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Colomby Sur Thaen MR 001776 SN 7F1	Aug. 1/44		<p>Weather warm, with bright sunshine and clear skies.</p> <p>Capt. J. C. Willard, C.D.C., is attached to us for several days to attend to Battalion's much needed dental work.</p> <p>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 defences 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 transport will bring troops back to camp by 2100 hours.</p> <p>Showing to-day at the Legion "Playhouse", several performances of "A Lady Takes A Chance".</p> <p>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. Gass, 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.</p> <p>Officers mess tent, Sgts. Mess tent are set up and preparations are under way for dining together. 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.</p> <p>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.</p>		Appendix 5. Jgh.
Colomby Sur Thaen MR 001776 SN 7F1	Aug. 2/44		<p>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.C. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		

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Aug. 2/44 (con'd)			Can. Army Show-Unit D, at Fontaine Henry attended by A,B,C,D, and Spt. Companys. 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, Lander 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.		
Celomby Sur Thaen 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.		<i>Jeh</i>
Celomby Sur Thaen MR 001776 SN 7F1	Aug. 4/44		Weather continues bright and warm. Sgts. Mess opens today with dining room in operation. Liqueur situation in both Officer's and Sgt's mess is of course, nil. However, mess dinner in officer's mess is planned when liqueur 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.		<i>Jeh</i>
Celomby Sur Thaen 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.		

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Celomby Sur Thaen 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, Superintendant C.L.W.S., Mr. J.A.M. Cook, Sifton Press Correspondent and full turnout of Regimental ^{and} 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>feh</i>
Celomby Sur Thaen MR 001776 SN 7F1	Aug. 6/44		Sunday morning starts out overcast and cool. R. G. 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 Celomby Sur Thaen about 3 P.M. Preliminary "O" Group held at 1700 hours. Brigade "O" Group called for 1800 hours. C.O. to attend. 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 Gauvicourt, 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>feh</i>
Celomby Sur Thaen 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 La Rabat, 7 Bde. objective. Battalion "O" Group called for 1900 hours and orders passed down.		<i>feh</i>

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Faubourg de Vaucelles MR 0140653 SN 7F1	Aug. 8/44		<p>1st. Battalion Regina Rifle Regiment.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We get orders from Bde. at 0715 hours to be ready to move at 0800 hours. Enemy counter attack threat at Fentonay le Marmien 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.</p> <p>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 (037653) about 1545-1600 hours. Consolidate and dig in here.</p> <p>2030-Concentration Area 037653-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)</p>	4 JEL
Se Vaucelles Concentration Area MR 037653 SN 7F1	Aug. 9/44		<p>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 0365, as this is only sp available, the surrounding areas being thick with arty. armour and other units taking part in 1st. Can. Army attack.</p> <p>0900-We go back to one hour notice but are advised at 1045 hours we will likely stay here till 1500 hours.</p> <p>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 Hogue, woods East of Sequeville La Compagne. Polish Arm'd going well but held up at certain strong points also.</p>	JEL

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Se Vaucelles Con. Area MR 037653	Aug. 9/44 (con'd)		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.		
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 Quesney 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 Coys down to occupy and dominate these crossings south of Quilly Le Tessen. Neither of these possibilities occur however, as 8th. Brigade attack on Quesney Wd is unsuccessful due to the enemy allowing them to enter and ambush 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 Habet, R.R.R.s in Hautmesnil and C.S.R.s North and East of us.		JEL
Hautmesnil MR081515 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 Quesney Wood. According to these orders Coy. positions are adjusted and tactically disposed for defence. Batt. H.Q. moved from house 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.		JEL

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Hautmesnil MR 191515 SN 7F4	Aug. 11/44 (con'd)		1st. Battalion Regina Rifle Regiment 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.	6
Estres La Compagne MR 122496 SN 7F4	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 forming 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 88m.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 daylight shelling) and 2 or 3 casualties are suffered. More shelling during daylight hours and 21 casualties are suffered and 3 killed in 24 hour period ending 2000 hours. Standing patrols are mounted and Lt. Bergeron sends out two recon patrols, one to bridge 1500 yards South on River Dives and the other to woods about 1000 yards East of our F.P.s ^{our F.P.s} own F.P.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 tasks brought down by C.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 Bnd) 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.	JEL

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Estres-La-Compagne MR122496 SN7F4	13 Aug. 44	44	<p>Weather today has been hot and dry again.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The usual morning shelling occurs, and several casualties are caused, including Capt F. Dixon, RCAMC, killed. Capt Griffiths is sent down to replace him.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(British Empire Medal awarded to Sgt. GARDNER, G.J.; Canadian Efficiency Medal to Rtn. LEASK, C.H.)</p> <p>Lt. Col Matheson has been awarded D.S.O. Other awards include M.C.'s to Capt Jamieson C.C.S., Capt. W. Grayson, M.M.'s to Rtn. LaPointe, J.E.; CSM. CURRIE, B.A.; Sgt. YOUNG, L.A.; L/Sgt. ARMSTRONG, W.D.; Rtn. JOHNSON, D.A.; Rtn. MOOREHEAD, C.H.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Several casualties suffered by shelling at 2230 hrs.</p>		<p>JKL</p>
Estres-La-Compagne MR122496 SN7F4	14 Aug. 44	44	<p>Weather bright and hot again today.</p> <p>0900 hrs-Some shelling of Bn area night of 13/14 Aug. Hq recon patrols out last night. No further casualties reported from previous shelling (2230 hrs. yesterday)</p> <p>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 Caen-Falaise road, cause casualties and damage to one of our supporting batteries of 12th Fd Reg at Hautmesnil.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		<p>JKL</p>

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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		<p>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 RMR's are now believed firmly entrenched on their high ground objectives, and we anticipate our joining them within a few hours. Lt. Bergeron 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.</p> <p>1230 hrs. - 8th Recon Bgt(2nd Div) arrive to relieve us in this position, and we will rejoin 7th Bde this afternoon. Bn "C" 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 D plus 3) and Capt. Richardson. They are posted O's C of C and 3 Coys respectively and appointed A/Major.</p> <p>We start move about 1300 hrs on 2 axis, RMR 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.</p> <p>1900 hrs.- Our first orders tonight are to move on and take over village of Aubigny, and plans are tied up for this move.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>8.</p> <p>JEH.</p>

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Point 168 MR144425 7F4	16 Aug. 44		<p>Weather today is overcast and a little cooler.</p> <p>0800 Hrs.- A few shells land near Bn area during night of 15/16 Aug. Bombers over Bn area about 0100 hrs. Believed to be enemy, but no bombs were dropped. No sight nor sound of enemy during the night.</p> <p>Bn "O" Gp is held at this HQ at 1230 hrs. We will move forward today through CSR area and attack commanding ground this side of Versainville, Sq 1538. RWR are on the move now to take x-roads, several thousand yards to the East of us on the Falaise-Caen road. Move starts about 1400 hrs, and Bn moves in two axis, with A and B leading Coys. Troops move 2 or 3 miles before meeting any resistance, but here M.G. fire is met by A. Coy. as well as B. Coy, and these are stopped by one or two A/tk guns from our front. B Coy moves forward and is further engaged by M G fire, one or two tanks with infantry from Versainville, and some casualties are suffered here. Both Coys are ordered back and our 3 inch mortars engage the area with H. E. B. Coy moves up again, and at dark as far as main East-West lateral road from Falaise, and both Coys consolidate right on the road or just north of it enough to control it. C and D Coys consolidate to the rear of A and B. Total Casualties in this operation were approximately 85, all ranks-including 7 officers. Bde orders us not to cross the road tonight and coys remain alert in their new positions, prepared for a counter attack, and although tanks are heard to approach our forward defence lines, no attack or M.G. fire develops.</p>	<p>9.</p> <p><i>John</i></p>
North of Versainville MR145395 SN7F6	17 Aug. 44		<p>0800 hrs- weather today starts out cloudy and cool, but warms up around 1400 hrs.</p> <p>No enemy activity reported during the early morning hours and C O decides to move into Versainville to occupy the village, after our recon patrols report it clear of enemy. Bn "O" Gp is held about 1400 hrs and orders for the move into Versainville given. Capt. Cooper and recon party go to recon sub unit areas, and Bn moves into the village at approximately 1500 hrs.</p> <p>1600 hrs- Bn consolidates and digs in at Versainville. BHQ at 158383. No shelling occurs here and the enemy seems to have fled completely from this area. One lone PW greets us on entry to village, picked up by a recon patrol of the scout platoon. Village is as usual, fully looted by the Germans, and evacuated by civilians. Shelled some, but for the most part undamaged and intact, and Bn makes itself fairly comfortable here.</p> <p>2300 hrs- Conference at Bde HQ attended by Adj and I O, our C O feeling rather rather ill for the last day or so. We are warned for a probable early move tomorrow to a concentration area at Perriers MR189428, from which a long embussed probable move is anticipated. Battle going well. Second Div in Falaise 4th Armoured Div and Polish well ahead of us on an axis E.S.E. from here, and are going fast. We will probably have trouble keeping up to them. Little resistance met. American spearheads going well also.</p>	<p><i>John</i></p>


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Versainville MR158383 SN7F6	Aug.	18/44	<p>Weather today is hot and sultry again.</p> <p>1800 hrs- Some activity on our front last night, with bombing South and South east of our positions. Cannot indentify as allied or enemy, but probably enemy, as 2 Div occupy that area now. No shelling, no casualties.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 MLI 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 embussed to Mandeville, Sq2732 (approximately 12 miles S E of here). Order of vehicles in Bde--RRH'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. Convoy moves to SP at 1830 and at 1900 we are on the move.</p> <p>0900 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 thauroughly. 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.</p>	

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			1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLES REGIMENT.	11.
MANDEVILLE - MR -271324 SN - 7 F/6	Aug. 19 1944.		<p>0800 - Some activity during the night of 18 & 19th in form of veks heard moving about. Some shelling & Mortaring, some believed our own guns. 4 PofW sent in by A & C Coys at 0700 hrs. Weather today much cooler with an overcast sky. This is a great relief from hot spell of the last two weeks.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2100hrs - Total PofW taken today 21 from at least 5 or 6 different units.</p>	<i>Jeh</i>
MANDEVILLE - MR -271324 SN - 7 F/6	Aug. 20 1944		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<i>Jeh</i>

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			1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT.	12.
MANDEVILLE - MR -271324 - SN - 7 F/6	Aug.	21 1944	<p>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.</p> <p>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 unit on our right has moved out.</p> <p>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.</p>	JEL
MANDEVILLE - MR 271324 - SN - 7 F/6	Aug.	22 1944	<p>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.</p> <p>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".</p> <p>2015hrs - Bde "O" Gp attended by C O, I O. - Orders given for Bde to move embussed to BRIENNE approximately 30-40 miles NE. BP - VIMOUTIERS. - Order - 1CSRs, RWRs, RRRs, Army move with 2 Div left, 3 Div centre, 4 Div right (Polish Arm'd to RES) ENX in order 3 Div - 8, 7, & 9th Bde. We will likely move to conc area 307323 about 0600hrs 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.</p>	JEL

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			1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT.	13.
MANDEVILLE - NR 271324 - SN - 7 F/6	Aug. 23rd 1944.		<p>0600hrs - 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 0600hrs. 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 plans details and plans for the Bn move.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 our Air Force is doing.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2300hrs - Bn location - 630695 - All coys now consolidated, completing digging in, and arranging for liaison and contact with RWRs (Decoy) and ICSRs (Decoy) 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.</p>	

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ORBEC - MR - 630695 SN - 8 F/3	Aug. 24th 1944.		<p>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 2 a mile SW of our FDL's reported no patrol showed up at that point to contact; also no enemy activity there. 5 PoW taken last night - 4 turned in by FFI, one picked up by this unit.</p> <p>1430hrs - Lt. Col. Matheson, DSO, ED, holds Bn "O" Gp. Orders are given for continuation of move to BRIENNE, route is changed and troops will march, Carrier pl to provide Bde left flank protection. Bn moves off starting point at about 1400hrs, hold up at BP 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.</p> <p>2200hrs - Bn approaches final destination some of the tps have xxx to be picked up by vehs being unable to finish the march. Bn 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.</p>	<p>fel</p>
MR - 735805 SN -	Aug. 25th 1944		<p>0800hrs - No enemy activity of any sort reported last night and quiet night was enjoyed by everyone. Weather today is clear, bright sky, 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, BM following D Coy.</p> <p>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 BM sets up in large farm with Chateau and the usual orchards - MR 814835. 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.</p>	<p>fel</p>

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			1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT.	15.
NR - 735805 SN -	Aug.	25th 1944	<p>1500hrs - Move commences 1400hrs and we are across EL 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. Forces there 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 959581 (EPEGARDE).</p> <p>2130hrs - Bn 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 *O* 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.</p>	<p>JKL</p>
EPEGARDE - NR - 959681 SN -	Aug.	26th 1944	<p>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.</p> <p>1000hrs - Bde *O* 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 *O* 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.</p> <p>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 met 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.</p>	<p>JKL</p>

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EPERARDE - NR - 989881 SN -	Aug.	26th 1944	<p>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, - NR 120693. 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.</p> <p>2200hrs - 8 POW turned over to 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 "O" Gp is called at 2115 and tentative orders for crossing River Seine by 7 Bde, given. RRRs, 1CSRs will cross with RWRs following up. RCE to get down boating (recco boats)(storm boats) as soon as possible XXXXXX tonight in darkness and inf will cross at two places with a few 500cwt and A/tks guns, vehs will come up later on tomorrow when pontoon bridges are ready. Bn I Os go down to water front area to recco routes for marching tps and veh routes for ENG also.</p> <p>2359hrs - C O returns to BHQ and "O" Gp is called to give tentative orders for crossing operation of R.Seine. Lt.Bergeron with 2 FFI guides with small boats goes on recco 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 well 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.</p>	<p>feh</p>
ELBEUF - NR - 120693 SN -	Aug.	27th 1944	<p>R.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>feh</p>

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ELBEUF - NR - 120893 SN -	Aug.	27th 1944	<p>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 FOOs up with forward sub-units to bring down fire speedily if opposition is met.</p> <p>1200hrs - Was clear today overcast, hazy clearing towards midday and by 1500hrs hot sun and 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, BN, 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 troops 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 BN. Bn moves into cone area NE of ST AUBIN.</p> <p>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 NR 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 NR 188022. Ground here is found impossible for frontal assault on village and right flank is not secured by 1688s, 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.</p> <p>2000hrs - BN is set up in large house on the S banks of the Seine NR 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.</p> <p>2200hrs - Conference at Bde H, attended by G O, I O. Plans are worked out for moving forward on to high ground several miles E tomorrow. BRRs left, 1CSRs right, RWRs through us and swinging North.</p>	<p>feh</p>

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			1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT. 18.	
BEDANNE - MR - 159023 SN - 9 E/5	Aug.	28th 1944	<p>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.</p> <p>1100hrs - Lt. Coll Matheson, DSO, ED, attends forming up conference at H. 761B 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 H. with tps dispersed in BH area. Some shelling of Bn area from bee rings of 5 deg and 80 deg Magnetic. 1CSRs 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.</p>	
WDS - MR 205022 - SN - 9 E/5	Aug.	29th 1944	<p>0800hrs - Weather today overcast, cool, signs of rain, intermittend rain in afternoon. No enemy activity during the night reported by sub-units, no shelling, no casualties.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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WDS - NR - 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 OWEN, for mines as this Class I rd is needed badly to supply tps as we proceed further N. C O is called to SUNWAYS conference at Bde Hq at 2100hrs.	JEL.
WDS - NR - 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 "O" Gp is called. Orders issued for move to area now occupied by 5th 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. BH sets up at NR - 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 Civs report they have left several days ago in great haste. 2000hrs - Bde "O" Gp is held at our BH and Brig Spragge issues orders for Bde to push on again tomorrow to LA POMERAYE sq 3023 - approx 12 miles NE of here.	JEL.
NOTRE DAME de NR - 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	File from Regina Rifles.ca

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	20.	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
NOTRE DAME de MR - 243097 - SN - 9 E/5	FRANKUEVILLE Aug. 31st 1944.		<p>1st Bn THE REGINA RIFLE REGIMENT.</p> <p>thatway for remainder of the day. No activity or evidence of enemy in area or surrounding 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 mudded 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.</p> <p>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 through 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1900hrs - Move goes well, no enemy contacted, tps ride embussed to final area LES HAYONS sq 4040 and recco parties go forward to recco 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.</p> <p>2000hrs - Bde "O" Gp. We will push on again tomorrow to area EU sq 4580 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, BHL, Hq, C and D Coys.</p>		