might of our ever growing strength. We had the spectacle of an endless stream of vehicle, guns of all calibres, tanks and all special equipments needed by a modern army. Every one is confident of the outcome. We all feel "this is it".	GB
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	6		The weather is still very mild and the ground and roads are getting worst with the continuous stream of vehicle tanks for our next operation "VERITABLE". At 1430hrs at Bde HQ all officers of our unit gathered to listen to our GOC Major General Mathew. This prominent soldier felt very confident on the success of that coming operation. At 1700hrs our CO Lt-Col J Bibeau held an "O" Gp and gave his operational order for our next attack. (see appx attd). During darkness at 2100hrs a recce patrol of one NCO and three other ranks from the scout pl started out from VOXHILL (766573) via WIJLER and Den Heuvel 7756 (the bn objective); In view to confirm or deny enemy activities in that sector. They reported at least four enemy MGs on the NW part of Den Heuvel.	GB
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	7		The temperature is mild and cloudy with intermitted rain. Last operations are in full swing for to-morrow's big surprised attack. Briefing from higher authority down to every single other rank is given, so that everybody has a complete and vivid picture up to the smallest details. In sequence, all the coys were brought up to Bde HQ to receive final instructions and briefing on operation VERITABLE. As a prelude to the attack a large numbers of bombers attacked important enemy targets. It was simply terrific. Some of our carriers assembled in the areas assigned to them during the night. The sky cleared and we hope for a clear day to-morrow. Lieut. G de Merlis and Lieut A Ratelle came back from NCO's Div School for our operation.	GB
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HOLLAND SHEETS N/W 12 EASTERN HALF GROESBEEK L/25000	8 Feb 45		<p>The meteorologist must have known that we needed a fair day for our big operation VERITABLE, because it turned out to be a lovely day, but not for the Jerries. The fighting elements had an early rise at 0300hrs. Guides from the scout pl were in posn by 0500hrs to lead the walking troops to the FUP who were on the move at 0600hrs. At 0500hrs a heavy arty concentration began to land in enemy territory. This barrage was continuous for 11 hours. By 0730hrs all the fighting gp had gathered in the FUP in wood (759573) in readiness to pass the S.L. at 1030hrs. It is from that movement that we began to do a real job out of it. One must remember the magnificent part played by all the supporting arms. Everything worked perfectly on a time program, especially teamed work. One must not forget the terrible muddy, bumpy and awful grounds conditions on which this operation took place. Whatsoever the Infantrymen, the Artymen, the Tankmen fought with strong determination and confidence never seen on this continent. The results were an overwhelming success on the whole line. Our superiority in fire power, equipment and men brought in prisoners by hundreds. One capture German Officer said "It was terrible" Major GF Charlebois from "A" Coy stated: "No 7 pl led by Lieut Bud Delorme were the first fighting group to put steps on German soil at 1150hrs after having cleared their objective in 15 minutes" The morale of the tps, he said, was top. Major Lacroix from C Coy stated: "Our task as reserve Coy was to relieve one company from the CALG Highrs from the Eastern end of WYLER. At 1345hrs the coy moved on to its objective without difficulty. On reaching Eastern part of Wyler they met 28 jerries coming by themselves, on the road captured by CALG Highrs and Brit unit on our right. The morale of the troops was very high and even when enemy resistance was encountered, before reaching the N/W part of DENHEUVEL it was still high up. Lieut. Louis Fontaine was wounded at the start line, but valiantly advanced and led his platoon to the destruction of many sniper nests and MG posts, and carried on further to his objective on DENHEUVEL. They captured 20 prisoners and killed many more.</p>	by  GB
	9 Feb 45		<p>The weather has turned colder but remained fair. A &amp; C Coys are now on German soil and have consolidated their positions. B &amp; D Coys did likewise in their captured objectives in DENHEUVEL. Two more prisoners were brought in at 0930hrs. They surrendered themselves after having hidden during the night in a dismantled glider. Everybody is proud and happy of our good success and overwhelming german defeat. The First Cdn Army has proved again that they are still pitching very carefully and that</p>	GB

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HOLLAND SHEETS 12 N/W EASTERN HALF GROESBEEK 1/25000	9 Feb 45		the Jerries are again on the run. We are all confident that this is one of the last phase to victory. Our rifle companies brought altogether 125 POWs. Our losses were comparatively slight, we suffered 15 casualties, of which 2 were killed and 13 wounded.	GP
	10 Feb 45		The weather is windy and fair. Lt-Col J. Bibeau left for Brigade at 0900hrs to attend and "O" Gp at 1100hrs he advised us on the Arty wireless set to be ready to move right after dinner. It was great time to change place, especially for "A" & "C" coys whose areas were being floated by the Jerries. At 1415 hrs all companies were moving back to Groeske for a short while, and by 1600hrs were all established in billets. At 1800hrs B & C coys went to our "A" Ech to see the picture "This is the life" starring Donald O'Connor and Susan Foster. Choices have been granted for the 7 days leave for either Paris or UK.	GP
	11 Feb 45		The weather is cloudy and somewhat colder. Our paymaster Capt. N. Roy organized a pay parade for all the companies during the day. Special pay is given to those proceeding to Canada, UK or Paris to-morrow. Lt-Col J. Bibeau, Lt M Dussault, Lt L Woods and Lt G Reisvert went to Nijmegen at the Wintergarden to attend "E" Unit of Canadian Show.	GP
	12 Feb 45		The weather is cloudy with intermitted rain. Entertainment is provided for our boys in Nijmegen at the Wintergarden at 1300, 1445, 1530 and 1830 hrs. A new film was given by the K of C "A night to Remember".	
	13 Feb 45		The weather is fair and milder. Party of men left for Canada on the 30 days leave at home, another group left for UK on the 7 days leave. A large number of our boys enjoyed very much the Canadian show presented at the Wintergarden at various time during the day and evening.	GP
	14 Feb 45		The day is beautiful and fair. Our boys are very happy to be in Nijmegen. They are all smartly dressed, boots are really shining and they all got a haircut. Even if the attractions in town are now numerous some have already made a girl-friend or two.	GP
	15 Feb 45		The weather is fair and milder. All drivers of our vehicles are taking this short rest period to do a thorough maintenance. At 1600hrs the CO Lt-col J. Bibeau held an "O" Gp for all company commanders. The CO mentioned the cleanness of our billets,	GP

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HOLLAND SHEETS 6 S/W NIJMEGEN 1/25000	15 Feb 45		and severe discipline to be imposed during our stay in Nijmegen. He suggested that the Company Commanders submitted a program of activities during our stay in Nijmegen. He pointed out that a complete check up by 2 i/cs on 1098 would be necessary.	GP
	16 Feb 45		The weather is lovely and mild. Our TO Capt M Savard is speeding up the maintenance and painting of vehicles. Our CO Lt- Col J Bibeau said, at our Officers Mess which was opened this morning, that he was to gather all the officers.	GP
	17 Feb 45		The weather is dull. At 1100hrs our 2 i/c left with all the Company Commanders on a recce for our next move in Germany. At 1830 hrs our supervisor for the K of C Spvr R. Larose arranged a unit dance at the Wintergarden Hall until 2200hrs. Beer and Sandwiches were in abundance. Good music and real entertainment have been provided. Cpl Doucette, French Canadian with a Canadian Show, presently performing at the Wintergarden, sang favourite songs and was warmly applauded. The dance was a success and enjoyed by all.	GP
GERMANY SHEETS 4203 CALCAR 1/25000	18 Feb 45		The weather is cloudy with intermitted rain during the day. A church parade at 0900hrs saw the whole Bn spotlessly dressed, marched smartly to Nijmegen parish church, to assist mass said by our padre Rev JG Marchand. Holy Communion was received mostly by all and our padre took the opportunity to express his compliments to everybody for our good conduct and behaviour in the unit since we are on the continent. He said, he felt proud of Le Regiment de Maisonneuve and extend his best wishes and good luck in Germany. The singing of "O Canada" and the divine service was more than impressive. At 1600hrs CO Lt-Col J Bibeau held an "O" Gp for our next move on German soil. The whole Bn left Nijmegen at 1930 hrs to proceed via Cleve Germany and had penetrate in Germany by 2040hrs likely to stay in, until the end of the war. A terrific stream of vehicles of all types was noticed during our 20 miles "Bon Voyage". The night was very dark especially when the convoy passed through the famous Reichwald.	GP
	19 Feb 45		The weather is still cloudy. "A" Coy suffered four casualties when their jeeps passed on a Tellermine. Two died instantly and two were badly wounded. Our CO Lt-Col J Bibeau submitted important instructions to Officers, NCOs and all other ranks on our complete vigilance towards the German people. Heavy enemy shelling landed near the BNHQ area at 1230hrs, and 1720hrs. During all night our guns roared.	GP

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GERMANY SHEETS CALCAR 4203 1/25000	20 Feb 45		The weather is very damp. Our Coys, for the present, are not committed except for patrol activities and contacts. Every one is more than surprised to find in Germany so many cattles, pigs and hens.	GP
	21 Feb 45		The weather is very fair and mild. All day long enemy planes flew over our areas and encountered heavy AA concentration. Lucky Jerries, not one was shot down. Our heavy bombers flew over us in great numbers. The CO Lt-Col J Bibeau held an "O" Gp at 1330hrs to brief every one on the actual situation on the front line. High authorities expect to see the whole front tied up almost on a stright line. The Co gave orders to "D" Coy to move from their present location early to-morrow, to 968516 and to "A" Coy to cross road 966517 and consolidate when in posns. "B" and "C" coys are to remain same. Our "B" Ech still in Nijmegen will move forward on the 23rd. On the night of the 24 the whole 5 Bde will be releived by a Bde of the 43rd British Div.	GP
	22 Feb 45		The weather is still very fair. At 0630hrs "D" Coy advanced on their objective MR 968516 Moyland without encountering any resistance. They were followed by "A" Coy who started to move at 0710hrs. They advanced up to a castle where they consolidated without opposition. That posn was previously cleared of enemy by "C" Coy with the use of 6 pdr and 7.2 and typhoons. Soon after consolidation "D" Coy sent out a patrol under Lt Prevost of a pl strength and continued to advance some 2000 yards until they were halted by enemy machine gun fire at MR 987507. The infm they brought was of the outmost importance. One PoW was taken. Sgt R. Lambert, Ptes Richard and Belanger struck in another direction to contact the enemy. After advancing 1000 yards and having captured three paratroops they returned.	GP
	23 Feb 45		The temperature is damp and cloudy. Warning is received that relief by a British Bn would take place the next day. One German dead body was found with a hand grenade attached to his identity discs cord as a booby trap. An RCE officer reported the fact while looking for mines.	GP
	24 Feb		The weather is fair and mild. A recce has been made during the afternoon for our new location south of Moyland. The Bn is getting ready for our next operation. All the rifle coys are in dug outs. The BNHQ is at MR 948514.	GP

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The weather is very fair but during the night we had rain. The roads were very muddy. At 1700hrs Lt Col J. Bibeau held an "C" Gp for the next operation "Block Buster". Our intention is to capture high ground overlooking CALCAR between MR 982496 SOUTHEAST to 990490. The attack will be made by two coys forward, D coy right, objective X road and houses 989492, 991490; C Coy to relieve B Coy of RRC at 984484. A big fire plan for the artillery has been set up. Tac HQ has been established at 969497. At 1900hrs the fighting tps proceeded to FUP and all the tpt left at 1930hrs. Everybody is anxious to have another bite at the Jerries.

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The temperature is cloudy and mild. All the rifle coys were at the FUP by 0400hrs. At 0420hrs they crossed the starting line. D and A Coys proceeded in extended line across an open field for approximately 2500 yards following a lift of artillery barrage. At 100yds from their objective they were met by a heavy line of enemy dugouts filled with fanatic paratroops. 2 forward platoons of D Coy as dawn broke, outfought themselves in the open and went to ground in shell holes and whatever slit trenches available. To move for them was utterly impossible. The reserve platoon worked his way on the left flank along a sunken road and bypassed the enemy manned dugouts. They were halted by hand grenades and took positions in a nearby house 25 yds from their final objective. At 1400hrs B Coy came to help with the CO leading. With the use of tks and flame throwers the objective was finally cleared and the stubborn fight of paratroops was overrun. 12 2nd Army bodies were found near a house. Lieut. G. Prevost was wounded in the attack. Lieut G de Merlis was also wounded at the C.O's side. D Coy suffered 28 casualties, 10 killed and 18 wounded. B Coy lost 2 officers; Lieut JAM Prud'homme and Lieut L Guay were slightly wounded and about 12 other ranks. The CO took part in the attack and experienced for the first time the dubious thrill of being shot at close range by snipers and MGs. On the way back the CO went to see "A" Coy Commander and had him tied up and attack on wood right in front of their position. In support of "A" Coy attack, two sections of flame throwers were used before it was reported cleared of the enemy. Maj GF Charlebois was wounded in the attack but carried on in command until operation was completed before being evacuated. He was a very fine example to his men and a recommendation for DSO has been forwarded to higher formation.



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27 Feb 45 The temperature was fair but occasional rain fell during the night. At 0100hrs the CO held an "O" Gp for our next move to a concentration area. A recce party led by Capt L. Barthe started at 0215hrs to find a location for the Bn. By 0430hrs all the marching tps and the tpt have reached its new area. The roads are awful due mainly to the heavy stream of vehicles. We all noticed that Germany is getting quite a taste of her medicine of destruction, pillage and misery.

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28 Feb 45 The temperature is fair. Our rifle companies are occupying the posns taken by Calg Highrs. Heavy enemy shelling is reported from "D" and "C" Coys during all day long at 1200hrs the Sc Pl plus the sections of carriers took over "D" Coy's posns which they had held for over 24 hrs. On their way to replace "D" Coy they were sniped by enemy fire but managed to take over. From 1200hrs until 2100hrs heavy enemy shelling and sniping kept them pinned down. One man was killed and many wounded. At 2100hrs "A" Coy took over from the Sc Pl and one section of carriers as the posn was not strongly held in case of counter-attack. "A" Coy comd Major D Tremblay reported the night as very quiet. Capt J Mathieu has been promoted to A/Major and will proceed in a near future to UK as instructor to take Major J. Ostaguy's place who is going to Canada.

*GP*

*John Grandjean Maj*  
 (J. Bibeau) Lt-Cpl  
 Commanding Officer,  
 Le Regiment de Maisonneuve CA (0)



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Sheet 4303  UNDER  GERMANY  <u>1</u> 25000	1 March 43		<p>The C.O. Lt-Col J. Bibeau spent nearly all day at pde to attend an O Op given by the Brigadier. TAC HQ is at 007442 at HEDENHILLWOLF and has before him rather the "Hochwald Forest". There was quite some excitement when a group of land mines were fired in the Hochwald Forest. The snatching noise of the rockets was more than a surprise for everybody standing by. As one German prisoner said, "your mines are colossal". Two of our coys (A &amp; B) went forward and were attached to Galg High. Shelling was heavy. The morale of the troops was quite low as nothing could be done but wait. Lieut G. Dolphin of "G" Coy was killed by a sniper as he was leading his pl to fortify Galg High. The temperature is fair.</p>	
	2 March 45		<p>The temperature is fair. The day was quiet. Capt Prevost is back with us. The rifle coys are in posn in the HOCHWALD CAP at 0340. "G" Coy sent out patrols to feel enemy's disposition. They were met with SCHMIDT fire. Heavy shelling all day.</p>	
	3 March 45		<p>The weather has become colder and windy. The HQ is on the move at 09.0 hrs to his new location in the Southern part of the Hochwald Forest. The rifle coys are dug in and occupy posns in Square 0340. The TAC HQ is in the Hochwald at 0394. The Jerries really did a job of those "underground shelters". They did not lack comfort at all. They had installations for electricity, stoves, bath and beds. The construction of those underground dug-outs had five rows of log covered by earth and grass. It was far better than all those shattered houses we have met. At 1900 hrs the C.O. Lt-Col J. Bibeau held an O Op for A &amp; C Coys situated at ref 052405 and 051402 respectively. The attacks are to take place early next morning to secure a S.I. for 4th and 3rd who will push ahead once those two objectives are taken by our coys. The C.O. held an O Op at 2330 hrs for A &amp; C coys attacks.</p>	
	4 March 45		<p>The weather is fair &amp; colder. A &amp; C Coys attacked at 0300 hrs. on the S.I. "G" coy led by Major L. Lacroix suffered 8 cas, 2 killed and 6 wounded. Lieut Verina and CSM were wounded. But thereafter everything went fine. They had taken their objectives by 0340 hrs without opposition. They took 3 POW. Major Tremblay, C.O. of "A" coy was wounded during the attack. B &amp; D joined A &amp; C in the support posns. Rifle coys reported heavy shelling during all day. At 0900 hrs the C.O. visits the coys sector. The morale was a bit low due to hard work and lack of sleep.</p>	

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KATZEN	5 March 45		The weather is fair. At 0100 hrs the G.O. held an 8 Op. At 0300 hrs the rifle Coys attacked and got their objectives without opposition. B & C coys established themselves at 083416 while A & D took new posts at 083405. B coy took 6 POW. An extensive fire plan and support of tanks helped a lot to reach the objectives without opposition.	
	6 March 45		The temperature is cloudy. News are brought that we are moving soon. We again concentrate in the Hochwald Forest. Our men took this opportunity to build themselves comfortable dugouts and pass a good night sleep.	
	7 March 45		Beautiful sunny day. At 1715 hrs the G.O. held an 8 Op. The coy Cmdrs present were Major J. Mathieu, L. Lacroix, P. Robert, Capt J.R. Beauchemin, L. Gidon, L. Barthe, L. Barras, M. Bourgeois, Y. Bernier, Lieut. R. Guay, L. Gouda, G. Levesque and A. Gagneau. Our intention is to attack and capture objectives on the high ground SE of KATZEN. B coy right obj. farm at 117400, C coy centre obj. wood at 122402, A coy left obj. wood & rd jct at 125404, D coy to follow 200 yds behind C coy. S.L. rd running N.W.-S.E. on Southern outskirts of KATZEN. All 87 coy guns & weapons will be used to support the rifle coys plus an extensive fire plan. Tanks and Kangaroos will be in close support.	
	8 March 45		The weather is cloudy with intermittent rain. All the fighting elements had gathered in the A.A. at 0915 hrs for our attack S.E. KATZEN. The long convoy of tanks and Kangaroos left the assembly area only at 0745 hrs. They passed the S.L. at 2230 hrs. The kangaroos from C coy were all lined up in the field ready for the attack when they all stuck in craters. The coy had to attack on foot. This was the beginning of a real good show for our rifle coys who under close support from the arty and mortars took their objectives by 2320 hrs with little opposition. We brought back 152 POW.	
	9 March 45		The temperature is fair. The pn is again on the move and on the attack. B coy was on its way to attack when they met strong enemy opposition quite before their obj. The attack on KATZEN was put off until 1630 hrs where success was our goal. We scored over 200 POW including one Lt-Col, one Capt and seven Lieuts. The attacks had close support of tanks and armoured cars clearing our obj. In 24 hrs time, the pn brought to POW 423 Jerries. Lieut R. Dolores and G. Poinclair were wounded.	

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XANTEN	10 March	45	The temperature is still fair. The C.O. visits all the boys in the lines and notice that the morale was pretty low. While on his way back, the C.O. learned that we were going to be relieved and that he had to go to Bde by 1630 hrs. All the boys had been relieved and were on the way to our new zone area expecting to move the next day to BREK - HOLLAND for a 10 days rest. Major Lalonde arrived with us and is now our new 2i/c as Major G. de Orange will leave for Canada shortly. The time has really passed and rallied for a rest as everybody is tired and casualties are high.	
	11 March	45	Bright day. 3 new officers come in as relief for the unit. Lieut Racicot, Thivierge, & Charbonneau. The K of C presented a film at 1700 hrs and at 2110 hrs. at 2315 hrs, our 2i/c, Major Lalonde held an O Gy on our next move to BREK - HOLLAND. The whole bn is in billets and is very near HIFREKEL.	
	12 March	45	Bright day. The bn is on the move at 0900 hrs. The whole bn is in billets in BREK - HOLLAND at 1130 hrs.	
BREK HOLLAND	13 March	45	Bright day. We are all enjoying our rest period. During the day the bn is kept busy looking after administrative details, maintenance of vehicles, etc., entertainment, bath, swimming pool are things we can not get in front; this is the time for it. Lieut R. Deserres is back with us from hospital.	
	14 March	45	The temperature is fair and mild. The C.O. held a meeting at 1115 hrs for all Coy Cmdrs and treated mainly of administrative points. He brought our minds back to Montreal where on the 27 April will be held a Kings for our wives, sweethearts and folks at home, given by Lt Aids aux Soldats. He suggested that we remind our men to advise their parents to attend in large number. He forwarded to us the congratulations on our recent large successes in the last round with Germany.	
	15 March	45	Beautiful sunny day. We are all enjoying our rest period very much. Lieut. Pelancon comes to us with a French war correspondent. They had with them their wagon with broadcasting utility. Many of our boys had interviews which will be retransmitted by the CBC to Canada. At 1900 hrs the C.O. was host to a dinner for rigadier and staff.	

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BEEK HOLLAND	16 March	45	The temperature is dull with intermittent rain in the afternoon. Our padre sang a High Mass at 1000 hrs in <del>the</del> parish church for our comrades who died on german soil recently. The Town Major was present with a few hollanders.	
	17 March	45	We woke up with a radiating sun, a very mild weather. First approaches of the spring Capt Bourget picked up a small yellow flower. Our heart is lighter and happier. Every driver is doing thorough maintenance and checking on his vehicle. Coy grins are doing thorough inspection of their men and weapons.	
	18 March	45	A High Mass was celebrated. Thank God for the nearest protection he gave our regiment. A Dutch choir sang the Gregorian parts. 5 priestesses of which 2 army priestesses confessed throughout the Mass. Father Marchand, our regimental padre addressed us briefly and told the men that going AW is a form of cowardice and one of the worst. At 1900 hrs a stag party was held for the boys of A, B coy and gung under the supervision of Mr Larose of the R of C. Picture program, stag party, dances, Mass shows, reading rooms, games, beer, spirits, he gets everything and still more. He is liked by everybody because he does more than entertain us.	
	19 March	45	A beautiful sunny day greeted us when we awoke. Coys started up with a full syllabus program, some went on route march, others on range and plume throwing course. At 1830 hrs our A/C Major G.L. Lalonde held a defaulters parade. stag party opened up at 1900 hrs for F, G, B coys and G.H. Everybody enjoyed himself. In the afternoon, Lieut G.C. Boisvert A/Adjt received a D in C Certificate.	
	20 March	45	Still a beautiful day. Office Mass at 0800 hours during the night. Gratitude continued their weapons inspection. Training continued according to syllabus. 3 soldiers wounded during 2nd mortar range. We had two representations of "higher and higher", very good picture.	
	21 March	45	Fine day. B. trg went on as usual. At 1400 hrs Pte prevost, A.S. of B coy was decorated with an M.I.D. by A/C.C. Major Lalonde, in front of the whole coy parade. Capt Clarron and Capt Bricebois and Lt-Col Bibeau are back from leave in UK and Paris	

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BEEK HOLLAND	23 March 45		Capt Deiseholz from C coy was evacuated this evening. Lieut. G. Polsvort A/capt was promoted A/capt. Capt Hudson was promoted A/capt in A coy. Capt Gardner was TOS and posted 21/e of A coy. Lieut A. Garmann, our Dto L.O. was promoted A/capt and posted to B coy. Capt P. Fufard was sent to Dto as L.O.	
	24 March 45		Seventeen personnel came back from leave in UK. Coy are carrying out syllabus in the morning. The officers had a dance party in the evening at 1900 hrs. Our most distinguished guests were Brigadier F.G. McGill, D.L.O., C.O. 5 etc, Major Polamere, our R.M. and Major D.G. Turnbull, D.A. 3 etc, 5 etc. There was nearly two girls per officer, all dancing, singing merrily; it was a real success.	
	25 March 45		A Dto Mass was held this morning and after the Mass there was a march pace. The 2nd Cdn Div (Gen Maj) General Matthews received the salute from all the troops. Our C.O. Lt-Col J. Gibson attended a dinner at Div HQ and a dance at Dto HQ at night.	
	26 March 45		A nice day at the start, but it turns out to be a storm. Coy are busy carrying out syllabus. Capt P. Fufard went to Dto to act as L.O. Capt G. Polsvort was evacuated.	
	27 March 45		34 pers return from UK leave to-day and 4 pers leave for UK. Major Lacroix and Capt Davis left for a 7 day leave. The weather is mild and a bit misty.	
	28 March 45		4 pers return from UK leave to-day. Lt-Col J. Gibson held a conference for all the officers and talked to us on our situation. A peace party was briefed by our 21/e.	
	29 March 45		Major Lalonde left at 0300 hrs this morning to recon an area in Germany for our pm at 1000 hrs, our C.O. Lt-Col J. Gibson had an O Gp and gave his orders for the move. At 1200 hrs, we left our rest area. We went to the concentration area. All dug in. At 1800 hrs, our C.O. held a conference for all coys. At the present moment services have fall far away from us.	

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GERMANY	30 March 45		<p>The whole Bn got up early this morning and we continued to fix up our little emplacement. Our C.O. Lt-Col J. Gibson held an O gp at 1430 hrs. We also had a defaulter's parade in the field. We had the opportunity to buy a bottle of champagne through the R of C. At night everything quieted down and everybody had a good night rest.</p>	
	31 March 45		<p>At about 0100 hrs this morning we received a movement order. Major G.L. Lalonde our 2i/c went to recon an area for our bn which was to go in Holland. We started our journey at 0730 hrs and at 1000 hrs we were in our area. All coys are billeted and the whole Bn HQ is in the same building. At 1030 hrs our C.O. went to see HQ for an O Gp. He held in turn an O Gp for all coys again. The afternoon passed very quickly, because we had a lot of work to do. The I.O., Capt W.B. Buchanan is well up to-date in the war news and we often go with anxiety to see his msg. For the second time to-day, our C.O. held an O Gp at 1700 hrs. We expect to move out of the area early in the morning.</p> <p>(J. Gibson) Lt-Col Commanding Officer 1st Regiment de Liaisonnerve CA (O)</p>	



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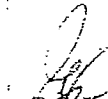
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Map 3904 <u>1</u> 25000 DOETINCHEM	1 April 45		<p>In the morning D coy was heavily shelled and suffered eleven casualties, all wounded. Our C.O., Lt-Col. J.Bibeau, held an O Gp at 0900hrs. Our BN moves to concentration area near TORBERG around 0930hrs. TAC HQ made three prisoners of war. In the afternoon our BN concentrated nearer to DOETINCHEM and at 1800hrs put in an attack against the north east part of the town with D coy riding on tanks. Little resistance is met; only snipers' fire slows up our advance. TAC HQ follows in with C.O. and 2 i/c in jeep and the only resistance is from civilians who will not clear the road and give us magnificent reception. "A" Ech moved to SILVOLDE but did not stay there very long, we had to move again to TERBORG. B ech is sort of far back but we expect it to move as soon as possible. On the whole, we were very busy on this Easter Sunday.</p>	
Map 3904 <u>1</u> 25000 DOETINCHEM	2 April 45		<p>It is raining this morning. Our BN is clearing up DOETINCHEM. We captured 15 prisoners. In the afternoon A ech moved near BN HQ in Doetinchem. They are established in a Cafe. During the day we had a little trouble getting the rations to the coys but it was soon settled. In one part of the town, fighting is still going on but it is nothing of a serious nature. Our 2 i/c Major G.L.Lalonde goes to recce a route to positions given to us as our objectives for the evening but finds that the Arty is sitting on them. It is decided to move two thousand yards further. Our BN moves up at 1800hrs and finds no opposition but gets mixed up with the RHC who is fighting on our left. Everything settles down around 2300hrs.</p>	
Map 3904 <u>1</u> 25000 DOETINCHEM	3 April 45		<p>The temperature was rather bothering today; we had a few showers which lasted about an hour or so at the time. The BN moves up to a new concentration area ten miles further. Major G.L.Lalonde and a recce party went in an area which had not been cleared yet and they are treated as liberators; luckily Jerry has pulled out. The A/Adjt rejoined BN HQ at 1700hrs, just in time to join the convoy which was very well organized. Twelve pers left for a 48 hr leave to Brussels this morning.</p>	

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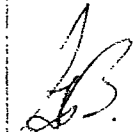

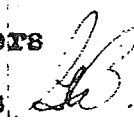
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Map 3803 <u>1</u> 25000	4 April 45		<p>Beautiful sunny day. This morning everybody was up by 0730hrs. Around twelve o'clock our C.O., Lt-Col. J.Bibeau, went to Bde to an O Gp. He held his own O Gp shortly after coming back. Major G.L.Lalonde started to go on a recce immediately after. We left our concentration area by 1430hrs and en route we met our fellows from A ech which had moved up in the morning. Our BN concentrated near the TWENTE canal. The Brigadier was waiting for our C.O. They discussed a plan to attack on the other side of the canal. After that, our C.O. had an O Gp and gave his orders for the attack. The men were fed and they started on foot to their objectives. At 1800hrs the BN moves across the canal and makes contact with the enemy around 2000hrs. The attack starts immediately and goes on all through the night during which time our coys secured eight objectives. Lieut G.Benoit the A/Adjt stayed at the concentration area. Lieut R.C.Saey and 12 men came back from a 48 hr leave in Brussels. Two of our men went back on rotation leave to Canada.</p>	
Map 3804 <u>1</u> 25000  LOCHEN	5 April 45		<p>During the attack last night, we had 23 casualties and we captured forty prisoners. Lieut P.Y.Boudreau was wounded but not seriously. Lieut C.Racicot is missing; Major Robert, his coy commander is pretty sure he is a prisoner of war. This morning, it is raining but the coys are still pushing on and captured three more objectives. There was a counter attack against D coy but it was quickly repulsed. In the afternoon, the whole BN moved up to a new position. Rations came up in time for supper. The A/Adjt, who was left behind, rejoined TAC HQ. Lieut J.P.Chicoine is briefed by our I.O., Capt W.E.Sutherland, to make a contact patrol. Our C.O., Lt-Col. J.Bibeau is well pleased with the day's work. Two pers left for a 48 hr leave to Brussels and seven went to Paris. Let us hope they have a good time because they well deserved it.</p>	
LAHREN	6 April 45		<p>The weather is fair and mild. Our BN is still in the same area. The recce patrols were succesful and we did not suffer any casualty. Our C.O., Lt-Col. J.Bibeau, went to an O Gp at Bde around 1630hrs. Lieut L.J.A.Woods comes back from his snipers course in ZOW Holland. The morale of the troops is good; we had 23 reinforcements today. "A" ech moved up close to our positions. It started to rain around 1700hrs tonight. We had two movie representations, one at 1630hrs and the second one at 1900hrs; these representations were given by the K of C in a barn where cows were spectators as well as soldiers.</p>	

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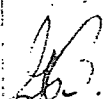
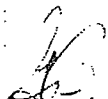
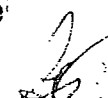
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Map 3704 <u>1</u> 25000 HOLTEN	7 April 45		<p>A bright sunny day. Early in the morning we received a draft of 60 ORs and one officer Capt R.R.Bibeau. The morale of the troops raised to a good standard after a twenty four hr rest. Lieut C.Racicot, who was missing for three days, came back last night after having been through an experience whilst he had been taken prisoner of war. He succeeded in escaping after knocking down his guard. At 1600 hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. J.Bibeau, held an O Gp for all Coy Commanders. He gave his operational orders for our next move and attack on HOLTEN which will probably take place early tomorrow.</p>	
Map 3704 <u>1</u> 25000 HOLTEN	8 April 45		<p>We started to move from our present location at 0500hrs. The coys marched to their objectives and F2 moved on wheels. All coys captured their objectives after a hard fight on the line of the railway, caused by heavy MG and S.A. fire. F2 ech was at MR 081067 with R.A.P. At 1800hrs F2 moved up with TAC HQ at 103094. All day long the sun was shining. We had 18 casualties of which two dead. Major G.Brosseau, B coy commander, was evacuated. Lieut J.R.Frechette and six men were evacuated to A ech for a 24 hr period rest. We captured about 40 prisoners. They were immediately sent to PW cage.</p>	
Map 3704 <u>1</u> 25000 HOLTEN	9 April 45		<p>A bright sunny and hot day. Last night A coy sent a recon patrol led by Lieut L.P.Coutlee. Nothing of much importance was found. At 1050hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. J.Bibeau, held an O Gp for all Coy Commanders: The BN moves to attack on other side of HOLTEN. In one hour all coys had captured their respective objectives, so they continued to push on right to RIJSEN. BN HQ was established in the center of the town and A ech moved up to HOLTEN in the afternoon. At 1630hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. J.Bibeau, held another O Gp and gave Coy Commanders their objectives. We captured three prisoners from whom we had some informations about the enemy. The BN then advances on RIJVERDAAL and enters it without opposition.</p>	

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Map 3704 <u>1</u> 25000 HOLTEN	10 April 45		This morning F2 ech moved up to Nijverdaal and joined TAC HQ. We stayed there all day. The men had a chance to rest. At 1700hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. J.Bibeau, held an O Gp for all Coy Commanders. The intention was to move the whole BN from its present location up to 128327. We had a canal to cross but the bridge could only take MCs, Jeeps and Carriers. The four rifle coys, support coy and part of BN HQ crossed the canal and BN HQ was established in the big castle of EERDE. On the whole, it was a very nice day. We did not have any casualty.	<i>L.B.</i>
Map 3404 <u>1</u> 25000 OMMEN	11 April 45		The weather is very hot. At 1115hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. J.Bibeau, held an O Gp for all Coy Commanders. The intention was to move from our location the castle of EERDE to ARRIEN where the BN was billeted. We do not expect to move before tomorrow. At night K of C gave two moving picture representations. A coy had showers at the mobile bath unit. Marcel Ouimet of CBC and Lieut Bob Rae, two war correspondants visited us. Lieut Y.J.Ouellette and thirteen men came back from leave to UK. B coy was detailed to act as a combat team to protect the left flank.	<i>L.B.</i>
Map 3405 <u>1</u> 25000 ASSEN	12 April 45		We had a very quiet day. The boys had the opportunity to rest. Our C.O., Lt-Col. J.Bibeau, received congratulations from General Crearar for the DSO he was awarded. At 1800hrs our 2 i/c, Major G.L.Lalonde, held an admn conference for coy commanders. Several good ideas were discussed; such as removal of small pack for the men and getting rid of our greatcoats and rubber boots. Our padre H/Capt G.Marchand said the mass for the whole BN and everybody received Holy Communion. At night support coy and BN HQ had a bath parade in OMMEN. C coy is detailed as combat team and goes into position in OMMEN at 2100hrs to protect our left flank. Our C.O. and 2 i/c went to Bde for celebration in honour of our C.O's decoration.	<i>L.B.</i>
Map 3405 <u>1</u> 25000 ASSEN	13 April 45		The weather is fair. In the morning our C.O., Lt-Col. J.Bibeau DSO, went to Bde and held his O Gp when he came back. Our BN is to move from our present area to ASSEN. The move is effected in the afternoon with all rifle coys on wheels. BN HQ is in ASSEN in a school very near where A ech is established. The civilians were very glad to see us. Our 2 i/c, Major G.L.Lalonde, who had made the recce (during which he captured 11 prisoners) is quite busy showing everybody their respective place. Major Robertson is back as our C.O's rep.	<i>L.B.</i>

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	14 April 45		<p>The weather is cloudy. The EW is again on the move at 0843hrs on its way to a concentration area near GRONINGEN. All along the route the Dutch people greeted us warmly. It is again another Dutch town liberated after over four years of enemy oppression. In preparation for our next big task the C.O., Lt-Col. J. Bibeau DSO, gave his orders at 1200hrs. Our task is to capture and hold positions south west of Groningen to close railway and road leading west from Groningen but most important was to capture intact a railway bridge going north over a main canal west of Groningen. Objectives: D coy X road at 195129, A coy road and railway junct at 204135, C coy a big factory on the banks of the canal at 196136 and B coy the capture of the railway bridge. D and C coys captured their objectives in good time, C coy only having difficulty with 20mm guns which were shooting at them from the second story of the factory. Tanks which were in support of "C" have fired and soon silenced those guns allowing C coy to get in the factory and to start mopping up. One officer and 49 ORs were taken prisoners by C coy. A coy had more difficulty due to the fact that the only road to its objective was completely blocked by an obstacle; consequently its support could not follow. Attack started at about 1540hrs and was over by 1700hrs. B coy in the meantime had gone through west of A across the railway line to its objective. They met several MGs and sniper fire and their advance was very slow. However the main objective of our attack was achieved as the railway bridge was captured intact as well as two 20mm guns which were protecting the bridge. In the course of the attack by B coy, enemy attempted to place charges under the bridge but accurate fire by C coy killed or wounded the party of five enemy who tried it. The whole attack was completed by 1815hrs. Casualties were very light except in the case of B coy.</p>	

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GRONINGEN	15 April 45		<p>The weather is dull and patrols were out all day. Major G.L.Lalonde is acting C.O. of the BN while Lt-Col. J.Bibeau DSO is having a rest at P2 echelon. Major G.L.Lalonde attended many O Gps at Bde during the day in view of our next plan to attack objectives in the town of GRONINGEN. at 1700hrs, Major G.L.Lalonde held an O Gp for the move into the town of Groningen and the attack on a part of the city known as objective LINCOLN. The BN moves at 1800hrs; walking troops and tpt moving separately. The walking troops took the direct route over the RR bridge taken the day before and tpt goes around HOOGEREN to get over a class 40 bridge. Tpt and troops get together in a concentration area on the west side of the town behind the RHC position. The BN is concentrated and ready to attack at 1800hrs. The attack is delayed while coy commanders make their recce and the C.O. contacts the tp of tanks already working with RHC. This tp of tanks from the Fort Garry Regt is allotted to us to support C coy. Finally B and C coys started the attack at 2000hrs. The advance is good in face of heavy 20mm and MG fire coming mostly from across the canal on our right flank. There are quite a few snipers but these are quickly dealt with in the house clearing that follows: At 2045hrs A and D coys start attacking on their own objective. The whole area LINCOLN 1 is cleared by 2115hrs and as the Hun seems to be withdrawing C and D coys are given the order to continue on to LINCOLN 2 C coy in doing this capture what was supposed to be the HQ of the garrison commander but the bird had flown away. This objective is taken by 2200hrs. The whole BN then consolidated for the night. Our casualties are extremely light: 5 wounded and we have taken over 100 prisoners.</p> <p>The weather is fair. The whole BN has consolidated its last captured positions. The enemy resistance is very light except for 20mm guns, bazookas and sniper fire. Prisoners are storming in the PW cage by hundreds. There is great possibility that the town of GRONINGEN will be cleared of enemy at noon today. At 0030hrs our C.O. holds an O Gp and gives his orders for the attack to be carried out the same morning. The objectives are LINCOLN 3 and 4. At 0715hrs A and D coys start the attack and capture their objective easily due to the weak resistance on the part of the enemy. At 0805hrs B coy passes through A coy, does a wheeling movement on the right and goes on to clear up a block of buildings on the right flank. They met stiffer opposition and had trouble with 20mm guns firing at them from across the canal.</p>	LB.
	16 April 45			LB.



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GRONINGEN	16 April 45		<b>continued:</b> They succeeded in reaching their objective at 0915hrs but were under fire for the balance of the morning. The Coy Commander had to change his HQ twice as houses in which it was located were set on fire by 20mm shells. Among the buildings captured by B coy was the police HQ for GRONINGEN and there we also captured personal files of most of the civilians living in the town. Another asset in our captures is a german QM stores. At 0915hrs, A and C coys start the attack on the BN last objective. A coy has a little trouble but C coy encounters more difficulty in the capture of the gas and electricity power plant and also a large factory. By 1100hrs all objectives are taken and contact is established with the Brigade on our right. Casualties are light: 3 wounded. Over 50 prisoners are taken. BN stands down at 2000hrs and everybody enjoys a well earned rest. Most of the troops are billeted with civilians and the hospitality is remarkable. Major G.F.Charlebois rejoins unit.	LB.
	17 April 45		The weather is fair. The BN is now concentrated in a rest area. This gives everybody a chance for a good bath and a good sleep. The people in GRONINGEN are everjoyed and all excited of being liberated after four years of enemy oppression. Their hospitality and kindness to everyone are noticeable and to remember always. The E of C presented films for the benefit of our troops twice <del>at</del> , at 1800 hrs and at 2000hrs. A reinforcement draft of 20 ORs arrived to the unit this evening.	LB.
	18 April 45		The weather is still fair. The T.O., Capt M.Savard, has organized different hours for the maintenance of all vehicles. At 0830hrs the BN was marched to Mass led by Lt.Col. J.Bibeau DSO and Major G.L.Lalonde. Our padre H/Capt G.Marchand said the mass in the main pare of the city of GRONINGEN amongst a large gathering of dutch people. The service was simply empressive as well as beautiful. The altar had been decorated with flowers, a lovely gesture from the civilians. A dutch representative spoke in french on behalf of the people of Groningen. He expressed with deep emotion his sincere sentiment of joy and happiness and thanks us of having liberated their lovely town from the enemy oppression. Our C.O. and 2 i/c attend Div Cmdrs conference at 1000hrs. Recce party leave at 1300hrs for our move into concentration area in Germany tomorrow. Lt-Col. J.Bibeau gave his last operational orders to hms old unit at 1800hrs. Bde HQ had notify him of his immediate transfer to UK or perhaps Canada. He said he felt very happy to go but somewhat sorry to leave after over nine months with the unit. At 1900hrs Lt-Col. J.Bibeau DSO had gathered all his officers to bid them farewell. Major G.L.Lalonde is now Lt-Col. and C.O. of the unit.	LB.

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Map 8962 1 250000 LADHEN	19 April 45		<p>A bright sunny day. At 0630hrs the BN moves out of its rest area. Marching troops have to wait for their TCVs. All vehicles under command of Major L.Lacroix proceed on their journey to LADHEN. We reach that little village by 1800hrs. We are all billeted. Marching troops left GRONINGEN at about 1400hrs and at 2300hrs are not arrived. Our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, held an O Gp for all Coy Commanders at 2100hrs. After the O Gp the officers had a little reunion in honour of our new C.O. Capt P.D.Bourcier of HQ coy left us to go to Bde in the capacity of L.O. Capt C.E.Laurencelle took over HQ coy.</p>	
Map 3479 1 250000	20 April 45		<p>At 0815hrs Major L.Lacroix left with a recce party to recce a concentration area for the BN. At 0930hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, held an O Gp in view of our next move. Coys arrived at 0130hrs except two pls from C coy who got lost and finally found their way to their coy area at 0730hrs. The BN moves at 1120hrs and we met Major L.Lacroix at 1400hrs. All rifle coys, BN HQ and A ech are billeted. Sp coy have to set up their pop tents or use their tarpaulins for the night. At 1600hrs our C.O. went to Bde for an O Gp and when he came back, gave a resume of the DIV situation to the Coy Commanders. We do not expect to move from our present area until the 22 Apr 45 at 0800hrs.</p>	
Map 3479 1 250000 DOHLEN	21 April 45		<p>We have rain for a change. During the day our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, is busy catching up on paper work. At 1100hrs a mass was said and everybody attended. All day, Mr Larose K of C representative tried to get a film to give a representation at night but he was not successful. At 1700hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, went to an O Gp at Bde and at 2130hrs held his own O Gp for all Coy Commanders. D coy with tanks and armoured cars under comd is sent as a combat team to protect our left flank. The BN is to move to DOHLEN tomorrow morning at 0815hrs.</p>	

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Map 3586 <u>1</u> 250000	22 April	45	<p>The BN moves from its present concentration area at 0815hrs. Coys do an approach march and arrive at Dohlen at 1000hrs. B coy replaces Calg Highlanders in a defensive position. A and C coys take up position west of Dohlen and D coy is on a special operation with one squadron of tanks of 29th Armoured Recce Regt. At 1200hrs B and C coy attack the woods north west of Dohlen and A coy replaces C coy in defensive position. All objectives are taken by 1500hrs. There was lots of mines and booby traps. Two carriers were blown up by mines; at 1300hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, went to Bde for an O Gp. Local patrols were sent out all day and in the evening also. D coy came back at 1730hrs with 6 PW. No casualties. Major G.F. Charlebois was wounded for the second time and was evacuated. Three ORs were also wounded and evacuated. At 2300hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, was called at Bde to receive orders for a special operation for A coy.</p>	<p>LB</p>
DOHLEN	23 April	45	<p>A very bright sunny day. At 0745hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, with A coy commander went in D coy area and gave orders to A coy commander for the special operation. A coy with tanks from 29th Armoured Recce Regt will be a combat team. During this O Gp, Lt-Col. Weatherspoon O.C. Recce Regt came to tee up the whole thing. A coy left around 0900hrs. Jerry shelled D coy area around 1100hrs but in spite of this D coy captured 1 offr and 6 men. In the afternoon a bath parade was organized for 100 men, we also had movies for part of the BN. A coy came back at 1700hrs with 4 PW; they had a bit of hard luck this time. Lieut J.R.Hughes and 3 ORs were wounded and evacuated. At night we had another moving picture representation for the balance of the BN which had not come in the afternoon. At 2100 hrs the scouts were sent on a patrol. There was a Bde O Gp at 2130hrs and our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, held an O Gp for all coy commanders at 2230hrs. The BN will move on another sector tomorrow.</p>	<p>LB</p>

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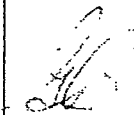
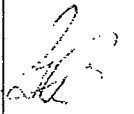
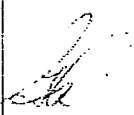
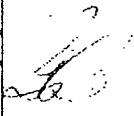
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BREMEN M3 Map 491836 1 IOOOOO HOCKENSBURG	24 April 45		<p>A recce party conducted by Major L.Lacroix left at 0815hrs to recce a concentration area for our BN. The BN itself left DOHLEN at 1000hrs and arrived near HOCKENSBURG around 1400hrs. Our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, went to Bde for an O Gp. Coys had billets and everybody had a chance to get a bit of rest and relaxation in the afternoon. At night we had two movie representations. Our Brigade Commander, Brigadier McGill, came at 2015hrs to get some information. Major J.N.Mathieu came back after an absence of two months and took charge of C coy.</p>	
	25 April 45		<p>The sun is still shining. Our BN was supposed to move this morning but the move was postponed until tomorrow. At 0930hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, held an O Gp during which administrative problems were discussed. In the afternoon at 1530hrs we had a church parade for the whole BN. The Adjt Capt. G.Leclerc and 6 ORs came back from a 7 days in Paris. Capt Leclerc was really enchanted of his leave.</p>	
Map 5097 1 IOOOOO DELMENHORST FORST	26 April 45		<p>A very bright day. At 0700hrs a recce party left to recce an area for our BN. The BN moves during the morning to DELMENHORST. A coy passes the start line at 0720hrs. By 0930hrs all coys are in position. A coy attack at 1000hrs, they have quite a lot of shelling from 88mm, and 20mm guns caused them trouble. B and D coys have no difficulty in capturing their objectives. C coy has to wait until A coy has captured its objective and then goes through to capture its own objective. Major L.A.Hudon was badly wounded and was evacuated around 1900hrs. Lieut L.P.Coutlee of A coy was killed during the attack. We suffered 26 casualties, mostly from A coy. Sgt Frechette from scouts pl received the Croix de Guerre today.</p>	
Map 535984 1 IOOOOO GRUPPEN BUREN	27 April 45		<p>It is a cold and rainy day. At 0715hrs A and B coys start clearing STATTSHASBRUCH woods. A coy has difficulty, they meet a lot of artificial obstacles and small arms fire. B coy has no difficulty and all objectives are captured by 1100hrs. C and D coy proceed through A and B coy and capture their own objective without much difficulty. C coy captures 25 prisoners in mopping up. Lots of mines and booby traps are encountered during the attack. At 1730hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, held an O Gp for Coy Commanders and gave his orders on the next move. Our BN moves from its present area at 1800hrs and all coys are in defensive position by 2200hrs. Local and contact patrols are sent out during the night. We had only three casualties. Pte Charlebois S.B. from D coy was decorated with the MM for his gallantry at CALCAR.</p>	

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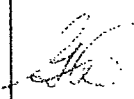

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BREMEN M3 Map 5097 1 250000	28 April 45		<p>The weather is cold but it is not raining. B coy woke up in enemy's lines and six men were ambushed. Three were killed and one was wounded. The balance of the day was rather quiet. In the afternoon the pdrs cleared roads in our area to allow vehicles to reach all coys. Our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, went to Bde at 1800hrs and held a coy commanders conference at 2100hrs. Our objective for tomorrow is to clear HUDE. Three prisoners of war were captured by B coy and we did not suffer any casualties.</p>	
DELMENHORST FORST  BERNE Map 481031 1 25000 HUDE	29 April 45		<p>At 0800hrs this morning our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, went to liaise with the Blackwatch Regt and at 1100hrs he held an O Gp for Coy Commanders. The head of our BN passes the start line at 1430hrs. We had one squadron of tanks, MGS and A/Tk 17 pdrs in support. All objectives were taken by 1700hrs. The enemy positions were mainly defended by small arms fire and 20mm fire. Our coys were shelled intermittently by mortars. We suffered 12 casualties but none of them were serious. We captured two captains and eight ORs. At 1930hrs Capt G.G.Charron MBE went to Bde to get the information for the next day. At 2230hrs our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, held an O Gp and gave his orders for a defensive plan for the night and also a forecast of the operations for the next day. The weather was cold and the rain persisted all day.</p>	
	30 April 45		<p>Patrols were out all night and reported mines, demolition charges, road blocks and blown bridges. At 0700hrs C coy was on the move to take a coy objective north west of HUDE. C coy did not have any trouble in capturing this objective. In the morning A, B and D coys continued the mopping up of the original area in HUDE. The Calg Highlander Regt went through in the morning and pushed forward. At 1400hrs TAC HQ moved in HUDE. Coys continued to hold their positions. At 2015hrs a few of our men went to Bde to a KIT BAG review. Our C.O., Lt-Col. G.L.Lalonde, went to Bde at 2000hrs to get information on the situation and held a Coy Commanders' conference at 2125hrs. We did not suffer any casualty but we captured five P.W. The weather was very cold and rainy all day.</p>	

  
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Map 2816  1 25000  SERIE GERMAN	1 May 45		The rain has stopped but it is still quite cold. This morning at 0930 hrs our Pde Comd, Brigadier McGill came to give information on the situation to our CO, Lt-col G. Lalonde. During the remainder of the morning our CO visited all companies. At 1400 hrs all the officers gathered in the CO's office to discuss administrative problems and the CO also told us what was expected of every officer and man in his Bn. As it was the first time that we were all together since Lt-col G. Lalonde was promoted to that rank, we celebrated his promotion. During the afternoon the men had the opportunity to take a bath and at night we had two moving picture representations. On the whole it was a quiet day. We did not suffer any casualties. A patrol from 'D' company contacted 4th Bde on our left flank.	L.W.
	2 May 45		It is a rather nice day. This morning our CO, Lt-col G. Lalonde caught up on his administration. In the afternoon we had a picture show, 50% of the Bn attended. At 1830 hrs our Padre, R/capt G. Marchand said a Mass for the men. Our CO attended and came back early. Practically all troops had a chance to take a bath today. Capt Y Bernier was promoted to the rank of A/Major and he now commands 'A' company. Sgt L. Frechette and Cpl Leclair were decorated with the French "Croix de Guerre". Lieut L. Woods and 13 Cns returned from a 7 days leave in the UK.	L.W.
	3 May 45		The weather is cloudy and cold. Everybody is enjoying a bit of rest after several days of hard work. The BBC boosted the morale of our troops quite high by announcing that a sudden end of the war is in sight. The afternoon was rather quiet and uneventful. Reinforcement draft of 3 officers and 25 Cns arrived today. Amongst the new officers are Lieuts G. Riendeau, J. Tremblay and J. Tougas. At 1900 hrs the K of C presented a film entitled "Kings of the Kingdom".	L.W.
	4 May 45		The weather is cold. At 1045 hrs a recon party led by our 2i/c, Maj L. Lacroix left to recon a concentration area for our Bn. Our CO, Lt-col G. Lalonde after having attended an 'O' Group at 3de at 1100 hrs, held his 'O' Group at 1230 hrs. The intention is to move from our present location to a concentration area NORTH of GLENNING. At 1450 hrs our Bn starts its journey and arrived in the outskirts of GLENNING at 1630 hrs. All companies are billeted. Our CO, Lt-col G. Lalonde went to Pde at 1900 hrs and held an 'O' Group at 2200 hrs. Our A/Pde Comd, Lt-col Thompson came to change the plans three times for our next operation. The final plan is for two com-	L.W.



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Map 2816 1 25000 BRATE GERMANY	4 May 45		paries to cut off the avenue of escape for Germans NORTH of OLDENBURG. The radio reports that the "CEASE FIRE" will be in effect tomorrow at 0800 hrs. Capt RA Ribean went on Notation Leave to CAIRO and Lieut Frochotte was evacuated to hospital for sickness. We received a reinforcement draft of two officers: Lieuts JR Courcel and EG D'Ron.	L.H.
Map 2815 1 25000 OLDENBURG GERMANY	5 May 45		The cease fire order was confirmed and was put into effect at 0800 hrs this morning. However 'B' and 'C' companies in Mangrove and Tac HQ moved off at 0800 hrs to take up a position at MURKING and at MURKING. Both positions were occupied by 1100 hrs. 'D' company pushes out a patrol to MURKING but does not contact the enemy, there is only the odd PW who comes to surrender. 'C' company finds a blown up bridge on the only route to its position and finally has to occupy it without transport or supporting arms. A patrol is sent out to MURKING and finds only a couple of snipers. Most of the German soldiers and all the civilians do not seem to know that the war is over on this part of the front. Tac HQ came back to OLDENBURG around 1900 hrs. At 1930 hrs we had a moving picture representation. Our CO, Lt-Col CL Lalonde went to an 'O' Group at 2200 hrs.	L.H.
	6 May 45		It is a cold and rainy day. 'B' and 'C' companies came back at 1000 hrs with no casualties. At 1400 hrs we had a church parade and practically all the troops attended. Our CO, Lt-Col CL Lalonde held an 'O' Group in view of our next move tomorrow. Our Bn will occupy part of a peninsula in NORTHERN GERMANY. The K of 8 presented a film at 1900 hrs entitled "In Society" starring Abbott and Costello.	L.H.
Maps VAREL # 121 NORDENHAM # 151 1 50000 BRATE GERMANY	7 May 45		A beautiful sunny day. At 0700 hrs Maj L Lacroix left to recon an area for our Bn. At 0845 hrs our CO, Lt-Col CL Lalonde held an 'O' Group. The intention is to move to BRATE. The Bn was on the move at 1015 hrs. We met Maj L Lacroix in BRATE around 1200 hrs. At 1400 hrs the Burgmaster, his council and a few officers received our CO who outlined to them the policy for the occupation of BRATE and the surrounding areas. The four rifle companies are spread apart in an area approximately 15 miles long by 8 miles deep. Bn HQ and HQ company are established in the town of BRATE. The officers are quartered in a nice hotel situated on the shore of the WESER river. We are all organized by 1600 hrs. The evening is very quiet.	L.H.

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Maps VAREL 121 HORNEMAN 151  1 50000 BRAKE GERMANY	8 May 45		For VS day it is fair and sunny. At 1000 hrs our CO, Lt-Col GL Lalonde had an interview with General Stephan, commander of a german division, and at 1100 hrs he had another interview with Major Fastenan, commanding a german regiment. In the afternoon quite a few people came and asked us to settle their problems. We had to turn them down and tell them to wait for the Military Government. At 1930 hrs we had a VS day parade. One platoon of each rifle company and HQ company paraded downtown. We had a March Past and our CO, Lt-Col GL Lalonde took the salute from the troops and after that he read to us messages from the Army, Corps and Div Comds. Our Padre, H/Capt S Marchand talked to us on the recent glorious campaign of our regiment and also paid a tribute to our dead. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded and the parade was dismissed at 2000 hrs. On the whole it was very impressive. Our CO, Lt-Col GL Lalonde had an interview with all the prisoner camp comds in the area of HAME at 2030 hrs. We received a reinforcement draft of four officers and two ORs. The officers were Maj CF Charlebois, Capt Baril, Lieuts A Rutelle and Gougeon. Maj Charlebois is commanding 10 <sup>th</sup> company.	P.W.
	9 May 45		A bright and sunny day. In the morning our CO, Lt-Col GL Lalonde is quite busy with administrative work. In the afternoon he visited the four rifle companies and was very satisfied. A few of our vehicles reported to the TO for a general check up. During the day our men had the opportunity to have a bath. At 1900 hrs the K of C offered a moving picture representation.	P.W.
	10 May 45		A fair day. At 0630 hrs all officers from our unit left for GLENBURG where the GOC Maj-Lt Gen B Matthews gave a conference to all the officers of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Can Inf Div. The General talked on the campaign of our Div and said he was very satisfied with its overwhelming successes although the price of our Victory costs us many lives. He also pointed out our future occupation role and gave us a general plan. Our Div is detailed to occupy the HORNEMAN part of GERMANY. He also mentioned plans for educational and sports program. After the conference we met our old friends the Fus BR. We all came back around 1200 hrs. At 1330 hrs our CO, Lt-Col GL Lalonde, held a conference for all company commanders during which he discussed a new plan concerning the administration of our Bn. The conference ended at 1600 hrs.	P.W.

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Maps VAREL #121 HONDESHAM #151 1 50000 BRAKE GERMANY	15 May 45		A cold and cloudy day. Sports organizations are in progress. All the companies have been supplied with various sports equipment including boxing gloves, volley balls for the purpose of inter-company events to come. In the morning the CO, Lt-Col G. Lalonde made an inspection of support company billets as well as GI stores of the Bn. At 1430 hrs the CO assisted to the farewell march past of the gens of 2 Div Arty. Reception was held after the ceremony in the officers' mess. A film entitled "A tree grows in Brooklyn" was presented in the town's theatre by the K of C at 1915 hrs.	L.W.
	16 May 45		The weather is fair and warmer. The CO, Lt-Col G. Lalonde, with Brig Magill, DSO inspected all our dumps. The 2i/c, Maj L. Lucroix has started arrangements for next Sunday's church parade and march past.	L.W.
	17 May 45		A beautiful sunny day which makes it ideal for all those who love to swim in the lovely pool available every afternoon and evening. The CO, Lt-Col G. Lalonde visited Caisc Hights and the 18th FA Bn in the afternoon. He had supper at 12 <sup>th</sup> company with all the officers present.	L.W.
	18 May 45		A cold and cloudy day but somewhat warmer in the afternoon. An open swimming pool is available for the whole unit in the afternoon. Half the Bn goes from 1500 hrs to 1500 hrs and the balance from 1500 hrs to 1700 hrs. Officers and NCOs can go on their own from 1800 hrs to 2000 hrs. The swimming pool is marvelous and large enough to accommodate easily 250 persons at the same time. All ranks were given ration of beer, chocolate and cigarettes by the K of C. A disco party of all company 2i/c's went to VAREL at 0900 hrs. The CO, Lt-Col G. Lalonde, inspected the Bn's billets in the afternoon. A volley ball game between the officers was played after supper. The CO held an "O" Group at 2000 hrs for all company commanders. Our next task he said, is to sweep our area to collect all German stragglers. They will be concentrated at a side collecting post afterwards to be moved to their new concentration area. A moving picture was presented in the town theatre at 1915 hrs (entitled "Mr Wilson").	L.W.
	19 May 45		A beautiful sunny day. Last preparations are made for tomorrow's march past and Church parade. Disco party of Lt-Col G. Lalonde and Capt G. Charron MBE went again to VAREL to requisition more billets for the Bn.	L.W.

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Maps VAREL #121 NORDENHAM #151 <u>1</u> 50000 BRAKE GERMANY	20 May 45		The weather is perfect for our Church Parade. The bn was formed up at 0930 hrs in Support Coy vehicle park by RSM Archanbault. At 0940 hrs inspection was made by all company commanders. At 1000 hrs the band of the Royal Welsh Fusilliers led the parade through the streets to the ground reserved for Mass. 'D' company was leading followed by 'C' company, Bn HQ, HQ, Support, 'E' and 'A' company. Mass was said by our Padre, H/Capt G Marchand, before the cenotaph of the unknown soldier. The ceremony was very impressive. After Mass, Maj Beaudry, Senior Padre at Div, addressed the troops. "Since the Normandy days", he said, "you have faced death many times and now that it is all over this is no time to spoil your lives after all those sacrifices". The bn again led by the band marched past before Brig McGill DSO and his staff and the Brig took the salute. Cameramen took many photos of this unforgettable ceremony. After the parade the CO and his officers were hosts to a cocktail and luncheon. Brig-Gen Sand, US Army, Brig McGill DSO and his staff were present. The meal was excellent and a great part of the success of this banquet goes to Maj L Lacroix and Capt Y David, our QM. The CO addressed a few words at the end of the luncheon; words that made a great impression on Brig-Gen Sand and the officers of the unit.	P.W.
	21 May 45		The temperature is somewhat warmer but windy. The CO, Lt-Col GL Lalonde, with the Padre, H/Capt G Marchand and the Spvr of the K of C, Mr G Larose, went to Bde for a meeting to discuss educational matters. 'C' and 'D' companies started to sweep the area of Germans but that was cancelled at 1000 hrs as the Germans were only starting to evacuate the area. A movie was shown at 1900 hrs at Central theatre entitled "A tree grows in Brooklyn".	P.W.
	22 May 45		The weather is cloudy and colder. 'C' and 'D' companies swept area NORTH of BRAKE to pick up German stragglers who were marched to SCHWEI after the sweep was over. 'C' company picked up around 40 Germans. Capt WE Sutherland was appointed CI for our bn. He went to Bde at 1030 hrs for an educational meeting. The K of C presented a film in Central theatre at 1900 hrs.	P.W.

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Haps VAREL #121 NORDENHAM #151  1 50000 BRAKE GERMANY	23 May 45		<p>A cloudy day with intermittent rain in the afternoon. At 1500 hrs a ceremonial parade for handing over the area to US forces took place at the German hospital ground. Maj CF Charlebois was in charge of the CC all units absent for this occasion. RHC and Cals Highers had the same number of men present. A band from the Royal Welsh Fus played "God Save the King" as the British flag was being lowered. A band from the US Army played "Star Spangled Banner" as their flag was being raised. The American troops and ours then marched past before Gen Sand, US Army and Brig McGill SAC. 10<sup>th</sup> company swept the town of BRUCH. They had trouble in the morning because our orders and those that the Germans received from the HLI Govt were not the same. After many trips around we came to an agreement ending with them. 200 Germans were picked up. During the afternoon an American officer came along to check our camp. The GO went to bed at 1000 hrs and had luncheon with Brig McGill HLI. At 1500 hrs in Central theatre the Army Show "Combined Ops" entertained our troops as well as some from US Army. The show was a success and everyone was pleased.</p>	<i>SW</i>
	24 May 45		<p>A cold and cloudy day. Our intelligence station under Lieut JH Tremblay located a German HQ wanted for murder by the American authorities. 10<sup>th</sup> company swept area WEST of BRUCH. The GO went to a luncheon at 2nd US Corps HQ for formations and unit commanders. American 29th US Div took over our camp at 1000 hrs and the complete area at 1330 hrs. In the afternoon a few officers went to BRUCH, at 10<sup>th</sup> company for dinner. Were present Maj L Lucroix, Maj JH Tremblay, Major S Ireland, Capt Y David, Capt G Villeneuve, Capt JH Tremblay, Lieut A Potella and Lieut E Douglas. It was a very good chicken dinner. A last minute reception for all the officers was organized by Lt-Col G Lalonde to celebrate the new HQ awarded to Maj L Lucroix. D57848 Sgt Bosse H was awarded the DCM. A film was shown at Central theatre at 1400 hrs, 1800 hrs and 2030 hrs entitled "Song of the Open Road".</p>	<i>SW</i>
	25 May 45		<p>The temperature is still cold and cloudy. The GO, Lt-Col G Lalonde and Maj L Lucroix HC went to Hie and afterwards proceeded on a recon party to VALL. The purpose of this recon was to find out what the situation was all about for the accommodation for the whole in billets including an officers' and eight mess and a canton for the K of C. At 1100 hrs a Lt-Col from the US Army met the GO in his office and talked about our change over with them. At 2100 hrs the GO held an 10<sup>th</sup> Group for our move to VAREL tomorrow.</p>	<i>SW</i>

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Map VAREL #121 CREMIANT 1 50000	26 May 45		The weather is very cloudy. The bn moved to VAREL in two phases. In the morning all the company stores proceeded to VAREL in a convoy under the CO. In the afternoon at 1400 hrs all the troops in 207th moved to VAREL. The whole bn was established in its new area by 1500 hrs. Everybody is satisfied with the new location and billets. The CO, Lt-Col G Lalonde went to Rio de Janeiro at 1030 hrs to meet our COO-in-C Maj General. Two officers Lieut H Delorme and C de Harlin arrived with a draft of 106 men. Some of them had been with Le Regiment de la Chaudiere and Le Royal 22e Regiment before.	L.W.
	27 May 45		The temperature is warm and cloudy but we had a thunderstorm at 2030 hrs. The officers and men of the bn attended Mass at 1000 hrs and by 1700 hrs the afternoon was devoted mainly to sports. Rifle and support company vs 1st company in a soft ball game. After a very hot game 1st company was 10 to 0. A volley ball team of officers from rifle and support company played against the officers of the rifle companies. Rifle and support scored two straight games on their opponents. The R of G presented a film at 1900 hrs.	L.W.
	28 May 45		The weather is fair and warm. Our CO, Lt-Col G Lalonde, held a meeting of all company commanders at 0930 hrs. The discussion was mainly on problems of interest to everybody like the daily routine, discipline, quarters and sanitation. At 1330 hrs the CO held an 1st group to give orders for tomorrow's inspection by the Corps Comd and then gathered the bn for a rehearsal on the sports field.	L.W.
	29 May 45		A very fair day. At 0600 hrs the bn was formed up and an inspection was carried out by the company commanders. The bn then led by our CO, Lt-Col G Lalonde, marched to the Rio area for Lt-Gen Simonds' inspection. Close to 3000 troops from 5 Cdn Inf Bde gathered for this event. The ceremonial parade was very impressive. A general salute from the Bde was given at 1015 hrs when Lt-Gen Simonds and Maj-Gen Matthews arrived. The pipe bands from the RIF and CMC played during the General's inspection. As he walked through our lines the General stopped and chatted with a few of our men. He then met and shook hands with our company commanders. After his inspection Lt-Gen Simonds stood up on his jeep and addressed the troops congratulating everyone for their brilliant cooperation in the defeat of GERMANY. After the ceremony the Bde marched past before Lt-Gen Simonds. The bn was back in its billets by 1215 hrs.	L.W.



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Map VAREL #121 GERMANY <u>1</u> 50000	30 May 45		A cloudy day. The CO, Lt-Col M. Lakenie, left early to proceed to a court-martial in which he was defending officers. A mobile bath is at our disposal for the 30th and 31st inclusive. Our S/C, Maj L. Lacroix IS, has arranged the billeting for all companies.	L.W.
	31 May 45		The temperature is still cloudy. P.M. Archambault left with 24 other men for DEBAIL on the number 1 rehabilitation draft. Our new S/C is 041572. J.M. Bouchonnet W who before joining our unit had been wounded with the 1st MI and had been posted to our regiment in 'A' company. Sports events are in full swing.	L.W.  G. Lacroix Lobol

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Map 121 <del>5000</del> VAREL GERMANY	1 Jun 45		A nice sunny day. It was a bit cloudy by 1900hrs and it looked like rain but it did not materialize. In the morning the C.O., Lt-Col G.I. Jalande, inspected gas-port Coy. At 1600hrs officers from 5 pls played a game of Volley-ball against our own officers' team on our court. They took the first game but we won the next three. Brig. McGill was amongst the spectators. After the match they adjourned to the mess for refreshments. The town major and his assistant were our guests for supper. Federal's and Ontario provincial's elections are still in progress. Work on the sports field continues. It rained late in the evening.	LB
	2 Jun 45		A sunny morning, cloudy in the afternoon with rain around 1800hrs, clear in the evening. We had a master parade at 0900hrs. C coy being duty coy was absent. The C.O. inspected B and D coy. Lieut J.P. Paril and J.P. Gougeon returned today from 2 Div School where they were instructors. Lieut J.P. Paril goes to C coy, Lieut J.P. Gougeon to Support coy. At 1930hrs the C.O. was host to the 2 i/c, Adjts, and coy commanders at a garden party at the officers' Mess. It was held indoors because of rain.	LB
	3 Jun 45		Not a cloud in the sky this morning. Church parade at 1000hrs. The pairs then went to Bde to celebrate mass there. Cloudy with occasional sunshine in the afternoon. A few officers played some tennis in the afternoon.	LB
	4 Jun 45		A nice sunny day with a strong wind. Capt G. Gahourin, our M.O., is checking the men for inoculations and vaccinations. Training syllabus came out to-day. It consists of educational periods, padre hours, sports etc.. It should prove quite interesting for the men. Major J.H. Mathieson, C.O. 4th coy, is away all day as president of a Court Martial at Varel City Hall. Provincial elections for Ontario ended to-day and the ballots were taken to Div Hq at Aurich by Lieut L. Goods at 1900hrs. At 1330hrs the C.O., Lt-Col G.I. Jalande, inspected Tpt lines and garage. Capt C. Larochelle F.P.O. arrived to-day to interview the men.	LB
	5 Jun 45		Sunny in the morning. Cloudy in the afternoon and evening. It rained during the night. Facilities for swimming and boating have been arranged by 2 gln Corps at Drieberger. The beach is called Blue Diamond. We have a daily allotment of 2 officers and 40 ORs.	LB

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Map 121  VAREL GERMANY	5 Jun 45		Sports are going on as usual and the men are getting ready for the pds tabloid Sports meet on Thursday. Lieut J. Poudrier our former pds officer now at pds was given a farewell dinner to-night. The C.O. thanked him for his work with the unit and Lieut J. Poudrier said a few words in French in reply. Lieut F. Portelance joined the unit to-day. He goes to HQ coy as assistant to the T.O.	
	6 Jun 45		Heavy clouds in the morning. Rain in the afternoon and evening. Regt'l parade and inspection by the C.O. of RHQ, HQ, SP coys, A, B and C carried on as per syllabus. D coy being duty coy was absent. To-day being the first anniversary of D Day, a holiday was ordered by Gen. Eisenhower for the troops under his command. The orders reached us around noon so the C.O. ordered a half-holiday (we carried on as usual). Dry cleaning and pressing under Div arrangements came out for coys. Dry cleaning specially is of interest to the men. A list of key-men to be retained by the unit came out to-day. A few disappointments were noticed but on the whole the men prefer returning with the unit. At 1330hrs the pds commander visited the C.O. to discuss possibility of our unit taking over the RHQ sector.	
	7 Jun 45		Sunny in the morning. Occasional showers in the afternoon and evening. Regt'l elections continue from 0830hrs to 1130hrs every day. At 1400hrs the pds tabloid Sports meet was held. Calgary Highlanders won first place and we took second. Both teams will represent pds at the Div Tabloid Sports meet on Monday June 11th. The entertainment schedule came out to-day. Quite interesting and varied. It consists of daily trips to Oldenburg and Blue Diamond Beach, submarine inspection tour at Wilhelmshaven and even a sightseeing flight plus sports, movies and WMA shows in the town theatre. A and D coys had a smoken in the evening. Spirits, beer and cigarettes were distributed by the H of C. Entertainment consisted of folk-songs by the Padre and the men, piano by Major L. Lacroix HQ, our 2 i/o, and gags by Lieut R.P. Delorme, A coy. Lieut G.E. Prevost, D coy, was master of ceremonies. Everyone had a good time. The C.O. was away all day as president of a general military court for German civilians at Oldenburg.	
	8 Jun 45		A nice morning with a cool wind. Same in the afternoon and evening. The C.O. again went to Oldenburg on a court for German civilians. One officer and 24 Gns went to Wilhelmshaven for a submarine tour at 1000hrs.	

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Map 121	8 Jun 45		It was quite interesting. Major J.H. Mathieu, C.O. 4th coy, was host to the C.O., 2 i/c, Padre, Coy commanders and CM for supper. A delicious meal was served and a pleasant evening followed.	LB
<del>50000</del>	9 Jun 45		A beautiful morning with occasional showers in the afternoon, fairly cool in the evening. The C.O. inspected HHC and HQ coy in the morning. Major L. Lacroix HQ left at 0500hrs this morning for a sightseeing flight over the Rhine valley. The official results of 5 Can Inf Bde Tabloid Sports came out to-day showing first, Calgary Highlanders number 1 team with 119 points; second, 1st Regiment de Fusiliers number 1 team with 110 points. The officers' Volley-ball game against pde was cancelled because of rain. Major L. Lacroix HQ came back at 1900hrs. The planes were grounded because of bad weather.	LB
VARTEL	10 Jun 45		A nice morning with a cool wind and occasional sunshine. game in the afternoon, cloudy and rain in the evening. Mass at 1030hrs in the nights of Columbus movie hall. The Federal elections ended at noon with a total of 784 votes for the unit. Tabloid Sports were held at 1400hrs. Teams from each coy competed. support coy was first and surprisingly enough H and HQ coy second. prizes given by the K of C consisted of beer and cigarettes. The C.O. went to pde in the afternoon. "Sensations of 1945" was showing at the K of C at 1900hrs. A good musical.	LB
GERMANY	11 Jun 45		It was cloudy in the morning, sunny in the afternoon and cloudy in the evening. The C.O. again went to Oldenburg on a General Military Court for German civilians. In the evening B and C coys had a snoker. It started off by a short ceremony in memory of the fallen comrades of both coys. Then a minstrel show by some men followed. The C.O. and O.C. of each coy made a brief speech and our 2 i/c played a few waltzes on the piano. A snack was served and free beer and a "punch" was provided by the K of C. This pleasant evening ended by our national anthem "O Canada". In the meantime the officers' softball team was trouncing the H and HQ team by 13 to 5.	LB

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Map 121 <u>1</u> 50000 VAREL GERMANY	12 Jun 45		There were clouds and showers in the morning. Sunny in the afternoon and evening. An identification parade was held at 0830hrs in connection with an offense against a German civilian. The C.O. inspected p coy lines at 1100hrs. The division Tabloid Sports Meet at Wilhelmshaven was held at 1400hrs. Besides our team, the C.O., 2 i/c and approximately 30 other ranks went as spectators. Our team started off well but sore muscles put two of our athletes on the sidelines and we arrived second to last. Abbott and Costello on "Lost in a Parox" provided many good laughs in the evening.	LB
	13 Jun 45		A miserable morning with rain and a cold wind. No rain in the afternoon or evening, but the wind was still cold. At 1330hrs the C.O. held an O GO to discuss administrative problems. Three Nursing Sisters from 6 Gen Gen Hosp were our guests at a supper in honour of Capt Andre Garneau who is leaving us for a staff course in Canada before proceeding to the Far East. The C.O. thanked him for his good work with the unit. Capt Garneau then said he would never forget the good friends he has made at the H de Mais. The whole party then adjourned to the softball field where they witnessed the officers' victory of 16 to 3 over support coy. Then back to the mess for a bit of music and dances.	LB
	14 Jun 45		Cloudy in the morning, rainy in the afternoon, cloudy at night. Lieut J.P. Denis "C coy" left for UK on an educational course of 5 days. In the evening support coy had a smoker. Among the guests were the C.O., the padre and all support coy officers. To start off the evening, punch was distributed, followed by several barrels of German beer. The CO said a few words of praise for the men of the coy. An orchestra composed of a piano, a guitar and a drum provided entertainment for the evening. The master of ceremony was pte polswart.	LB
	15 Jun 45		A nice clear morning, cloudy in the afternoon and evening. The CO, Major Y. Bernier and Capt G Charbon left for 7 days leave in Paris in the CO's jeep. Major L. Lacroix our 2 i/c assumes command of the unit. At 0900hrs a group of 15 officers went to Wilhelmshaven on a submarine inspection tour. After some difficulty about getting permission, they were finally admitted. Lieut G. Degerlis went to pde as i.c. At 1400hrs and 1900hrs, the Gen Army show "HAWAIIAN" played for the men in our own concert hall which has a bigger seating capacity than the one the pde usually uses.	LB

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Map 121 <del>50000</del> VAREL GERMANY	15 Jun 45		War correspondent Maurice Desjardins had dinner with us; he is writing an article about the unit in "LA PRESSE". The coy defeated officers 11 - 6 at softball.	LB
	16 Jun 45		Cloudy in the morning, sunny in the afternoon and evening. No regimental parade was held. In the afternoon, the officers were again defeated at softball by 6-3. At 1930hrs Capt Y David, our QM, gave his boxing show in the gym. The Pte OC, Lt. Col Ellis, the Pte Major, Major Lacroix and a good number of officers and QMs were present. The evening was quite interesting and a good deal of enthusiasm was shown by both boxers and spectators. The men are getting more and more interested in sports and educational periods. Our daily English classes have an attendance of 75 men, and every softball game can count on a few hundred enthusiastic supporters. Now that we have settled down, the food is getting better and the entertainment provided in the evening is more than enough to keep every one occupied. News of demobilization and return to Canada is still topic number one amongst officers and men.	LB
	17 Jun 45		A nice sunny day with occasional clouds. Mass at 1000hrs in the R of C theatre hall. At 1400hrs the Calgary Highlanders's softball team visited our own regimental team. A good crowd was present and every good play was followed by cheers and applause. The Calg Highs made a few costly errors and we took the game 8 to 4. "THE PRINCE IN HOLLYWOOD" was playing at the R of C at 1800hrs and 2000hrs.	LB
	18 Jun 45		Cloudy in the morning, occasional sunshine in the afternoon. An O Coy was called at Pde, Major Lacroix and the P.C. attended. Our number two volley-ball team played against calg Highs number one team in the pde eliminations. They lost two games out of three. The officers softball team defeated A coy 6 to 5, an extra inning was needed. At 1900hrs Hq and Hq coys had their smoker. plenty of beer and punch were served to everybody. Entertainment was provided by Lieut G. Genoit at the piano, Pte Boulianne and Pte Lafleche at the violin. A few officers and QMs sang some popular ballads.	LB



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Maps VARZL #121 NORDETHIAN #151 BRAKE CHERRY 1 50000	11 May 45		A warm clear sunny day. During the morning Brigadier-General Sand, III Army, paid a visit to our CO, Lt-Col G. Lalonde, in view of taking over our sector in a week or so. General Sand's troops are now setting up their HQ near us. Everyone in the unit has been supplied with a bed. At 1900 hrs the IC of C presented a film.	L.W.
	12 May 45		A bright sunny day. Our CO, Lt-Col G. Lalonde and our A1/c Mr. J. L. Lacroix were guests of Brig-Gen Sand for supper at 1800 hrs. They discussed relations between our troops and theirs. They also made arrangements for entertainment. A new postal officer arrived today, Capt G. Bissonnet.	L.W.
	13 May 45		A beautiful sunny day. At 0930 hrs our HQ called members and had the church parade ready to be handed over for inspection by the CO, Lt-Col G. Lalonde at 0945 hrs. Approximately 350 all ranks only were present due to occupational duties. The CO led the church parade through the main streets of BRAKE to meet our Padre, W/Capt G. Marchand in the park along the NEMO river. A very impressive Mass was said and everybody joined in prayers for our comrades in arms who died on the battle field. The parade marched back to its starting point where the CO dismissed the officers. At 1230 hrs the four company commanders joined us for lunch in the officers' mess. They were Majors Y. Bernier, R. Guenet, J. L. Lacroix and G. Charlebois. The CO took this occasion to hold a meeting of all company commanders at 1330 hrs. The topic of the meeting was to discuss training, sports and educational programs. Lieut M. Lapointe joined the unit today.	L.W.
	14 May 45		A cold cloudy day. Our TO, Capt M. Savard organized a maintenance schedule for all our vehicles. Today our garage workers are checking and painting all vehicles. A German ammunition dump went off at noon and the explosion was felt for quite a few miles. 18 Germans are reported wounded, no casualty amongst our own personnel doing guard duty on the dump. Our Dental Officer, Capt G. Bissonnet has started to inspect personnel in rifle companies. The Sports Officer, Capt G. Charbon, HQ held a meeting for all company sports representatives at 1830 hrs.	L.W.

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Map 121 <u>1</u> 50000 VAREL GERMANY	19 Jun	45	Not a cloud in the sky today. In the morning the I.C. went to golfing to contact HILL, in case of a sudden move. At 1800hrs our number one volleyball team defeated OLG Highers number two team in the pde play-offs. Officers defeated C coy at softball by 21 to 13. Every day drafts are leaving the unit for the GPF, Coy of Canada. "THE TWIN NIN COME HERE" starring William Powell and Myrna Loy was playing at the K of C at 1900hrs for A, B, C, D coys.	LB
	20 Jun	45	A wonderful day. The weather is like July in Canada. Educational periods go on as usual. A radio class is now operating under our SIGS officer, Lieut J.Y.R. Piquay, three days a week. Plenty of enthusiasm and keenness is shown by the students. The men that have seen action and are proceeding to the GPF because of their low points feel that their time in battle should be given consideration. Our volleyball team won the semi finals against Pde HQ by 15 to 7. The officers from the Fus HQ paid us a visit.	LB
	21 Jun	45	A hot sunny day, cloudy in the evening. Lieut G. Poyardis left us for the GPF in the morning. A group of 12 men left with him. A draft for the Coy also left at 0800hrs. At 1430hrs our volleyball team won in the pde final against OLG Highers by 15-7, 16-14 and 15-9. We are now waiting for the pde meet. "NATION'S NIGHT" with Charles Boyer and Irene Dunne was shown at K of C at 1800hrs and 2000hrs, a good light comedy enjoyed by all. A group of officers from the Fus HQ visited us in the evening. The officers softball team won against D coy by 21 to 12.	LB
	22 Jun	45	Cloudy and rainy all day. Two NCOs and 15 men relieved the R.A. on guard at VAREL. There is also 10 NCOs and men from the HQOC attached to our guard to blow up ammunition. Rations are drawn from 14 ACHA supply point in Oldenburg. Our guard on the ACK-ACK guns at HQ 184389 was taken off. The guns have been blown up and the RADAR equipment removed. Meeting of the Sports officers of the HQ at 1500hrs to discuss track and field meet on June 28. At 1500hrs meeting of all I.Cs at pde. The Russian DPs are causing a lot of trouble in the neighborhood. A patrol consisting of one FOX car and not less than three men will be provided by Pde HQ and the three Inf units in the Pde. It will be on patrol duty every night from 2230hrs to 0430hrs to pick up any Russian they meet. It goes into effect tomorrow.	LB

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Map 121 <u>1</u> 50000  VAREL  GERMANY	23 Jun 45		Foggy in the early morning. The sun came out later followed by light clouds. Very hot in the afternoon and evening. A regimental parade was held at 0900hrs by Major L.Lacroix. He inspected Support and B coys, remainder carried on as per syllabus. The Adjt inspected the billets in the meantime. At 1400hrs the offrs softball team was defeated by B coy by 11 to 10; a great deal of rivalry exists between these two teams. At 1700hrs the Black Watch of Canada softball team visited our own regimental team and we had an easy victory of 16 to 2. The C.O. and Capt G.Charron with OC Support coy returned from PARIS leave. At 1130hrs Major L.Lacroix MC called an O Gp after word came through from 30e that we were on 6 hours notice for an operational move. No details were available. Regs P.B.Cingras and a few old sergeants left for Canada.	LB
	24 Jun 45		A really wonderful morning. Not a cloud in the sky and the sun as hot as in July. Mass was held at 1000hrs by the padre. Today being St-John the Baptist Day, the patron of the French Canadians, he mentioned in his sermon that whatever happened we should never change our mentality because it is better than any he has seen in Europe. In the afternoon the Adjt, padre and Capt C.E.Laurenceville went to cemetery to place wooden crosses on the graves of the men fallen there. In the evening some offrs from the Fus Ml paid us a visit. They invited the C.O. and the padre to dinner and supper with them tomorrow. The padre will also officiate at mass at 1000hrs.	LB
	25 Jun 45		Cloudy in the morning. Sunny in the afternoon and evening. At 0900hrs Major G.F.Charlebois went to MURICH as a waiting member on a court martial. Capt J.H.Bussault left for the UK to write the history of the unit. The C.O. and the padre had dinner at the Fus Ml after their Church parade. In the afternoon about 10 offrs and 60 cts joined them. A softball game was played between ops of both units and we won by 13 to 0. All the offrs had supper at the offrs mess and speeches were made by Major L.Roy, O.C. Fus Ml, followed by Lt-Col G.L.Lalonde, Major Beaudry senior chaplain and our own padre H/Capt G.Marchand. After the meal, everyone adjourned to the softball field, once again to witness a game between offrs of both units. ours won by 20 to 16. Brig. Allard was umpiring behind the plate. At the conclusion of this event, a great bonfire was lit and a sing song followed. A good time was had by everyone. It was felt by all that these get-together should be more frequent. It develops better relations between the two units and it gives a chance to old friends to meet again.	LB

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Map 121	25 Jun	45	Four officers joined the unit today. They are Lieut P.C. Lalonde, Lieut J.A. Lalonde, Lieut J. Cornellier and Lieut P.I. Boudreault.	B
<u>1</u> 50000	26 Jun	45	Sunny in the morning, some in the afternoon and evening. Capt J.A. Guinet joined the unit this morning. One of our platoons from D coy went on guard at Adelheide. There are 3000 Russians there. This special duty should last about a week. Our volleyball team was eliminated at the Div meet today. At 1100hrs the C.O. and 2 i/c went to Hqs to meet Lt-Gen. Foulkes. "HOLLYWOOD ON THE WAY" with a cast of 64 stars was playing at the K of C. Softball semi finals started today. B coy defeated Support, Hq defeated C coy. These games are followed with great interest. Four teams are about the same strength. Drafts for GSW, CCF or Canada have weakened some of them but on the whole they should put up a good fight.	B
VAREL	27 Jun	45	Cloudy and rainy in the morning, cloudy in the afternoon. Drill competition between C and Support was on this morning at 0930hrs but was stopped on account of rain. A slate of officers came out today. The five new officers have been allocated as follows:- Capt L.A. Guinet and Lieut J.A. Lalonde to A coy. Lieut J. Cornellier to B coy. Lieut P.I. Boudreault to C coy and Lieut P.C. Lalonde to Support coy as 2 i/c Mortars. Capt L.A. Guinet left to go on an educational course. Softball semi-finals were on at 1430hrs between A and B coys. Our C.O. pitched the first ball with Major R. Guenet C.O. B coy receiving. A coy won by 12 to 4. Lieut L. Woods and Lieut Guellotte were the C.O.'s guests for supper. The former is going to First Cdn Army Hq on the regimental Funds board as accountant, the latter to the CCF. Speeches were made by the C.O. and both officers. At 1900hrs semi finals between CCF and Support, Support won by 17 to 16.	B
GERALD	28 Jun	45	Sunny and cloudy with a shower in the morning, some in the afternoon and evening. Lieut L. Woods and Lieut Guellotte left for their respective assignments. At 0945hrs the drill competition continued between Support and C coys. C coy won with 159 points against 144. Three carriers, each mounting a Brenning and 12 ops went to ADELHEIDE to reinforce the men from B coy. The Russian ops have been causing some trouble. At 1400hrs we had our Hq track and field meet. A coy was first followed by Support, C, Hq, B and D coys. The Hq team will be made up of the winners of each event.	B

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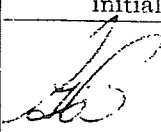



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Map 121 <u>30000</u>	28 Jun 45		Lt-Col. E.Lalonde of Hil Coy was the C.O.'s guest for supper. Our softball team defeated Hq 17 to 0 in a regular league game. At 2130hrs, 100 gys arrived as reinforcements. Some officers from the Fus M dropped in to spend the evening.	
V. 4931. GE. BLANKY	29 Jun 45		A nice sunny morning with a shower at noon. Sunny in the afternoon and evening. The battalion pioneers are working on a float representing Quebec's war effort for the Dominion Day Mardi-gras to be held at divisional headquarters at Bad Zwischenahn Airfield. At 1400hrs in the softball semi-finals, Hq and Hq defeated D coy by 9 to 3; B coy defeated A coy 8 to 7. At 1900hrs Support coy won against the officers by 7 to 1. At 2100hrs an "O" game was held by the C.O. It concerned a move to Hamburg by the rifle coys and six carriers from Support. More details will be available tomorrow. All administrative staff to remain at Varal. The "ghost of Centerville" with Charles Laughton was playing at the K of C at 1900hrs.	
	30 Jun 45		Sunny in the early morning followed by clouds and rain. The C.O. went to support and D coy at 0840hrs to present the M to D-56321 Sgt Poyer P.M. from support and R-2919 Pte Lefebvre J. from D coy. A new set-up for training is now established in the unit. Capt W.E.Sutherland is in charge of all training activities with Capt L.A.Ouimet looking after educational matters and Lieut G.Glendau after the battalion sports. At 1400hrs the C.O., Lt-Col G.L.Lalonde, went to Hq for details regarding the Mardi-Gras and the move to Hamburg. At 2330hrs Hq phoned to tell the C.O. to send a booze party to Hamburg Sunday morning and to Holland Monday morning.	
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50000 VAREL GERMANY	July 1		Cloudy all day with rain and occasional sunshine. Support Coy left at 0700 hours for the Dominion Day Mardi Gras at BAD ZWISCHENAHN. Church parade was held at 0830 hours and the mass said in the K of C hut. The balance of the unit left at 1000 hours for the Mardi Gras. Although rain marred the celebration somewhat all ranks enjoyed the festivities. Our unit contributed 4 kioskes: Au Cafe Martin, Au Vieux Moulin, Au Fort Chambly and Victory and one show: "In Old Quebec". In the parade after the lunch our float representing the province of Quebec compared favorably with the others. Major L. Lacroix, M.C., Major J. Mathews, the pioneers and painters are to be congratulated for their work. In the afternoon, Capt. W. Sutherland and Lieut. R. Duguay, our Sigs' Officer left for HAMBURG on recon for the move. In the evening, the move was cancelled, Capt. W. Sutherland and Lieut. R. Duguay returned.	JL
	July 2		Rainy all day. At 0500 hours, Major L. Lacroix, Capt. David and Capt. C.G. Charron left for a recon in HOLLAND in preparation for our move. At 1330 hours, the CO held an "O Group" for the move to HOLLAND on Saturday. A holding party is to leave on Wednesday to move some stores and equipment to ease the transport problem. In the late afternoon, the padre received a personal letter advising him that he had been awarded the M.B.E. Seven Officers and eight OR's arrived in the evening as advance party for the 3 S.D.G. - C.O.F. They will be billeted with us until we move. At 2100 hours all the Officers were assembled at the Officers' Mess to toast the Padre. The CO said a few words and the Padre answered. Major L. Lacroix arrived late at night from his recon. The area we are moving to is not at all satisfactory.	JL
	July 3		Cloudy and rainy in the morning. Major Ketcheson, OC advance party 3 SDG, went around the Bn lines with the IC. At 0845 hours the CO went to "B" Coy to present the D.C.M. to D-157871 Cpl. J.M. Beaulieu. At 1030 hours the CO went to Bde with Major Ketcheson to discuss the move to HOLLAND. At 1400 hours the CO attended a formation of Unit Commanders at HQ 2 Cdn Inf Div. "Show Business" with Eddie Canter and Joan Davis was playing at the K of C.	JL
	July 4		Cloudy in the morning. Sunny in afternoon and evening. At 0700 hours, the Padre, Major R. Guenet and Capt. W.E. Sutherland left for Paris on leave. At 0830 hours the holding party started off to HOLLAND. The assistant TO was in charge of the convoy. At 1400 hours the Bde Track and Field semi-finals were held. Our Regimental Soft-Ball team played against 7 Pd Coy, R.C.E. at 1400 hours. The score was R de Mais - 19 and R.C.E. - 10. At 1900 hours, the unit played Calg High, scores: R de Mais - 29 and Calg High - 0.	JL



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<u>1</u> 50 000 VAREL GERMANY	5 July		Sunny all day. At 1000 hours, the CO addressed all ranks of "A" "B" "C" "D" Coys, and at 1100 hours "HQ" Sp and "BnHQ". The address related to discipline in HOLLAND. At 1400 hours, the Bde Tracks & Field finals were held: the Black Watch came in first, R de Mais second and Calg High third. "A" Coy defeated "B" Coy by a score of 9 to 6 in the unit Softball playoffs. A group of Americans put up a show in the K of C at 1800 hours and at 2000 hours. The CO, 2 i/c, Adj and Paymaster played tennis. Lieut. G. Boiselère and eleven ORs arrived as reinforcements.	Ji
	6 July		Cloudy in the morning. Lieut. G. Bessit left at noon for a recess in Div Staging Area. Training goes on as usual with educational periods in the morning and sports in the afternoon. Lieut. G. Boiselère was sent to "D" Coy. Everyone in the unit is getting ready for the move to-morrow. In the afternoon two men from "D" Coy were slightly injured while handling grenades. "A" Coy defeated "B" Coy by a score of 9 to 6 in softball.	Ji
<u>1</u> 250 000 OSHAERUK GERMANY	7 July		Cloudy and rainy in the morning and afternoon, sunny in the evening. The carriers left at 0830 hours. The wheeled vehicles moved off at 1230 hours. One of our ORs had an accident on the way. He bivouacked in Div Staging Area near Enschede. Major L. Lacroix went to an "O" Group at 2200 hours. The CO stayed behind for the purpose of attending a Court-Martial at Groningen.	Ji
<u>1</u> 100 000 UTRECHT HOLLAND	8 July		A Bn "O" Group was called at 1030 hours by Major L. Lacroix to bring out a few points regarding discipline on the move. The wheeled vehicles left at 1230 hours and the carriers at 1630 hours. We reached our new location at 1545 hours. It is in a wood. The men are under canvas but there are enough buildings for the offices and the Officers' mess and sleeping quarters. This is located in a small village about 1½ miles from camp. An orderly Officer will be on duty in the orderly room 24 hours a day. Company orderly Sergeant will be on duty at coy HQ 24 hours a day. At 1830 hours 11 ORs arrived as reinforcements. "The Man In Half-Moon Street" was playing at the K of C at 1800 hours and 2000 hours.	Ji
	9 July		Sunny in the morning and afternoon. Today is clean-up day for the unit. It will be spent in organising Bn HQ and Coy areas, sports fields, latrines, roads etc. Yesterday the men seemed quite disappointed at the sight of the camp, but after a few days this should improve. Leaves to AMSTERDAM will be arranged by Bde and transport will run daily to APELDOORN. "A" Coy defeated "Sp" Coy 9 - 3 in the Bn Softball finals. The CO came down from CROMBIE to pay us a visit. Major L. Lacroix takes over command of the unit during the CO's absence and Major G.F. Charlebois will act AS 2 i/c.	Ji

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1 100 000 UTRECHT HOLLAND	July 10		Sunny and warm all day. It rained during the night. Tidying-up continues throughout the camp. Major L. Lacroix went to an "O" Group at the Ede. At 1330 hours a Bn "O" Group was held. Points regarding discipline, transport and leaves were brought out. "A" Coy won the unit softball championship.	J.
	July 11		Cloudy all day. An engineer Officer came to check the water and electricity supply in camp. Major L. Lacroix, the Adjt, the RSM and some ORs went to AMSTERDAM to see the Premiere of "Meet the Navy". "Girl Rush" with Frances Langford was playing at the K of C. The men's morale has risen since we moved in. The camp is cleaned out and the prospect of the water problem being solved helps to brighten things up a bit. Transport facilities to APPELDOORN gives the men a chance to relax a few nights a week.	J.
	July 12		Sunny in the morning. Cloudy in the afternoon and evening. At 0830 hours Capt. C. Laurencelle, Capt. M. Bourget and Lieut. A. Batelle left for PARIS on leave. The CO came back from GROWINGEN. A bulldozer from 7 Fd Park R.C.L. is working on our sports field and roads in camp.	J.
	July 13		Sunny all day. The appearance of the camp is improving daily with the men working on fancy designs with pebbles and stones in Coy and Bn HQ areas. The CO inspected Bn area and all coy lines in the morning. At 1330 hours the CO called an "O" Group in the Officers' mess to discuss the Regimental Institutes. An Entertainment Committee was appointed to look after unit dances, sight-seeing tours, etc. A band from the RCCS played in front of the K of C and beer was served to the men of the unit. at 1830 hours, a meeting of all Officers was held in the Officers' mess to elect a committee. Results were as follows: Major J.G. Mathieu, President; Capt. Y. David, Vice-President; Lieut F. Portelance, Sec.; Lieut. J.O.R. Deszerees, Treas.	J.
	July 14		Sunny all day. At 0900 hours the CO went to support coy, to present the M.M. to 1/Sgt. M. Freshlay. Bn Due Service to APPELDOORN started in the afternoon. Lieut. Jardine RCE came to give us details regarding the electricity and water set-up in camp. We will have two civilians working on it for a week or so.	J.
	July 15		Sunny all day. Church parade at 1000 hours. Swimming is quite popular in the unit with transport going to Ede Swimming Pool every day. Transport left for APPELDOORN at 1330 hours and 1400 hours. Sports and Entertainment syllabus came out today. Three movies every week will be shown at the K of C.	J.

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<u>1</u> 100 000 UTRECHT HOLLAND	July 16		Sunny all day. Transport schedule for APPELDOORN came out today. Vehicles will leave En lines at 1830 hours and 1900 hours daily and 1300-1330-1430-1530 hours on Saturdays and Sundays. They return at 2045 hours. Electricity was turned on in the Bn today. Support beat Officers 24-25 at softball. "Circumstantial Evidence" with Lloyd Nolan was playing at the K of C.	Jr Jr Jr Jr Jr
	July 17		Sunny all day. Major L. Lacroix is brightening the camp up by having the pioneers build an archway over the entrance and having paths lined with bricks laid in fancy designs. At 1430 hours the softball team of the 6th L A visited our own team. We were defeated 8-0. The Bde Commander was present plus some Officers and men from the Calgary Highlanders, Black Watch and Fusiliers Mont-Royal. Tea was then served in the Officers' mess. Brigadier Allard from 6th Bde was present and had supper with us.	
	July 18		Sunny all day. The CO went to Bde at 1000 hours. At 1530 hours the A/CC of 2 Div and Brigadier Lace inspected the En lines. He was accompanied by our Bde Commander Lt.-Col. Ellis. He seemed quite pleased about his visit and found the men in good health and morale and remarked on their keenness for sports. Lam Turner in "Keep your Powder Dry" played at the K of C. at 1900 hours. En was defeated by "C" Coy by 17-15 at softball.	
	July 19		Sunny in the morning. Cloudy in the afternoon with some rain. The CO went to Bde in the morning. Since the appointment of a messing Officer, the food situation has improved considerably. Tomatoes and cucumbers are part of our daily menu these days. At 1830 hours the Officers softball team defeated "D" Coy by 23-10.	
	July 20		Sunny with occasional showers. The training policy is along the same lines as in Germany with the educational activities in the morning and sports in the afternoon. The proximity of softball and volleyball courts to company areas enables the company commanders to have better control over their men all day. The popularity of trips to APPELDOORN has lessened lately. The town is occupied by Army H.Q. and troops are numerous. The men prefer camp sports and movies. The open air life they are leading here is a great morale builder as well as being healthy. The men are tanned and look quite fit. Bombs are trained out doors and it is quite a sight to see them in the different phases of training. It is becoming quite popular with a bit of wrestling thrown in. Quite a few men take advantage of a small lake near by for swimming.	

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<u>1</u> 100 000 STRECHT HOLLAND	July 21		Sunny with occasional showers. The last details for the men's dance are being arranged. It is expected that about 200 men will attend. The CO, 2 I/c and a party of Officers and ORs attended 2 Div Track & Field meet at SILVERSUM in the afternoon. Our athletes did not fare too well, but 5 Bde team won both relay races. The CO was guest at a dance given by F.M.R. in the evening.	Ji Ji Ji Ji Ji
	July 22		Cloudy with rain all day. Because of rain church parade was held indoors with masses at 1000 hours for "Sp", "A", and "B" coys and 1100 hours for "En", "HQ", "C" and "D" coys. Capt. C. Laurencelle and Lieut. A. Ratelle came back from PARIS. Capt. A. Bourget was also due back but he met with an accident and is on his way back to Canada. The men's dance was held at 1930 hours. To everyone's surprise about 125 women attended and 250 of our men. A good snack was served with coffee, beer and lemonade. Everybody seemed to have enjoyed themselves. It ended at 2300 hours. Our Bde Commander Lt.-Col. Ellis, our CO and the Adjt dropped in for a visit at 2100 hours.	
	July 23		Cloudy with rain in the early morning. The Fusiliers Mont-Royal were our guests to-day. They arrived at 1500 hours to see the softball game between the two regimental teams, which we won by 4-1. The G.O.C. Brigadier Luce and our Bde Commander, Lt.-Col. Ellis were present. Supper was served to Officers of both units, speeches were made by our Bde Commander and COs of the Fusiliers Mont-Royal and our own. A boxing show was provided by our boxing team at 1815 hours and all adjourned to the softball diamond to see our Officers' team defeat the Officers' team of the F.M.R., by 18-9. The evening ended for other ranks with a brass band giving an open air concert. The Officers adjourned to the mess where folksongs and stories were exchanged. At 2130 hours one man from Sp Coy accidentally shot himself through the leg while cleaning his rifle.	
	July 24		Cloudy and warm. In the afternoon, "B" Coy defeated the Officers at softball by 17 to 16 and Sp Coy won by 12 to 3 against En HQ. The Bde Individual Boxing Championship was held at 1900 hours. The CO, a group of Officers and men attended. We won three contests out of six. The Officers then went to R 22 R for a reception to the three other French-Canadian Infantry Battalions in First Can Army. Brigadier Allard was present and speeches were made.	
	July 25		Rainy in the morning cloudy in the afternoon and evening. An identification parade was held at 1330 hours for a group of Officers and EORs. It is in connection with alleged dealings with civilians. At 1900 hours Bde boxing semi-finals were held in APHECOHE. The CO, some officers and men attended. Our team did quite well. Four of our boxers went to the Bde finals.	

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1 100 000 UTRECHT HOLLAND	July 26		Sunny all day. Educational periods went on as usual in the morning. At 1000 hours the CO and Adjt went to Tegel Airfield to wish bon voyage to Major McFarlane DAAG 2 Cdn Inf Div who was leaving for Canada. At 1400 hours, the boxing finals were held. We had four men boxing against one another. The CO and most of the Officers attended with approximately 200 ORs. At 1900 hours the Essex Scottish softball team played against our own. We won by 3 to 2 in 10 innings.	Jf Jf Jf Jf Jf
	July 27		Cloudy and rainy all day. Three CQMSs and two Sgts and some ORs left for Canada on Repat. Water and electricity is on in BoHQ area. It is quite useful, especially the water because our water trucks had to go to APELDOORN for it. "Here come the Waves" was playing at the K of C. We now have three films every week. With the popularity of trips to APELDOORN decreasing this is very helpful to maintain good morale.	
	July 28		Cloudy and rainy all day. The IO went to 2 Div HQ for a conference on Salvage collecting. A recon of our area will have to be made to locate any salvage. The softball game between the Black Watch and us was cancelled because of rain. It was to be the first game of a "best-out of three" series to determine the winner of the Bde shield. Softball and Tug of War, between Officers and Sp Coy was won by Officers by 11 to 10 and two pulls to nothing. In the evening the Officers' dance was held. Lt.-Col. Ellis Bde Commander and a few Officers from his staff were our guests.	
	July 29		Cloudy with occasional sunshine. Church parade was held at 1000 hours for "Sp", "A" and "B" Coys and 1100 hours for the balance of battalion in the K of C hut. Lieut A. Content joined us today. He was with the Black Watch for a while. Two Officers and 40 ORs went to the Hague for a sight-seeing tour. The Sgts' dance was held in APELDOORN at the Fivoli Theatre. The CO and 2 i/s dropped in for a visit. Yesterday's game against RMC was played in the afternoon. We won 23 to 2.	
	July 30		Cloudy with occasional rain. There is a slight change in the sport syllabus. Because of men desiring to go to APELDOORN all games are played in the afternoon. This leaves the evening free for exhibition games. In the afternoon, the Bde Commander came to see the CO. He is going on Privilege Leave and Lt.-Col. Lalonde will assume command while he is away. Major L. Lacroix will command the unit in the meantime. This goes into effect tomorrow. Two softball games were played in the afternoon. "A" Coy defeated "BoHQ" by 8 to 4 and "B" Coy won against "D" Coy by 21 to 10. "Hangover Square" was playing at the K of C in the evening. Capt. Dale Bourcier, an old "Haisie" presently attached to Bde came to the Officers' mess to celebrate his return to Canada on repat draft. In the afternoon one of our batman H-616843 Pte Comeau, G. died from alcohol poisoning.	

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<u>1</u> 100 000 UTRECHT HOLLAND	July 31		<p>Cloudy all day. Major G.F. Charlebois will act as 2 i/c during the CO's absence. Electricity has been installed in A and B coy lines. In the afternoon Support coy won against C coy by 13 to 12 at softball and A coy defeated D coy by a score of 24 to 2.</p> <p><i>L. Lacroix</i> (Major L. Lacroix, M.C.) A/Commanding Officer Le Regiment de Maisonneuve CA(O)</p>	



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<u>1</u> 100 000  UTRECHT HOLLAND	Aug 1		Cloudy all day. At 0900 hours a service was held in the K of C for pte Gonsau G. who died on July 30th. The Padre went to the 2 Div cemetery for the burial. At 1200 hours Major F de S Robert who had been instructing in England returned to the unit. At 1400 hours, our regimental softball team defeated RHC by 11 to 2. We therefore win the Brigade Shield for 1945. A round-robin is under way to determine the winner of the Brigade cup. Lieut A Content is in charge of road maintenance. "Molly and Me" with Grace Fields was playing at the K of C.	
	Aug 2		Cloudy with occasional sunshine. At 0730 hours CSM Berube from Support, and CSM L'Esperance HQ, and Sgt Lamarche from the BQR and 3 CR's left on a repat draft. At 1430 hours, our regimental softball team defeated a team from Brigade HQ and 18th Fd Amb by 33 to 2 in the Brigade round-Robin for the cup.	
	Aug 3		Cloudy all day. At 0830 hours, Major GF Charlebois left in charge of a party of 35 CR's from each unit of the Brigade for a tour of the Rhur valley. Lt. R Lapointe accompanied him. At 1000 hours Major F de S Robert went on a recce for our next move. He came back in the afternoon. Calgary High defeated us at softball by 7 to 2. "The Brighton Strangler" was playing at the K of C at 1900 hours.	
	Aug 4		Cloudy in the morning. Sunny in the afternoon and evening. Sgt Dumberry from the "I" Section, Sgt Clement from Support coy and 7 privates left on a Repat draft. Sports as usual in the afternoon. Lt. L. Lazure arrived as reinforcement in the late afternoon. He had seen service with le Regt de la Chaudiere.	
	Aug 5		Sunny all day. Church parade was held at 1000 hours for C, D, BMRQ coys and 1100 hours for A, B, and Support coys. Capt. Dale Bourcier our L.O. at Brigade was our guest at supper. Lt.-Col. Lalonde who is now commanding the Brigade in the absence of Lt.-Col. Ellis was also present with Capt C. Falardeau and Lt. M. Baril. Speeches were made by Lt.-Col. Lalonde, Major L. Lacroix, M.C., Capt. Bourcier and the Padre.	
	Aug 6		Cloudy with occasional sunshine. Lt. L. Lazure was sent to "D" coy. At noon we received the visit of a Provost Officer and a few Dutch civilians in connection with the sale of bad liquor to our men. Our tennis players are getting ready for the Div meet. There is a good court near Brigade - - - Carlo in "Salons where she danced" was playing at the K of C at 1800 and 2000 hours	

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<u>1</u> 100 000  UTRECHT HOLLAND	Aug 7		Weather clear all day. The sun was very warm. Lieuts Bastien, Charnonneau, Prevost and Levesque returned from their leave in PARIS at noon. They have enjoyed their stay in the "Ville Lumiere" very much, so they say. Lieut. J.M. Tremblay has left for his leave in U.K. this morning. Yvonne de Carlo playing in "Salome where she dances" has found an assistance again tonight. We hope to keep on getting some of these more recent films. Our tennis teams are still going very good but, it is getting a little harder everyday. Apponents are good players. Lieut.-Col. G. Larabee our first Chaplain was here for lunch today.	
	Aug 8		Weather cloudy, occasional rain however this evening it is coming down regularly. Our soft ball team suffered a defeat to the hands of the REGIE from ARNHEM, the score was 5 to 1. Our team did not show its usual fighting spirit. One day soon they will recover thier confidence. Charles Laughton and Ella Rains in the "Suspect" was shown at the K of C tonight. The first representation was at 1800 hours and the second at 2000 hours. A full house attended both representations. Lieut. Bastien from "A" Coy has gone to Bde this morning to become Camp Commandant. Here is hoping the weather will clear up for tomorrow. Rain does not help to wake life gay in these parts.	
	Aug 9		What a weather we are having today. Rain is coming down in torrents. Our sports activities are very limited. However we pick up on the PingPong tournament. Charles Laughton and Ella Rains still being shown at K of C in the "Suspect".	
	Aug 10		Occasional showers in the morning. In the afternoon the weather was uncertain. However tonight the rain is coming down quite hard. Boxing meet between 2 Div and 3 Div took place in UTRECHT. The 3 Can Inf Div won by the score of 17 to 15. "Roughly speaking" with Rosalind Russel and Jack Carson now playing at K of C.	
	Aug 11		Weather foggy. Clearing up around 1000 hours. Sun came out all afternoon. In the evening it was cool. Weather is promising. We hope it will remain. Our soft ball (Regt Team) played against RCCS team and won by the score of 16 to 5. Our team showed a very good spirit. Our Colonel returned from Bde this afternoon. A new slate of Officers came out today. We now have 52 Officers on Streight	

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<u>1</u> 100 000  UTRECHT HOLLAND	Aug 12		Overcast skies in morning. Nice in afternoon. Church Parade held at 1000 hours for C, D and HQ Coys at 1100 hours for A, B and Sup. We played the famous Bombers this afternoon at BIRKHOVEN field and gave them the surprise of their life. We defeated them 2 to nothing. What a game it was! Spectacular catches were executed by Pte Gregoire, center field and Sgt Derepentigny second base. It was a very good game and no errors were recorded by our team. It is the first time the Bombers have ever been "shut out". Everybody is perfectly happy about the outcome and there was great rejoicing in the unit. The players have earned the leave that is being granted to each of them. The men had their dance this evening. They seemed very satisfied. It is a good way to make them forget some of their discomforts. The Bde Comd Lieut.-Col. Ellis and our CO and 2 i/C paid a short visit to the dance. Capt Falardeau and Lieut Baril from Bde were in for dinner tonight. "Roughly Speaking" still being played at the K of C.	
	Aug 13		The sun is shining this morning. Around noon the sky was overcast and rain made its appearance around supper time to last all evening. Hedy Lamarr and George Brent in "Experiment Perilous" showing at K of C.	
	Aug 14		The sun is shining this morning. However, at noon the sky was overcast and rain appeared at supper time and it lasted all evening and night. 28 OR's have left on a repat draft this morning. Bde Horseshoe Tournament started this afternoon and to the score of 250 to 151 the Calg Highrs walked away with the victory. A soft ball game between offrs and "D" Coy was played this afternoon and ended by the score of 18 to 7 for the officers. "Experiment Perillous" is still playing at the K of C.	
	Aug 15		Heavy sky with occasionnel rain. It is now official that hostilities with Japan are over. It had for a couple of days been pending, but it finally comes out today. It seems that the cease fire took effect last night at 2400 hours. Once again the world is at peace. By order of higher authorities today and tomorrow are official holidays. Our 2 i/c, Major Lacroix, M.C. together with Capt Barthe of "D" Coy left for their leave in Paris. "Frisco Sal" with Suzanne Foster and Turham is now palying at the K of C.	
	Aug 16		Cloudy with occasionnal showers all day. Our CO has left for GERMANY. He will be absent for a couple of days. Major F de S Robert will be acting CO in his absence. "Frisco Sal" is still playing at the K of C.	

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<u>1</u> 100 000	Aug 17		Continuous rain all day. We have been having poor weather for nearly a week. A little more sun would be well seen in these parts. It is surprising to see that the men keep their good spirit. One would be inclined to believe that with such weather and with so little comfort their morale would be low, but the thought of repatriation keeps them quite cheerful. For their sake we hope that they will be billeted in houses on our next move. "Crime Doctor" with Warner Baxter is now playing at the K of C hut. Nearly all the Regt was there.	
	Aug 18		Cloudy in the morning. Sun came out in the afternoon. Our CO came back from GERMANY late this afternoon. The officers had their dance this evening. Lt.-Col. Ellis, Bde Commander was present. The orchestra was a lot better than the one we had previously.	
	Aug 19		A dull weather during the whole day. Lieut R Duguay left the Regiment today to be posted at 3 Div HQ. The film "Dark Waters" with Oberon and Franchot Tone is now playing at the K of C.	
	Aug 20		Cloudy with a little rain in the morning. Fair weather in the afternoon. Capt Sutherland, Lieut Belanger and Lieut Levesque proceeded on 72 hours leave to AMSTERDAM. "Dark Waters" is still showing at the K of C.	
	Aug 21		Fair weather in the morning. Rain in the afternoon.	
	Aug 22		The weather was dull all day. The General, Officer Commanding 2 Div paid a visit to our Regiment. Our soft ball team has been defeated by the Lorne Scots, 3 to 1. "Patrick the Great" with Peggy Ryan and Donald O'Connor is now playing in the K of C.	
	Aug 23		Sunny with occasional showers. Our CO, Lt.-Col. G.L. Lalonde won his games but our Paymaster, Capt E Villeneuve lost his. "Patrick the Great" is still shown at the K of C.	
	Aug 2 24		Heavy rain during the whole day. A Maple Leaf show gave two representations in the K of C hut. The hall was full.	
	Aug 25		Cloudy and rainy all day. In the afternoon we defeated "Lorne Scots" at soft ball by 6 to 4. "High Powered" with Phillis Brooks was playing at the K of C.	

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1 100 000  UTRECHT HOLLAND	Aug 26		Cloudy with sunshine in the late afternoon. Church Parade was held at 1000 hours for C, D, and HQ Coys and at 1100 hours for A, B and Sup Coys. At 1500 hours our Sergeants' soft ball team defeated the Chandiere Sergeants' team by 9 to 5 at LEERSUM. At 1600 hours a fire was discovered near the Sergeants' quarters it was quickly brought under control.	
	Aug 27		Not a cloud in the sky all day. The Adjutant, Capt. G. Leclerc and Lieut G. Riendeau, our sports officer left for England on duty for 72 hours. At 1400 hours we defeated the Lorne Scots at soft ball by 8 to 4. In the late evening Major L. Lacroix, M.C. and Capt L. Barthe returned from their leave in PARIS. "Guest in the House" with Anne Baxter and Raph Bellaney was playing at the K of C at 1800 and 2000 hours.	
	Aug 28		A nice sunny day. The men's morale is rising these days with the First Div moving to the UK and the prospect of better billets within a few days. At 1800 hours the CO, 2 i/c, Coy Commanders, Padre, Medical Officer, TO, QM and the Assistant Adjutant were the Sergeants' guests at a dinner. Speeches were made by the CO and the RSM.	
	Aug 29		Cloudy all day. At 0600 hours a party of 6 Offrs and 75 ORs under Major J. Mathieu left for a remembrance visit to BOURBOURG in France where the unit distinguished itself in the Normandy campaign. At 1500 hours at BIRKHOFEN Sports Field our Regimental softball team was defeated by the Bombers by 4 to 1. "The Princess and the Pirate" with Bob Hope was playing at the K of C.	
	Aug 30		Rain all day. At 1000 hours an "O" Group was held by Major L. Lacroix, M.C. for the move to our new location. An advance party will leave tomorrow morning.	
	Aug 31		Rainy in the morning. Sunny in the afternoon. The advance party left in two groups. The first at 0800 hours under Capt Y David and the second at 0830 hours under Capt P.M. Prevost. It consisted of 1 officer and 5 or 10 men from each company.	

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KAF 369 <u>1</u> 25000	Sep 1		Cloudy in the morning and sunny in the afternoon. 135 low point score men left the unit this morning. The unit moved to its new location in the morning with the companies staggered at 20 minute intervals. The men were quite pleased to move into decent quarters and to be back among civilians again. Capt M. Sirois from Dental Corps joined us to-day.	Ji Ji Ji Ji Ji Ji
SOEST HOLLAND	Sep 2		Sunny and warm all day. The Padre being away on the Normandy tour we had no church parade.	
	Sep 3		Sunny and warm all day. After an early lunch the men left for the 2 Div Feestvering. It was a success with approximately 60000 soldiers and civilians attending. Lt. Gen. Simonds took the salute. Our float once again looked quite impressive in the parade.	
	Sep 4		Sunny all day. The companies are gradually getting organised. Each company has its own set-up with a mess for the men and one for the officers. There is a noted improvement in the men's morale.	
	Sep 5		Rainy in the morning, fair weather in the afternoon. An "Q" group was held at 0930 hrs by Major L. Lacroix (MC) our acting OC during the absence of Lt. Col., G. L. Lalonde. He gave the new syllabus for the Battalion. It consists of educational PT & D drill periods in the morning and tours, sports in the afternoon. The K of C supervisor has also made arrangements for a hall where the men can dance and have beer four or five evenings a week. Movies at 1900 hrs every day with three changes of programmes every week. With such a schedule the men should be kept busy and happy. An office has finally been found for the CI, Int Sec, Sport and Messing Officer.	
	Sep 6		A wonderful day with a warm sun. At 0900 hrs Lt B. Comire left for Varel Germany to return the trailer used for the float. A delegation from the J.O.C. and J.E.C. of Montreal were our guests for lunch. Arrangements were made with the ORs Sailing Club to send a company every afternoon. QN parades will be held weekly for each company. Every man will get a new battle dress and embroidered shoulder flashes	



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MAP 369 <u>1</u> 25000  SOEST HOLLAND	Sep 7		Cloudy all day. At 1000 hrs Major L. Lacroix (EC) inspected A Coy, HQ Coy, RAP and B Coy lines. Capt G. Leclerc our Adjutant attended the meeting for adjutants at Div HQ. It was about the coming move of the Div to UK.	Jr Jr Jr Jr Jr Jr
	Sep 8		Sunny all day. General Simonds GOC Cdn Forces in Netherlands gave a talk on Repatriation to all Officers, ECs and Sgts of 2 Cdn Div. at 1030 hrs in the Grand Theater at Hilversum. Every one was quite pleased at the news. He said that 2 Cdn Div. will have cleared Nijmegen on September 25 and will be out of UK on October 31. At 1200 hrs 4 Officers and 94 ORs participated in Chinese parade in Amsterdam. One Company from the Black Watch and the Div Brass Band were also part of the contingent.	
	Sep 9		Sunny all day. Lt. J. D'Eon left with 10 ORs to go to UK as advance party. Some baggage also went with them. Church Parade was held at 1000 hrs in the local Catholic Church by Capt Kenny the Brigade EC Padre. In the early evening Capt F. McCaffrey Canadian Medical Corps joined us from the Calgary Highlanders. He will stay with the unit for Repatriation. At 2000 hrs a Variety Show was presented at the K of C by a dutch concert party.	
	Sep 10		A wonderful day with no wind and a warm sun in the morning. Light clouds in the afternoon. Lt.-Col., G. L. Lalonde arrived today from the Normandy tour. At 1500 hrs a Conference for all Formation and Unit Commanders in 2 Cdn Div. was held in the Grand Hotel at Hilversum. Our Regimental softball team was defeated 2 to 0 by 3 Div Sigs though Archambault our pitcher allowed only one safe hit. Partically Yours with Fred Mac Murray and Claudette Colbert was playing at the K of C.	
	Sep 11		Sunny all day. News came thru from Brigade that the move of 2 Cdn Div to UK was postponed indefinitely. No reason was given. A Canadian Army Show "You've Had It" was on at the K of C at 1900 hrs.	
	Sep 12		Sunny all day. At 1430 hrs our CO won the Div Individual tennis Championship by defeating Major Roy by 6-3 6-2 6-2. About twenty of our officers attended. Lt.-Col., Ellis was also among the spectators. Capt W.E. Sutherland is collecting weapons for the unit museum. He calls himself the "Unit Museum Officer". Tahiti Night starring Jinx Falkenburg was playing at the K of C Hut at 1900 hrs. Civilians are now allowed to all movies.	

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FAP 369 <u>1</u> 25000	Sep 13		Sunny in the morning cloudy in the afternoon. Brig. McGill our former Brigade commander and Lt.-Col. Ellis our present Brigade OC were guests at lunch. All senior officers of the battalion attended. The officers and men from the Normandy tour returned in the early evening.	Ji
SOEST HOLLAND	Sep 14		Rainy and cloudy all day. At 1000 hrs a meeting of all officers was called for by the CO. It was about our expected move to UK and discipline generally. The men are quite pleased with the CM these days. Each one gets a new battle-dress and an embroidered shoulder flash for his return to Canada. The CO and the 21/c attended the farewell dance of the 4th Medium RCA in the evening.	Ji
	Sep 15		Sunny with occasional clouds. At 1000 hrs a Regt'l parade was held in the Transport lines. Lt.-Col. Ellis our Brigade commander said a few words of farewell and Lt.-Col., G.L. Lalonde then called for three cheers from the men. He then explained the Repatriation scheme and the receptions awaiting the unit in Montreal. The Officers Dance was held in Soest in the evening. Brigadier Allard OC 6 Cdn Inf Bde was one of our guest.	Ji
	Sep 16		Cl udy in the morning, rainy in the afternoon. Visibility was good in the morning and fair in the afternoon. The clock was set back at 0300 hrs. Church parade was held in the local church by our Padre. The Int Officer left for Germany to contact the 2/Regt de Chaud in connection with the transfer of one of our interpreters. The adjutant left for Paris on duty to the Canadian Embassy. He will return Thursday. At 2000 hrs a Dutch Civilian concert party gave a show in the K of C.	Ji
	Sep 17		Sunny and warm all day. Visibility was very good. At 1000 hrs there was a meeting of a 1 Coy Commanders. It was decided that there will be no more attachments to companies. All such attached personnel will be taken on strength. The new battalion set-up of 6 Companies of 75 ORs was also discussed. The IO returned from Germany in the late evening.	Ji

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NAP 369 <u>1</u> 25000  SCRST HOLLAND	Sep 18 1945		Cloudy and rainy in the morning. Damp in the afternoon. Rain in the evening. Visibility was fair throughout the day. The unit museum boxes were brought to Nijmegen by Lieut G. Riendeau along with some personal effects of the Officers. Most of it was returned because they contained unauthorized articles such as Movie projectors, Cameras, weapons, etc. "Thunderhead son of Flicka" was playing at the K of C.	JF
	Sep 19		Cloudy and rainy all day, visibility fair. The move of the unit to Nijmegen will be on the 28 Sep. Every one is waiting anxiously for that day. Morale is higher than ever. The inter-company cross-posting is under way and this should be completed in a few days. The battalion will then be ready for Repat. Major L. Lacroix (MC) went to Nijmegen in connection with a court-martial.	JF
	Sep 20		Sunny with light clouds all day. Visibility was good all day but poor at night due to heavy fog. Major Y Bernier OC "A" Coy was away all day on court-martial duties at Deventer. The battalion nominal roll came out today showing the distribution of Officers and men throughout the companies. A Canadian Army Show "In the Mood" was showing at the K of C at 1900 hrs.	JF
	Sep 21		Overcast all day. Visibility fair. Major L. Lacroix (MC) left for UK today. He is attending his brother's wedding. The Adjt returned from Paris in the late evening.	JF
	Sep 22		Cloudy in the morning with rain in the afternoon and the evening. Visibility fair. Forty men from the Black Watch belonging to MD 7 stayed behind when unit left for Nijmegen. They are attached to us for a few days. They will go on a Canada Draft with some of our own men. Capt F. McGaffrey is holding a skin inspection throughout the Battalion. Scabies seem to be quite common. An average of 10 cases are treated every day.	JF
	Sep 23		Cloudy and chilly all day with light rain in the evening. Visibility was good. Church Parade was held at 0945 hrs in the local Parish church. Quite a number of confessions and communions were recorded. A Dutch concert party gave a representation in K of C hut. It was enjoyed by every spectator.	JF


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MAP 369 <u>1</u> 25000	Sep 24 1945		Cloudy all day. Visibility was fair. Major R Guenet OC "B" Coy was away all day at Utrecht on a court of inquiry in connection with the recent disturbances in that town. "Winged Victory" was playing at the K of C at 1900 hrs.	Jf.
SOEST HOLLAND	Sep 25		Sunny with occasional showers in the afternoon and evening. Visibility good during the day but poor at night due to fog. An "O" Group for our coming move was held at 1000 hrs in EW HQ mess. Capt C.E. Laurencelle left for Nijmegen to contact the records officer there. All officers attended the unit farewell Cocktail party at 1730 hrs. Brigadier Allard OC 6 Cdn Inf Bde, our own Brigade Commander Lt-Col Ellis, Major Kinston G II 2 Cdn Inf Div were among our guests. A cold buffet was also served. It ended at approximately 2000 hrs.	Jf.
			 (G.L. Lalonde) Lt-Col., Officer Commanding, Le Regiment de Maisonneuve CA(O)	

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SOEST	1945 Sept. 26th		Cloudy all day with rain in the late evening. Visibility was good.	f
HOLLAND			All Knights of Columbus activities have ceased because of closing of all regimental Institutes. Films were shown for the last time yesterday.	
			The other ranks' club closed down to-day.	
			A farewell dinner was given by the Commanding Officer to Capt.E.Villeneuve our Paymaster, and Supervisor Gaston Larose who are leaving the unit shortly.	f
	27th		Sunny with occasional clouds in the daytime and showers in the evening. Visibility was good.	
			A phone message came from Brigade at 1230 hours postponing our move 48 hours.	
			The Commanding Officer called an "O" group at 1400 hours for last minute details. The Knights of Columbus Supervisor is to go to Enschede to get a projector and some films for the entertainment of the men. Stores and some vehicles will be turned in as scheduled.	f
			Major L.Lacroix came back from United Kingdom at 1200 hours.	
			Major G.F. Charlebois came back from his tour of Southern France at 1800 hours.	
			"Zombies on Broadway" with Bela Lugosi was showing at the Knights of Columbus at 1900 hours.	f
	28th		Cloudy all day. Visibility was good.	
			Mail is being collected for the last time to-day.	
			Some stores and vehicles are going to the Demobilization depots and the companies are looking after last minute details like marking of equipment and cleaning and pressing.	

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HOLLAND	1945 Sept. 28th		<p>The postponement did not affect the morale of the men because it is believed that it will cut down our stay in Nijmegen accordingly.</p> <p>The number of Venereal Disease cases is quite low. The prospect of early repatriation is a great help in keeping this down.</p> <p>"Diamond Horseshoe" with Betty Grable was playing at the Knights of Columbus at 1400 hours and 1900 hours.</p>	K
	29th		<p>Sunny with occasional clouds and rain. Visibility was good.</p> <p>Lt.Col. M.Derome from Canadian Forces in the Netherlands H.Q. was our guest for lunch.</p> <p>Lt. J.A. Vezina rejoined the unit and was sent to "C" company.</p> <p>"Valley of Decision" with Greer Garson played to a packed house in the Knights of Columbus at 1900 hours.</p> <p>Sunny in the early morning followed by light rain. Visibility was good.</p> <p>The Unit started moving to Nijmegen at 0830 hours with the cooking equipment and baggage being picked up at 0730 hours, Each company left at 10 minutes intervals. A rear party under the 2nd In Command stayed behind for a few hours. The move was completed by 1230 hours.</p> <p>A muster parade was held at 1330 hours followed by an "O" group by the Commanding Officer at 1400 hours. Points regarding administration and discipline were brought out.</p> <p>Morale is high although everyone is confined to barracks. There is entertainment in the afternoon and evening.</p>	

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NIJMEGEN HOLLAND	Oct. 1st		<p>Sunny all day. Visibility was very good.</p> <p>A muster parade was held at 0730 hours followed by a pay parade at 1000 hours and a cigarette parade at 1100 hours. A skin inspection was called for 1330 hours. Only one man was taken off the draft for a blood test.</p> <p>Capt. Y. David, our Quarter Master, is not leaving with the unit. He is going to Army Troops.</p>	Ji
		2nd.	<p>Sunny in the morning, cloudy in the afternoon. Visibility was good.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer attended a meeting with the Camp Commandant at 1000 hours and then held an "O" group at 1100 hours. We move this evening to Ostende via Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges. Parade was at 1745 hours and the Unit moved off at 1830 hours on foot with Battalion Head Quarters leading, followed by Head Quarters, Support A.B.C. D. Companies. Entraining was set for 1845 hours with the train moving off at 1200 hours. Tea was served at 2158 hours at the fifteen minute halt at Tilburg.</p>	
OSTENDE BELGIUM DOVER, ALDERSHOT ENGLAND	3rd.		<p>Sunny and cloudy with light rain the early afternoon. Visibility was good in the morning and poor in the early afternoon.</p> <p>The Unit arrived in Ostende at 0406 hours and moved on foot to No.111 Transit Camp where a hot meal was served. Breakfast was at 0730 hours and the Unit moved off again at 0930 hours to embark on the Princess Astrid at 1115 hours. We arrived at Dover at 1700 hours. A hot supper was served and we boarded the train at approximately 1910 hours. We arrived in Aldershot at No.6 Canadian Repat Depot."B" Wing at 2320 hours. Tea was served and sleeping quarters allotted.</p>	Ji
		4th	<p>Damp and cold with fog in the morning. Visibility was poor in the morning and good in the afternoon.</p>	

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	Oct. 4th		<p>A Regimental Parade was held at 0830 hours at 0900 hours, Col. Matheson, Officer Commanding No. 6 Repat Depot explained the procedure for our stay in this depot. After a few days everyone gets ten days leave and the either awaits a ship or, if this is not available, is sent on another leave. The Unit is confined to barracks until relieved by the Commanding Officer. After this short talk the whole Unit went through the "sausage machine" for documentation, pay, medical Officer etc.</p> <p>An "O" group was held at 1030 hours in the Battalion Orderly Room. A kit inspection was made at 1315 hours and the Battalion was then rearranged in the billets with Battalion Headquarters Company and Support going in block E, A and B in block F and C in block H.</p> <p>All officers attended a pay parade at 1430 hours. The confinement to barracks was lifted for the evening with tattoo being called at 2230 hours. Lt. Col. Massue and Lt. Col. Robert of the R.C.A.M.C., two old "Maisies", visited us in the late afternoon.</p>	
	5th		<p>Sunny all day with fog in the early morning. Visibility was good.</p> <p>As a coincidence the unit is occupying Barrosa barracks, the same we were billeted in when we came over in 1940.</p> <p>Regimental parade at 0830 hours followed by a Quarter Master parade for all companies.</p> <p>At 1615 hours a Venereal Disease film was shown followed by a "Bull Session" by the local Roman Catholic Padre.</p>	
	6th		<p>Sunny with fog in the early morning. Visibility was good.</p> <p>A regimental parade was held as usual at 0830 hours. A ten day leave is granted to everyone. Pay parade was held immediately.</p> <p>At 1000 hours a kit parade under company arrangements was called for turning in of kit.</p>	

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	1945			
	Oct. 6th		At 1100 hours warrants and passes were issued.	J
	7th to 16th		The companies are to proceed on leave as follows. Battalion Headquarters, Support at 1300 hours, A and B at 1400 and C and D at 1500.  Battalion on leave.	
	17th		Sunny with fog in the early morning. Visibility was good for the rest of the day. 0830 hours parade on the "Wing" parade ground. A rehearsal for the reception in Montreal followed. At 1000 hours kits were picked up under company arrangements from kit stores. In the afternoon our Regimental Softball team defeated the "B" wing team by 25 - 3.	J
	18th		Rainy in the early morning. Sunny in the afternoon. Visibility was fair.  Regimental parade and rehearsal at 0830 hours. Mass formation was practiced followed by general smartening up. At 1500 hours our Officers' softball team defeated the "B" wing Officers' team 6 - 5. An extra inning had to be played.	
	19th		Sunny with fog in the early morning. Visibility was good.  Regimental parade followed by a rehearsal at 0830 hours.  The Ninth Victory Loan Campaign was opened to-day in the unit. Officers were appointed as salesman in each company. At 1400 hours the Officers' softball team with Corporal Paquette on the mound defeated the regimental team by 12 to 8. It was a surprise to everyone.  The morale is quite high even though there is a rumour of another leave and delay in leaving for home. Entertainment is plentiful and the men have an easy life. The financial situation is getting a bit strained.	J

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	1945 Oct. 19th		Victory Bonds sales total for today was \$36,000.	
	20th		Sunny with fog in the early morning. Visibility was good. Regimental parade at 0830 hours.  An "O" group was held in the orderly room to discuss discipline and other details. At 1300 hours a meeting of all the Officers was held in the lounge for a briefing on the Montreal reception ceremony. Tentative programme is as follows:- Arrival at Viger station. Disposal of kits in trucks. A one hour break to see relatives. Parade through Craig, Amherst, St. Catherine, St. Lawrence to Notre Dame Cathedral where there will be four speeches followed by a Te Deum. Then on to Place d'Armes where the Commanding Officer will deposit a wreath on the Maisonneuve monument, finally down to the armoury on Craig Street for a reception for Other Ranks and Officers.	
	21st		Victory Bonds sales were at \$57,000. to-day.  Rainy all day. Visibility was poor. Church parade was at 1000 hours in the "sausage machine" building. Results for the 9th Victory Loan Campaign are very encouraging, The Unit's objective is only \$3,500.	
	22nd.		Cloudy with occasional showers and sunshine. Visibility was fair.  A seven day leave is being granted to the Unit from 1300 hours today to 2359 hours on the 29th instant. Regimental parade at 0830 hours followed at 1000 hours by a kit parade and at 1100 hours by a pay parade. Warrants and passes were issued at 1330 hours and the men marched off to the Aldershot station under their own Officers.	
	23rd to 29th		Battalion on leave.	

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	Oct. 30th		Sunny all day. Visibility was good. A really wonderful day for October in England.  Regimental parade at 0830 hours followed by a few words from the Commanding Officer about discipline and health. The rest of the day was spent in picking up kits and cleaning equipment. A parade will be held on Friday and a Victory Loan Pennant will be presented to the Unit.	J
	31st		Sunny with fog in the early morning. Visibility was good the rest of the day.  Regimental parade at 0830 hours followed by a rehearsal for Friday's ceremony.  No news of departure yet. There are plenty of rumours in the air though.  at 1500 hours our Officers' softball team defeated a mixed team of Officers and other ranks from "B" wing by 11-8. Our Victory Loan Campaign has reached \$75,000.	X
	Nov. 1st.		Sunny with fog in the morning. Visibility was good the rest of the day.  Usual regimental parade at 0900 hours followed by a rehearsal for tomorrow afternoon's parade. A Church parade was held in the Alubera Theatre at 1000 hours. At 1330 hours the Officers had a group photograph taken by a civilian photographer.  Negotiations are under way for the purchase of liquid khaki cleaner for the web equipment.	J
	2nd.		A fine drizzle in the morning with clouds in the afternoon. Visibility was fair.  Regimental parade at 0830 hours where nine pence was collected from all ranks for the purchase of web cleaner. A final rehearsal was then held in preparation for the ceremony in the afternoon.	J

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	1945			
	Nov.			
	2nd		<p>At 1530 hours a general salute was ordered by Lt. Col. L.G.Lalonde our Commanding Officer for Brigadier Suttie, D.S.O., who inspected the Unit and made a short speech both in French and English congratulating us for our success in the 9th Victory Loan Campaign. He then presented the Unit with a pennant and took the salute while the band of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps played Le Regiment de Sambre et Meuse (our Regimental march).</p> <p>The Commanding Officer, 2nd in Command, Adjutant and company commanders then adjourned to the mess for an informal reception given by Lt. Col. Hovey, Officer Commanding No.6 Repat Depot.</p>	
	3rd		<p>Cloudy all day. Visibility was good.</p> <p>Morning parade at 0900 hours from now on. Rumours are floating around about a five day leave for next week. Everyone would much rather leave for home.</p>	
	4th		<p>Cloudy with occasional sunshine. Visibility was good.</p> <p>Church parade at 1000 hours in the open in front of the "sausage machine" building.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer said a few words to the men warning them about spending and general behaviour in the coming leave.</p>	
	5th		<p>Cloudy with occasional sunshine. Weather is fairly warm in the daytime but quite cold in the evening. Visibility was good.</p> <p>Parade at 0900 hours followed by kit store parade for disposal of kit not needed on leave, which is from 1300 hours today to 2359 hours on the 11th.</p> <p>Warrants were issued on the afternoon parade and the companies left for the station in groups of two at thirty minute intervals.</p>	
	6th to 11th		<p>Battalion on leave.</p>	



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	1945 Nov. 12th		Cloudy and cold all day. Visibility was good.  Usual parade at 0900 hours. The Commanding Officer gave a severe blow to the men's morale by announcing that we will not leave on the Queen Elizabeth on the 15th as everyone believed but probably around the 22nd on the Empress of Scotland.  A syllabus of entertainment and sports is being prepared by the 2nd in Command for this week.	J.
	13th		Cloudy all day. Visibility was good.  Battalion parade at 0900 hours. A group of men went to the swimming pool and the rest had a film at 1000 hours.  Lieut. J.P. Gougeon having been admitted to hospital recently is now struck off strength. We also have quite a number of men who have left the Unit for medical reasons. When the unit arrived in the United Kingdom on October 3rd its strength was 51 Officers and 522 other ranks. It now stands at 50 Officers and 472 other ranks.  Our regimental volley-ball team defeated a team from No. 6 Canadian Repat Depot by two games to nothing.	J.
	14th		Cloudy with occasional sunshine. Visibility was good.  Usual 0900 hours Battalion parade with companies going to the swimming pool or on an educational tour.	J.
	15th		Cloudy all day. Visibility was good.  Regimental parade at 0900 hours with the companies going either on tour or at the swimming pool.	J.

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	1945			
	Nov. 15th		In the afternoon the Officers' team defeated a team from "C" company at touch rugby. This was followed by a victory of our regimental volley ball team over No.6 Canadian Repat Depot by three games to nothing.	F1.
			The Commanding Officer received a cable saying that the officers dance in Montreal had been put back from Nov. 24th to Dec. 7th.	
	16th		Sunny but cold all day. Visibility was good.	
			Usual 0900 hours regimental parade with some men going to the swimming pool and others on educationnal or bicycle tours followed by a pay parade at 0930 hours. A Quarter Master parade was held in the afternoon.	F1.
			In the "blues" today, Major G.F. Charlebois, Officer Commanding D company, and Major F. de S. Robert, former Officer Commanding D company were both awarded the D.S.O.	
	17th		Cold with clouds and occasional sunshine. Visibility was good.	
			Regimental parade at 0900 hours followed by a few words by the Commanding Officer about the arrival in Montreal. A rehearsal on Battalion drill then followed.	F1.
			Morale is quite high now that our departure is scheduled for the 22nd.	
	18th		Cold in the morning with mild weather in the afternoon and evening. Overcast all day. Visibility was good. Church parade at 0910 hours followed by a master parade and a final check up inspection by our Commanding Officer.	F1.
			The movement order for Canada arrived in the morning.	
			Morale is at its highest now and will no doubt remain so for a few weeks.	
			The Officers' baggage left in the afternoon	

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	1945 Nov. 19th		Sunny and mild all day. Visibility was good. Regimental parade at 0900 hours. All those in need of a haircut went either in camp or in Aldershot. Pay parade for the Officers was held at 1330 hours where each one received a two hundred dollar cheque. Smiles were on every face.	Ji
	20th		Foggy all day. Visibility poor and nil in the early evening. Last regimental parade in England at 0830 hours.  The Other Ranks' pay parade was held at 0900 hours followed by an "O" group for company commanders at 0930 hours.  At 1300 hours a meeting for all Officers was held in the Officers' Lounge for a last briefing on the Montreal reception. At 1500 hours there was a medical inspection of the battalion. The Commanding Officer inspected the men's billets at 1600 hours.	Ji
	21st		Foggy in the morning with clouds all day. Visibility was good. The Unit left in three groups. The first and third consisting of both Officers and men and the second of Officers only. The Commanding Officer was in charge of the first and Major L. Lacroix, M.C. in charge of the third.  The first contingent left at 0001 hours the second at 0255 hours and the third at 0455 hours. Roll call was made on the parade ground and trucks carried the groups to the station where a 24 hour ration was distributed followed by entraining.  Battalion strength for the wave to Canada was 50 Officers and 465 Other Ranks.  Liverpool was the embarkation point and the Empress of Scotland was in dock. Each group embarked on arrival.	Ji

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ABOARD EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND	Nov. 22nd.		Foggy and cloudy all day. Visibility was poor.  The Empress of Scotland left at 1130 hours. The docks were soon out of sight. Morale is very high.	JF
	23rd		Sunny with occasional clouds. Visibility was good.  Emergency boat drill at 1000 hours for all ranks.	
	24th		A few lucky Officers had cabins while the rest were in bunks with about 50 Officers per cabin. The Other Ranks were quartered on the forward part of the ship.  Cloudy with a high wind. Visibility was good.	
			Very heavy seas caused two broken portholes and a delay of a few hours. The proportion of seasickness is quite high with some of the senior Officers being among its victims.	
	25th		Sunny and windy all day. Visibility was good. Church parade at 1000 hours in the mens' recreation room.	
	26th		Sunny with occasional clouds all day. Visibility was good.  Sailing was somewhat smoother all day.	
HALIFAX, N.S.	27th		Sunny with occasional clouds all day. Visibility was good.  The sea was calm all day and a few signs of land were noticed. Halifax was first sighted at about 1800 hours and the ship finally docked amid loud cheers at approximately 2000 hours. Disembarkation proceeded all through the night.	JF
	28th		Cloudy and fairly cold all day. Visibility was good.	

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# WAR DIARY

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### INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
HALIFAX, N.S.	1945 Nov. 28th		The Unit disembarked at 0500 hours and entrained immediately. The train pulled out at 0600 hours. Everybody is polishing and getting ready for our arrival which is scheduled for 1030 hours tomorrow. Warrants, passes were distributed for our leave until Jan. 7, 1946.	J.
	29th		<p>Cloudy and cold all day. Visibility was good.</p> <p>The train pulled in on time at 1030 hours at Viger Station. An hour was spent with relatives and the parade proceeded along Craig, Amherst, St. Catherine, St. Lawrence Craig, Place d'Armes and Notre Dame Church.</p> <p>Speeches were made by Archbishop Charbonneau, M.E. Hamelin for the City of Montreal, Lt. Col. Bibault our former Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Lalonde our Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Lalonde our Commanding Officer and our beloved padre., Father Marchand.</p> <p>A Te-Deum was sung, and the Last Post was played.</p> <p>Parade was then formed on Place d'Armes and a wreath was deposited at the base of Maisonneuve's Monument by our Commanding Officer. The Unit then proceeded along Notre Dame, Gosford and into the drill hall, where a formal dismissal was given by the Commanding Officer.</p> <p>Refreshments were then served to the Officers in the mess and to the men in the drill hall.</p>	J.

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