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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment.	Sheet \$1.
PIETERSBURG BARON Van VORST tot VORST's House, 748607 NIJMEGEN Sheet \$6SW, 1/25,000	1st Feb 1945	0700 0900	Weather--mild--intermittent rain, very muddy. Companies are doing hardening trg, and interior economy. "O" Gp at Bde HQ for CO, 2IC and Ajt, and Coy Comds. This is a preliminary briefing on coming operation "VERITABLE". Information is still top secret and is not to be passed on to the troops as yet. The operation is on a very large scale and involves 2 and 3 Cdn Inf Divs plus several British Divs and Armd Bdes. For the operation, we are to come under Comd, 30 British Corps.	RS
PIETERSBURG BARON Van VORST tot VORST's house 748607 NIJMEGEN Sheet \$6SW, 1/25,000	2nd Feb 1945	0700 0900	Weather--wet, dull--comparatively mild. Coys are trg normally. Considerable night trg is to be done, as the coming operation is expected to involve night work insofar as our part is concerned. CO and Coy Comds are taking advantage of Air OP to get an aerial view of ground in vicinity of ZYFFLICH, MEHR, etc (GROESBEEK Sheet \$12 NW and MILLINGEN \$4102). We do a daily liaison with 8 and 9 Cdn Inf Bdes to get up to the minute information on enemy activities in vicinity of QUER DAMM (NIJMEGEN SHEET \$6SW). Roads are being made out of bounds to ordinary traffic after dark to all for heavy movement of armour and supplies up into the area.	RS
PIETERSBURG BARON Van VORST tot VORST's House 748607 NIJMEGEN Sheet \$6SW, 1/25,000	3rd Feb 1945	0700	Weather--fairly clear--roads still very muddy. Companies continue hardening and night training. Co-ordinating conference held, with Comds of AVRES, flails and Tanks attending to iron out problems of coming operation. Coy Comds are getting acquainted with Comds of Sp arms. HLI of C are planning a minor Operation for one platoon (Operation EACH) to go to EINDJESHOF MR 784619 (Nijmegen Sheet \$6SW) with object to capture PW. To take place during hours of darkness.	RS
PIETERSBURG BARON Van Vorst tot Vorst's House 748607 NIJMEGEN Sheet	4th Feb 1945	0700 0900	Weather--unchanged. Intermittent showers. Normal activities within the Companies. Model Room at Div HQ is available to us and Coys. Take turns having all offra visit during morning. Room consists of a sand table model, air photos, various scale maps of area and large picture of EASTERN and WESTERN fronts. Coy Comds are liaising with Sp Arms ironing out problems arising in their	RS

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NIJMEGEN sh. 4th \$6SW, 1/25,000 Feb 1	4th Feb 1945		particular phases of attack. Operation "EACH" by HLI--Took 4 PWs and more trapped in minefd.	RS
PIETERSBURG 5th 0700 BARON van Feb 0800 WORST tot 19450800 WORST's House 748607 NIJMEGEN sh. \$6SW, 1/25,000	5th Feb 1945	0700 0800	Weather--Misty--dull--some rain. Normal activities in coy training. SDGs Highrs are preparing bridge on te QUER DAMM and approaches by lifting mines, filling holes, etc. Engineers are clearing, read along side of WYLER WEEER. A/CO, Major R J Orr is liaising closely with higher formation regarding minute details of coming operation. 2IC is arranging for drawing supplies of special rations such as 24 hour packs, self heating soup, etc. Flooding is increasing in vicinity. However, this has been expected, and it will continue to do so.	RS
PIETERSBURG 6th 0700 BARON van Feb 0900 WORST tot 1945 WORST's House 748607	6th Feb 1945	0700 0900	Weather--wet--intermittent showers. "O" Gp--Operation "VERITABLE" to commence wi th D Day on 8 Feb 45. Lt Col A S Gregory is returning from England but will remain at 7 Cdn Inf Bde HQ during operation and Major R J Orr will comd Bn. Troops to be briefed. Operation order issued. Tac HQ is to be set up at MR 757603 (NIJMEGEN Sheet §6SW).	RS
PIETERSBURG 8th 0700 BARON VAN Feb 0800 WORST's House 748607	8th Feb 1945	0700 0800	X Weather--clear and warm. Coys are completing plans and preparations for the forthcoming operation. Water has risen considerably in the past 24 hours. Expect to use a large number of BUFFALOES for tpt of supplies. Tac HQ moves to MR 757603 (Nijmegen Sheet §6SW).	RS
MR 757603 NIJMEGEN Sheet §6SW 1/25,000 BE EX	8th Feb 1945	0700 0500 1130	Weather--scattered showers and low clouds. Preliminary barrage begins, so we don't get much more sleep. Our main role for most of the day is to sit tight and keep out of the way of any returning missiles. Sitrep from Bde HQ reveals attacks on our right flank are going OK. DEN HEUVEL and VOSSENDAAAL are being cleaned up (GROSSBEK Sheet §12NW). Balance of Afternoon sitreps on fighting to our left reveal stiff opposition and in spots but going ahead on schedule. Flooding is extremely high.	RS

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BEEK bij NIMBGEN MR 757603 Sheet \$68W 4/25,000	8th Feb 1945	1800 2245	D Coy is on the move. By 1845 hrs PW are on the way back and D Coy are holding firm. B Coy on Objective by 2000 hrs. PW are still coming in. Do not appear to be extremely good tps. Mostly from II/10522. Cmd post consisting of CO and ADJT moves to ZYFFELICH (GROESBECK Sheet \$12 NW 1/25,000). Due to fl coding A Coy move up fwd in BUFFALOES.		Las
BEEK bij NIMBGEN MR 757603 Sheet \$68W	9th Feb 1945	0800 0800	Weather--Rain. Flooding has increased considerably and Dem at OOLJ POLDER goes out. Supplies are taken in by means of transport to Bridge and collected from the other side by carrying parties. We are informed we will stay in position tonight.		Las
BEEK bij NIMBGEN MR 757603 Sheet \$68W 1/25,000	10th Feb 1945	0700 0230	Weather--intermittent showers. A/CO goes to A Coy position. Warned from Bde HQ that we will concentrate in area we originally started from on Operation "VERITABLE", sometime today. Some civilians have to be looked after in Coy areas. All 7 Bde units accomplished objectives OK and higher cmd is quite pleased. Casualties have been very light. Unfortunately our Pioneer Officer Lt O'Neera was killed on first night while on mineclearing work with RCG officer, Lt Colley, who was also killed. By 2230 hrs--B, C, D. Coys and Tac HQ have now returned to original location, with BnHQ in the same house as before (PIFFERSBURG). A Coy must remain in position until tomorrow.		Las
BEEK bij NIMBGEN PIFFERSBURG Baron van Vorst tot Worst's House 748607 NIMBGEN Sheet \$68W, 1/25,000	11 Feb 1945	0700 0800 1300 0300	Weather--Overcast--intermittent rain. Coys are cleaning up and checking equipment, etc. A Coy is not yet back from forward position, but is expected soon. Bn HQ Sp. CO tells us we are to move into area of CLEVE (CLEVE Sheet 4202, 1/25,000) to take over from elements of 15 SCOTTISH (British) Div. Move is not expected before 0300 hrs, 12 Feb 45 but Recce party is to go right away. As traffic is very heavy on the only route up, minimum of transport is to go and coys are to carry 48 hr rations in case supplies are difficult to get in. Rear BnHQ, LOBs to remain in the present BnHQ positions. CO then referred to Operation "VERITABLE", our part in which has now been completed. Higher cmd is extremely pleased with the progress made. Supporting arms		Las

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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment.	Sheet \$4.
BEEK bij NIJMEGEN PIETERSBURG BARON Van Vorst tot Vorst's House 748607 NIJMEGEN Sheet \$6SW, 1/25,000	11 Feb 1945	1300 1400 2300 2400	<p>and special equipment were extremely helpful.</p> <p>Rece party goes to new area. Position is in town of CLEVE, but seems somewhat fluid at the moment with coys not yet consolidated. Due to heavy traffic on roads rece party does not return until 2300 hrs. Road in area KRANENBURG (Ref Map CLEVE 1/25,000, sq 8056) and North of WYLER in sq 7759 (Ref Map GROESBEEK 12 NQ, 1/25,000) are completely under water to depth of 3 feet in places.</p> <p>Bn "O" Gp--We now find we are not going to relieve the Bde we had expected to. Instead we will take over from 227 Bde. Due to flooded condition of roads, tpt will consist of TCVs for tps and coy carriers and jeeps. Embuss 0630 hrs. Expect to leave about 0730 hrs.</p>	<p>RS</p>
PIETERSBURG BEEK bij NIJMEGEN 748607 NIJMEGEN Sheet \$6SW, 1/25,000 MR 889567 St. FRANZISKUS- SCHWESTERHEIM CLEVE, CLEVE SHEET \$4202, 1/25,000	12 Feb 1945	0700 0630 1000	<p>Weather--Cloudy, turning to intermittent rain at mid day.</p> <p>Troops embuss in TCVs. There is some delay in getting away, as roads are being checked re flooding. Condition has not improved to any appreciable extent, so as a precautionary measure, jeeps are towed behind TCVs.</p> <p>We get on the move and without incident get through the water. The column stops at MR 847599 outside DONSBRUGGEN at HQ 227 Bde. (Ref Map CLEVE Sheet \$4202, 1/25,000). Rece party goes forward to check area. Pick up representative of 227 Bde and go to MR 889566 (CLEVE Sheet 4202, 1/25,000) to BnHQ of Gordon Highrs (British) where coy representatives make contact and go to coy areas. Bn Column group moved up and coys take up positions, with Coy HQs located as follows: A Coy --896560, B Coy - 894566, C Coy - 898557, D Coy- 898558. The HQ is located at MR 889567.</p>	<p>RS</p>
		1745	<p>The other units such as Recce and Armour have passed through beyond CLEVE and our role is mainly holding at present. SP Coy weapons have not arrived as yet, since carriers have so far been unable to get in. Some shelling of heavy calibre lands in our area in early evening and causes several casualties in B Coy, one being killed.</p> <p>Companies Comds visit CO, get in picture tactically and then go back to settle down for the night.</p>	
MR 889567 ST. FRANZISKUS	13 Feb	0700 0900	<p>Weather--Clear in the morning, cloudy later in the day--some rain.</p> <p>Wome shelling in area during night from heavy guns, otherwise quiet. Recce</p>	<p>RS</p>

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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment. Sheet 55.	
MR 889567 ST. FRANZISKUS SCHWESTERHEIM CLEVE, CLEVE Sheet \$4202, 1/25,000	13 Feb 1945	0900 1300	and Armoured units are pushing through to our front. 9 Cdn Inf Bde is working North East and are within a mile of RHINE. Our D Coy contact NNSH on our left. A warehouse of Flour, biscuits, pickles etc, has been located and coys are augmenting their rations, as none have come up since we arrived. Remainder of supply is to be used for feeding civilians. The town of CLEVE itself is almost a complete ruin. A Rosie OP is established in Castle MR 898556 (ref CLEVESheet \$4202, 1/25,000.)	RAS
MR 889567 ST. FRANZISKUS SCHWESTERHEIM CLEVE, CLEVE SHEET \$4202, 1/25,000	14 Feb 1945	0700 0600 0830 1000 1300 1700 1900	Weather--clear and warm, scattered clouds in afternoon. OO and IO went to HQ of SD & G Highrs to arrange for two of our coys to move to our left to fill in as SD&G Highrs are moving. B Coy move and take up position around brick factory at MR 901565 (ref Map CLEVE Sheet \$4202, 1/25,000.). A Coy move and take up position at MR 897562 (REF MAP CLEVE Sheet \$4202). Tac BnHQ moves to new location MR 896565 (CLEVE Sheet \$4202). Considerable number of enemy planes about with a few bombs dropped. Seem to be trying for two bridges a round C and D Coy areas. S P Coy arrive, having come up road through the REICHSWALD FOREST. Evening is quiet. Flooding of area in front is increasing and has reached close to A and D Coy fronts.	RAS
MR 896565 CLEVE, CLEVE Sheet \$4202, 1/25,000	15 Feb 1945	0700 1000 1600 2030	Weather--cool and cloudy. No rain. Morning has been very quiet. We are warned to be prepared to move on 3 hours notice. Bn "O" Gp. We have had a warning order to be prepared to move in 3 hours although it will not probably be before first light. We receive a tentative plan for operation in vicinity of CALCAR (Ref Map CALCAR \$4203--1/25,000) We will probably be carried in KANGAROOS with a Sqn of tks in sp. However, it is very tentative and very likely to alteration. Bn "O" Gp---Plan for coming operation is given. It has been considerably changed from what was first expected. Our Bde is to attack and hold ground in vicinity of 9649, 9749. Our task will be in two phases, with possibility that Phase I will be cancelled as objectives may be achieved by other units before	RAS

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MR 896565 CLEVE, CLEVE Sheet \$4202, 1/25,000	15 Feb 1945	2030	we get there. Phase one is B and D Coy to road running NE in sqs 9450, 9550 with tks. Then E Coy through to sq 9649. Then Phase II--A and C Coys with same sqn of tks to Objective in sq 9749 (REF MAP Sheet CALCAR \$4203-1/25,000). Tentative H Hr is 1000 hrs 16 Feb 45. and we expect to cross SL to concentration area at 0700 hrs. As traffic is extremely heavy on roads, vehicles will travel later to assembly area, Jeeps and Carriers going with the marching tps. Sp Coy weapons to remain on wheels until consolidating on objective then will go to D Coy area. Recce party to go over route in morning and meet marching tps at Assembly area.	Sqn of LaS
MR 896565 CLEVE, CLEVE Sheet \$4202, 937521 BEDBURG U. CLEVE CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000	16 Feb 1945	0700 0615 0700 1030 1155 1330 1530 1630 2000	Weather--cold, misty. OO to Bde HQ to get last minute details. Recce party goes out. Marching tps cross SL at 892556. Movement goes without incident and Tac BnHQ locates at MR 937521 (CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000) by 1030 hrs. H-Hr for us is set for 1330 hrs. Attack gets under way with A Coy leading off. OO sets up a comd post at 950513 (CALCAR sheet \$4203, 1/25,000) A Coy and C Coy are encountering considerable opposition for enemy is in the woods. Seem to be large numbers of enemy there despite fact that posts of enemy had been previously cleared by British units. B Coy moves up at 1630 hrs but encounter enemy in woods North East of road approx Map Reference MR 958511 OO visits Bde HQ at 2000 hrs to give Bde Comd situation. On return plans to move D Coy up in the morning to help others coys in the woods. C Coy had attempted to enter woods in the vicinity of MR 968504 but became almost completely surrounded and finally withdrew across road to MR 964500.	 LaS
MR 937521 BEDBURG U. CLEVE CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000	17 Feb 1945	0700 0700 1000	Weather--over cast--cool. During night companies already committed are attempting to consolidate firmly in the positions they now hold. B and D Coys, with Arty Sp, attempt to clear through woods from 958512 to EAST. Become disorganized by own arty fire and the attack is cancelled. OO goes to Bde. Coys are now located as follows: A Coy-961514, B Coy-959513, C Coy-966502, D Coy--959511. When OO returns find we are to remain in present position for present as woods are being by passed and 4 Bde of 2 Cdn Div is expected to pass through to our right. Our C Coy is to move back in position near Comd Post.	 LaS

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MR 937512. BEDBURG U. CLEVE CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000	17 Feb 1945	1400	Considerable Sp Arty program for attack going in by RWRs and CSR to SOUTH brings considerable return fire on us which at first appeared to be counter attack but cleared. Intermittent enemy mortaring and shelling continues through evening, but 4.2" and 3" Mortars in addition to Arty keep most positions well covered from possible counter-attacks.	LBS
		1830	C Coy moves to vicinity of Comd Post and is located at 949513, (MR CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000).	
MR 937521 BEDBURG U. CLEVE CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000	18 Feb 1945	0700	Weather--overcast and cool.	LBS
		0700	Night has been fairly quiet. Occasional shells land in the area.	
		1000	Bde Comd visits us. Picture is much the same. 2 Cdn Inf Div are waiting to get on through us and we still must try to clear out our part of the wood.	
		1230	6 Cdn Inf Bde of 2 Cdn Inf Div are taking over woods held by British troops today. We again attack woods, this time across road vicinity of MR 963506 (CALCAR sheet \$4203) North EAST to take high ground and clear woods from 965506 WEST and NORTH WEST to 51 grid line. From the commencement of attack going is very heavy. The enemy have considerable number of heavy MGs in the wood, also their heavy guns from across RHINE are plastering the wood. B Coy clear their section of woods with aid of WASP flame throwers, although one blows up. Then D Coy press through further. Enemy keep counter-attacking right flank of B Coy, and D Coy have a very difficult time. They finally get two platoons on objective. and A Coy pass through to clear NORTH sector of woods to grid line and road. Enemy keep up a relentless MG and shelling barrage. A Coy finally consolidate on objective but further exploitation is impossible due to depletion in coy strength. Also many men, although not actually casualties are suffering from exhaustion due to continual shelling and nature of the woods.	
		1900	One pl of C Coy is sent in to help button up the three coy positions for the night. Balance of C Coy which is already greatly depleted remain in reserve.	
		2400	Things have become reasonably quiet. Coy Comds agree that the shelling and fighting in these woods have been just as bad as anything encountered in NORMANDY. Few PW taken have been mainly paratroops, many of which have been moved into this sector in the past 24 to 48 hours from NORTHERN HOLLAND!	
MR 937521	19	0700	Weather--overcast, cool.	LBS

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MR 937521.	19	0700	Companies report a quiet night.	
BEDBURG	Feb	1200	4th Bde of 2 Bdn Inf Div is passing through us to the south East. Our future	
U. CLEVE	1945		does not appear clear as yet.	
CALCAR Sheet		1800	Bn my fairly active most of the time but situation well in hand. Lt Col	
\$4203, 1/25,000			Gregory has been called to 7 Cdn Inf Bde HQ to comd, as Brig Spragge is leaving.	
			Major R J Orr assumes comd of Bn in his absence.	
MR 937521.	20	0700	Weather--misty and cold.	
BEDBURG	Feb	0700	Enemy has been fairly quiet, during the night although he sounds to be doing	
U. CLEVE	1945		considerable digging.	
CALCAR Sheet		1330	Co-ordinating conference at Bde HQ. A plan to clean out the wood 9650, 9750,	
\$4203, 1/25,000			(CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000) has been evaluated to be done by the R Wpg Rif. An	
			elaborate fire plan with 4.2" Mortars, 3" Mortars and MMGs in addition to Med Bn and	
			Hy Arty. Our part in the operation will be to send one coy to relieve a coy of	
			R Wpg Rif after it has taken the woods in vicinity 965513 (CALCAR SHEET, \$4203) to	
			allow R Wpg Rif to move South East. H-Hr for the plan is set for 1000 hrs 21 Feb	
		1800	45.	
			G Gp is held, and Coys put in picture of plan for tomorrow. Enemy are fairly	
			quiet tonight.	
MR 937521	21	0700	Weather--very clear--warm. Roads begin to dry during the day.	
BEDBURG	Feb	0900	Fire plan begins with mortar and MMG barrage.	
U. CLEVE	1945	1000	R Wpg Rif commence attack. It goes well according to plan, and although	
CALCAR Sheet			their casualties are not light, they accomplish objectives on time. A Coy takes	
\$4203, 1/25,000		1400	over area vacated by R Wpg Rif B Coy with HQ at 965513 (CALCAR Sheet \$4203).	
		1900	We are required to move B Coy up to right of A Coy to relieve another R Wpg	
			Rif Coy. One Coy of Black Watch (5 Cdn Inf Bde) to replace them.	
			Night is quiet. There has been considerable air activity on our part today,	
			with Synchro attacking MOYLAND 9651 (CALCAR Sheet \$4203) and many other targets.	
			Patrol of scout platoon and went down into MOYLAND--brought back one PW--who said	
			to be la st soldier in the town--said balance of tps had left during night 20/21 Feb.	

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MR 937521 BEDBURG U. CLEVE CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000	22 Feb 1945	0700 0700 1400	Weather--same--clear and warm. Roads are drying and improving considerably Night has been very quiet. We are pulling out today for a few days rest and re-fitting. Coys make move, with locations as follows, BnHQ remaining in present location BnHQ Q--937521, A Coy-937522, B Coy-936524, C Coy-937525, D Coy-950513. Conditions are very crowded as the area is full of troops and vehicles. A large number of reinforcements, 3 Offrs and 62 ORs--arrive and are to go to companies to fill them out.	Rab
MR 937521 BEDBURG U. CLEVE CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000	23 Feb 1945	0700 1400 2800	Weather --overcast, cool, light sprinkles of rain in the afternoon. Companies are busy on interior economy. Mobile bath is expected, and whows are to be presented by CDN LEGION in Sp Coy area. Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery, C in C, and General Crerar, GOC First Canadian Army visited our area, and met Bn Comds at Bde HQ. Show by the Cdn Legion "Hit parade of 1943" is enjoyed by all.	Rab
MR 937521 BEDBURG U. CLEVE CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000	24 Feb 1945	0700 0900 1400	Weather--clear and warm. Mobile Bath operating in CLEVE. Men are welcoming chance of a clean up and change of clothes. A/CO, Major R J Orr, spends afternoon at Div HQ where plans for a new drive are divulged. More reinforcements arrive, three officers and 91 ORs. The officers are all former NCOs of this Bn and are welcomed back. Several old timers of the Regiment are also among the men.	Rab
MR 937521 BEDBURG U. CLEVE CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000	25 Feb 1945	0700 1000	Weather--clear and bright. Rain in the evening. More reinforcements are coming today but are to be held at A Echelon as most coys are well up to strength. Paymaster is changing guilders to marks today. Meeting of all officers in Sp Coy area. Major R J Orr gave us the picture of coming operation which affects us only as Div Reserve. The subjects of reinforcements and battle exhaustion we discussed. During this time Major General Spry, GOC, 3 Cdn Inf Div visited, Together with Lt-Col Gregory, A/Comd 7 Cdn Inf Bde. General Spry showed considerable interest in the problems of battle exhaustion and any suggestions	Rab

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MR 937521 BEDBURG U. CLEVE CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000	25 Feb 1945	1000 1400	<p>offered by Coy Comds. General Spry then visited Bn area to see training and activities of the men.</p> <p>We expect to move not sooner than 1500 hrs tomorrow. Recce party goes out to new area--which is now occupied by the North Nova Scotia Highlanders to line up location for moving in.</p>	Kas
BEDBURG MR 937521 U. CLEVE CALCAR Sheet \$4203, 1/25,000	26 Feb 1945	0700 0900 1700 1900 2000	<p>Weather--dull-cold wind.</p> <p>A Sitrep in the operation "BLOCKBUSTER" from Bde HQ indicates everything going well. It is unfortunate that rain and dull weather seem to be taking a hand in the job.</p> <p>Our Bde informs us we can expect to move to new area about 1900 hrs.</p> <p>We are on the move in the following order: A, BnHQ, B, C, D Coys. By 2000 hrs we arrive at new BnHQ positions. This is Tac BnHQ, as Adjt and IOs are staying in the present position. New locations are as follows: BnHQ--955478, A Coy - 973463, B Coy - 964462, C Coy - 968462, D Coy - 964466, Sp Coy - 961463, MR CALCAR Sheet, \$4203, 1/25,000.</p> <p>IO from Bde HQ visits us. We hope to be able to spend the night in this place.</p>	Kas
MR 955478 PFALSDORF U. UDEM CALCAR Sheet	27 Feb 1945	0700 0800 1500 1840	<p>Weather--Overcast and cool.</p> <p>Recce party goes forward to a new concentration area.</p> <p>Marching troops and vehicles start soon after and move takes place without incident to new positions as follows: (Ref Map UDEM \$4303, 1/25,000). BnHQ-982432, A Coy - 969434, B Coy - 979427, C Coy - 978426, D Coy - 980432, Sp Coy - 983432.</p> <p>Considerable shelling in the vicinity of our area, and some casualties are caused when a few shells land in BnHQ area. We have with us a troop of A Tk 17 Pdr and a platoon of CH of O (MG).</p> <p>CO and IO visit Bde HQ. A new Brigadier is taking over. Brigadier Gibson formerly with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. There is no news of a further move as yet. News concerning activities in forward positions is scanty, except that operations are going ahead well.</p> <p>Bde gives us warning order to have recce party stand by and Bn prepared to move at 30 minutes notice. Bde IO arrives and we are told that R Wpg Rifles and ourselves are to move</p>	Kas

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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment.	
MR 983432 SCHNEIERSHOF UDEM sheet \$4303, 1/25,000	27 Feb 1945	1840	--forward to take over positions of two units in 159 (Br) Bde, consisting of 60th Rifles and Herefordshire Regt. Recce party goes forward to vicinity of MR 989405 (UDEM sheet \$4303, 1/25,000) and contacts the 60th Rifles. However there has been apparently some bum staff work done somewhere on a higher level as the 60th Rifles do not appear to be in the 159 (Br) Bde and anyway they had understood they were to be taken over from 9 Cdn Inf Bde. Meanwhile vehicles and marching tps have arrived in the vicinity and are having a jolly time elbowing with tanks and hundreds of other vehicles on the road. After several hours spent cursing the powers that be we finally find a unit to take over from, or at least to move in with, as they don't expect to move until the morning. The companies then move across country and take up the following positions:--A Coy--982408, B Coy - 984405, C Coy - 982410, D Coy - 983413. In order to get BnHQ on a suitable spot spot relative to Coy positions it is necessary to go back into town, which takes hours, with vehicles jamming both ways and some turned crossways on the road trying to make up their minds. The Jerries add spice to it all by lobbing over a few shells.	Sheet \$11. Ras
985417 UDEH UDEH sheet \$4303, 1/25,000	28 Feb 1945	0700 2000	Weather--Night has been cool and moonlit. BnHQ set up by 0330 hrs at MR 985417 in UDEH (UDEH sheet \$4303, 1/25,000). Occasional shelling of the area during the night. Day passes quietly. No news of move for us until 2000 hrs, when Bde advise us there will be no move tonight. Bde LO visits us shortly after and explains situation to CO. Everyone settles down to some much needed rest.	 Ras

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			<p>With the Commencement of operation "VERITABLE" on 8 Feb 45 we ended three months of static warfare and change overs. The enthusiasm shown in the operation by all ranks was evidence enough that all were keen to take up the initiative and to get into GERMANY itself. Morale was high, men were fit and refreshed and a degree of the team spirit was evident.</p> <p>Entry into GERMANY meant no fraternizing with civilians in any way, and raised problems of how to treat them. Many men were at a loss, despite previous lectures on the subject, just how to treat them firmly, without being too clumsy. Especially due to the fact that they observed breaches of these regulations going on about them. However, our men have carried themselves exceptionally well in most cases.</p> <p>During some of the stiff woods fighting near MOYLANDS on 16-19 Feb, a rather high percentage of cases arose coming more or less under the heading of Battle Exhaustion. Few were diagnosed by the MO as being definitely such, however, one or two resulting in charges of cowardice in the face of the enemy. On the other hand, many instances of exceptional heroism and devotion to duty occurred, and recommendations for Honors and Awards were submitted for them.</p> <p>Throughout the advances during the month, problems of supply and transport were extremely acute due to flooding, mud and lack of alternative routes. However, the new policy of living as much as possible from the land eased the situation considerably and the fresh pork, beef, chicken and eggs made a very welcome change.</p>	