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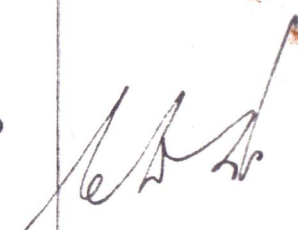
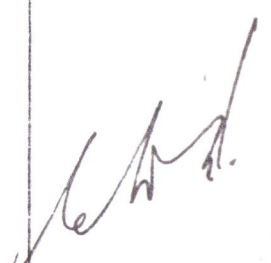
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			<p>The Perth Regiment, C. A. O. War Diary For The Month of April, 1945.</p>	
Holland Sheet 5 Hertogenbosch 1/100,000	1/4/45		<p>One of our fighting patrols had a running fight against a large number of Germans. Our fellows got away but two were wounded. D Company moved forward to a new position and dug in, with Company H. Q. at MR 707716 and Platoons at MR 709716, 708719 and 707723. In the evening ambush patrols were sent out but no enemy were encountered.</p> <p>Weather: wet and cold. Feeding Strength: 37 officers, 812 Other Ranks.</p>	
Holland Sheet 5 Hertogenbosch 1/100,000	2/4/45		<p>About 0715 hours four D Company personnel were injured when they entered a booby-trapped house in their area. After dinner the Commanding Officer and the Intelligence Officer went to Brigade H. Q. to find out about a future move to the Rhine. The Commanding Officer decided to pass Companies through one another. A Company was to pass through C Company and secure MR 684733. D Company was to go through B Company and secure MR 689734. Times for moving were; A Company, 2030 hours and D Company, 2100 hours. From 1530 hours to 1700 hours the Battalion area came under fairly heavy shell fire and we suffered three casualties. Brigade sent us some information regarding a mine-field on our front, which proved to be very useful. At 2215 hours both A and D Companies reported that they were firm on the new positions and were awaiting further orders. At 2359 hours Tac H. Q. moved forward to C Company area at MR 701702. B and C Companies were ordered to move to CHESTNUT at MR 682743 and TRUMAN at MR 688743, respectively.</p> <p>Weather: wet and cold. Feeding Strength: 37 Officers, 805 Other Ranks.</p>	

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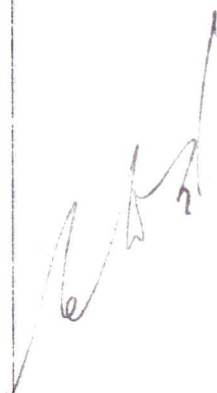
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Holland Sheet 5 S.Hertogenbosch 1/100,000	3/4/45		<p>At 0210 hours "B" Company reported they were firm on their objective. "C" Company reported on at 0400 hours. At this time "A" and "D" Companies were ordered forward again, to clear to the Auto Bund. They reported scattered mines, which tended to slow their progress. "A" Company, who were clearing houses on the road to Driel 678755, suffered three casualties at road junction 681744, but captured one prisoner. The PW was a Dutch SS soldier and willingly gave information regarding the enemy in Driel. He told us that our artillery fire had considerably lessened their numbers and Major Fisher, commanding "A" Company, decided to clear the town as soon as tank support came up. "D" Company made slow progress but managed to get on their objective at 0630 hours. Brigadier I.S. Johnston visited Tac H.Q. at 1200 hours and received the Battalion picture from the Commanding Officer. "A" Company reported Driel cleared of enemy by 1400 hours. In the afternoon "D" Company was counter-attacked twice, but beat the enemy off without much trouble. About 1500 hours a patrol of ten Germans came into "A" Company's lines, but machine gun fire from the tanks ("A" Sqn. G.G.H.G.) drove them off. They lost one man. By 1730 hours the area between the forward Companies was clear of enemy, but Jerry continued to rake the area with machine gun fire from dug-in positions across the Neder Rhine River. The shelling was also intense. A carrier section was sent out to "A" Company to help prevent infiltration during the night. Since the situation was somewhat uncertain, O.Ps were established and ordered to be manned 24 hours a day. The artillery F.O.O. set himself up in the Church Tower at Driel, and rendered invaluable assistance to "A" Company by engaging enemy M.G. positions on the opposite bank of the River. The tanks went back to the rear at last light to refuel and get more ammunition. A hot meal was then brought up to the forward Companies, who were very much in need of it. "C" and "B" Companies were ordered to new positions, "C" to the right of "D" and "B" to the positions 695764, 692763 and 695761. Casualties for the day were two killed and eight wounded.</p> <p>Weather: damp and unsettled. Strength: 37 Officers, 805 Other Ranks.</p>	

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Holland Sheet 5 S.Hertogenbosch 1/100,000	4/4/45		<p>"B" and "C" Companies were consolidated in their new positions by 0300 hours. The rest of the night was very quiet. The G.O.C. of the British 49th Inf. Div. arrived at Tac H.Q. at 0900 hours and Lieut. Fleming took him to "C" Company's forward positions. He wanted to study the far bank of the Neder Rhine, but Jerry had other ideas. After a warm welcome, in the form of Spandau fire, the General made a hasty recce and returned to Tac H.Q. A short time later a Brigadier from the same Division came up for another recce. "A" Squadron of the G.G.H.Gs had brought their tanks up-again and moved them up to the Bund. Once there, they opened up on all the dug-in positions across the River. One machine gun was put out of action and the others immediately shut up. Smoke generators were set up in the rear of the forward Companies to screen movement and cover preparations the 49th Div. were making preparatory to crossing the Neder Rhine west of Arnhem. Recce, ambush and contact patrols were laid on. (See Appendix 7) At 1830 hours the tanks shot up a factory at 664757, where enemy movement had been reported. Around 2000 hours "C" Company took 7 prisoners belonging to the 46th M.G. Fortress Bn. They said they were cut off and had no hope of getting back across the River. Up to midnight, the Companies reported all quiet.</p> <p>Weather: showery. Strength: 37 Officers, 798 Other Ranks.</p>	
Holland Sheet 5 S.Hertogenbosch 1/100,000	5/4/45		<p>All patrols reported no contact with the enemy. Early in the morning smoke generators mounted on vehicles were brought up to the forward Companies. But as soon as they opened up in daylight the mortar bombs literally rained down on them. Two generators were knocked out and 2 of the crew wounded. So the generators were hastily taken back to the rear again and set up at 682753. Brigadier I.S. Johnston came over to Tac H.Q. again at 1115 hours. It was decided to move our Battalion further to the east in order to make way for the operation of the 49th Division. At 1135 hours the artillery F.O.O. reported seeing twelve enemy troops</p>	

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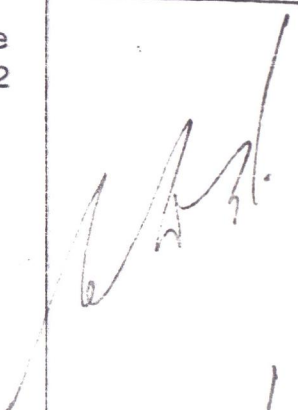
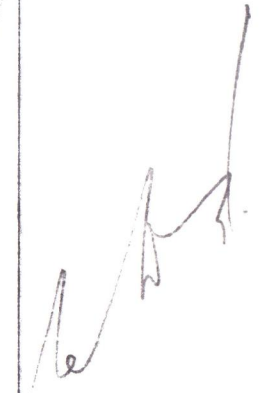
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continued.....			<p>heading for a house at MR 679760. They were engaged with small arms fire but the distance was too great. They were finally seen running into a house at MR 676762 and a patrol was laid on to go this point at night and confirm it. A Company, still holding the town of Driel, came in for a great deal of mortaring. It was then laid down that no vehicles would be taken forward in daylight unless it was absolutely essential. The Colonel decided to spread the Companies out a bit more and a recce party was sent out from D Company to contact the Westministers, who had moved in on our right. The Pioneer Platoon went out at 1800 hours to sweep the railway at MR 706763, which was infested with mines, both British and German.</p> <p>Weather: fine and warm. Feeding Strength: 37 Officers, 798 Other Ranks.</p>	
Holland Sheet 5 Hertogenbosch 1/100,000	6/4/45		<p>There was no enemy activity during the night. Lieutenant Hughson was slightly wounded by D Company personnel in the early hours of the morning when he failed to follow the proper procedure on being challenged. During the morning the forward Companies again came under mortar and shell fire, but no casualties were suffered. C Company came under heavy machine gun fire from a well concealed position in the area MR 685770. About 1915 hours an enemy mortar was found to be firing from behind a gasometer at MR 691773. The artillery took on this target and several hits were scored. Around 2200 hours Brigadier Rutherford, O. C. of C. A. C. R. U., and his son, Lieutenant Rutherford, paid a visit to Tac H. Q. and conferred with Colonel Andrew.</p> <p>Casualties, 1 Officer.</p> <p>Weather: unsettled with showers. Feeding Strength: 37 Officers, 802 Other Ranks..</p>	

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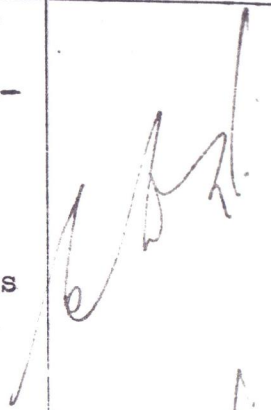
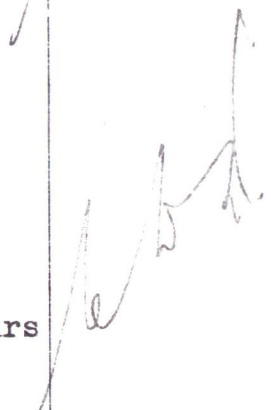
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Holland Sheet 5 Hertogenbosch 1/100,000	7/4/45		<p>The artillery, 17th Field Regiment, put on a shoot at 0215 hours. At first light our tanks, B Squadron of the G. G. H. G's, engaged a machine gun at MR 685770 and knocked it out. It was a very nice bit of shooting. The usual shelling and mortaring of our forward positions continued throughout the morning but no one was hurt. After dinner the Artillery opened up on a mortar position at MR 676766, and succeeded in silencing it. Late in the afternoon our G. O. C., General Hoffmeister, paid a visit to Tac H. Q. He complimented the Colonel on the good behaviour of his troops while we were in Belgium, and also expressed his pleasure at the very low number of A. W. O. L. cases, where leave to England was given.</p> <p>Weather: fine and warm. Feeding Strength: 37 Officers, 802 Other Ranks.</p>	
Holland Sheet 5 Hertogenbosch 1/100,000	8/4/45		<p>At 0200 hours the forward Companies reported sounds of demolition on the enemy side of the river but could not pin-point the spots. At 1045 the enemy threw over some small rocket bombs which fell in A Company area at MR 679755. In the afternoon he tried for the cross-roads at MR 682745, but most of the mortar shells fell short and landed on the road leading into Driel. At 1540 hours Brigadier Rutherford, C. A. C. R. U., England, came to Tac H. Q. to see Colonel Andrew.</p> <p>Casualties: nil.</p> <p>Weather: fair and warm. Feeding Strength: 37 Officers, 805 Other Ranks.</p>	

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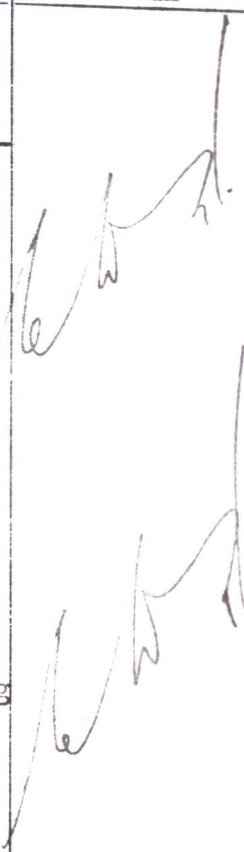
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Holland Sheet 5 S.Hertogenbosch 1/100,000	9/4/45		<p>The morning was very quiet and we missed the usual dose of shelling. The Colonel went to Bde. H.Q. and learned of a probable move tomorrow to a concentration area between Emmerich and Zutphen, east of the Wesser River. Major Snelgrove came back from leave and resumed his duties as Second in Command. The Afternoon was quiet but at 2030 hours the enemy mortars opened up again. "B" Company took most of the pasting, due to the fact that they still had smoke generators in their area. Our artillery then took up the fight and, after pounding one enemy mortar position at 691744, the enemy fire ceased. At 2130 hours enemy tracked vehicles were heard moving along a lateral road at 723799. Our artillery opened up but the results could not be observed. "A" Company then came under small arms fire from across the River but, on being engaged by our own weapons, it ceased.</p> <p>Weather: fine and warm. Strength: 38 Officers, 826 Other Ranks.</p>	
Holland Sheet 5 S.Hertogenbosch 1/100,000	10/4/45		<p>At 0010 hours an enemy patrol of 8 men was sighted approaching "D" Company area at 714763. When they came closer our men engaged them, but since the enemy was armed with bazookas he fared better. In the ensuing battle two of our men were killed by blast. The 17th Field Regiment put on a shoot at 0645 hours, trying to stir the enemy into some counter-battery work, but to no avail. The enemy kept very quiet. At 1400 hours our tanks went up on the Bund and blasted a suspected enemy O.P. at 708780. Later in the day recce parties were warned to stand by for a recce in daylight tomorrow. Casualties; 2 killed, 1 wounded.</p> <p>Weather: fine. Strength: 38 Officers, 826 Other Ranks.</p>	

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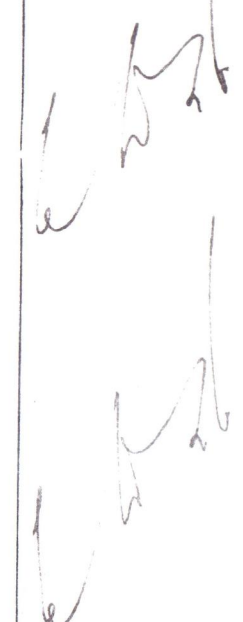
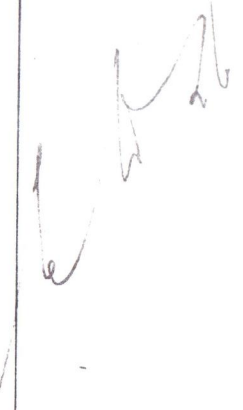
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Holland Sheet 5 Hertogenbosch 1/100,000	11/4/45		<p>At 1000 hours a recce party left to recce a new area at MR 8074. Just before dinner representatives from the 7th Anti Tank Regiment arrived at Tac H. Q. to recce our Battalion positions. They were going to take over from us in this area. It was arranged that one platoon from each Company would take-over at 1630 hours, one at 1730 hours and the third at just after stand-to. At 1300 hours Main H. Q. and part of Support Company moved to a new area at Osterhout, MR 6866, Nijmegen Sheet, 1/25,000. The change-over was completed without incident and the troops were picked up by T. C. V's in Elst and taken to the new area.</p> <p>Weather: fair and warm. Strength: 38 Officers, 833 Other Ranks.</p>	
Holland Sheet 5 Hertogenbosch 1/100,000	12/4/45		<p>By 0100 hours all the Companies were settled in the new area at Osterhout. Tac H. Q. and Main H. Q. were at MR 684663, A Company at MR 687667, B Company at MR 685665, C Company at MR 684662, D Company at MR 684660 and Support Company at MR 685664. In the morning bath parades were held for all Companies. Lieutenant Gallagher was now acting Intelligence Officer, relieving Lieutenant D. L. Thompson, who was acting Adjutant. The Colonel attended an "O" Group at Brigade H. Q. at 1015 hours, and at 1400 hours he, the Intelligence Officer and the Adjutant recce'd an area in front of Arnhem. Later on in the day, however, this intended move was cancelled. In the evening the Companies were entertained by a C. W. A. C. Show. The Colonel held an "O" Group after the Show, concerning a move to a new area at MR 8074.</p> <p>Weather: showery. Strength: 38 Officers, 831 Other Ranks.</p>	

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Bocholt Sheet P-1 West 1/100,000	13/4/45		<p>The Colonel, I.O. and Adjutant left on a recce at 0545 hours for an area near Doesburg, presently held by the Royal Canadian Dragoons, 1st Cdn. C.A.R. At 0730 hours the 2 i/c, Major Snelgrove, moved the Battalion to the Start Line, which was Nijmegen Bridge. The route followed to the new area was Cleve, Emmerich, Elton, Beek, Didam and Wekl. Tac H.Q. was set up at Wekl, 951750. The G.O.C. of the 5th Division paid a visit to Tac H.Q. at 1400 hours. Company areas were as follows; "A" Company 939795, "B" Company 866753, "C" Company 938855, and "D" Company at 899787. Each Company had one troop of G.G.H.G. tanks with them. At this time the Battalion frontage was approximately 8 miles but, fortunately, the front was a very quiet one.</p> <p>Weather: fair. Strength: 38 Officers, 830 Other Ranks.</p>	
Bocholt Sheet P-1 West 1/100,000	14/4/45		<p>The night was very quiet and only one patrol contacted any enemy. No one seemed to be quite sure where the enemy's forward defense lines were, so "C" Company, riding on a troop of tanks, was sent forward to sweep the area. While this was going on the 105s did a shoot along the river line. Progress was slowed down considerably by many road blocks, which were heavily mined and booby-trapped. Brigadier I.S. Johnston visited Tac H.Q. and at 1830 hours the C.O. passed the latest information to the Company Commanders. We were to take part in an operation called "Cleanser", the chief feature being that our own Division was to pass through the 49th Br. Inf. Div. now in the Arnhem area, secure the high ground to the north, and then swing west. The plan called for TCVs to carry the troops around. At 2230 hours two Russian deserters walked into "A" Company lines and gave information regarding their unit, stating that their comrades in Doesburg wished to surrender. They were then sent back to their own lines again and about midnight they returned with 86 more men, complete with arms and equipment.</p> <p>Weather: very unsettled. Strength: 38 Officers, 828 Other Ranks.</p>	

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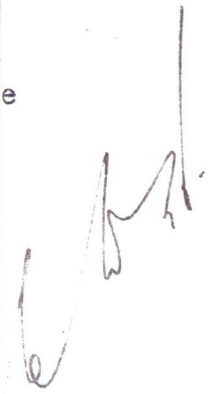

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Bocholt Sheet P-1 West 1/100,000	15/4/45		<p>Reveille was at 0430 hours, with everything ready for the move shortly after. Around this time 11 more deserters from Doesburg gave themselves up to our R.A.P. At 0515 hours the I.O. and all Company Seconds in Command went forward to Arnhem, to recce a concentration area. 0810 hours was the time laid down for the Battalion to cross the Start Line at Didham 894725, but a traffic jam ensued and the Start Line was not reached until 0900 hours. The area was reached at 1215 hours after a slow, uneventful drive. The Westminster Regiment with the 8 N.B.H. tanks, and the C.B.H. supported by the B.C.D. tanks, had advanced to the high ground in areas 736869 and 770865. Some enemy troops had been by-passed in the rapid advance of these Units, and the job of clearing the woods up to the high ground fell to The Perth Regiment. "A", "B" and "D" Companies went forward on foot, while "C" Company, who were in reserve, rode on the tanks. No opposition was met and the Companies took up the following positions for the night; "A" Company 736876, Carrier Section 737875, "B" Company 729874, "C" Company 735870 and "D" Company at 736876. Tac H.Q. was established at 736872. In the evening 3 enemy were picked up in "A" Company area. They revealed that they were unit police personnel conscripted for front line duty.</p> <p>Weather: fair and warm. Strength: 38 Officers, 827 Other Ranks.</p>	
Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	16/4/45		<p>The night was very quiet and at first light "D" Company picked up 2 Dutch SS soldiers. It was the C.O's intention to move to the high ground at 571905 and at 1130 hours the Battalion was put on 15 minutes notice to move. The 8 N.B.H. and one Company of Westministers were already holding 571905, but enemy were known to be between our present position and our objective. The Companies moved off in the order; "C", "B", "D" and "A". There were no enemy in the woods through which we had to pass, but a number of Dutch SS stragglers were picked up on the objective. At 2000 hours</p>	

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continued.....	<p>"A" and "B" Companies, riding on tanks, entered Lunteren 5589. No opposition was encountered and they remained here for the night. "C" and "D" Companies and Tac H.Q. remained at 576912, 578908 and 571905.</p> <p>Weather: fair. Strength: 38 Officers, 824 Other Ranks.</p>	
Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	17/4/45		<p>In the morning two Officers and two N.C.Os from the Polizen Waffen Schulen were captured in Lunteren. Information was received from various sources that the Dutch SS troops in the area were changing into civilian clothes in order to penetrate our lines and elicit information. One such agent was captured and he confirmed the report received. At 1400 hours orders came through for the Battalion to move on to an area at 5993. Major Snelgrove went forward to recon this area. The order of march for the Battalion was; "A" Company with a troop of tanks and one section of carriers, Tac H.Q., "B", "C", "D" and Support Companies, a squadron of tanks and Main H.Q. At this time "C" Company was put under command of the Ir RC and they went to Otterloo 654912. "A" Company moved off at 1600 hours and the move was made without incident. Tac H.Q. was set up at 595933, "A" Company 588952, "B" Company 593952, "D" Company 604937 and Support Company at 592937. At 1745 hours Brigadier I.S. Johnston arrived with some new orders. "A" Company was put under command of the B.C.Ds and pushed off to Barneveld 528957. The rest of the Battalion was held in a counter-attack role. At 2000 hours "D" Company took up a position around Tac H.Q. Two enemy stragglers were picked up.</p> <p>Weather: fair. Strength: 38 Officers, 820 Other Ranks.</p>	

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Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	18/4/45		<p>The night was quiet and at 0900 hours orders were received to get ready to move to Voorthuizen, 545012. At this time 24 prisoners were brought in, chaps who had been cut off and chose to surrender. Maj. Snelgrove left at 1000 hours with an advance recce party and at 1100 hours the Battalion moved off. Arriving in the new area at 1145 hours, the C.O. called an "O" Group and gave out the information that the Battalion was to move to Harderwijk, 506109, under command of the B.C.Ds. The order of march was to be one troop of tanks, "B" Company, Tac H.Q., Squadron H.Q., one troop of tanks, "D" "C" and "A" Companies each with one troop of tanks, followed by Support Company and Main H.Q. This was to be an armoured show and it was intended to follow the Armour from Arnhem to Harderwijk. The Battalion moved off at 1540 hours and the first stop was at Putten, 5409, while a recce party went forward to contact the Ld S.H. and the Westminster Regiment, who were situated somewhere to our front. At 1640 hours the Ld. S.H. reported they were at 558177 in position for an attack. The attack was put in at 1705 hours against approximately 100 enemy and was successful. The Battalion then moved forward with our Armour through Ermelo, 5613, and stopped just outside of Harderwijk at 559177. Here the men de-bussed. At 1845 hours "B" Company entered the town on foot. The intention was to keep two Companies in the town while two more went forward. Eleven enemy were taken at 558179. The Underground Movement was very helpful and rounded up many collaborators as well as prisoners. At 1700 hours Tac H.Q. moved into town and an "O" Group was held in the town hall to discuss defensive measures. Our troops were given a wild welcome by the townspeople. Their enthusiasm made any organization almost next to impossible. Company positions were; "A" Company 567188, "B" Company 562185, "C" Company 557183, "D" Company 556194, Support Company 558188 and Tac H.Q. 558194. At 2200 hours the Battalion returned to under command of the 11 Cdn. Inf. Bde. The C.O. became Town Commandant and issued orders that any man found drunk on the streets would be Court-Martialed. At 2330 hours the C.O. made a tour of all Company areas to ensure that everything was in order. There were no casualties during the day.</p>	

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continued.....			Weather: fair. Strength: 38 Officers, 814 Other Ranks.	
Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	19/4/45		At 0300 hours a patrol was sent from "A" Company to search the area 5717 and 5817 for enemy but none were encountered. The morning was uneventful although it was suspected that there were still some enemy Southeast of the Town. At 1330 hours two platoons of "C" Company, plus a troop of tanks, went on a fighting patrol in the area 5913. They came under fire from a sanatorium but they put in an attack and the enemy pulled out. No other contact was made and they returned to the Company position. The underground was very helpful and turned over to us a total of 118 prisoners. We suffered no casualties. Weather: fair and clear. Strength: 38 Officers, 816 Other Ranks.	
Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	20/4/45		The area was very quiet and the Companies stayed put in their areas. At 1200 hours the Battalion came under command of the 5th Cdn. Armd. Bde. and Lieut. D.L. Thompson went to an "O" Group there. The intention was to move to the Northeast to relieve some 3rd Division Units. The C.O. held an "O" Group at 2300 hours to tie in all details of a recce party. There were no casualties and "B" Company took one prisoner at 564186. Weather: clear and fine. Strength: 38 Officers, 823 Other Ranks.	

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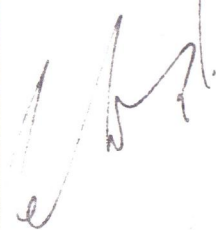

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Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	21/4/45		<p>At 0400 hours the C.O., I.O. and Company Commanders left Harderwijk with a Brigade recce party that was moving forward to meet the 3rd Division. The morning was uneventful and at 1630 hours the move to the Start Line was begun. The Start Line was Voorthuizen, 556035, with the order of march as follows; Tac H.Q., Main H.Q., "A", "B", "C", "D" and Support Companies and the Echelons. The concentration area was to be Zuidlaren, 2900, and the route followed was Voorthuizen, Appeldoorn, Zutphen, Lochem and Meppel, with the Dispersal Point at Assen, 2189.</p> <p>Weather: unsettled. Strength: 38 Officers, 820 Other Ranks.</p>	
Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	22/4/45		<p>The concentration area was reached by 0545 hours after a journey of 137 miles. At 1200 the C.O. took a recce party to Loppersum, 347267, to the H.Q. of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. The front we were given to cover was a very wide one but after the C.O. brought this to the Brigadier's attention it was reduced. The Battalion was moved to Godlinze, 385314, and took over from the Royal Regina Regiment. Positions were as follows; Tac H.Q. 387314, "A" Company 399318, "B" Company 402333, "C" Company 418324, "D" Company 386313 and Support Company at 387312. Two recce patrols were then laid on, "A" Company to 408293 and "C" Company to 420302. One of our carriers overturned in a ditch and three men were slightly injured.</p> <p>Weather: clear and cold. Strength: 38 officers, 821 Other Ranks.</p>	
Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	23/4/45		<p>The early part of the day was uneventful and the intention was that later on a move would be made to clear part of the area to the East. At 1600 hours an "O" Group was held and the plan outlined. Two platoons from "C" Company were to occupy 424315 and 420312, while the Scout and Tank-hunting platoons were to take Krewerd, 409294. This move was to take place after last light. If the first elements were successful "A" Company was to send a sub-unit to 420300 and 413304. "B" Company</p>	

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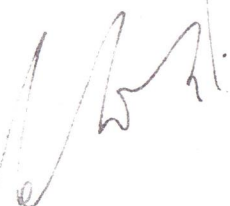

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continued.....	would then move into Holwierde 424297, and one platoon of "D" Company into "B" Company area. During the afternoon suspected enemy positions and shipping in the Ems Estuary were engaged by our artillery. At 2130 hours our forward Companies came under heavy shelling. The two platoons from "C" Company moved off at 2300 hours. At 2320 hours the "D" Company platoon moved to Spijk. The enemy shelling increased in intensity at this time and the area "C" Company just left was heavily battered. Weather: fair. Strength: 38 Officers, 820 Other Ranks.	
Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	24/4/45		At 0045 hours the Scout and Tank-hunting platoons entered Krewerd 409294 with no opposition. By 0200 hours both "C" Company platoons were on their objectives and at 0315 hours captured 15 enemy. "C" Company area now came under shell fire. At 0415 hours "A" Company reported a large enemy force coming from Holwierde, and Honey tanks and Wasps were sent to help out, if necessary. One "B" Company platoon reached 420302 by 0505 hours and by 0525 hours "A" Company had a platoon on their objective at 420300. "B" Company reported opposition at 0540 hours and at 0620 hours asked for artillery support, as they were being fired on at point-blank range by 3 SPs from 426305. The request was granted. Honey tanks of the B.C.Ds, coming up as support, were unable to cross the road at 420302 and were turned back to find another route. At 0745 hours the SPs and the heavy enemy guns northwest of Nansum were still bothering "B" Company and our 3" mortars laid down smoke and H.E. to help them out. At 0930 hours "B" Company, with "A" Company behind, began to push on. They met some opposition but by 1015 hours were firm on the edge of Holwierde. Three prisoners taken at 421298 were identified as belonging to the Hoffman Company. Intense enemy shelling continued throughout the afternoon and we suffered a fair number of casualties. The artillery fired on enemy troops at 434306 and on guns at 440296. The air O.P. went into action registering targets for the artillery. Patrols were	

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continued.....	<p>laid on for the evening. Casualties for the day were Lieut. McCourtie and 7 Other Ranks killed, Lieut. J.P.Stirling and 23 Other Ranks wounded and 1 Other Rank missing. For the day we took 22 prisoners.</p> <p>Weather: clear. Strength: 37 Officers, 812 Other Ranks.</p>	
Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	25/4/45		<p>At 0030 hours "B" Company in Holwierde picked up 4 enemy. Four S Ps were reported to be in "C" Company area at 0315 hours and the Company again took a heavy shelling. Our Artillery began to fire in support. At 0930 the air O.P. went up again. At 1000 hours a house at 421317 occupied by a "C" Company platoon was knocked down and they were forced to move. The Battalion returned to under command of 11 Cdn. Inf. Bde. as of 0900 hours. By 1010 hours "B" Company had taken 3 more prisoners. They were captured at 423298. After dinner it was planned that the Artillery should fire smoke shells along the dyke, thus indicating targets to fighter-bombers, who would be over at 1420 hours. However the planes arrived too early, and as they did not wait for target indication, the bombing was ineffective. At 1430 hours Brigadier I.S.Johnston arrived to confer with the C.O. By 1530 hours the Honey tanks of the B.C.Ds had contacted "A" Company. "B" Company reported a large enemy patrol at 423296 and our mortar and Artillery fire drove them off. At 2050 one forward O.P. reported an enemy Dornier aircraft taking off from 440298. Artillery and mortars again fired on suspected enemy positions at 428312 AND 430312. At this time several civilians reported that Nansum, 434296, was occupied by approximately 100 enemy. At 2330 hours "B" Company drove off an enemy patrol in their area and killed 7. Fourteen prisoners were taken during the day.</p> <p>Weather: unsettled. Strength: 37 Officers, 793 Other Ranks.</p>	

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Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	26/4/45		<p>At 0300 hours an R.C.E. recce patrol reported to Tac H.Q. after finishing a recce at 399313. They reported that a Bailey Bridge would span the crater there. Bierum was very heavily shelled at 0600 hours but there were no casualties. At 0800 hours Bde. H.Q. sent us a message that 12 Spitfires would bomb area 439302, The area of heavy enemy gun positions, at 0830 hours. This took place and the results were very good. At 1050 hours the artillery engaged targets near the lighthouse at 440309. "B" Company now came in for some heavy shelling. After dinner a house at 403312, occupied by our 3" mortar crews, was knocked down by enemy shelling. Four men were wounded and the crews withdrew to the rear. Plans were now made to clear the "Bund", from our forward Companies along the line of the road 433314. This was to be done in two phases. For the first part, "D" Company, with one troop of 8 M.B.H. tanks, was to go through Spijk-Vierhuizen to clear as far as 433335, while one platoon of "C" Company would cut the dyke at 435324. If this was successful phase 2 would begin, with "D" Company passing through the "C" Company platoon and clearing to the line of the road 428312. Start time was at 2000 hours. A bombing plan was laid on but had to be cancelled due to poor visibility. At 2220 hours a few shells fell in Tac H.Q. area and shook them up considerably. "B" and "C" Company areas were also shelled and casualties were 1 killed, 7 wounded.</p> <p>Weather: unsettled. Strength: 37 Officers, 802 Other Ranks.</p>	
Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	27/4/45		<p>At 0035 hours "D" Company crossed the Start Line and by 0220 hours they were firm on the line of the road at 433334. By 0300 hours the "C" Company platoon was dug-in on the dyke bank at 434320, with a Wasp and one Anti-Tank gun in support. "D" Company contacted them here at 0355 hours. "D" Company now pushed on but by 0515 hours were slowed up by small arms fire. This increased in intensity and the tanks began to give close-support. By 0618 hours they were on the objective but stubborn resistance continued. One tank was knocked out and "D" Company Commander asked for more armour.</p>	

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continued			<p>An enemy S P was spotted at 439297 and the Artillery took this on. At 0820 the resistance was still bitter and "D" Company asked again for more armour. Fifteen minutes later they took 42 prisoners at 430312. These were identified as 3rd Company, Transport Flotilla, Admiral Nederlund. The tanks were now positioned at 428312 and 417316 and came under heavy shell fire from 542276. The air O.P. was up but could not pin-point the enemy. At 1000 hours "D" Company took 29 more prisoners in the same area (430312). At 1310 hours "D" Company reported 50 enemy forming up on the dyke at 440301. The Artillery engaged these, but failed to drive them off. At 1410 hours an S P at 435305 opened up. The C.O. held an "O" Group at 1445 hours and further orders were given. "A" Company was to take Nansun and the line of the road to Holwierde. "C" Company was to take out the big guns at 439299. "D" Company was to push on to 436307, while "B" Company remained firm at Holwierde. Brigadier I.S. Johnston visited the C.O. at Tac H.Q. at 1830 hours. The tanks at 429312 reported very heavy shelling and announced that they might be forced to withdraw. Two hours later they had one tank knocked out by shelling. "D" Company again came in for heavy shelling and the Artillery O.P. was set on fire. Up until midnight enemy activity was nil except for shelling in "B" and "D" Company areas. Capt. Swartz and Lieut Lillburn were S.O.S. to X-9.</p> <p>Weather: wet and cold. Strength: 35 Officers, 797 Other Ranks.</p> <p>At 0130 hours "D" Company reported enemy movement in front of their area but nothing developed. "C" Company was moving but ran into a minefield and slowed down. At 0300 hours the Company Commander, Capt. Cook, was wounded and Lieut. Croyston was killed when several mines exploded. The advance was halted and a patrol was sent forward to locate a gap in the minefield. They were unsuccessful and returned to the Company position at first light. The C.O. ordered the</p>	
Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	28/4/45			

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continued.....	<p>Company to withdraw. At 0830 hours 15 prisoners were taken by "D" Company. They were identified as Customs personnel. During the morning all Company areas came under very heavy shelling and several casualties resulted. About 1330 hours 5 German marines surrendered to Support Company in area 418324. "D" Company pushed off at 1515 hours to take positions 440310 and 435307. There was slight opposition and they asked for artillery fire in 435307. Houses in this area were set on fire and the enemy driven outside. At 1630 hours "C" Company was ordered to follow up behind "D" Company. By this time "D" Company was having a lot of trouble from shellfire from 433330, and also an SP at 439306. The artillery took on these positions while an LG at 433300 was engaged by our mortars. "A" Company moved at 1725 hours and concentrated in Bierum 4132. The mortars laid smoke in front of enemy gun positions at 439302 and by 1750 hours "D" Company reported one platoon on objective 435307. Some enemy were still in the area and at 1815 hours they took 20 prisoners. "D" Company's leading platoon now asked for more smoke on their right flank and by 1945 hours they were on the objective at 439310. "C" Company was now ordered to pass through and take out the guns at 439302. The C.O. was to be informed when they required smoke. At 2000 hours "C" Company called for smoke and at 2025 hours called again to ask for more fire on the enemy gun positions. This was done. "D" Company called at 2045 hours reporting that they were okay, had 21 prisoners, but needed more ammo. Telephone communication was now established. At 2145 hours "D" Company sent a patrol forward and contacted "C" Company. "C" Company ran into fairly heavy opposition but by 2245 hours they had taken the guns and 117 prisoners from the fortified positions. The task was made easier by the fact that they surprised the enemy, but it was a remarkable piece of work inasmuch as the area was heavily manned with automatic weapons, in addition to the built-in concrete emplacements on the dyke. Lopping up in the area went on and "A" Company was ordered to move to Nansum. In the rear area events were also exciting. Majors T.H.White and F.S.Walker and Capt. McCabe left for Canada. Lieuts. Thompson, Gallagher and Stewart became Acting/Captains while Captain Chamberlain became an Acting/Major.</p>	

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continued.....	Weather: fair. Strength: 35 Officers, 797 Other Ranks.	
Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	29/4/45		<p>By 0145 hours "A" Company was 800 yards in front of "D" Company's position, but were being held up by M.G. fire from a group of farm buildings about 300 yards from Nansum. "A" Company reported they could handle this alright, however. "B" Company was ordered to be on the alert for a counter-attack and if necessary, be prepared to give assistance to "A" Company, on their left. At 0215 hours "C" Company reported they had taken a total of 177 prisoners. By 0525 hours "A" Company were at 433300. They had cleaned out the opposition and taken 70 prisoners, but decided to hold this position as they were almost out of ammunition. Fifteen minutes later they were counter-attacked in strength, and had to resort to using captured enemy weapons and ammunition for defense. The Artillery now came in to give them a hand. The attack was beaten off and ammunition was sent up to "D" Company, to be carried forward to "A" Company. At 0745 hours "A" Company reported a large number of enemy on the Nansum-Holwierde road, and our Artillery went to work on them. Around 0915 hours "A" Company went off the air and the general picture became a bit obscure. At 1045 hours "D" Company sent a contact patrol to "A" Company. At 1110 hours "C" Company reported enemy on the Nansum-Uitwerde road, and requested air-bursts. This was done with good effect. At 1325 hours they asked again for air-bursts on 447283. At 1430 hours "A" Company took 3 more prisoners in their area. Having received an ample supply of ammunition by now, they were ordered to push on into Nansum. Artillery fire was now laid on Nansum, preparatory to their going in. By 1650 hours they were in the town against some opposition, but not firm. "D" Company in the meantime, with several troops of tanks, pushed forward to clear the area between "A" and "B" Companies. By 1750</p>	

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continued...	<p>hours "A" Company was firm in Nansum and had been contacted by "D" Company on the Nansum-Holwierde road. At this time it was intended that the C B Highrs would relieve our forward Companies around last light. All Companies were asked to turn in captured enemy weapons so that the underground could make use of them. At 2145 hours "C" Company of the C B Highrs relieved our "C" Company at 439303. "C" Company then went back to Bierum, 418325. "A" Company at Nansum was relieved by "D" Company of the C B Highrs. "A" Company now returned to Losdorp, 402316. "D" Company took over the old "B" Company positions in Holwierde for the night and "B" Company moved back to Spijk. Our prisoner count for the day was 295.</p> <p>Weather: cloudy and dark. Strength: 30 Officers, 775 Other Ranks.</p>	
Utrecht Sheet 2 1/100,000	30/4/45		<p>At 0130 hours the C B Highrs put in an attack on enemy gun positions at 456277, which was successful. Later on in the morning "B" Company was ordered Uitwerde, to assist the C B Highrs, who were going to enter Delfzijl. A mobile bath was established at Tac H.Q. in Godlinze, 386315, and Companies came in to get a hot shower and a change of clothes. At 1615 hours "A" Company relieved "D" Company at Holwierde. "D" Company now moved back to Godlinze. At 1630 hours "C" Company left to relieve "B" Company and "B" Company came back to Spijk. During the day they had helped the C B Highrs in clearing Biësum, 440270, and had taken 30 prisoners. The Companies now began to check equipment and get cleaned up.</p> <p>Weather: fine. Strength: 30 Officers, 754 Other Ranks.</p>	


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