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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
WESTCAPPELLE	3 Nov 44		<p>The commander of the enemy garrison in our immediate area came in to Tac BHQ to make arrangements for the surrender of his men. He was given four hours to have this completed, and as the country between WESTCAPPELLE and the LEOPOLD CANAL, where most of the garrison were, was practically all under water we had to round up all the "Weasels" we could lay our hands on to bring the prisoners in. This Jerrying job was completed by five o'clock and we had 4 officers and 153 other ranks as prisoners. This capture of WESTCAPPELLE was our final phase in the cleaning up of the SCHELDT pocket. The 9th Bde are on their final objectives along the coast and this will finish the fighting in this area. The total number of prisoners taken since the commencement of the "OPERATION SWITCHBACK" by the 3rd Cdn Inf Division is 289 officers and 12,418 other ranks.</p> <p>There are rumours of a move to a rest area which must have some truth to them as a recon party left today to make arrangements for it.</p> <p>Map - Zeebrugge N.W. 1:25,000</p> <p>ISUM - 8 Cdn Inf Bde</p> <p>OO - RELAX</p>	<p>Appx 7</p> <p>Appx 8</p> <p>Appx 9</p>
		<p>1030</p> <p>1100</p> <p>1700</p>	<p>Reveille - Cloudy and cool.</p> <p>Word passed around to the men that we are going to GHENT for a rest. Naturally this put the men in the highest spirits and the big question in everyone's mind at present is "How long will we be there".</p> <p>Early dinner.</p> <p>The bn was loaded on TGVs and bn vehicles and the long drive was started for GHENT. We passed through SLUIS, which is nothing but a mass of wrecked buildings and resembles what was left of CAEN from here we proceeded to DRAAIBRUG passing through the town and turned south and headed for AARDENBURG and the LEOPOLD and LYS CANALS. At MALDEGEM we turned south east and passed through BEULOO and WATERSCHOOT and were on the last lap before entering the city of GHENT.</p> <p>Bn arrived at GHENT and it seemed as if the whole city were out to welcome us. The streets were lined with school kids about four deep, each with a flag or flowers in their hands, the drivers of the vehicles had a difficult time driving through the city as the crowds insisted on pressing close to talk or shake your hand.</p> <p>ISUM - 8 Cdn Inf Bde</p> <p>MOVEMENT ORDER - No 1 - OPERATION RELAX</p> <p>Map - GHENT</p> <p>ISUM - 8 Cdn Inf Bde</p> <p>Message - Lt-Gen G.G. Simonds</p>	<p>Appx 10</p> <p>Appx 11</p> <p>Appx 4</p> <p>Appx 12</p> <p>Appx 13</p>



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GHEENT	3Nov44		Bn proceeded from GHEENT to LEDEBURG which is a suburb of the city. Representatives of the city and police assisted in sorting out the chits for billeting the men in private homes.	
LEDEBURG			BnHQ was set up in the Auditorium of the Commune (City Hall)	
LEDEBURG	4Nov44		Reveille - Cloudy and cool	
			The men enjoyed a good nights rest, and it was really something to be able to crawl into an honest to goodness bed with nice clean white sheets. Most of the civilians with whom the troops were billeted wanted the men to eat with them in their homes, but most of the boys refused as the food situation although somewhat improved, isn't any too good yet.	
			Most of the coys were issued with winter underwear and woollen gloves and every effort is being made by the Quartermaster to see that the men all get new uniforms.	
		1000	Pay-parade - Most of the men drew so much that the paymaster ran out of money and the parade was temporarily called off till he could go to the bank and draw some more money.	
			It didn't take the boys long once they had some money in their pockets, to start out to see the town.	
	5Nov44		Reveille - Cloudy and cool with high winds.	
		0900	Approximately 200 men from the bn paraded in GHEENT to attend an inspection and investiture of the 3rd Odn Inf Div by Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, K.C.B., D.S.O., Commander in Chief, 21 Army Group.	
			Order of Investitures	
		1030	Tps of the 3rd Odn Inf Div along with the attending bands were formed up in a three sided square facing the Commander-in-Chief.	
		1100	Arrival of Commander-in-Chief.	
		1110	Investiture of recipients of awards. The following members of the QOR of C were decorated by the C-in-C, Major Charles Osborne Dalton, D.S.O., Capt Harvey George Bean, M.C., C.S.M. Samuel Thomas Scrutton, D.C.M., Sjt Rene Joseph Tessier, M.M., and Lieut. W.G. Herbert, M.C.	
			Orders from the C.O., Lt-col S.M. Lett, that all Officers, Warrant Officers and Sjts will eat in their respective messes as it seems that this is the only opportunity that he gets to pass on any orders as the rest of the time its quite a task to find anyone as the boys are certainly taking advantage of their rest. They have visited practically every cafe, bar, restaurant, and cabaret in GHEENT.	

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LEDEBERG	6Nov44	0900	Reveille - bright and clear. Coy parades and inspection of weapons and later a church parade. The men had the afternoon off and are certainly making the most of their free time.	JH JH
		1730	Informal dinner in the Sjts Mess. New members of the Mess were introduced and each one stated what his particular job was in the unit. The CITY of GHENT is really a busy place these days, what with all the troops who are in the city and all the supplies which are rolling through it it is one continual roar of motion.	
LEDEBERG	7Nov44	0900	Reveille - Clear and cool. Coy parades and inspection. There is a rumour of a move so most of the men are staying fairly close to home. There is plenty of entertainment here in GHENT. ENSA have theatres here and the Canadian Army show is playing in the city, so between these and the Cabarets etc the boys find plenty to fill their spare time.	JH JH
		1900	MOVEMENT ORDER & TABLE BN MOVEMENT ORDER Officer's Mess dinner. Major C.O. Dalton as President of the Mess introduced the guest, which included Brigadier J.G. Spragge, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D. our former C.O., Lt-Col Roberts, acting Bde Commander, 8 Cdn Inf Bde. Major Neil Gordon, former O.C. of "D" Coy and now 2 i/c of the North Shore Regt. Col McClain, Military secretary to C-in-C, 1st Cdn Army. Speeches were made by the Commanding Officer Lt-col S.M. Lett, Brigadier Spragge, Lt-col Roberts, Major C.O. Dalton, Lt-col McClain and Major Neil Gordon. The episode of the evening occurred when Capt Hamilton and Capt Dunkleman proceeded to light up cigarettes before the Toast to the King. Major C.O. Dalton in his own inimitable manner made a few remarks on the iniquities of this procedure and directed that the culprits would pay for their sins in the following manner. Capt Hamilton would buy one round of drinks for the Mess. Capt Dunkleman would ascend to the peak of the Mess roof by means of a ladder and from this lofty height address the assembled multitude. In view of the fact that the only ladder available was a fairly precarious one Capt Dunkleman had quite a struggle ascending to his lofty perch.	
	8Nov44	0830	Reveille - Cloudy and cool. Bn prepared to move to new location at BYNE but due to the usual administration difficulties we didn't leave LEDEBERG till 0915 hrs. On our departure the school children were out again to wish us farewell. The men have been royally treated by the citizens of GHENT and LEDEBERG and most of them don't feel	JH

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EYNE		1130	any too happy about leaving the place. Bn arrived at EYNE and was given a warm reception by the people. The citizens of the town were quite disappointed that the men were not allowed to stay at private homes and many of them approached the men on the side to see if they wouldn't come to their homes.	786 786 786 786 Appx 4 Appx 17
		1200	Coys moved to their allotted quarters in the town.	
		1400	Coy parades and weapon inspection. After this was over the men were allowed out till 2200 hrs.	
		2000	K of C show in Sp Coy lines "Higher & Higher" - Frank Sinatra. Map - Ghent, 1:100,000 Map - Tournai, 1:100,000	
EYNE	9 Nov44	0900	Reveille - Wet and cool. Coy parades and training. Most of the coys were given lectures by the Coy Commander on German Organisation, identification of P.O.W.'s and enemy mines. New maps received from Bde., covering the area north of the SCHELDE and ARNHEIM and NIJMEGEN, this is where the bn will probably resume operations after our re-organization is completed. The men are in good spirits and we've received quite a few re-inforcements, so the Bn is finally up to strength again. The taverns (cafes) in the town are doing a wonderful business as the men are consuming a fair amount of beer and cognac	786 786 Appx 18
		2000	K of C show in "C" Coy lines "Madame Curie" with Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon. Trace - TOWN PLAN - EYNE	
EYNE	10 Nov44	0900	Reveille - Cloudy and cool Coy Parades and training.	786 786 786 786 Appx 19 Appx 20
		1350	K of C show for "B" Coy. The Coys are packing equipment preparatory to move. Each Coy is being supplied with a carrier fitted with a No 22 wireless set. This should improve inter-communication considerably. Bn packed and ready for move to new area near NIJMEGEN. This will be a long hard drive as most of it will be done in the dark and it is approx 130 miles from our present location.	
		1830	Word received to bed down for the night as no probable move before morning.	
		2300	OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 26 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 46 - PARTS I and II	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
BERG EN DAL	11 Nov 44	0800	Reveille - Clear and cool. The Bn is ready for the move to the front. It is exactly one week since the operation on the SOUTH side of the SCHELDE was completed and the bn left for a rest at LEDEBERG (GHENT). Now with re-inforcements, and re-organization completed the boys, although they will all hate to see the end of this, will all more or less be glad to get back into action again.	SB
		1630	Bn started move from EYNE for the long trip to NIJMEGEN. Proceeded NORTH along main road arriving in GHENT at 1730 hrs. Travelling from here in a NORTH EASTERLY direction we passed through the towns of LOKEREN and ST NICOLAS arriving in ANTWERP at 2130 hrs. On entering the City of Antwerp from the WEST the main road passes under the SCHELDE RIVER by means of a tunnel. This tunnel is about a mile long and although it is still under construction is really something to see. It is being faced with white tile and is lighted from both sides by amber flood lights which makes one look an unearthly green-grey colour. The convoy stopped for about an hour which gave the drivers and men a chance for a cat-nap.	SB
		2230	Left Antwerp and proceeded NE to TILBURG. MAPS - LILLE GHENT, BRUSSELS LIEGE, WALCHEREN AMSTERDAM, 1:250,000	SB Appx 21
	12 Nov 44	0100	Reveille - cold and wet Between intermittent hail and rain the convoy pushed on towards NIJMEGEN, from this time on, practically everytime we stopped we were minus a few more vehicles. At one time we had only four vehicles left in the convoy, but by the time we reached HERTOGENBOSCH we were re-inforced by a few more who had taken the wrong road. "B" Coy had quite a time with Sigs carrier throwing tracks, finally the carrier ended up on the railway line between ANTWERP and TURNHOUT holding up the train running between these two places for approx four hours, but with assistance from the engineer and fireman and some passengers finally got it fixed and off the right-of-way.	SB
		1100	Main body of convoy arrived at NIJMEGEN but we are still minus quite a few of our vehicles. Jerry lobbed a few shells over while we were here. The troops were unloaded from the TCVs and proceeded on foot from here to BERG EN DAL where we relieved the 504 Prcht. Inf. Regt. of the 82 U.S. AIRBORNE DIVISION. "C" Coy on arrival at BERG EN DAL were minus their Coy carrier along with CSM Chivers and their Sigs carrier. "B" Coy still having trouble with their carriers.	SB
		1200	Bn HQ set up at 75135936, "Sp" Coy at 75205926, "A" Coy 75155938, "B" Coy 75105914, "C" Coy 75005957 and "D" Coy at 75255955. The Scout Pl set up two O.P.s one at "C" Coy and one at "D" Coy. We are the rear Bn of the Bde in our present position so have pretty comfortable quarters. The main road running through our positions is right on the border at this spot, so some of our men are in Holland and some in Germany.	SB
		2115	Jerry started firing a few mortar bombs and Arty shells, but the only serious damage done was to "D" Coy's kitchen and "C" Coy's latrine.	SB



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BERG EN DAL	13 Nov 44		<p>PERIODIC REPORT - 504 PRGHT. INF. MAP - NIJMEGON, 1:25,000</p> <p>Reveille - Cloudy and cold with heavy frost. The remainder of our missing vehicles and men turn up, that is the vehicles that would run. Quite a few of our vehicles need repairs especially the carriers which are pulling loads far above what they were intended for. Recce patrols out from all the coys to get a good look at the ground on our immediate front. Maps and air photos turned over to us by the Americans are getting a good going over as we haven't received maps from Bde covering our area. Our amateur electricians in the bn are having a field day "improving" up our lighting system. Practically every building we occupy had lights when we moved in but now we either haven't any at all or they are so dim you can't see to work. The boys have been doing quite a bit of bartering with the "Yanks" before they finally pull out. 2030 Jerry laid down a few mortar bombs in the Bn area, but there were no casualties. MAPS - GROESBEER - 12 N.W. EASTERN HALF 1:25,000, WESTERN HALF 1:25,000 TRACES OF COY POSNS - BERG EN DAL MESSAGE - 8 CDN INF BDE DUTCH PATROLS PASSWORD</p>	<p>Appx 22 Appx 23</p> <p style="text-align: right;">786</p> <p>Appx 24 Appx 25 Appx 26 Appx 27 Appx 28</p>
BERG EN DAL	14 Nov 44	<p>0800</p> <p>0900</p> <p>1730</p>	<p>Reveille - Cloudy and cold. The coys are busy fixing up their slit trenches and houses and doing training in general. Regimental refresher course started for reinforcements, both old and new. The men are given weapon training, foot drill, field craft, small arms and lectures and a brief summary on the history of the Battalion. The school has made quite a difference to the meal parades around BHQ. They used to last for 15 min. but now take a half hour or more. The morale of the troops is pretty high as we've got good quarters and the K of C have a show set up in the schoolhouse just down the road. 1730 Jerries Nebelwerfers are busy again but so far have done no damage.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">786 786 786</p>

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BERG EN DAL	15 Nov 44		Reveille - Cloudy and cool with ground mist.	
		0900	Coy training, maintenance on vehicles and care of weapons.	
		1400	Jerry mortar fire cut our power lines so will have to do without until they are repaired.	
			"B" Coy has a guard on two of the bridges crossing the WAAL CANAL, but spent a quiet time during their tour of duty.. There has been plenty of mail coming in and we've had two deliveries to-day which is rather unusual, but the Xmas parcels are starting to come in so the boys on the ration truck will no doubt be busy from now on.	
		1900	"C" Coy paraded to the show in the schoolhouse to see that old thriller "Captain Blood" although the parade was more like column of bunches than column of route.	
	16 Nov 44	2300	Jerry laying down his usual night barrage which is really more of a nuisance than anything else.	
			Reveille - clear and cold.	
			Heavy frost during the night which formed a scum ice on the mud puddles. The Bn to-day is commencing a seven day rest and training period. The other two bns of the bde have been relieved and are moving back to areas around NIJMEGEN. Our C.O., Lt-col S.M. Lett has asked permission to stay in the area in which we are now located.	
		0900	Coy parades and training. There has been a certain amount of gum beating about the training but that is the usual thing in the army. The men are in good spirits and there are shows every night in the schoolhouse to help keep them happy.	
		1100	"B" Coy moved to new location at 748594. Remainder of coy who were on guard at the bridges returned to Coy after completing tour of duty.	
	17 Nov 44		The R.S.M. Mr Hartnell, CSM Chivers and CSM Ives left this morning for a two day leave in Paris.	
			APPX "A" CODE NAMES	
			OO No 10 TRACE "X"	
			D.F. & D.F.(SOS) TASKS TRACE & ORDER	
			Inspection by G.O.C. Order	
	17 Nov 44		Reveille - cloudy and cool with frost.	
		0200	Enemy patrol worked its way up the draw behind "C" Coy HQ in the Hotel Groot Berg en Dal, they were heard by the guards and shots were exchanged but no casualties were suffered on either side.	
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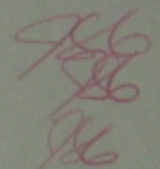

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BERG ENDAL	17 Nov 44	0245	General stand-to ordered but outside of the usual mortar fire everything was quiet.	<div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
		0815	Coy parades	
		0900	Bn parade in field behind Bde.	
		0930	Major-General Spry, General Officer Commanding of the 3rd Cdn Inf Div arrived to talk to the Bn. The Bn was formed up in a three sided square and after the General Salute was given by the officers of the Bn., General Spry called the men to rally around his recce car. After putting them at ease and telling them to smoke he told us of the wonderful reputation held by the 3rd Cdn Inf Div, and that they had successfully completed every job upon which they had been called to do. He also stated that until recently he had had no idea that the exploits of the Div were so well known. Mention was also made of the visit of the 3rd Div to GHENT and the reputation they had left behind them in that city.	
		1030	Bn returned to respective areas and training syllabus was continued.	<div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
		2200	One prisoner captured in "D" Coy area. He claimed he came in to give himself up, but for a man who was supposed to be surrendering he was pretty heavily armed as he had a P.38(pistol) 6 hand grenades and a knife. However some valuable information was obtained from him and Div were hollering for him to be sent back there immediately as he was the first P.O.W. that had been taken by the Div. since 3 Nov 44 when we concluded operations in the SCHELDE area. APPX "A" I SUM 00 No 27 Trace "G" 00 No 27 Trace "P" 00 No 27 Trace "Q" 00 No 27 Trace - Stand to Positions Trace Minefields Extracts from 3rd Cdn Div. O.O. No 10	
BERG EN DAL	18 Nov	0900	Reveille - Wet and cold. Coys parades and training. Things are very quiet around here at present and probably will be as long as we are in a reserve role. There has been very little activity on our present front outside of a few mortar bombs and the odd rocket projectile. The miserable weather hasn't helped to boost the men's spirits any but otherwise they appear to be quite happy.	<div style="text-align: right;">           Appx 35 Appx 36 Appx 37 Appx 38 Appx 39 Appx 40 Appx 41         </div>
		1330	Officers and Sjts liquor ration arrived so there ought to be a few happy souls in the bn to-night. The beer ration, of which we are supposed to get a pint a week, is awfully slow in coming and we have only seen it a few times since the invasion began.	



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BERG EN DAL	18 Nov	1845	Major H E Dalton, Mk II had the officers up for a few drinks and a conference.	
		1900	A few mortar bombs coming over from the area around WYLER MR Sq 7858, but there was no damage done and no casualties.	786 786
BERG EN DAL	19 Nov		Reveille - clear and mild	
		0900	Coy parades and inspection	
		1000	R.O. and Protestant Church parades	
			Leaves have started again and there are four cities where hotels and all the necessities for a good time are available, these are PARIS, BRUSSELS, ANTWERP, and GHEENT the only trouble is that you don't get your choice of which one you'd like to spend your leave in.	86 786
		1400	No 10 Platoon of "B" Coy went to the range to fire the PIAT. L/Cpl Dearness was hit in the thigh by the spent casing of the propellant charge, but failed to get a "blighty" as it happened to hit a pocket in which he was carrying a cigarette case.	786
		1730	Jerries "Nebelwerfer" busy again but no damage was done and no casualties.	786
		2300	General stand to due to active enemy patrols in "C" Coy area.	786
	20 Nov		Reveille - cloudy and cold.	
		0005	Stand down ordered. The remainder of the night was quiet.	
			To-day is the last day of the Regimental School and the re-inforcements will be sent to their allotted coys. The school was given a pep talk by the C.O., Lt-col S.M. Lett, DSO.	786
			The scouts were given a talk on Prisoner of War identification and the organization of the German Army by the I.O., Lt J.S. Choppin.	
		1415	The bn rehearsed counter attack plan "B". This rehearsal was carried out over the actual ground laid down for the plan and drew quite a response from Jerry in the way of MG and Mortar fire. One mortar bomb coming close enough to the C.O.'s carrier to cut anice new aerial in half. The C.O. promptly picked up the broken half and speared a turnip on it and went around conducting the rehearsal using this as a baton.	786
		1700	"B" Coy have a hunch that the Bn will be moving soon as to-night was the first time they've been able to get their lights going since we arrived here.	786
	21 Nov	0900	Reveille - wet and cool.	
			Coy parades and training	
			The bn is getting equipment ready for move to new location on the WAAL River.	786

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OOLJ ERLEKOM WERCHEREN	21 Nov	1130	Enemy M.E. 109 flying over area probably taking air photos or on recce. He didn't linger long over the area as he got a pretty warm reception from the Ack/ack batteries C.A. Role Enemy Mortar positions Amendment No 2 to O.O. No 27 Relief Instructions Movement Order "I" Summaryies No 54 "I" Summary No 55	Appx 42 Appx 43 Appx 44 Appx 45 Appx 46 Appx 47 Appx 48
	22 Nov		Reveille - cloudy and cool with rain. The bn is ready for the move to relieve the SDG's near the WAAL River. This country is all Polder country and quite a bit of it is already flooded.	
		1200	The first platoon of "D" Coy moved off at 1200 hrs on foot, the remaining platoons following at one hour intervals and the coy vehicles bringing up the rear. Coy HQ set up at 76876297.	
		1400	"A" Coy forward group left positions in BERG en DAL and proceeded to new area.	
		1500	"A" Coy HQ arrived in new area and took over from the SDG's. Coy HQ set up at 76356238. Bn HQ set up in house at 76006345.	
		1600	"C" Coy left present position in BERG en DAL.	
		1800	"B" Coy left BERG en DAL with one hour intervals between platoons and Coy vehicles bringing up the rear.	
		1940	7 platoon of "A" Coy reported in to <del>the</del> Coy HQ and took up position at 76806188. 11 platoon of "B" Coy took a few wrong turns and ended up in the woods south west of NIJMEGEN. A runner was despatched to guide them in and they arrived in their area at 2320 hrs. The coy also had to leave a carrier and a 15 cwt in a ditch which they couldn't get them out of.	
		2030	8 platoon of "A" Coy reported in and took up positions at 76546156.	
		2320	"C" Coy took up position in area around factory at 77476296.	
		2359	"B" Coy completed move and set up in area 76366339. Move practically completed and Bn ready for operations. MEMORANDUM OF SWITCHBACK	
	23 Nov	0005	Reveille - cloudy and cool with ground mist. One of "A" Coys outposts was startled by a ground flare, immediately followed by a burst from a SCHMEIZER (German tommy gun) which went through doorway in barn where they had their Bren gun set up. The bren gunner was hit by two shots in the leg and was unable to return the fire. Approximately 20 minutes later a Jerry came in and gave himself up. He was identified as coming from the 1/1052	Appx 49



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
OOIJ ERLEKOM WERCHEREN	24 Nov		Grenadier Regt. After being checked at Bn HQ he was turned over to Bde. "B" Coy's 15 cwt was pulled out of the ditch by a recovery vehicle from Bde. Some of 12 platoon had to move back from their forward position as the ground in the area is badly flooded and is gradually getting worse. "D" Coy sent men for a dental check up at "AA Ech, also some for a bath parade and some to the movies. Jerry has an O.P. in the factory chimney across the river from "C" Coy., thus cutting down considerably on movement in this area. Most of the coys rations have to be packed in on the men's backs as movement on the dyke roads is almost sure to bring down enemy fire.	
		1800	Standing patrol from 14 pl of "C" Coy won the race with Jerry to see who would occupy the buildings at 780625. This particular patrol has been called the "Rat Race" as it has always been touch and go between Jerry and us to see who would occupy this particular bit of no man's land. The scout pl are going to occupy these buildings during the day from now on so this ought to put a crimp in the enemy's activity in this area.	
		2200	A recce patrol from "A" Coy made a reconnaissance of the dyke at 76406115 to 77206124 but no information was obtainable as the patrol was unable to reach their objective at the Rd junction at 77686158. Patrol Report Patrol Report	Appx 50 Appx 51
OOIJ ERLEKOM WERCHEREN	24 Nov		Reveille - cold and wet.	
		0800	"B" and "C" Coys had to take cover from enemy mortar and arty fire. Arty fire coming from across the river in vicinity of factory at 784637.	
		1030	Recce patrol under CSM C.C. Martin of "A" Coy to recce area of road junction at 776616. Patrol advanced to within 50 yds of this point. Enemy standing patrol of 6 men observed in the woods south of this road junction. The road block at 775616 was found to be booby trapped. Patrol suffered no casualties. Major Medland O.C. of "A" Coy went up on a recce in an "Auster" flying O.P. to observe area around QUER DAMM and the road junction at 776616. No 11 platoon of "B" Coy had to move from their present position due to more flooding in this area. "D" Coy sent more men on dental and bath parades. The flooding in this area is getting serious and is cutting down still farther on movement of both men and vehicles.	
		2200	Recce patrol from "A" Coy under CSM C.C. Martin to make recce of area at dyke and road at 77686158. Projected patrols Patrol report	Appx 52 Appx 53



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
TERHOFSTEDE	1 Nov 44	0830	Reveille - Cloudy and cool Rear BHQ moved up to Tac BHQ at the village of TERHOFSTEDE.	
		0900	Tac BHQ left TERHOFSTEDE. SP, A, B, C and D Coys left their positions around RETRANCHMENT and TERHOFSTEDE and set out for SLUIS which had been cleared of the enemy by the <i>North Shore Regt.</i> earlier in the day. The enemy had felled trees across the road at MR 973107. This road block was about 50 yds in depth and our vehicles couldn't be brought forward until this had been cleared up by the R.C.E.	<i>86</i> <i>86</i>
ST ANNA TER MUIDEN			However the Coys proceeded forward on foot passing through SLUIS and advanced as far as the village of ST ANNA TER MUIDEN arriving there at approx 1115 hrs. The bn spent the night in this area after recces had been carried out. The area between our present position and our objective at WESTCAPPELLE has been flooded to a considerable extent and the nature of the country affords little protection. However the enemy seems to have lost considerable of his fighting spirit. He definitely doesn't like the artillery barrages we lay down, and from his own account our typhoons certainly don't help to boost his morale.	
		2300	54 prisoners have been brought in since we arrived at ST ANNA TER MUIDEN. Map - Ghent, 1:100,000 Map - Zeebrugge Bruges, 1:50,000 Map - Sluis, 1:25,000	Appx 4 <i>86</i> Appx 5 Appx 6
	2 Nov 44	0925	Reveille - Wet and cool Bn Started to advance from present position around ST ANNA TER MUIDEN to our objective at WESTCAPPELLE. The road between these two towns is under a foot to a foot and a half of water for about a kilometre and a half, and certainly didn't make the boys feel any more comfortable when they had to wade through it. Jerry had also blown a huge crater completely cutting the road and had felled trees on the far side of it, however the Engineers made a bypass around it till such time as it could be cleaned up.	<i>86</i>
		1100	"A" Coy with one M10 in support moved through WESTCAPPELLE and took out enemy strongpoint at 911122 just north of the town. The enemy gave practically no resistance here and one medical officer and 14 other ranks were taken prisoner. This strong point had been a former enemy HQ and had a pillbox which was very well camouflaged and looked like a barn. Two enemy guns were captured here a 75 mm and a 37 mm and two staff cars.	<i>86</i>



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	25 Nov	1100	Reveille - cold and wet "B" Coy, HQ and kitchen under Enemy 105 mm Arty fire. 8 shells were dropped in the area but only one casualty was suffered and this was Sgt, Tessier, (MM). The route in to "C" Coy was under sporadic mortar fire and to make matters worse some of it is now under water.	
		1600	One shell landed near "D" Coys kitchen but no damage was done and no one injured.	
		1430	"D" Coy HQ and vehicles started moving off at 15 minute intervals on change over with "B" Coy. Platoons moving off at 30 minute intervals.	
		1730	"B" Coy started to move back to old "D" Coy area.	
		2030	Move of "B" and "D" Coys - completed. Some enemy mortar fire and movement on our front which was silenced by our 3 inch mortars.	
			Intelligence Summary	Appx 54
			Report on OPERATION SWITCHBACK	Appx 55
			Intelligence Summary	appx 56
			Projected patrols Night 25/26	Appx 57
			Patrol report Night 25/26	Appx 58
	26 Nov		Reveille - clear and cool	
		0230	"A" Coy sent out a Recce patrol under Lt Boose to recce area of road junction at 77696157.	
		0800	Flooding in "C" Coy area has spread quite a bit and has reduced to routes in to the coy to one and one only. The men are getting a little tired of nothing but mud and water and not being able to move around much. "B" Coy sent men out for a dental check up and bath and a bit of entertainment at the movies.	
		1830	A fighting patrol was sent out to seize the buildings at 780625 and bring back a prisoner. The buildings were taken by the patrol but no POWs were taken. The night was fairly quiet except for some mortar and small arms fire.	
			Projected patrols Night 26/27	Appx 59
			Corps Arty HF Program	Appx 60
			Patrol Report Night 26/27	Appx 61
	27 Nov		Reveille - Cloudy and cool with rain.	
		0300	A recce patrol from "AA" Coy sent out to recce area of Enemy strongpoint at 778616.	
		1600	Enemy Arty laid down a barrage in the bn area but instead of the usual HE or airbursts this lot consisted of propaganda leaflets.	
		1800	Standing patrol to occupy buildings at 780625. Even though we are now occupying these buildings during the day as well as at night Jerry still sends patrols to the orchard in the rear of these buildings.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
		2200	Enemy artillery keeps pounding away at the NIJMEGEN BRIDGE but no real damage has been done to it yet. <del>Art</del> SP FIRE Plan OP "CLICK" PROJECTED PATROLS Night 27/28 PATROL REPORT Night 27/28 Intelligence Summary	Appx 62 Appx 63 Appx 64 Appx 65
	28 Nov		Reveille - Cloudy and cool	
		0800	17 platoon of "D" Coy were flooded out and the men were forced to leave the forward positions and move back to dryer ground.	
		1200	26 reinforcements arrived at "A" Ech. Here they will undergo a weeks training before being sent up to "F" Ech.	
		1800	Standing patrol sent out from "B" Coy to occupy buildings at 780625.	
		2000	"A" Coy formulate plan for attack on Enemy strong point at 777615. Arty SP 8 Bde OP "CLICK" Projected patrols Night 28/29 Patrol Report Night 28/29 Intelligence Summary	Appx 66 Appx 67 Appx 68 Appx 69
OOIJ ERLEKOM WERCHEREN	29 Nov		Reveille - fair and cool.	
		0410	8 platoon of "A" Coy under command of Lt Boos started attack on enemy strong point at 777615. The platoon reached the road junction at 776615 when the enemy opened fire at point blank range severely wounding Lt Boos and two other men. The enemy had this area pretty well taped and 8 platoon were forced to withdraw. This left the men on the left flank out on a limb and CSM Martin with two men from 8 Pl went out and worked them out of this difficult spot. Penetration into the strong point wasn't achieved but some valuable information was obtained. Intelligence Summary Projected patrols Night 29/30 Patrol report Night 29/30	Appx 70 Appx 71 Appx 72
		0630	"A" Coy after withdrawal had a 10070 stand to. The remainder of the day was fairly quiet except for the odd bit of enemy fire.	
		1800	Standing patrol from "B" Coy to occupy the buildings of the "Rat Race" at 780625.	
		2200	Some enemy activity but night pretty quiet.	

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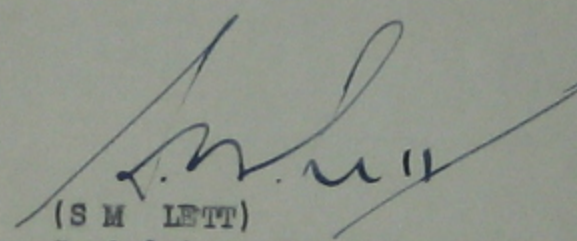
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	30 Nov		<p>Reveille - Fair and cool.</p> <p>"B" Coy sent men on bath and dental parades.</p> <p>0900 Some enemy fire landing in "D" Coy area but no casualties were suffered. 16 and 17 platoons were forced to move to new positions as the water is still rising in this area.</p> <p>1800 Standing patrol to the "Rat Race" at 780625.</p> <p>Observation patrol from "A" Coy to observe enemy strong point at 778614.</p> <p>Recce patrol under Lt Haynes to recce the area of EINKJESHOF at 793619</p> <p>Projected patrols Night 30/1</p> <p>Patrol instructions and reports Night 30/1</p> <p>Big Two Bugle and News sheets</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten initials]</i></p> <p>Appx 73</p> <p>Appx 74</p> <p>Appx 75</p>

  
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