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HILTINGBURY CAMP C-7	Jun 44	1	Weather - hot and sultry. Units in the clutches of Movement Control. All movement taking place by craft loads.	JLB
		2	Weather - hot and dry with occasional showers. Most of serials leave Marshalling Area C-7 for embarkation ports.	JLB
		3	Weather - very hot and dry. CO's serial leaves Marshalling Area C-7 at 2200 hrs to embark.	JLB
AT SEA		4	Weather - cool and cloudy. CO visits Coy Comds aboard their craft. D-Day postponed 24 hrs due to weather.	JLB
		5	1000 All craft under way at 1000 hrs. Weather - Cool and cloudy. Sea none too smooth.	JLB
COURSEULLES SUR-MER		6	D-Day 0805 1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT, on Ex "OVERLORD" landed at NAN GREEN BEACH, COURSEULLES-SUR-MER, NORMANDY, FRANCE at 0805 hrs., with A Coy being first in, followed by B Coy at 0815 hrs. C Coy landed at 0835 hrs. D Coy at 0855 hrs. 0900 Comd Gp, with Lt-Col F. M. Matheson, E.D., touched down at 0900 hrs. 0830 A Coy report that they are held up by heavy fire. 0855 Two LCAs of D Coy strike mines about 250 yds from beach and are blown up. Major J.V. Love, Comd D Coy, Lt R.B. Murchison, Signal Offr and a number of ORs are casualties. A number of others were rescued by RN craft, and some swam ashore. 0930 D Coy, consisting of approximately 49 all ranks, under comd of Lt H.L. Jones began advance to REVIERS 1000 Bn HQ at 973855. A Coy in particular still engaged in heavy fighting in beach area and in area behind beach. 1100 Bn HQ moving to 965819. Civilians of COURSEULLES-SUR-MER welcomed our troops with flowers. Many a bottle of wine was dug up and presented to the troops, who at that moment had a more serious task in hand. 1215 C Coy reports bridge at REVIERS clear. 1330 Bn HQ, followed by B Coy, moves forward to REVIERS.	JLB

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REVIERS	6	1500	Bn HQ arrives REVIERS.	
		1555	QUEENS OWN RIFLE REGT of CANADA report that they have taken MAGNY and are advancing on BASLY.	
		1800	B Coy, followed by C Coy, with in support B Sqn 6 CAGR, were ordered forward to FONTAINE-HENRY. C Coy instructions were to by pass FONTAINE-HENRY and to proceed to LE FRESNE-CAMILLY.	
LE FRESNE-CAMILLY sq 9477 Sheet CAEN 7 F/1		1850	B Sqn Comd reports that he has withdrawn his tanks after having had 6 tanks knocked out by 88 mm guns.	
		1900	D Coy moves direct to LE FRESNE-CAMILLY followed by Bn HQ. A Coy ordered to remain in REVIERS to guard approaches to river and to guard bridges.	
		1900	B Coy reports that they are in FONTAINE-HENRY.	
		1950	C Coy reports that they have reached LE FRESNE-CAMILLY.	
		1950	Bn reports to Bde that Intermediate Objective on line ELM has been reached. Bn HQ is set up in LE FRESNE-CAMILLY sq 9477.	
		2100	Bn ordered by Bde to consolidate for the night on line ELM sq 9578.	
		2115	B Coy reports that they had been subjected to enemy arty fire and that Major F.L. Peters, Comd B Coy and Lt G.D. Dickin, 2IC B Coy were killed.	
		2115	Up to this time, approximately 150 PW were taken, over 100 of these being captured in COURSEULLES SUR-MER.	
		2200	CO goes to make recce of position to be taken up for the night.	
LE FRESNE-CAMILLY sq 9477 Sheet CAEN 7 F/1	7	0030	Bn begins move to new position in sq 9578.	
		0300	CO and IO attend O Gp at HQ 7 Cdn Inf Bde. Days operations were discussed, and plans made to move forward to final objective on line OAK. COs of units exchanged information on the D Day activities. It was evident to all that, due to adverse flying conditions, that the air support had not been as great as been expected. Pillboxes and other emplacements were still open for business when our troops touched down.	
		0300	Bn now in new position.	
		0500	Lt-Col F.M. Matheson holds Bn O Gp, and orders for the advance to final objective on line OAK are given.	
		0715	Coy move off with A and C Coys on right and B and D Coys on the left.	
		0730	Bn HQ moves off.	
		1200	At 1200 hrs, Regina Rifle Regiment moved into BRETTEVILLE L'ORGEULLEUSE which was clear of the enemy and the civilian population gave the troops a very friendly reception. The Bn took a defensive position with A Coy at 926718, B Coy at 934705, C Coy at 923703, and D Coy at 948703. Bn HQ set up at 927718. The Bn dug in and things remained quiet during the afternoon. R Wpg Rif took up a position on our right at approximately 1330 hrs. Thus the Regina Rif were out in front with no protection on our left flank, a position which we refused to vacate until relieved 11 days later by the QCR.	JLB

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BRETTEVILLE L'ORCHILLUSE 927716 Sheet 7/ 8/1 CAEN	7		1st Bn THE MEDINA RIFLE REGIMENT	
			During the night, the enemy pulled off a counter attack on B, C, and D Coy positions which was repulsed by our troops. The Bn was determined to stay put on the final objective.	
	8		Weather - fine and clear.	
		0850	At 0850 D Coy reported that they were being mortared. At 0858 enemy tanks were seen at 963703. 8 enemy tanks were seen at 9770 and reported to Bde HQ. At 1220 enemy tanks were reported advancing along road to our HQ. At 1100 hrs, D Coy reported enemy tanks in considerable strength 1000 yds to their front.	JLB
		1220	D Coy moved to 919713 to improve the Bn fortress. C Coy report they had repulsed an infantry attack but were being attacked by tanks and requested arty support. This was granted. Attack was repulsed. The Bn still sits on objective.	
		1400	Bn HQ attacked by Panther tanks and infantry beginning at 2230 hrs.	
		2230		
BRETTEVILLE L'ORCHILLUSE	9	0030	At 0030 hrs Bn HQ WAS SHELLED AND MACHINED GUNNED, when the enemy put in a tank and infantry attack on the town. One Panther tank pulled up outside Bn HQ. and the tank pulled up outside Bn HQ and the tank pulled up outside Bn HQ . The tank was then knocked out by a PIAT. Meanwhile a hot time was had by all as enemy tanks were all about the town blasting away at the men in their slit trenches and destroying one of our A/Tk guns. The whole sky was lit up by blazing reefs and burning tanks as well as our own parachute flares. At 0220 hrs, another tank was knocked out by a PIAT near our mortar positions. At 0315 hrs, an enemy AA Armed car SD KFE 140 ran up the main street of Bretteville and was knocked out by PIAT fire in front of our Bn HQ. During the scrap, we lost seven carriers including one loaded with amm. In return five Panther tanks were bagged in the vicinity of Bn HQ. At 0423 Panther tanks left vicinity of Bn HQ and RVD a short distance away. We requested arty fire on them. This was granted. We were informed that tank support would be forth-coming at first light.	JLB
		0200	At 0445 hrs, the enemy put in determined attacks on all Coys, but were thrown back.	
		0315	Altogether a very hectic night was spent by all. A bright new page was written in the records of this Bn. Everyone fought magnificently and although the picture looked black, there was no sign of wavering anywhere. In this attack, Capt R.G. Shinnan lost his life.	
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BRETTEVILLE L'ORGEUILLEUSE	10	1900	Weather--cool and cloudy Very little activity either ours or enemy. Patrols are active on all coy fronts. Typhoons dive-bombed targets on our front towards CHEUX at 1900 hrs. Mines being laid and the coys strengthen their positions. Slight mortar fire on D Coy positions but no damage done.	JLB
BRETTEVILLE L'ORGEUILLEUSE	11		Weather--cloudy and warm. Little activity except patrols. Patrols very active but are not meeting up with enemy resistance. Tanks come up in support. QCR of C make an attack on our front supported by Sherman tanks but are beaten back by stiff opposition. 7 Armcd XXXX vehs and tanks knocked out and 4 Armcd Vehs captured during a short encounter with Enemy armour.	JLB
BRETTEVILLE L'ORGEUILLEUSE	12		Weather--cloudy and overcast with occasional showers. Occasional bursts of mortar and arty fire enlivened the days proceedings but did very little damage. Our activity was mainly confined to patrols and to strengthening our positions.	JLB
BRETTEVILLE L'ORGEUILLEUSE	13	1545 1915	D-8. Our positions--BnHQ - 927717, A Coy - 927717, B Coy - 930716, C Coy - 922703, D Coy - 919712. On our right 1 C Scot R, on our left R de Chaud, to our rear R Wpg Rifand GH of C. Weather--Fine with clouds in afternoon, clearing in the evening with cloudless sky. A quiet night followed by a quiet day which was interrupted at 1545 hrs by enemy artillery fire on Bn HQ and A Coy. Approximately 5 rounds landed in the area and we had 2 casualties, slightly wounded. Another flurry of enemy arty fire at approximately 1915 hrs. No damage done.	JLB

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BRETTEVILLE L'ORGEVILLEUSE	14		1st Bn The REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT. Positions: Bn HQ - 927717, A Coy - 927717, B Coy - 930716, C Coy - 922703, D Coy 919712. Right 1 C Scot R, Left R de Chaud, Rear R Wpg Rif and CH of O. MR sheet 37/16 NE, THACH 1/25,000. Weather--Fine and bright with occasional clouds. Our activity consisted mainly of patrols. Enemy shelled Bn HQ area for a few minutes at approximately 1700 hrs hitting a truck in our vehicle park and slightly wounding one man. At 1900 hrs Bn HQ area was bombed for about 15 minutes. This fire came from a rocket-type mortar and is thought to be Jerry's six barrelled mortar. This was the first evidence of this type of weapon on our front. No casualties. At 2345 hrs a hit on our ammunition dump in the vehicle park set off a conflagration in the area which lasted a good part of the night. Miraculously no one was injured. Five tpt vans were destroyed. FO Griffiths, A (26 Son RAF) reported in to Bn HQ at 2000 hrs having been shot down by enemy flak in the area of C Coy.	JLB
BRETTEVILLE L'ORGEVILLEUSE	15		Positions: Bn HQ 927717, B Coy - 930716, A Coy--same as Bn HQ, C Coy--922703, D Coy 919712. On our rt 1 C Scot R, on left R de Chaud, and to our rear R Wpg Rif and CH of O. Weather--Fine all day with heavy cloud banks in the morning. The day started out very quietly after last night's fire works. Bn HQ moved to a new location about 300 yards away from the old pen as it seemed apparent that the enemy had us spotted. Shelling intermittently by the enemy during the afternoon and in the early evening the church steeple next to our former HQ was demolished. Patrols went out during the night but got little new information. In spite of heavy shelling and counter attacks, Bn remained on objective reached on D + 1. New pen of Bn HQ and A Coy is 923719.	JLB
BRETTEVILLE L'ORGEVILLEUSE	16		Positions: Bn HQ 923719, A Coy 927717, B Coy 930716, C Coy 922703, D Coy 919712. On our left REAR R de Chaud, On the right 1 C Scot R, to our rear R Wpg Rif and CH of O. Weather--Showers in early morning. Cloudy and overcast during the day. Our activity consisted mainly of patrols. Enemy shelled Bn HQ area for a few minutes at approximately 1700 hrs hitting a truck in our vehicle park and slightly wounding one man. At 1900 hrs Bn HQ area was bombed for about 15 minutes. This fire came from a rocket-type mortar and is thought to be Jerry's six barrelled mortar. This was the first evidence of this type of weapon on our front. No casualties. At 2345 hrs a hit on our ammunition dump in the vehicle park set off a conflagration in the area which lasted a good part of the night. Miraculously no one was injured. Five tpt vans were destroyed. FO Griffiths, A (26 Son RAF) reported in to Bn HQ at 2000 hrs having been shot down by enemy flak in the area of C Coy.	

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BRETTEVILLE L'ORGEVILLEUSE	16		afternoon with practically no opposition under cover of a hy arty barrage. Infantry may have retired from immediately to our front, and we are endeavouring to re-establish contact with patrols that went out in the evening. Sgt Johnson, 6 Cdn Armd Re gt., who has just returned from the area, reports that the heavy equipment in LE MESNIL PATRY was withdrawn to the SOUTH two nights ago. To all appearances the enemy have withdrawn from immediately to our front and our patrols have not established contact. They will attempt to do so tonight.	JLB
BRETTEVILLE L'ORGEVILLEUSE	17		Posns still the same. Weather--cloudy and dull in the morning and early afternoon, clearing in the evening with cloudless sky. A very quiet day with no reply to our arty fire on this front. Our patrols were out trying to establish contact. One patrol from C Coy had a tangle with the enemy in the afternoon, and were caught in their cross fire suffering 2 killed, 7 wounded and 6 missing. Some of the casualties were caused by beeby traps in abandoned enemy slit trenches which our tps used during the fight. The unit prepared to move to BRAY, MR 9473 sheet 7F/1 Caen. our present posns being taken over by the QOR of C. Further patrolling was carried out by the units of this Bde.	JLB
BRETTEVILLE L'ORGEVILLEUSE	18		Regina Rif posns: Bn HQ 943736, A Coy 943735, B Coy 946734, C Coy 947741, D Coy 939736. Onx our right front 1 S Scot R and QOR and on our left flank R Wpg Rif and 9th Cdn Inf Bde. Weather--mild and dry with clouds--visibility good. Regina Rif commenced to move to the area 9437 at approximately 0030 hrs and were in the new posn before first light. Our activity was confined to patrols in the immediate area. No shelling of our area today for the first time since landing. Bn held the objective attained on D 1 for eleven days until relieved by QOR. Morale was high throughout. Everybody XXXXX proud of the record of the Regiment General B Montgomery made special mention of the 7 Cdn Inf Bde. Everyone is trying to catch up on his sleep and racheck eqpt and weapons. Patrols were sent out in the night but did not contact the enemy.	JLB

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BRAY	19		Positions BRAY (MR -- FRANCE-1/25,000-- 37/16 NE, THACH) Bn HQ 94257355, A Coy--943735, B Coy 946734, C Coy 947741, D Coy 939736.	
		1400	Weather--It started to rain in the early hours of the morning and continued throughout the day making conditions generally miserable for all. Little activity in our area and no sign of the enemy during the day. An O Gp at Bde HQ at 1400 hrs attended by the CO and IO of this Bn. Lt-Gen Greer, GOC in C 1st Cdn Army was present at this meeting and expressed his satisfaction with the trend of events and with the progress made by this Div. An O Gp was held by the CO of this unit which was attended by all Coy Comdrs. Points discussed at both conferences were the matter of a tightening up of discipline made necessary by the let down after the last weeks activity, and the subject of looting, which was not of a vicious nature but mainly thoughtlessness on the part of a small minority. A serious view will be taken of this in future.	JLB
BRAY	20		Positions of the Bn still the same.	
		1400	Weather--cloudy and dull with occasional periods of sunshine. A quiet day in our area as far as the infantry was concerned. Patrols went out during the day but did not contact the enemy. Our arty was busy all day hammering away at enemy posns. A number of the personnel of this Bn were present at a demonstration of HONEY tanks put on by the 10 Cdn Tank Regiment at 1400 hrs. Checking of eqpt and replacing destroyed and damaged eqpt continues.	JLB
B RAY	21		Positions unchanged. Weather cloudy	
		1000	Patrol conference HQ 7 Cdn Inf Bde at 1000 hrs. Bn in Reserve posn at Bray 944735. No signs of enemy activity during morning. Own arty in this area firing at intervals. Bn is getting rested and bringing equipment up to scratch.	JLB
		14 00	At 1400 hrs Lt-Gen H D Greer, Comd 1st Cdn Army visited the Bn. He was conducted on his tour by Brig H W Fester, Comd 7 Cdn Inf Bde.	
		2100	At 2100 hrs Maj-Gen R F L Keller GOC 3 Cdn Inf Div accompanied by Brig H W Fester visited this HQ.	

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BRAY	June 22		Sky remains overcast in morning and clears up in the afternoon. Bn remains in present position. All quiet during night 21/22 June. Patrols report MG fire from EAST well fed of our position. Approximate casualties since D-Day: 360 CRs, and 17 Officers. The CO visits 14 Pz Abn at PLEMPONT. The Sniper School continues trg. Four Candidates sent out to front lines for practice on live targets.	JB
BRAY	23	1200	Weather--cloudy and overcast. Clears in afternoon. Quiet during night 22/23 Jun 44. At 1200 hrs a dogfight overhead and 1 ME109-- was shot down. The pilot was picked up by the 1 C Sqdn R.	JB
		1500	The CO attends a conference at HQ 7 Cdn Inf Bde at 1500 hrs.	
		1900	The CO holds an O Gp at 1900 hrs. Possible future operations were discussed as well as trg and Adm.	
BRAY	24	1400	Weather--bright and warm. Patrols night 23/24 report little enemy activity other than numerous flares and occasional MG bursts well to our front. Historian 3 Cdn Inf Div visited this HQ at 1400 hrs and discussed historical records with the CO. Patrols for night 24/25 June as per appendix.	JB Appendix #5.
BRAY	25	2000	Weather--clear and bright. Capt Jamieson, unit chaplain, held services in Coy areas during morning and evening. Coys were gathered in orchards, and or under cover from air observations. Sounds of Ack Ack fire and Arty fire did not prevent the padre from delivering an excellent sermon.	JB
		2100	CO attended a conference HQ 7 Cdn Inf Bde at 2000 hrs.	
			Our arty putting down heavy barrage commencing 2100 hrs.	
BRAY	26	0730	Showers during day. Beginning at 0730 hrs and lasting for 2 hrs. over 600 guns put down heavy concentrations and barrage on ST. MAUVIEU, and CHEUX area in sp of attack by 5 Br. Corps. which was successful. These places are now in our hands. Major A S Gregory, TIC, made a recon to St. MAUVIEU 9368 to observe enemy in MARGELET 9468. He reported that enemy still in MARGELET.	JB

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BRAY	26	1945 1745 2200	Bn on 1 hr notice to move from 1800 hrs. Stand down at 1945 hrs. Stand to continue from first light 27 Jun 44. Several close arty shells landed of 105 variety at 1745 hrs. in Bn area. No damage done. At 2200 hrs, 1 C Sect R Bn HQ received a direct hit. CO, 2 IO, Adj, IO, and Signal Offr wounded.	JLB
BRAY	27		Showery during the day. Own arty in our area doing considerable firing during the day. Bn still remains on 1 hr notice to move.	JLB
BRAY	28		Some showers during the day. Exercise Albacore postponed. Bn stands down from 1 hr notice to move. Bde order patrol to CARPIQUET through MARCELET. IO and Lt L Bergeron liaise with D Coy, 5 Coldstream Guards in MARCELET and arrange patrol. Meaning Minnie (my mortars) firing from area FRANQUEVILLE intermittently during the night. Shells were not particularly close.	JLB
BRAY	29	0930 0700 1400 2300	Sky partially overcast. CO and IO attend conference at HQ 7 Cdn Inf Bde at 0930 hrs. Lt L Bergeron reports in from patrol to CARPIQUET at 0700 hrs. Enemy still occupy CARPIQUET. Second NCO school begins for NCOs recently appointed. School is under direction of Major G.T.S. Tubb, C Coy comd. Snipers continue trg. Lt-Col F.M. Matheson holds C Gp at 1400 hrs. Mobile Bath Unit does one stand at the Bn. Parade by Coys. Lt Brundage takes out recon patrol from MARCELET to CARPIQUET at 2300 hrs.	JLB
BRAY	30	1400 1515	Night of 29 Jun quiet in Bn area, but our arty fire was being brought down to south near CHEUX, where enemy tank concentration was reported. Identification of 9 Pz Div were obtained by units in CHEUX area 9065. Apparently the enemy is responding to the thrust from CHEUX by bringing up fresh Divs. Lt-Col F.M. Matheson, CO, and the IO attended an orders gp at HQ, 7 Cdn Inf Bde at 1400 hrs. Brig H.W. Foster, Comd 7 Cdn Inf Bde presented the general picture and explained the move of units required to present a solid front to the enemy threat of armour from CAEN direction. At 1515 hrs, CO held C Gp for move from BRAY 9473 to area 9470 La VILLENEUVE, where the Bn takes over from the North Shore Regiment and 7 Recon Regt. Change of comd at 2000 hrs. R Upg Rif to take over from 1 Regina Rif.	JLB

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BRAY	30	1600	1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT At 1600 hrs, CO, C Coy Comd, A Coy Comd, mortar pl comd, A/Tk Pl Comd, and IO go to new area for recon.	JLB
		1700	At 1700 hrs, C Coy arrives in new area, A Coy arrives at 1745 hrs, and Bn HQ at 2025 hrs. Location of sub units are as follows: Bn HQ - 946712 A Coy - 949706 B Coy - 943710 C Coy - 948712 D Coy - 943715 Minesfields, Arty, 4.2 mortar, MGA, and A/Tk tasks were tied in and Bn began digging in. Standing patrols were sent out as per appendix #5.-	
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			Sky overcast during most of the day. Bn are quite happy in new area. Standing patrols report no enemy activity during night in our area. Dominion Day celebrated by more digging. No difficulty in getting into dig. The problem is to keep people from digging out of sight.	
		0940	Four mortar bombs fell on track near bridge. D Coy report dud shells, possibly 83 mm falling in their area at intervals during the day.	JEL
Chateau, 946713	2		Weather remains dull and cloudy.	
		0425	At 0425 hrs, 99 pl, A Coy sighted enemy patrol, estimated strength of 40 men. Fire was exchanged and enemy patrol withdrew when our arty fire was brought down. No known casualties on either side. Intermittent shelling by enemy during night of 1/2 Jul. Some moaning "Winnie" (multiple barrel mortar) reported to be landing fairly close.	
			B Coy will have beef steak again. Cow steps on their minefield at 0240 hrs. Bn HQ suspicious of incident.	JEL
		1015	Lt-Gen Stewart, Chief of General Staff, First Cdn Army visit this HQ at 1015 hrs.	
		1630	Maj-Gen R F Keller, GOC 3 Cdn Inf Div, and Maj-Gen C Foulkes, GOC 2 Cdn Inf Div visit this HQ at 1630 hrs.	
		1900	Lt-Col F M Matheson, Officer Commanding held conference at 1900 hrs. Patrols and operations are discussed.	
Chateau, 946713	3		"Night of 2/3 Jul quiet except for our arty laying down some fire uncomfortably close to A Coy. Bde Auxilliary Officer arrive at their A Ech. Recce patrols night 2/3 Jul under comd of Lt J Mooney and Lt L Bergeron does some fine work. The latter patrol had us worried when they didn't report in until 1124 hrs.	
		1600	Lt-Col F M Matheson, CO attends conference at HQ, 7 Cdn Inf Bde at 1600 hrs. Orders for Operation "Windsor" by 8 Cdn Inf Bde are given. See appendix #6.	JEL Appendix #6
		1900	CO holds C Sp at 1900 hrs. Orders for Operation "Windsor" given. 7 Cdn Inf Bde less R Wpg Rif provide some fire support for operation. Carrier pl and one pl of D Coy are to move forward during operation and to occupy area 95057035. See appendix #6.	Appendix #6
		1430	Units of 8 Cdn Inf Bde and Sp arms are moving up into position for operation. Brig McGill, Comd 5 Cdn Inf Bde visited the Commanding Officer at 1430 hrs. Son of Typhoons heat up enemy area to the east by rockets.	

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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment	
Chateau, 946713	4 Jul	0500	During night 3/4 Jul, enemy shelled Bn area at intervals. Little damage and no casualties. Operation "Windsor" proceeds. Arty program begins 0500 hrs. Barrage last 150 mins. During the operation, throughout the day, we are mortared and shelled heavily. Carrier pl and 16 pl, D Coy move forward and occupy area 962705, until 0457 hrs the next day when they are relieved by two patrols.	
		0500	At the conclusion of days fighting progress XXXXXXXX made by 8 Cdn Inf Bde and R Wpg Rif as follows: R Shore Regt - 971693, R de Chaud - 968685, Q C R of C - 964690, R Wpg Rif - 953683. Maj-Gen R Y Keller, GOC 3 Cdn Inf Div arrive at this HQ at 0500 hrs and proceed with the CO, Lt-Col F M Matheson to bn CP at 951709 to observe the diversion by Sqn 27 GAR operating across our front and to the north.	
			Lt-Col F M Matheson and other personnel at CP had some "near misses", one dud shell landing on edge of CO's slit trench, and many live shells landing within a few yds. Casualties during the day numbered ten. Other than enemy shelling during night 4/5 Jul there was little activity. Our patrols report little of importance.	Jeh.
Chateau, 946713	5	0457	Shelling of our position continues during the night. Task force of carrier pl and one pl of inf withdrawn from forward position at 0457 hrs. Shelling continues during the day, several landing in Bn HQ area, including one which hurled itself in the pent - house on the side of Bn HQ office truck. But we were lucky and no damage done.	Jeh.
Chateau, 946713	6	0930	Enemy planes drop bombs in Bn area at 0213 hrs. Heavy mortars also land a few during the night. Lt-Col F M Matheson attends conference at HQ, 7 Cdn Inf Bde at 0930 hrs.	
		1400	Bn CO pp held at 1400 hrs and plans for future operations were discussed. The Bn has suffered a number of casualties from our Hastings Grenades. More care will be taken in future in handling, laying and recovering these mines.	Jeh.
		2030	More shelling at 2030 hrs.	

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Chateau, 945713	7 Jul	0930 1400 2200 2200 2300	CO and IO attend O Sp at HQ 7 Cdn Inf Bde at 0930 hrs. CO holds bn O Sp at 1400 hrs. Orders for Operation "Charnwood" were discussed. See appendix #7 Bn moves to assembly area beginning at 2000 hrs. Bn in position at 958737 at 2200 hrs. Very large formation of Lancasters and Halifaxes (estimated hundreds) bomb to east of us near Caen. Flak heavy at first but petered out. CO discussed Operation "Charnwood" with Coy Comd at 2300 hrs. Shelling during the night 7/8 Jul, one casualty.	3	Appendix #7 JEL.
Assembly Area 958737	8	0730	Code word "Miliary" at 0730 hrs and bn on 30 mins notice to move. See appendix #7 Bn told to move to the forming up position for Operation "Charnwood". Story of Operation as per appendix #4 Casualties : Capt W L C White, killed in action. Wounded Maj C S T Tubb, Lt W C White, Lt A R Smith, Capt C Shearer, Capt M Douglas, Lt J J Brundige and Lt Wilkinson. Maj E Syms shell shocked. Capt Cooper appointed A/OC Sp Coy.	KILLED KILLED	Appendix #7 Appendix #4 JEL.

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Place	Date	Hour	1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT	Summary of Events and Information	# 4	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	8 Jul 44			Operation "Charnwood" as told by A/Maj J C Treleven, OC B Coy. (Acting 2IC at this time) Cas suffered in ass area were 4 killed and 2 wounded. B coy moved up to FUF at approx 1700 hrs from assembly area. Our coy was shelled all the way down to FUF. In coming near AUBIE approx 500 yds away, 2 MGs opened up on us from front and from left flanks. The coy was in an open field and the leading section with the 2 IC got across a gap to bligs near village. They continued to fire on the rest of the coy, and I, the 2IC, arrived at the start line with one section. The section suffered 2 cas on the way down. Remainder of coy with Maj E S Syme, Coy Comd arrived about 15 mins later. Considerable sniping with several MGs went still at large in AUBIE at this time. It was 30 mins before coy was formed up ready to move to objective, 10 and 12 pls forward with 11 pl following up. All reached objective under heavy mortar fire about 30 mins later and consolidated there. The mortar fire was very heavy and the cas suffered were numerous. We mapped up around objective. MGs and mortar CP, and two tks were firing on us from ABBY and the coy took protection in strong point area. Total cas during the day was 61 all ranks including Maj Syme, exhaustion, and Lt Brundige, wounded. Lt McInch was wounded but still carried on. C and D coys passed through us while consolidating and we gave them covering fire.		JEL

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	8 Jul 44			Operation "Sharnwood" as told by Sgt Wilson R E, C Coy. C coy moved off from assembly area to start line approx 1725 hrs. As we were moving towards AUMIE, we ran into heavy mortar fire and suffered several cas on this side of AUMIE. We arrived there about 1815 hrs. We waited there for B coy to move forward and formed up on the start line. After 30 mins in AUMIE, we moved along axis of advance towards first objective, which B coy was clearing and consolidating on. We passed through B coy and ran into very heavy mortar fire and fire from two tns. B coy was also pinned down. One LMG was in pillbox at corner of AUMIE ABBEY and one LMG sniper was on top of the ABBEY. Here 13 and 14 pls went right flanking, with 15 pl giving covering fire and moving up slowly. At XXXXXXXX this stage, heavy cas were suffered in all pls, Capt W L C White, Lt W C White, and Lt A S Smith killed, and Maj C S F Rubb, Lt Wilkinson, CSM Adams, Sgt Wilson A G, wounded, plus a large number of ORs. Coy then withdrew to B coy's position on orders from Maj Rubb before he was wounded. Remainder of coy still in action amounted to about 21 men all ranks. About 15 of these crawled back to AUMIE on their own, the remainder staying in B coy's position. At AUMIE, the 15 men reported to Maj A S Gregory and were used as ORs. They returned to B coy during the night and next morning moved with B coy as a pl to the rear of the ABBEY and took up defensive position on orders from Capt J C Treleaven, OC, B coy. Reinforcements received at the ABBEY were 9 men plus 2 Officers, Lt Fozle and Lt Caldwell, and this remaining pl was attached to B coy for all purposes. Total cas suffered for the day was 85 approx all ranks.	5

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	8 Jul 44		Operation "Charnwood" as told by A/Maj D G Brown, CO D Coy. D coy left assembly area about 1730 hrs, and were under shell fire all the way down, arriving at ANTHEM about 1800 hrs. Gas suffered on the way down was one killed, one wounded and 1 jeep knocked out. Coy formed up on start line and received orders to move off about 1845 hrs. We proceeded along axis of advance to first objective and suffered one more gas from MG fire on the way to the first obj. Coy moved forward on axis passing through B coy and moved forward with fire and movement to within 500 yds of the ABBEY. We were then pinned down with heavy MG fire from 2 tks at corner of ABBEY, dug in pillboxes and MG on top of ABBEY. 16 pl went left flanking, but were forced to withdraw under heavy MG fire. We then moved 17 and 18 pls in an assault on the ABBEY under cover of 2" mortar and tk smoke about 2230 hrs and gained our objective. We then consolidated and dug in on E side of bldgs. Village at this time was not cleared. 16 pl moved up with balance of coy and consolidated in general area of ABBEY bldgs. Several MGs continued to fire on us during the night about 200 yds S of coy area along ABBEY wall. At first light we cleared all bldgs in ABBEY area and moved whole coy forward and inclusive of ABBEY bldgs. Gas suffered 4 killed and 11 wounded from time of leaving assembly area to time of gaining XX objective. PW taken 3.	JEL

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Ardenne Anc Abbey.	9 Jul	0300	Bn moves into area "Lard" (Ardenne Anc Abbey 995701) at 0300 hrs.	C Coy suffer heavy casualties in getting on final objective MR 995702. After arrival on final objective, Bn spends the remainder of night digging in.	Appendix #3
		1100	At 1100 hrs, Lt-Gen Grear visits this HQ.	During the morning A and B Coys experience heavy sniping and some MG fire.	
		1400	Bn HQ move to bldg west of Ancient Abbey at 1400 hrs.		
		1530	Brig Foster, Comd 7 Cdn Inf Bde visits this HQ at 1530 hrs and warns CO for next move today. CO calls C Sp and issues instrs for next move to St Germaine 004692.	D Coy advance guard, followed by A, Bn HQ and B Coy.	
		1645	On 15 mins notice to move.		
		1800	Order to move came at 1800 hrs. Bn moves off in order given previously at C Sp.	The move goes well, only opposition is from a few snipers. We suffer 2 or 3 casualties including Capt G Brown, slightly wounded in neck. Known enemy casualties is four, bagged by Rfn Morasty and several of his snipers up forward with D Coy.	
			Bn ordered by Bde to consolidate in area 0068 near Beaulieu Frisen. Final consolidation is made at 002692 with Bn HQ at 004692.		
St Germaine	10	XX	Night of 9/10 Jul saw some shelling in our area, also sporadic mortar fire during morning hrs, landing uncomfortably close to Bn HQ. B Coy reports 2 casualties from mortaring during the morning.	All tps dug in and getting some much needed rest.	
		2200	Bn moves to St Julien and takes over posn occupied by R Wpg Rif, who move to an new area in Caen central on the north bank of the R Orne. We become the reserve bn of the Bde as the 1 C Scot R moves forward as well.		
St Julien, Caen	11	0200	All coys in position and consolidating. Role is to hold area and to control our section of Caen.		
		0900	No shelling of this area during the night and Bn settles down in their new area.		
		1200	Lt J E Loughlin takes over as IC of the bn, with Capt J G Baird, formerly IC posted to A/OC C Coy.	New Offr reinforcements include Capt L L Slater, Lt E A Fowle, Lt Wallace, Lt W R Colwell, Lt J M Clark and Lt Keating.	
		1430	12 - 20 Me 109s fly over our area and do some strafing, causing 3 casualties in B Coy. At least 3 of them shot down by our AA, possibly 4.		
			1st Col F Matheson and Lt J E Loughlin attends C Sp at HQ 7 Cdn Inf Bde at 2000 hrs. Our role is to hold, control and to recon this area. For future crossing of Orne.		
			We come under new command as 2 Cdn Corps under comd of Lt-Gen Guy Simmonds at 1500 hrs today.		

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St Juliet, Caen	12 Jul	1100	Regina Rifles mount the first ceremonial guard in the city of Caen at Place St Martin. Guard is 100 strong consisting of 5 Offrs, 5 sgts and 100 ORs. Odn flag unfurled at Place St Martin near the monument. Ranks opened and guard was inspected by the new Corp Comd, Gen Simmons, and then marched off. Guard will patrol Caen in parties of 1 Offr, 1 Sgt and 20 ORs. Tour of duty will be 24 hrs and they will maintain discipline of military troops stationed in Caen, prevention of drunkenness, looting etc, also to assist civilian population and civil affair administration now established. Town Major and 2 Civil Affair Offrs will assist other duties possibly to this guard. Capt J Treleven is guard comd.			Jch.
		1430	Four He 109s shot down around Bn area.			
		1930	Bn area shelled for 15 mins but with no casualties.			
St Juliet, Caen	13	1000	Four of our snipers go to 1 C Sect R down on R Grns for sniping and observation.			
		1700	New guard is mounted this afternoon at Place St Martin under comd of Capt H Jones.			
		1830	CO called to Hqs HQ to receive instrs. Goes on recon for new bn posn in NMS and SDG areas.			
		1915	CO calls O Sp to issue instrs regarding the move to the new area.			
		2300	Bn moves starting 2300 hrs. Order of march is D, B, Bn HQ, A and C Coys.			Jch.
			Coys move in and take over area starting about 2330 hrs under Bn mortar and arty fire. Shelling continues spasmodically of Bn area till about 0300 hrs. Casualties, 3 injured plus several civilians in our area. Bn HQ established (advance HQ) by 2330 hrs. Remainder of Bn HQ in position by 0200 hrs. All coys in position at 0230 hrs. Line is laid to several coys at that time and all coys lined in by 0700 hrs.			
Caen, 014678	14	1030	Fairly quiet morning. Coys settling in, completing digging and improving or adjusting posns. Lt-Col F H Matheson and Maj A S Gregory go on a recon for a better posn for Bn HQ, and while away, they visit several of the coy localities.			
		1700	Bn HQ moves to a new posn at 1700 hrs, a large attractive house, at GR 015677.			Jch.
			CO attends conference at HQ 7 Odn Inf Bde.			
		2100	O Sp held at 2100 hrs and plans were discussed for future operations.			
			A Coy straffed by MG fire from He 109 but suffered no casualties.			
			Intermittent firing and shelling during the night but no casualties.			

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Caen, 015677	15 Jul	1200	1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment CO and IO attend C Sp at HQ 7 Cdn Inf Bde at 1200 hrs. Orders given to send half of each bn back to rest.		
		1300	CO goes on a recon to the allotted rest area at Spron 029729.		
		1545	CO returns and holds C Sp at 1545 hrs. Instructs A and B Coys to get ready to move to rest area. C Coy is taking over A Coy's position and the carrier pl is relieving B Coy. B Coy is in rest ^{same place} . Change over completed and A and B Coys move to Spron by transport by 2000 hrs. One half of Bn HQ move off at 2230 hrs. Lt-Col F. Matheson, Capt L. E. Gase, Capt Hockvale remain behind in Cdn Sp while Maj A. S. Gregory, Lt C. M. Ranill, Lt J. E. Leighton, and Lt Webster go back to rest area.		
		2130	Bn HQ heavily shelled at 2130 hrs. Two cas; 1 scout and 1 signaller.		
		2330	Lt L. Bergeron, scout pl Offr, takes out recon patrol to rly bridge R Orne, 1000 yds to our left front to ascertain condition and if still occupied by the enemy. Cpl W. McCaig takes out small fighting patrol to house across rly, several hundred yds in front of B Coy area reported to be occupied by the enemy. Further heavy shelling of bn area during the night. Bridge around Bn HQ hit, but we suffered no cas.		JEL
Caen 015677	16	0430	Lt L. Bergeron's patrol returns about 0430 hrs with info that rly bridge is destroyed and occupied by enemy who seem entrenched on the opposite bank. The patrol did not cross the river. Cpl McCaig's patrol report that the house in question is occupied by the enemy. The patrol was discovered by the enemy and had to withdraw without taking any prisoners or cleaning out the house. A Wpg Rif patrol takes two prisoners on the opposite side of the river and also reports that the south part of Caen below the river is held by 2 coys of 21 SS FGR tps.		
			CO receives orders to move the remainder of the bn back to rest area. 7 Recon coming in to relieve the bn. C Coy arrives in rest area at 1700 hrs, B Coy about 2300 hrs with the remainder of Bn HQ and Sp Coy. CO's carrier, with the Cdn gp arrive about 2345 hrs.		JEL
Spron	17	0900	Very quiet night at SPRON, much air activity, enemy - allied, N and E of this sector. No shelling or bombing here.		
			CO goes to conference at Bde HQ at 1200 hrs ^{Ans} Calls C Sp 1415 hrs. Discussion plans for post-river crossing at CAEN tomorrow.		
			Major Knox, Lt Fraser RWRs arrive to guide COs recon gp to former RWR GP at Church Near River in downtown CAEN. CO takes 5 company comds, IO, Lt Bergeron on recon at 1630. Party returns about 1900 hrs.		
			CO goes to meet French Recon state ^{state} C Sp leaders at 2000 hrs and then to Bde C Sp, 210 and IO there also. Several Air burst shells over BnHQ. 2 cas at about 2030 hrs. Otherwise no shelling during night.		JEL

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			OPERATION "ATLANTIC"		
Epren	18 Jul	0600	Terrific air blitz and artillery bombardment concurrent - 1000 gerts on factory in SE CAEN alone - total planes in this operation said to number over 4000.		
		0800	Bn on hours notice to move to Conc Area as from 0800. CO, IO go to Bde 1030 hrs. Intercept "Sales Able". Receive orders to send recon patrol (Lt Bergeron) across river this afternoon at 1300 to see if enemy are still there. Also move bn starting about 1230 to conc area in St JULIEN and be ready to do river crossing that afternoon if recon patrols finds out enemy has left. Coy Comdrs called in about 1130 and final plans for move and eventual crossing tied up. D left and A right to do first crossing with 3 platoons up. C to follow D, B to follow A. All coys to consolidate after clearing portion of CAEN to conc area ^{FINAL OBJ} , on lateral road running East - West and about 500' South of destroyed rr br on river. Recon patrol moves off to river area about 1245. IO and 2 DRs signaller and 46 set accompany patrol for comm back to COs carrier. Patrol crosses river successfully without drawing fire and moves South about 200 yds where 1 MG opens up and kills one man. Finally draws out fire from 4 or 5 MGs. Comm Gp pinned down by fire from opposite banks. Carrier . Comm poor - One PW taken.		
		1500	About 1500 hrs A & D coys move down to start line and await orders to commence crossing. C & D Coys follow. Carrier Pl & Mortar Pl to give covering fire from N banks plus arty barrage 15 minutes before crossing commences. BHQ moves to start line area.		
		1700	Barrage starts on S side of river. Scout pl moves back to N banks through it - Free French Guide killed by shelling on this side - believed to be our arty falling short but can't ascertain for certain.		
		1715	1715-1730. Crossing commences. A & B Coys get across successfully and in good time and move fwd cleaning out snipers. D Coy held up as several assault boat trucks hit and destroyed on this side.		
		1830	D across and C following. All coys on final objective about 2100 hrs. IO goes to recon BHQ area on southside - takes 1 Sgt with him returns about 2300 hrs. This HQ visited by Lt-Gen Simmonds, and Brig Foster.		
		2330	Advance BHQ and Command Gp cross to South Side and set up in large dirty house on banks of river. Rear BHQ remain at start line. CO calls in coy comdrs and gets their final posns. Orders adjustment to A (Not fwd enough) and D (too far forward). No counterattacks or heavy shelling during night. Several snipers still at large.		

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			<u>1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment</u>	
Cash	19 Jul	0800	Boys settle in and rearrange areas as ordered by the CO. All snipers cleaned up. PW taken up till new numbers about 60 - 70 and more coming in. No suffer about 18 casualties during the operation, 3 killed plus one French guide. Lt N C Bulmer killed and Lt W Grayson & Capt Duckvale wounded.	
		1200	Two class 9 bridges & one class 40 bridge open across the river now, also the road through the town is cleared. 10 from Bde brings news of future plans. R Wpg Rif to cross the river and to occupy Cernellies area with 1 C Sect R right and R Wpg Rif left. We then move up behind as rear bn just to the outskirts of town and several hundred yds behind R Wpg Rif.	
		1700	Lt L Bergeron ordered to take recon patrol to Cernellies to see if still occupied. With 3 men, he scouts about three quarters of Cernellies village and returns with 7 PW and word that only a few snipers remain in that area. He leaves his three men there till R Wpg Rif enter the village.	Jeb
		1900	1 C Sect R and R Wpg Rif, followed by Bde HQ cross the river and move to objectives as ordered. They pass through us starting about 1230 hrs. They reach pen and are consolidated about 1830 hrs. Some confusion, and heavy shelling slow them up in getting to final objective.	
		1930	Sig "Tank Battle" in Bras, next village to the south of them.	
		1900	CO calls C Coy at 1700 hrs and issues orders to move to the outskirts of the town. 3 Coy following Bn HQ, A Coy right, B Coy followed by C Coy left.	
		1900	Bde orders move at 1900 hrs.	
		1930	Bn starts to move off at 1930 hrs.	
			PW taken by the regt in 3 Cash crossing operation number between 80 and 100.	
			No opposition met in move to new area.	
Fouberg de Vaucelles	20	0800	All quiet. Advance now at least 4 to 5 miles SE of us with armour and 2 to 3 miles SE with inf. CO and IO go to Bde to find out future operations.	
			Informed of sit - we will likely remain here today. SIG Highrs go under cover of 7 Cin Inf Bde and move up and occupy Bras, taking over from KOSR. 15 Br Div at 1200 hrs today.	
			Bde Armoured Div leading advance on sector about 5 miles SE in area of Freneville.	
			Lt L Bergeron reports in that his patrol relieved last night by R Wpg Rif and spent a pleasant day in Cernellies as his patrol were the first Br tps in village and the inhabitants laid out an excellent meal for them, also bottles of wine in celebration of liberation from the Hun.	
			Sect pl, last one patrol now back at A Ech and ready for the next job.	
			Total booty at Cernellies total 7 PW, 2 mo in good running order and 2 bottles of cognac.	
		1600	Lt-Col F M Matheson, CO, and Lt J R Laughlin, IO, attend C Coy at HQ 7 Cin Inf Bde to discuss future intentions and lessons learned in last operation.	Jeb

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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment		
Faubourg de Vaucellen	22 Jul		Tactical picture unchanged. No further advance on our front. Some regrouping of 2 Div still going on.		
Faubourg de Vaucellen	23		Cloudy and very cool day. No activity during the night except the usual one or two planes (enemy) over our area.		
		1100	Mobile bath unit visits our Bde and this unit has its facilities starting 0830 hrs. 200 men put through each hour and clean clothing exchanged for soiled.		
			RC Church Parade held at 1100 hrs.		
			Protestant Church Parade after each coy's bath parade.		
			Picture Show "Standing Room Only" sponsored by the Cdn Legion by coys this afternoon.		
Faubourg de Vaucellen	24	1800	Weather remains cloudy and cold. Quiet morning after relatively quiet night.		
			Lt-Col F M Matheson called to conference at HQ 3 Cdn Inf Div at 1800 hrs, followed C Gp at HQ 7 Cdn Inf Bde. Orders given here for operation "SPRING" of which we will have an attack role. Regina Rifle Regt to start on third phase with attack in LA HAYUE. Phase 1 involves NWS attack in TILLY LA CAMPAGNE.		
			Phase 2, HLI taking out CARCELLES - SEQUEVILLE. After our attack, CSR to swing through SEQUEVILLE LA CAMPAGNE which will have been attacked, and gone through by Gds Arm'd Div, our arm'd support, and on to SW edge of large wood, our final objective. RWR then to go through us to N and E side of wood. If all this is successful, we will likely be ordered to move into wood, occupying central and east edge.		
			Gds Arm'd Div to go through this area before us, clearing SEQUEVILLE LA CAMPAGNE wood of strong opposition.		
			We will have the usual strong arty preparation and support, and the whole operation will be preceded by light bombing and fighter bomber programme, especially on towns and wood, the latter being treated with 12 hr delayed action fragmentation bombs. 2 Div will be doing an attack programme on our right flank in conjunction with ours.		
			CO, 10, Gds Arm'd Div representatives. Arty representatives return to Bn HQ and, Bn C Gp is called and orders given for our proposed attack on LA HAYUE. We will move to ass area along rly embankment 075628 about 0615 hrs tomorrow. Attack plan: C coy left, B coy right, followed by D and A coys. 1 Sqn 18 CAR in support. Plans are made for support programme of our Div map trace. Enemy information teed up.		
			Very hectic time in getting everything in readiness due to the short notice given us for this operation, but all arrangements finally completed.		
			Whole of ORNE bread and VAUCHELLES area under comparatively strong fighter bomber attack 0100 to 0200 hrs. 25 Jul. Many bombs land in our area as well as around the SE of us in medium arty area. We suffer 5 cas, including one killed. San dump and several vehicles of different units XXX around us were hit. Flares and burning san light up the night. Bn HQ takes cover in air raid shelter in rear of bldg. Very little sleep by everyone night of 24/25 Jul.		

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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment	# 14
Assembly Area 075628	25 Jul	0615	Order to move to assembly area received about 0615 hrs, and forward coy on the way about 0630 hrs, followed by Bn HQ and rear coys at 0700 hrs. All sub units in KATE (Assembly Area) by 0730 hrs. We dig in and wait for orders to move to WUP. CO calls in coy coms at 0850 hrs and final plans of our attack of LA H&UE are discussed. Our location in bridge on rly embankment 075628. Confused and contradictory reports on NMS attack on TILLY LA CAMPAGNE come in all morning and it is finally established that their attack was not successful, although elements are still fighting in the village up to 1600 - 1700 hrs. Several reports of strong enemy posns and the N and E of Tilly merely add to the confused picture. We suffer 5 cas including 1 Offr when shells land in ass area at 0940 hrs. At 1250 hrs, shelling or mortaring causes 4 more cas including 1 Offr. Shelling of our posn not by us as we are not under enemy observation, and have some protection from rly embankment, but to date it has been very damaging and all ranks have been ordered to stay in close by their slit trenches in order to prevent any further cas.	
		1550	Lt-Col F H Matheson is called to Bde HQ at 1550 hrs and is informed of NMS attack not being successful and we are ordered to stay here tonight. Rocket firing Typhoons are a welcome sight on our front, and several targets are attacked and bombed late today.	
		2250	One or two more cas are suffered by shelling at 2250 hrs.	
		2345	Area bombed and strafed by aircraft (enemy) at 2345 hrs. One bomb landed about 25' away from Bn HQ and about 3' from the slit trench of L&Cpl Pretty of provost section which completely buried him up to the neck. He is dug out unhurt, shaken and amazed at his fortune in escaping injury. 5 to 10 bombs land on area altogether. No cas suffered.	
Assembly Area 075628	26	1100	Quiet night after 0100 hrs. All ranks stand to ordered by CO from 0515 to 0545 hrs. Bright, clear day seems in the offering and spirits rise when hot breakfast arrives at 0600 hrs. Sit on TILLY seem to be in favour of the enemy, and believed to be still in enemy hands. This is confirmed at 1100 hrs when NMS move back through us to the rear, and we are informed that they are being pulled back to CORNELLES to reorganize. On our right 2 Div is in VERIERS again with RHLI, RRC occupying most of the town. F&Rs also advanced in yesterday's attack. More spasmodic shelling of this area and the high ground on our right and rear, but for every shell the enemy drops on us, XMS our arty, (fd and med) reply with about 20. Rocket firing Typhoons and tree top racing Spitfires patrol the front and shoot up anything that moves in the enemy area. The Bn continues to dig in, and improve our posns for defence, mainly, as we are not sighted tactically for defence.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	# 15	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Assembly Area 075628	26 Jul		1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment		
			Lt Webster injured in one of our burnt out tks, while inspecting radio set and makes. Third Offr was suffered in the last 36 hrs. It was believed to be a Browning gun which went off, causing ricochet inside.		
		1350	CO goes to Bde HQ to get the latest information at 1350 hrs.		
		1915	Bn CO called at 1915 hrs and information includes : enemy cons of tks and inf from FIVE FORTY-ONE IN MARCH to LA HONNE. Our intention ; LA HONNE attack is off, we are to stay here, to hold this posn and adjust posns for def. We are also to prepare for an attack on TILLY in three or four days time. Patrols ordered out at night and returning in the daytime. A/Tk guns particularly alert. Orders given to coy COs to go to rest at Bn HQ whenever possible. Many formations of rocket firing Typhoons go after the Hun again, and this makes everyone very happy, as we have seen the results of some of their hits on vehicles and posns before.		Jeh
Assembly Area 075628	27		Night of 26/27 Jul relatively quiet here. A few enemy planes were over our area and bombs were dropped, but none landed in bn area. Main excitement is sharp enemy counter attack on VERLERS which is beaten off by 2 Div and arty from both 2 and 3 Divs. This is several miles SW from our own posn, but the battle is easily heard and all coys are informed as to what is going on.		
		0700	Weather at 0700 hrs is clear and bright again. More Typhoons and Spitfires over battle area again this morning. CO and several of the coy comds go back to rear Bn HQ VAUCELLES, where LOBs and Orderly Room remains set up, to rest. They send down the coy 2IC to take their place.		Jeh
		1200	No shelling of bn area up to 1200 hrs. Information at Bde HQ includes : Sit remains static on Corps front, any attack that we will have to make is postponed a further 48 hrs.		
			Capt Smith, FOC 12 Cdn Fd Regt, attached to us for this operation, killed about 1635 hrs several hundred yds along rly embankment from B coy FDL, by enemy mortar fire, while out on a recon for an arty OP. Gas to us - nil, while several of our men near the spot where the shells landed.		
		2115	Shelling of the gen area of B, A, Bn HQ, at 2115 hrs. No cas.		

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Assembly Area 075628	28 Jul	0930	A few enemy planes over our area during night, but no bombs were dropped in our area, and hrs of darkness are generally quiet. CO is called to Bn Comd conference at Bde HQ at 0930 hrs. Plans for future ops discussed (TILLY LA CAMPAGNE) and other subjects.	
		1300	COY Comd conference is held at 1300 hrs and future operations, morale, and adms were discussed. Sporadic shelling occurs during the morning, but none fell in our area. We do, however receive a heavy shelling of all bn areas from 1530 to 1500 hrs, with at least 30 arty and 10 mortar shells landing. Gas suffered here are 7, including 1 man killed, plus 1 CH of C Offr in by mortar pl. in our area, wounded. Damage; one or two phone lines cut. COY Comd and CO go back in the afternoon to rear Bn HQ to rest, returning at last light. Situation on Corps front remains static.	kel
Assembly Area 075628	29	1330	Quiet night and morning experience with usual enter two planes over, and no bombs dropped on or near our posn.	
		1345	Shelling by 105 mm occurs at 1330 hrs and 15 to 20 shells land in bn area. No cas suffered. CO is 2 IC called to Bde HQ at 1345 hrs. Maj A S Gregory, 2 IC receives word of our move to rest area late tonight. CO is informed, who orders a recon of new area.	
		2200	C Gp at Bde HQ called about 2200 hrs, and at 2245 hrs, we receive the order to move on 30 mins notice.	
		2330	Bn C Gp at 2330 hrs.	
		2330	Orders are given for the move of the bn to COLONY SUR INACH, new rest area tonight. Order of march B, A, Bn HQ, C, and D coys. Vehicles and Comd Gp to move next morning, as no vehicles are allowed to cross Orne bridge till word received tomorrow from Bde HQ. 4 Cdn Armd Div has moved intoday and takes over general area of 3 and 9 Bdes on our front. This move goes on in daylight, with as much noise and activity as possible to let the enemy know that armour is moving in, so as to hold as many of his forces and armour here as possible, and aid the new American drive. Our role the past few days has also been one of holding enemy forces to this front as much as possible.	jel

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Colombo Sur Thaon	31 Jul		Bn settles down in new area - C and D coys situated in grassy orchard with their HQs in large farm bldg. A and B coys in another group of bldgs in orchard yard. N and E of C and D coys, Bn HQ in the middle in well treed yard. The owners house being occupied by the owner, and two or three other evacuated families. We are fortunate in getting a smaller and cleaner bldg for Bn HQ. Offrs sleeping quarters and a small mess downstairs, with mixed sleeping quarters upstairs. The general bn area is good, unscarred by war, clean and well cared for, and although we are crowded in certain areas, everyone is quite comfortable and happy. The bn is quite happy to be in a quiet section and out of the shelling area. HQ and Bp coy are NW of D coy, with vehicles alongroad of trees and walls. 2 sections of Mobile Bath Unit are made available to this unit for today and all coys take advantage of these. Shows put on today by Cdn Legion Aux Services, 3 in number, showing "The Hard Way" and this plays to packed houses each time. The casualty list of the Regiment from 6 Jun 44 to 31 Jul 44 is as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>KILLED</th> <th>WOUNDED</th> <th>MISSING</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>13</td> <td>24</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NCOs</td> <td>36</td> <td>84</td> <td>Nil</td> <td>120</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men</td> <td>136</td> <td>377</td> <td>8</td> <td>521</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>678</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Approximate PW taken - 250 Approximate enemy killed and wounded - 500 (at least) Wounded personnel now returned to unit; 3 Offrs, 15 ORs		KILLED	WOUNDED	MISSING	TOTAL	Officers	13	24	Nil	37	NCOs	36	84	Nil	120	Men	136	377	8	521					678		1/26 <i>[Signature]</i> Lt-Col Officer Commanding, Regina Rif.
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			1st. Battalion-Regina Rifle Regiment	1.
Colombo Sur Thaon MR 001776 SN 7F1	Aug. 1/44		Weather warm, with bright sunshine and clear skies. Capt. J. C. Willard, C.D.C., is attached to us for several days to attend to Battalion's much needed dental work. Schedule for trips to beach starts to-day, with B. Company, part of Bn. H.Q. and N.C.O. School (being organized). Troops are taken by transport to Courseulles, where they may inspect defenses and beach all morning, recalling the day of the landings and different encounters made there. After dinner, transport will take troops to Bernieres, where they may swim all afternoon. After supper transp will bring troops back to camp by 2100 hours. Showing to-day at the Legion "Playhouse", several performances of "A Lady Takes A Chance". Jr. N.C.O. School is organized and Syllabus of training set up to start to-morrow-2 Aug. School will be under command of Major L.K. Gaas, and runs for three days. N.C.O.s attending by Companies are: A Coy.-13; B Coy.-7; C Coy.-14; D Coy.-4; Support Coy.-4; Total-42. Majority of these men are newly appointed L/Corpsals. Officers mess tent, Sgts. Mess tent are set up and preparations are under way for dining to-gether. At present, all officers now have tea and sandwiches together at 10 o'clock each night in small B.H.Q. mess room, but this is too small to accomodate all officers, and is jammed tight when more than fifteen or twenty people get inside. Reinforcements received today. One officer-Lt. G. Black-posted C. Coy. and fifty reinforcements. Lt. J. Mooney-D. Coy.-posted to H.Q. 3 Can. Inf. Div. Increment-Liason Officer.	Appendix 5. <i>John</i>
Colombo Sur Thaon MR 001776 SN 7F1	Aug. 2/44		Brigade parade of Regina Rifles, R.W.R's and C.S.R. held today in Bde H.Q. area at 1000 hours. Dress is berets, with belts. No weapons. Salute is taken by Major-General R.G. Keller G.O.C. 3 Can. Inf. Div., after which a brief inspection is made of each regiment, and a short talk is given to the Brigade by the G.O.C., who compliments us on our achievements up to now and advises us to prepare for the next round of battles. N.C.O. school starts today at 1330 hours, with remarks by Lt.-Col. F. M. Matheson, E.D. Syllabus runs to Sat., Aug. 5th. and covers a very full range of subjects, considering the short time allotted to the school. Weather today is bright and warm and is now definitely shirt-sleeve weather. The afternoons are hot and khaki shorts would be the order of the day if we could depend on this warm spell for a month or two. Unfortunately, in this changeable country, we cant depend on it for scarcely 24 hours.	<i>John</i>

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			1st. Battalion Regina Rifle Regiment.	2.
Aug. 2/44 (con'd)			Can. Army Show-Unit D, at Fontaine Henry attended by A,B,C,D, and Spt. Companies. Bill at the Legion Playhouse today is "Hi Diddle Diddle", and shows to the usual packed houses. Sports schedule of softball starts today, with three games.-Six teams(1 per coy.) J.A.M. Cook, Leader Post-Winnipeg Free Press correspondent arrives to spend some time with us and write the story of the Regiment from D-Day to now for the people at home. No beach trips today due to Brigade parade this morning.	JEL
Colomby Sur Thaon MR 001776 SN 7F1	Aug. 3/44		Weather continues fine and warm with cool, quiet, <u>peacefull</u> nights, and everyone is getting good sleep at night here. Officers Mess and dining room conveniences today in mess tent set up in yard. Beach schedule is resumed today, with C. Coy. and Support Coy., (less H.C.O. School) going. <u>Softball Results</u> 2 Aug. B. Coy. 8 D. Coy. 7 3 Aug. A Coy. 13 D. Coy. 7 Entertainment Bill today includes Unit D. Can. Army Show at the "Windmill Theatre", a huge cave near Fontaine Henry, which was attended by A Ech., B.H.Q., Headquarters Coy. Playing at the Legion Playhouse- "Hi Diddle Diddle." R. C. Church parade at 1500 hours today, in church near B. Coy. area. Miniature range built at Fontaine Henry for use of 7 Brigade, and all Coys arrange to use this.	JEL
Colomby Sur Thaon MR 001776 SN 7F1	Aug. 4/44		Weather continues bright and warm. Sgts. Mess opens today with dining room in operation. Liquor situation in both Officer's and Sgts mess is of course, nil. However, mess dinner in officer's mess is planned when liquor arrives. Beach schedule today: A and D Coys plus any personnell who have not yet made the trip. Show today at Legion- "You Were Never Lovlier." Reinforcement Officers received today: Lt. Mathews R. J.- Posted to B. Coy. Lt. MacDougal W. J.- Posted to A Coy.	JEL
Colomby Sur Thaon MR 001776 SN 7F1	Aug. 5/44		Weather today cloudy and cool-signs of rain. Battalion is called out on another Brigade parade at Bde. parade ground at 1415 hours today. Bde. to be inspected by G.O.C. 2 Cdn. Corps, Lt.-Gen. Guy Simmonds. Lt.-Col. Matheson called to H.Q. 3 Cdn. Div. at 1215 hours for conference. Lt.-Gen. Simmonds compliments 7th Bde and 3rd Div. for fine work in assault. Informs us of new operation being organized for Cdn. Corps which will result in big advances.	JEL

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Colomby Sur Thaon MR 001776 SN 7F1	Aug. 5/44 (con'd)		Officer's Mess Dinner 1930 hours--First Mess Dinner of Regina Rifles in France held this evening. Table is laid for 48, which includes following guests: Brig. H. Foster, Major P. Bennett, Major R. Knechtel, Superintendent C.L.W.S., Mr. J.A.M. Geck, Sifton Press Correspondent and full turnout of Regimental attached officers. Everyone has very enjoyable time and Legion supply is quite Adequate.-(used August ration) Party goes full blast to the wee small hours.		<i>fel</i>
Colomby Sur Thaon MR 001776 SN 7F1	Aug. 6/44		Sunday morning starts out overcast and cool. R. C. Bde. church parade at 1000 hours. Unit Protestant Church parade at 1100 hours. C.O. ordered to meet Brigade Recce Group at Churchill Bridge on Orne in Caen at 1200 hours, to recce Battalion forming up positions for coming operations at Verrieres. We are to occupy positions held by Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of 2 Div., R. W. R. to S.S.R. positions. C.O. to recce Camerons position at Verrieres, calling in at S.S.R. B.H.Q., as well as meeting many old friends here. Return to Colomby Sur Thaon about 3 P.M. Preliminary "O" Group held at 1700 hours. Brigade "O" Group called for 1800 hours. C.O. attends Change of plan for operation "totalize". 3rd Div. going by vehicles from assembly area in St. Germaine area to high ground taken by 4th. Arm'd. Div. near Cauvicourt, south of here. We will march to assembly area and go by vehicles the remaining distance. Coy. Commanders informed of this change tonight. No movement till Tuesday morning, and all vehicle movement frozen Monday at least. Unit has facilities for mobile baths and change of underwear and towels today.		<i>fel</i>
Colomby Sur Thaon MR 001776 SN 7F1	Aug. 7/44		Weather clear and warm again, although cloudy in morning. C.O. holds Batt. Coy. Commanders conference at 1000 hours. Change in plans for proposed operations "Totalize" discussed and explained. Plans are not firm yet and still an IF operation. Combat lessons and tactics generally also discussed. Brigade "O" group at 1800 hours. C.O. to attend. Tentative orders for "Totalize" given. We are on 1 hours notice as from 0800 hours, 8th. Aug. to move by transport to Brettville le Rabet, 7 Bde. objective. Battalion "O" Group called for 1900 hours and orders passed down.		<i>fel</i>

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Faubourg de Vaucelles MR Q40653 SN 7F1	Aug. 8/44		Air blitz opened 2330-0030 hours night 7-8 Aug. to start operation "Totalize". This air attack said to consist of 1000 Lancaster Bombers. Heavy artillery barrage follows bombing and 2 Can. Div.- 51 Div. attack goes in 2330 hours 7th. Aug. We get orders from Bde. at 0715 hours to be ready to move at 0800 hours. Enemy counter attack threat at Fontenay le Marais and we may move to Fleury Sur Orne. This is cancelled at approximately 0815 and we stand down and go back to 60 minutes notice. 1230-We are ordered to move starting 1400 hours from Bde. SP and column gets under way on time. Vehicle order in convey-Carriers, A/tank, Mortars, A. Coy., Bn. Recce, B.H.Q., B Coy., C & D Coys. remainder Sp. Coy. All marching troops lifted in 27 3-ton lorries of R.C.A.S.C. Column is slowed up in Caen and stopped at several points due to heavy traffic. We cross Orne about 1530 and reach concentration area in SE Vaucelles (Q37653) about 1545-1600 hours. Consolidate and dig in here. 2030-Concentration Area Q37653-Battle going well. 2 Div. on or nearing final objective. 51 Div. slowed up by opposition in woods east of Sequeville La Compagne. Polish armoured div. advancing now south of these areas, meeting a few tanks. 4th. armoured well on way to objective-slight opposition. 9th Bde. ordered to move forward tonight. 8 Bde. still in Vaucelles concentration area. 7th. Bde. goes back to two hours notice to move. We will probably stay here tonight. Some of our bombing way short today, landing on Polish armoured div., causing casualties and damage; also on Adv. TAC H.Q. 3 Can. Div. at Cermelles, killing 10, wounding approximately 20 (including GOC Maj. Gen. Keller)	Jeh
Se Vaucelles Concentration Area MR Q37653 SN7F1	Aug. 9/44		Night 8/9 Aug. fairly quiet and Bn. gets another good nights rest. The usual one to three enemy planes over whole of concentration area. No bombs dropped or casualties caused in this unit. The whole of area in SE Vaucelles is an amazing sight, with very thick concentration of vehicles and men in a small area. Whole of 7 Can. Inf. Bde with supporting arms concentrated in square Q365, as this is only space available, the surrounding areas being thick with arty. armour and other units taking part in 1st. Can. Army attack. 0900-We go back to one hour notice but are advised at 1045 hours we will likely stay here till 1500 hours. 1500-Advised of new area we will likely be going to. Our role will be to relieve Pol. Div. after objective is taken. Attack goes well. 2nd. Div. well on way to final objective; 51 Div. slowed up by strong points at Tilly, La Hague, woods East of Sequeville La Compagne. Polish Arm'd going well but held up at certain strong points also.	Jeh

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			1st. Battalion Regina Rifle Regiment	5.
So Vaucelles Gen. Area MR 037653	Aug. 9/44 (con't)		1900-We go on 1 hour's notice to move again. C.O. and Adj. go to Bde. H.Q. for "O" Group at 1930, and orders are sent back to B.H.Q. to have marching troops ready to move at once. Battalion "O" Group is called and C.O. gives orders at 2000 hours to move to Cintheaux. Marching troops leave at 2015 hours, vehicles at 2100. Very heavy traffic on all roads South, and thick dust prevails the way down. Vehicles arrive at new area about 2230 hours. Marching troops starting 2330 hours. All troops in position by 2359 and digging in and consolidating for defence.	Jeh.
Cintheux MR080537 SN7F4	Aug. 10/44		Night of 9/10 Aug. quiet-no bombing of battalion area. A few stray shells land close but do no damage. One casualty suffered in move up as a result of collision of mortar carrier and lorry vehicle. B.H.Q. in small dirty house and is moved this morning to edge of open field affording ditches for protection and hedges for cover from view. Office truck, C.O.'s heavy utility, officer's mess truck brought up from A Ech. Advised by Brigade at 1345 to start thinking about river crossings, but no likely move before 1800. 1900-Brigade "O" Group called and orders given for Battalion to move to Hautmesnil area (conc.) We may be called on to assist N.S.R. in 8 Brigade attack on Quesnay Wood tonight, or providing this attack is successful and attack of Polish Armoured Div. is successful tonight, we may have to send recon patrol down to bridge on River Dives and lead Coy's down to occupy and dominate these crossings south of Quilly Le Tesson. Neither of these possibilities occur however, as 8th. Brigade attack on Quesnay Wd is unsuccessful due to the enemy allowing them to enter and ambush ed them, from behind , forcing them to withdraw with heavy casualties to our troops. Battalion is moved to new area near Hautmesnil by 2359. C.O. to arrive after final word from Brigade that our role is off and Battalion digs in and consolidates for the night. 8 Brigade, (less Reg. de Chaud.) is pulled back through us to our rear to reorganize, and their area now becomes responsibility of 7th. Brigade, with R.W.R.s in Bretteville La Rabet, R.R.R.s in Hautmesnil and C.S.R.s North and East of us.	Jeh.
Hautmesnil MR091515 SN7F4	Aug. 11/44		Brigadier H. Foster visits this H.Q. at approximately 0830 hours. Orders us to establish firm base here with probable intention of attacking Quesnay Wood. According to these orders Coy. positions are adjusted and tactically disposed for defence. Batt. H.Q. moved for ^{new} hours along road to large spacious cave in deep ravine, behind original position and this proves to be excellent headquarters. Bde. "O" Group called 1600 hours. C.O. to attend. orders are given for move of Bde. to area. S. E., relieving Inf. Bde. of Polish Armoured Div.	Jeh.

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			1st. Battalion Regina Rifle Regiment	6
Hautmesnil NR 191515 SN 774	Aug. 11/44 (con'd)		Our new area is Estres La Compagne. Bn. recon party leaves at 1800 hours to recon new area, returning 2000 hours, when C.O. calls "O" Group and gives orders for Bn. move to new area. Marching troops leave starting 2200 hours. Order by march-A, B, B.H.Q., C, D; vehicles at 0130 hours. Coy. Commanders leave first to recon Coy. areas and lead Coys in when they arrive. C.O. to stay on till North Shore Reg. moves in and takes over, leaving 0130 hours with vehicles. Vehicles move held up by heavy traffic, and column does not arrive until about 0300 hours.	JKL
Estres La Compagne NR 122496 SN 774	Aug. 12/44		Bn. settles in and completes consolidation of defensive positions in new area. Two prisoners of war taken during the night and identified as from the 85 Inf. Div. which arrived on this front two days ago, indicating general firming up of the enemy on this sector. Due to close proximity of enemy positions in this area, in some cases from 500-1000 yards, shelling by 88s.m. and 155 m.m. of Estres village is fairly frequent and C.O. orders no unnecessary movement whatsoever and all ranks to stay close by their slit trenches. Some shelling during the night (and xxxxxx xxxxxx xxxxxx xxxxxx) and 2 or 3 casualties are suffered. More shelling during daylight hours and 21 casualties are suffered and 8 killed in 24 hour period ending 2000 hours. Standing patrols are mounted and Lt. Bargeran sends out two recon patrols, one to bridge 1500 yards South on River Vives and the other to woods about 1000 yards East of our FO's . Neither patrol reaches it's objective, the first running into M.G. fire, wounding one man, the second, heavy artillery fire on it's objective, which was one of our DF tanks brought down by G.S.R. when attacked by strong fighting patrol. Major A.S. Gregory appointed A/Lt. Col. and O. C. of Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Can. (6 Bde) He leaves us tonight and everyone is very sorry to see him go. Major L. K. Gass appointed 2 I/C Regina Rifles. Weather today has been hot and dry.	JKL

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Estres-La-Compagne MR122496 SN7F4	13 Aug.	44	Weather today has been hot and dry again. Night of 12/13 sees much activity, with two or three of our patrols out and at least one enemy patrol out on our front. Each patrol ran into grief, especially the German patrol, which was beaten off by the Canadian Scots, leaving several dead and wounded behind. The usual morning shelling occurs, and several casualties are caused, including Capt F. Dixon, RCAMC, killed. Capt Griffiths is sent down to replace him. Little activity recorded during the day. The enemy shells the town when and if he sees movement, otherwise does not waste ammunition. C O orders that no vehicles enter the town during daylight, unless by covered approach. Lt. Col Matheson has been awarded D.S.O. Other awards include M.C.'s to Capt Jamieson C.O.S., Capt. M.M.'s to Rfn. LaPointe, J.E.; CSM CURRIE, B.A.; SGT. YOUNG, L.C.; H/SGT. ARMSTRONG, W.B.; Rfn. JOHNSON, G.A., Rfn. C.O. attends "O" Gp at main Div HQ at 1600 hrs and Bde "O" Gp at 2300. Orders are issued for our part of next operation. After break-through of armour of 4th Div and penetration of 2 Div on right, 3 Div follows up to take over high ground taken by 2nd Armoured Bde, allotted to us. Order of march: CSR, RWR; RRR's to hold firm base here in case pocket of enemy in Quesney woods attempts to break out, then we follow up rest of Bde and consolidate on high ground with them. Several casualties suffered by shelling at 2230 hrs.		SEE MEDAL Rfn. LEON, CH. W. Grayson, MOORHEAD, C.H.
Estres-La-Compagne MR122496 SN7F4	14 Aug.	44	Weather bright and hot again today. 0900 hrs-Some shelling of Bn area night of 13/14 Aug. No recon patrols out last night. No further casualties reported from previous shelling (2230 hrs. yesterday) C.O. holds Bn "O" Gp at 0900 hrs and today's operation is discussed. At 1005 code message comes in to thin out to safe line. Commence at "H" hr, complete by H plus 120. In accordance to this A and B Coys are moved back to rear of village, starting about 1145 hrs. Bombing commences at 1200 hrs and Quesney Wood seems to be well saturated. Some bombs fall short in Cain-Falaise road, cause casualties and damage to one of our supporting batteries of 12th Fd Breg at Hautmesnil. 1430 hrs-We are put on thirty minutes notice to move but remain all afternoon. 8th Bde gets down to river successfully, also 9th, with mopping up Bns doing well. Armoured spearheads well out in front of the advance. At 1800 hrs RWR's are ordered "go now" but we are put under command of 31st Armoured Bde, supporting our firm base here while Polish Armoured div attacks and sweeps what is left of battered Quesney Woods. C.O., after receiving instructions from HQ 31 Armoured Bde, holds "O" Gp at 1900 and explains the situation. We may still be ordered to follow up the Can Scots and R.W.R.'s, who are now well on way to taking over from armour of 2nd Armoured Bde on high ground 5 miles South, and take up our originally allotted objective in 7th Bde.		

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Estres-La-Compagne MR122496 SN7F4	14 Aug. 44	(Cont'd)	It transpires however, that we remain in this position tonight, and OP's are manned. Phone lines are left in Coy areas occupied.		
Estres-La-Com.	15 Aug. 44		During the night OP's report various gun flashes at different bearings to our front, but we are now mainly out of shelling area, the Hun line having been broken and pushed back at least 5 miles South. No casualties or damage suffered last night. Weather today is hot and bright, with some overcasting off and on in the afternoon. Can Scots and RWR's are now believed firmly entrenched on their high ground objectives, and we anticipate our joining them within a few hours. Lt. Bergeren takes recon patrol to Quesney Wood to see if it is still occupied. Finds no trace of enemy up to and including Quesney Village, but this village comes under heavy arty fire from our own guns, and the patrol has to beat a retreat to safety north out of the woods. Another recon patrol goes to woods and areas about 1000 yds south of us, and return from the south east with the same report of no enemy sighted. It is appreciated from these reports that the enemy have either withdrawn completely, or were killed or captured in areas Quesney Wood and rolling ground South down to the River Dives. 1230 hrs. - 8th Recon Rgt(2nd Div) arrive to relieve us in this position, and we will rejoin 7th Bde this afternoon. Bn "O" Gp at 1245 hrs. New reinforcements received today are 2 Officers and 30 O R's. Officers are two old-timers in our Regiment, Capt. F. Dixon(wounded Dplus 3) and Capt. Richardson. They are posted O's C of C and B Coys respectively and appointed A/Major. We start move about 1300 hrs on 2 axis, XXX A and D on right (west), and B and C on left (east) Move goes well until river is crossed and we start to move to high ground. Here Coys get too far east and direction of axis is lost. Leading elements are stopped and put on right track after some confusion and all coys move over to proper area. Near Olenden, our own aircraft strafe a convoy that our vehicles are in (4th Div) and 2 casualties are suffered in Carrier Platoon. We finally arrive in allotted areas about 1900 hrs and take up positions on high ground overlooking Falaise and the country to the South. 1900 hrs.- Our first orders tonight are to move on and take over village of Aubigny, and plans are tied up for this move. Squadron of tanks are supposed to go with us but this has not been laid on and move does not come off, due to incomplete planning, not ready regarding move with the tanks and we are ordered back to original position and consolidate there for the night. This is done, and Coys dig in and sight their positions for tactical defence of this high ground area.		

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Versainville MR158383 SN776	Aug.	18/44	Weather today is hot and sultry again. 1800 hrs- Some activity on our front last night, with bombing South and South east of our positions. Cannot identify as allied or enemy, but probably enemy, as 2 Div occupy that area now. No shelling, no casualties. The mild wave of dysentery going through the army at present has made no exception of this unit. Many of our officers and O R's are suffering from it. 1215 hrs-Lt. Col Matheson E. D. holds Bn "O" Gp after orders are received from Bde Major this morning. We will move to Perriers this afternoon to relieve the HLI who are moving forward. Regt de Maisseneuve (2 Div) relieving us. Order of march--2 axis--Left, A and B, right, C and D Coys. Move starts about 1445 hrs and we are complete on Perriers Sq 1842 and consolidated by 1600 hrs. At 1645 hrs another Bn "O" Gp is held for the move enbussed to Mandeville, Sq2732 (approximately 12 miles S E of here). Order of vehicles in Bde--RRR's Bde Command Gp, C.S.R.'s, RWR's. Our order--D Coy and 1 platoon carriers, Bn Command Gp, Bde Command Gp, C Coy, Bn HQ, A Coy, Convey moves to SP at 1830 and at 1900 we are on the move. 1900 hrs.-Progress is good on this move and we move uninterrupted to final objective, reaching it by 2100 hrs. This is our first long embussed move, and the FBI enjoy it thoroughly. Mandeville is found to be usual small village, civilian occupied, not shelled. Civilians are overjoyed to see us. BHQ sets up in orchards in centre of village MR2713240.		

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			1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT.	11.
MANDEVILLE MR -271324 SN - 7 F/6	Aug. 19 1944.		0800 - Some activity during the night of 18 & 19th in form of veisheard moving about. Some shelling & Mortaring, some believed our own guns. 4 PofW sent in by A & C Coy at 0700 hrs. Weather today much cooler with an overcast sky. This is a great relief from hot spell of the last two weeks. 1200 - Bn settles in to new position, patrols are sent out to recon bridges over narrow stream on our front and -- one at least is found blown. Mixed pockets of enemy are seen from our OP's at various times during the day and these though still carrying weapons and firing the odd shot are cut off stragglers and not serious opposition but troublesome to our FDL's who have to clear them out. 1700 - Bde "C" Gp - Situation on all fronts is good and much progress, steady advances are made. POLISH ARM'D Div and 90th U.S. Div have joined up SE of TRUN sealing the "FALAISE POCKET" said to contain the battered remnants of the German 7th Army numbering 50,000. 3rd Div and 7 Bde will continue to form firm base in this area to prevent any breaks through of the trapped enemy forces. Bn "C" Gp 1915 hrs the above information is passed on. 2100hrs - Total PofW taken today 21 from at least 5 or 6 different units.	fel.
MANDEVILLE MR -271324 SN - 7 F/6	Aug. 20 1944		0800hrs - Weather today cool overcast skys, with some rain during the day. Some activity on our front last night in the form of tks heard across the river very close to us. Close contact is kept with Royal Winnipeg Rifles on our left, however and no attempted enemy breaks through is made through us. Some shelling during the night and most of this is believed our own again, 2nd Div; 2 Corps guns being the answer. 1400hrs - Little change in situation on front except that 12th Corps recon tps go through us today on a mopping up task in the pocket to the south of us. Batches of PofW come in, some of these on their own accord. others led in by civilians, up to 1900hrs; we gather in 48 PofW including 1 Captain paymaster with a truck and strong box containing 500,000 Francs which is immediately confiscated. These PofW are also from many and varied units of the German 7th and 19th Armies, viz: 21 Pz Div, 116 Pz Div 84 Div, 267 Div, 3 GAF, 708 Div, 275 Div, 292 Div etc.	fel.

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			1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT.	12.
MANDEVILLE - MR - 271324 - SN - 7 F/6	Aug.	21 1944	0800hrs - Activity last night consisted mainly of our contact patrols with RWRs unable to contact 2 Div unit on our right however, one German patrol met by XX B Coy patrol but no fighting ensued. Advised by Bde that 53 Div patrolling in our areas and Screen fwd from 2825 to 3029. Weather today continues overcast sky and cool, with some sunshine. 1400hrs - Conference at Bde HQ - We will likely move tomorrow to some area from which a long embussed move is anticipated. Carrier patrol goes out to find enemy reported by recce patrol, find no trace of enemy. Reports that t unit on our right has moved out. 2000hrs - Quiet night no activity. 7th Recce move in on our right and liase with us regarding contact to be made throughout the night. Mobile bath here today and unit enjoys a hot shower and change of underwear.	fel
MANDEVILLE - MR 271324 - SN - 7 F/6	Aug.	22 1944	0800hrs - Night of 21/22 Aug. relatively quiet with little enemy activity, activity reported by sub-units. No shelling, no casualties. Weather today overcast sky and cool again, sunshine breaks out in afternoon. Reports this morning tell of 9th Bde rounding up a pocket of 2000 - 3000 Germans including a Div Commander. 1500hrs - We are put on notice to move conc area tonight, but this message is cancelled 30mins later to read "Be ready to move tonight or first thing tomorrow morning". 2015hrs - Bde "O" Gp attended by C O, I O. - Orders given for Bde to move embussed to BRIONNE approximately 30-40 miles NE. SP - VIMOUTIERS. - Order - 1 CSRs, RWRs, RRRs Army move with 2 Div left, 3 Div centre, 4 Div right (Polish Arm'd to RES) XXX in order 3 Div - 8, 7, & 9th Bde. We will likely move to conc area 307323 about 0800hrs in the morning. On return C O holds Bn "O" Gp - Orders are given for this move. Bn Order - D Coy, Comd Gp, B Coy, BHQ, C Coy, A' Coy. We will likely start to move (March to conc area) about 0745hrs, rev 0600hrs, Breakfast 0645hrs.	fel

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			1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT.	13.
MANDEVILLE - MR 271324 - BN - 7 F/6	Aug. 23rd 1944.		0800hrs - Weather today starts out cloudy and cool but clears by midday and is warm and clear from then on. No enemy activity reported by sub-units last night. Bn starts today's move at 0800hrs. All tps and vehs arriving at conc area 307323 by 0930hrs. Due to hold up in the Can Scots and RWRs getting their TCV's the move is held up and we sit and wait in conc area for 3 hrs, giving us time to eat lunch and finish off misc. details and plans for the Bn move. 1230hrs - Orders received to "Move Now" at 1215hrs and our convoy gets under way. some hold up is caused by tks and also SDGs who get ahead of our column by mistake and we pass through them later on. 1600hrs - Move goes very well, but is slowed up and stopped at different points mainly due to cratered rds, heavy traffic, and destroyed enemy vehs on the rds. This condition is acute as we approach VIMOUTIERS and an amazing spectacle is witnessed of hundreds and hundreds of knocked out, burned out enemy vehicles and equipment pushed off to the side of the road by bull-dozers to clear the road, for the advance. The Allied Air Force is reported to have knocked out 3000 vehs on this road one day last week, area VIMOUTIERS, and if this figure was doubted before it is not now. The fleeing German column was literally "caught with their pants down" and this scene of CHAOS and destruction makes everyone really appreciate the fine work of our Air Force is is doing. 1700hrs - 7th Recce 5-6 miles ahead of leading Inf elements, report meeting enemy at about 1500hrs, square 6963, 6763, 6570 and at 1620hrs Can Scots report heavy Mortar shelling ahead of them at 634707 and at 1645hrs they report contact with the enemy. This all results in slowing up and eventually stopping at an area several thousand yds short of this reported resistance to debuss the tps, disperse the units and investigate and clean out, probably. 1830hrs - Orders are received to consolidate for the night taking up a defence position in an area approx 1 1/2 miles South of main route and about 6-8 miles SW of ORBEC and we move in following the RWRs and ICSRs. Areas ahead are not clear with 2 Div clearing ORBEC and this resistance to our present front SW of ORBEC. 2300hrs - BH location - 630695 - All coys now consolidated, completing digging in, and arranging for liaison and contact with RWRs (Booy) and ICSRs (Dooy) during the night. Some shelling to our front but none in our Bn area, and no casualties reported to date. We receive warning order from Bde; No move before 0900hrs. Order of march tomorrow, the same as today, likely no TCV's.	

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			1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT.	14.
ORBEC - MR - 630695 SN - 8 F/3	Aug. 24th 1944.		0800hrs - Weather today cloudy and cool with rain commencing 1400hrs, clearing up by 1600hrs, clear day thereafter. Some light shelling to our front (in 1CSRs area) during the night, none here. Contact patrols successful within the Bde, but one sent to contact 9th Bde at a point 1/2 mile SW of our FDL's reported no patrol showed up at that point to contact; also no enemy activity there. 5 PofW taken last night - 4 turned in by FFI, one picked up by this unit. 1430hrs - Lt.Col. Matheson, DSO, ED, holds Bn "O" Gp. Orders are given for continuation of move to BRIONNE, route is changed and troops will march, Carrier pl to provide Bde left flank protection. Bn moves off starting xxxx at about 1400hrs, hold up at SP due to traffic on main route crossing through, also heavy going for vehs and marching tps in muddy xxx trails, ORBEC is reached by 1620hrs, and our recce party goes fwd about 1730hrs to recce our new area in sq 7380, 7379, 7480, & 7479. 2200hrs - Bn approaches final destination some of the tps have xxx to be picked up by vehs being unable to finish the march. BH4 arrives in new area about 2155hrs and sets up in large farm and orchard, getting part of the farm house for ops, C O, and small sleeping room. No enemy activity whatsoever encountered today and this area seems clear also. Plan for tomorrow is to continue the move again along NE axis.	Feb
MR - 735805 SN -	Aug. 25th 1944		0800hrs - No enemy activity of any sort reported last night and quiet night was enjoyed by everyone. Weather today is clear, bright skys, warm sunshine. We receive orders at 0730hrs via Major Stevens, BM, 7 CIB of today's route, order of march, (RWRs, RRRs, 1CSRs) timings, etc. C O holds short Bn "O" Gp at 0800hrs and Coys are put on 15min notice to move at 0815hrs. SL is held up and we actually don't leave this position till 0930hrs, due mainly to an arty convoy in our route that shouldn't be there, holding us up. Troops march and our order is - A, D, B, & C Coys, BH4 following D Coy. 1230hrs - Move goes well and good time is made. No enemy or signs of enemy contacted. We near our destination sq 8183 at about 1300hrs, but before stopping, instructions are received to push on this afternoon lifting the tps in Bn & Bde vehs, to ELBEUF (on Seine). Unit halts for 90mins and BH4 sets up in large farm with Chateau and the usual orchards - MR 814838. Meal is cooked, short "O" Gp is held and orders issued for move to ELBEUF, carrier pl to lead Bn with A Coy lifted, followed by D, B, C, in Bn vehs.	Feb

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			1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT.	15.
NR - 735805 SN -	Aug.	25th 1944	1500hrs - Move commences 1400hrs and we are across SL by 1500hrs but RWRs however are held up at br 896870 which is blown and whole column is consequently held up for over an hr. We start to move again at 1630hrs and move goes well till 1725hrs when route is partially blocked with fallen trees, and detour is taken. Fighting in ELBEUF is reported with U.S. Forcethere now, also fighting and strong resistance still in sqs 0195, 0295, 0194, 0294. Enemy reported to be SS. Tps with mortars and light tks. Bde moves South off main route and tps debuss at 013933. Bde orders Bns to take up positions and our location is 989881 (EPEGARDE). 2130hrs - BH sets up in large excellent house and yard with coys consolidated around us and in village of EPEGARDE. Little is known of this area regarding enemy, and sub-units send out fighting patrols to check the the area in front of their positions. No enemy reported in our vicinity, however, C O goes to bde, holds Bn "C" Gp on return, information is we will stay here tonight with probable move tomorrow to ELBEUF. Extra degree of alertness will be exercised tonight, with standing and recon patrols. Lt. Bergeron sends one of his recon patrols to try to check woods 0294 but they do not reach objective.	Jsh
EPEGARDE - NR - 989881 SN -	Aug.	26th 1944	0800hrs - Weather today is overcast in early morning hours but clears at 1100hrs and remains warm and fine the remainder of the day. Standing patrols report no enemy activity during the night, no shelling, no casualties. 1000hrs - Bde "C" Gp attended by C O, I O, - Orders are issued here for Bde move on foot to LAGER (area SW of ELBEUF) on axis S of main road, clearing areas up to and inclusive of LAGER. C O returns and Bn plan is issued for our role in this move. During "C" Gp however these orders are countermanded and I O goes to Bde HQ to receive new ones, which are: Move to ELBEUF embussed on same route and under same conditions as yesterday; Bde order - RWRs, RRRs, 1CSRs - our new area will be in centre and water front area of ELBEUF itself. 1400hrs - We move to SP 011874 at 1245hrs, passing SP at about 1315hrs, carrier pl at head of our column and good time is made especially when main road SW from ELBEUF is reached. U.S. tps have now cleared ELBEUF and area SW of enemy and many tks, vehs, and "doughboys" are set moving out to rejoin their main body further S to continue their speedy advance E. We are taking over from them. ELBEUF is reached and tps debuss and march in at 1500hrs, taking over allotted coy areas recon'd by our recon parties previous to our arrival.	Jsh

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EPEGARDE - MR - 989881 SN -	Aug.	26th 1944	Bn HQ is set up in large, once lovely residence, but used by the Germans in their occupation of ELBEUF as billets and consequently, looted and treated roughly, - MR 120893. City seems to be clear of enemy although the odd rifle shot still rings out - mortaring and shelling from across the Seine, ample evidence of enemy not far away - we suffer 3 or 4 casualties from this shelling approx 1630hrs and all tps warned to dig in & stay close by their slit trenches. 2200hrs - 8 POW turned over by U.S. Forces on leaving ELBEUF area after we take over from them, come in via A/tk pl, identification: 4 ex; 1 SS Pz Div, remainder from misc Pioneer Bns, etc fighting as inf. Bde "C" Gp is called at 2115 and tentative orders for crossing River Seine by 7 Bde, given. RRRs, LCSRs will cross with RWRs following up. RCE to get down boating (reccé boats) (storm boats) as soon as possible XXXXXX tonight in darkness and inf will cross at two places with a few 500cwt and A/tk guns, vehs will come up later on tomorrow when pontoon bridges are ready. Bn I Os go down to water front area to reccé routes for marching tps and veh routes for ENG also. 2359hrs - C O returns to BHQ and "C" Gp is called to give tentative orders for crossing operation of R.Seine. Lt.Bergeron with 2 FFI guides with small boats goes on reccé patrol across river to get us information on banks on opposite side where we will cross, also enemy in ST AUBIN village directly across from us. He will report by wireless from other side. No timings yet on crossing and will be entirely dependent on when Eng can get boating down to the river, unloaded and boats set up. At this time it is not expected that these will be ready for 2 or 3 hrs. A Coy reports enemy fighting patrol in their area. We fired on them and casualties are believed inflicted - no evidence of this is found in morning however.	
ELBEUF - MR - 120893 SN -	Aug.	27th 1944	0300hrs - Lt.Bergeron reaches E banks of XXXXXX Seine o.k. and reports rifle and MG fire, not at them, in village ST AUBIN; also tks heard. This proves to be FFI men with German weapons, when other side is reached by the Bn later on today. No sign whatsoever of reputed tks. No word as yet re; Eng progress in getting their boating equip down to the river and convoy is believed to be still on the rd on the W outskirts of ELBEUF. It is therefore feared that we will have to do our crossing in daylight and presence of enemy on E banks of river, is now all important. Lt. Bergeron's final reports states that the village seems to be clear of enemy, no enemy patrols encountered and the E banks unoccupied, seem to indicate that the	

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ELBEUF - MR - 120893 BN -	Aug.	27th 1944	villages is not held and that we can cross without serious opposition. Plans are made however for covering fire if need be from this side by the carriers pl and a close watch kept from this side, Arty FOCs up with forward sub-units to bring down fire speedily if opposition is met. 1200hrs - Weather today overcast, hazy clearing towards midday and by 1500hrs hot xxxx sunshine. We finally receive order -60 mins - to move about 0730 hrs and Bn moves down to the Seine. Crossing commences about 0900, order - C,D,BH, B,A, Coys. The crossing is unopposed and goes speedily with excellent RCE Storm boats which carry approx 30 men in outboard motor propelled craft. Cheering reception is afforded the tps as they land on the other side and the FFI in the village immediately turn over some 25 ragged, bedraggled stragglers from HITLER's "Master RACE" to our leading elements. Lt. Bergeron is met and his patrol rejoins the scout pl in BH. Bn moves into conc area NE of ST AUBIN. 1600hrs - Unit starts move to final objective about 1500hrs on two axis - D,B Coys on Northerly axis, C,A Coys on S Axis (Main rd). Move goes ok. D Coy reaches final objective MR 184028 after some fighting and clearing villages of 30-40 enemy. B Coy moving up behind consolidates 500 yds west of D Coy. On other axis C Coy draws fire when approaching objective TOURVILLE MR 188022. Ground here is found impossible for frontal assault on village and right flank is not secured by 1658s, C Coys withdraws 400yds back along axis and brings down Arty fire on village. A Coy consolidates 500-600yds behind (W) C Coy. These positions remain static for remainder of day. Total casualties 8 or 9 (1 Killed - D Coy). Total PoW taken since crossing commenced now number 50 and enemy casualties inflicted estimated at 15 to 20. 2000hrs - BH is set up in large house on the S banks of the Seine MR 159023, the friendly owner, only too glad to assist us in lending us the house. Civilians here seem very friendly and co-operative with a strong FFI who have today supplied us with 2 guides to TOURVILLE, and turned in some 35 to 40 PoW to us, and given information about the ground and enemy in country a head of us. 2200hrs - Conference at Bde H attended by C O, I O. Plans are worked out for moving forward on to high ground several miles E tomorrow. RRRs left, 1CSRs right, RWRs through us and swinging North.	jk

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BEDANNE - MR - 159023 SN - 9 E/5	Aug. 1944	28th	0800hrs - Weather today, cloudy, cooler than yesterday, vis: a little hazy. Some shelling last night of our Bn areas and some which came from NW believed to be our own, no casualties suffered however during the night. No enemy patrols or other activity reported by coys last night. 1100hrs - Lt. Coll Matheson, DSO, ED, attends forming up conference at HQ 7018 and final plans are teed up for today's attack. Bn "O" Gp is held about 0930hrs and orders are given for this move. 2 Axis - E towards and inclusive of high ground area sq 1901, 1902, 2001, & 2002. Northerly axis - A Coy followed by D Coy. South axis - C Followed by B Coy, TOURVILLE to be by passed by C Coy, cleared by B Coy. 1700hrs - Attacks and clearing of areas has gone according to plan. C Coy moved through to their objective clearing one or two areas of snipers, reaching final objective by 1430hrs and mopping up. B Coy behind them clear TOURVILLE taking one PofW and consolidate on their objective by 1530hrs. A & D Coys move up clearing their position woods sq 2002 - BOIS DE TOURVILLE - take PofW and consolidate by 1430hrs and 1530hrs respectively. BH sets up in centre of woods - MR 7205022. Total PofW finally rounded up by us today in this attack number 42 including, 2 - offrs. Our casualties approx 10. 2000hrs - SITREP - We are now consolidated and digging in on our objective (with valuable assistance of 20 PofW who don't mind a little bit of exercise). BH sets up, dug in HQ with tps dispersed in BH area. Some shelling of Bn area from bear rings of 5 deg and 80 deg Magnetic. 1 CSRs on to their objective by 1400hrs with no opposition encountered. RWRs through to their objective by 2000hrs after opposition from village of les AUTHIEUX SUR LE PT ST OVEN sq 2103, tk support called for by RWRs and sent to them.	fel.
WDS - MR 205022 - SN - 9 E/5	Aug. 1944	29th	0800hrs - Weather today overcast, cool, signs of rain, intermittent rain in afternoon. No enemy activity during the night reported by sub-units, no shelling, no casualties. 1030hrs - C O holds Bn "O" Gp. We might be moving today to new area 5 miles N if 8 and 9 Bde successful in reaching their objective further N. Enemy sit seems to be that they have hurriedly withdrawn from area to N of us but are still in ROUEN which will be cleared by 2nd Div.	fel.

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WDS - MR - 205022 - SN - 9 E/5	Aug. 29th 1944.		1200hrs - We are put on one hour notice to move. 1600hrs - No indication of move until 1800hrs - (from Bde HQ). 2300hrs - Order from Bde at 1800hrs "Stand Down". We send out a covering party (supplied by A Coy.) for 14 Fd Coy RCE to check rd running N along SEINE to PORT ST OVEN, for mines as this Class I rd is needed badly to supply tps as we proceed further N. C O is called to SUNRAYS conference at Bde HQ at 2100hrs.	<i>Jeb</i>
WDS - MR - 205022 - SN - 9 E/5	Aug. 30th 1944.		0800hrs - Weather today cloudy and cool again with light rain off and on during the day. No shelling or enemy activity last night. Troops happy in this area except when it rains as it has done to some extent here. The problem then is to keep dry. 0930hrs - C O holds Coy Comdr conference. We will likely stay here today - 8 and 9 Bdes moving forward. 4 Div moving to our previous allotted area. We may however be ordered to move late today or at 1st light tomorrow up to area just short of 8 and 9 th Bdes. We will be prepared however to move to area around BELBEUF and route is chosen, order of march, etc. 1400hrs - Bn is put on 60 min notice to move and Bde "C" Gp is called. Orders issued for move to area now occupied by 8th Bde who are pushing on 5 miles further N tonight. We will go to NOTRE DAME DE FRANQUEVILLE area sq. 2409. Bn is marshalled and ordered to move to new area at 1600hrs. Order, D Coy embussed on carrier pl vehs, followed by A, C, and B Coys who start off marching but are later picked up as soon as vehs available after forward elements reach objective. 1900hrs - Move goes well and we arrive at NOTRE DAME DE FRANQUEVILLE starting at 1700hrs. All coys in and take up positions in allotted areas by 1830hrs, BHQ sets up at MR - 243097 on main ROUEN - PARIS rd. This village only several miles SE of ROUEN is modern and pleasant and seems to have suffered little from German occupation although many houses evacuated. No signs or evidence of enemy in this area or areas surrounding and Civa report they have left several days ago in great haste. 2000hrs - Bde "C" Gp is held at our BHQ and Brig Spragge issues orders for Bde to push on again tomorrow to LA POMERAYE sq 3023 - approx 12 miles NE of here.	<i>Jeb</i>
NOTRE DAME de MR - 243097 - SN 9 E/5	Aug. 31st 1944.		0700hrs - Weather today is overcast, cool and signs of rain again are evident. clearing however by 0900hrs, weather is fine, warm, clear by 1000hrs and remains	

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NOTRE DAME de MR - 243097 - SN - 9 E/5	FRANQUEVILLE Aug. 31st 1944.		thatway for remainder of the day. No activity or evidence of enemy in area or surrounding areas during the night. No shelling, no casualties. Bn moves off on today's move, starting 0700hrs. SP is reached by 0720hrs, Rds passed SP however are badly muddled and tps are debussed, push on while vehs take a different route, to get on better rd. Some 1CSRs vehs get ahead of us and a change in Bde order is effected and bal of CSRs vehs are ordered up through our column. Our vehs order also changed but marching tps having debussed are still in right order and together as sub-units are embussed again and convoy starts move. 1200hrs - We reach DURANT Xrds 301174 by 0910hrs and push on, La POMMERAYE is reached by 1000hrs and we halt and take up positions but do not dig in. C O is called to Bde C P for instructions and Bde Hq orders a thorough search of our surrounding area as enemy are reported in wds to the E of us. This search bears fruit and 21 PofW XXXXXXXX altogether are gathered in - remnants and stragglers, from 559 Gren Regt, 331 Inf Div. They do not fight and their search for someone to surrender to is finally successful. C O returns from Bde C P, calls short "O" Gp at 1115hrs. We will move to SAVEAUNERE - MR sq 3832 within one hour. 1600hrs - Column starts to move again at 1300hrs - order of march, RRRs, 1CSRs, and RWRs - tps march. Area ROCQUEMENT sq 3431 is reached by 1530hrs and tps are ordered to embuss. Bde orders to move to area Sq 4141 by most direct route and as fast as possible. 1900hrs - Move goes well, no enemy contacted, tps ride embussed to final area LES HAYONS sq 4040 and recce parties go forward to recce allotted Bn area and sub-units positions are checked for occupation. We finally move in to our Bn area about 1830hrs and consolidate there for the night. The village of lesHAYONS shows the usual signs of hasty enemy retreat and is badly damaged by our bombing, being a main L of C cross roads. Many of the buildings are smashed and most of the inhabitants evacuated. Bn Hq sets up in orchard and small farm buildings at 409408. 2000hrs - Bde "O" Gp. We will push on again tomorrow to a rea EU sq 4860 approx 30 miles NE, embussed as today. C O returns, holds Bn "O" Gp. Bde order, RRRs, 1CSRs, and RWRs. Bn order - A, B, Coys, BNJ, Hq, C and D Coys.	88

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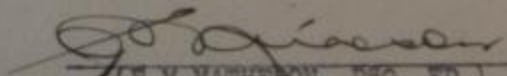
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