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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regt. sheet 51.				
CONVENT GROESBEEK §12 NW. 757548 1/25,000	1st	0700	Weather—somewhat cloudy and misty—SE wind. The night was a real noisy one on both sides. The Jerries beat us to the draw for by three minutes at midnight and really sent over a colorful display of tracer, etc, from probably every weapon they had. Most of it being fired into the air and landing behind forward positions. Rest of night was very quiet. New Year's Day has passed quietly. Nothing special doing. Fighting patrol goes out to vicinity of gliders at MR 768554. Although recon previously showed enemy in that position, they had gone when patrol arrived. However two members of patrol stayed in glider to watch enemy movement during the following day.	RdS
	Jan 1945	0730		
		1800	Weather—cold, overcast, some skiffs of snow blowing along ground. Warmer towards evening and melts. Night very quiet—only a few old shells landed in our area. Day has been very quiet except for personnel getting away for leave to England. Went to "B" Echelon during morning where they are being spruced up a bit prior to leaving tomorrow. 6 ORs are on the way this time. Picture shows are being shown daily and mobile bath is available. Sports are being run off—in fact so many men are being used in this way, some Coy Comds expect they will be firing their Brens by radio control if they set up any more "outside" activities. Two men who were lying up all day returned. Saw no enemy activity whatever.	RdS
	2nd	0700		
CONVENT GROESBEEK §12 NW. 757548 1/25,000	Jan 1945	0730	Weather—milder, with clouds and slight rain toward nightfall. Strong wind. Night has been very quiet. Very little activity during the day. Scout Platoon are on fighting patrol tonight, to vicinity of houses MR 768543.	RdS
		1800		
		1830	Weather—cold—sleet and rain. Little enemy activity during the night. Only scattered mortar shells in the area. A show is running at rear BnHQ. Volley ball teams are playing regularly and the Bn team is unbeaten in the league, so far. Hockey team is being organized. Amount of sickness is decreasing, although it has been very high over CHRISTMAS.	RdS
	3	0700		
CONVENT GROESBEEK §12 NW. 757548	Jan 1945	0730		
		1800		
		1400		
	4	0700		
CONVENT GROESBEEK §12 NW. 757548 1/25,000	JAN 1945.	0730		
		1400		

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CONVENT GROESBEEK §12 NW 757548 1/25,000	5 Jan 1945	0700 0730 1400	Weather--cold and wet- All coys, nothing to report during the night. Sub units are carrying on normal activities. Some are still laying trip flares, etc, around posts. Tonight Pioneer Platoon are stringing wire along our front.		Rab
CONVENT GROESBEEK §12NW 757548 1/25,000	6 Jan 1945	0700 0730 0845	Weather--cold--flurries of snow. Night has been fairly active, with 4.2" Mortars, and MMGs taking on points which are most active, with good results. CO and IO to Bde, then to Exercise Falcon which is being held at 239 HEIENDAELLSCHWEG, MR 712588 (Map GROESBEEK, §12NW, 1/25,000). The exercise lasted all day and consisted of discussion on Army Air Co-Operation.		Rab
CONVENT GROESBEEK §12NW. 757548 1/25,000	7 Jan 1945	0700 0730 1100 1800	Weather--cold, sleet, extremely dull. Activity during night was scattered--some shelling--no casualties. EN "O" Gp--H igher formation has advised line is going to be changed. This will mean pulling in our outposts. Unit on right (R Wpg Rif) and on left (QOR) are drawing in as well. This will take place in a few days. Balance of "O" gp is internal administration. Major D G Brown and Lt Archambault are next instructors on 3 Div NCO School commencing 16 Jan. Major G A Cooper of "C" Coy is going to England to instruct for 3 months, in training hrs for reinforcement. Balance of day is quiet.		Rab
CONVENT GROESBEEK §12NW 757548 1/25,000	8 Jan 1945	0700 0730 1330 1600 1840	Weather--Snowing -- quite cold. Companies report a very quiet night. We are advised North Shore Regt to our left are doing a Coy attack on WYLER, MR 780583, (MR GROESBEEK Sheet §12NW, 1/25,000). We are to take part in diversionary tactics by creating activity and drawing fire. N Shore show goes on--It is fairly successful in that they get 3 PW., but have at least 16 cas and 3 carriers knocked out themselves. We are requested to be particularly on alert for any signs of counter-attack. However none comes and front becomes extremely quiet for the night. Ambush patrol goes out through B Coy Outpost MR 767552 to rly crossing MR 771552. However, seemed to be an enemy patrol of some strength in area.		Rab

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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regt.	Sheet 53.
CONVENT GROESBEEK	8 Jan 1945	1840	Drew considerable fire from several points in vicinity and returned.	Rab
CONVENT GROESBEEK	9 Jan 1945	0700	Weather--considerable snow has fallen. Still snowing--cold North wind.	Rab
\$12NW. 757548 1/25,000		0730	Companies report quiet night. The HLI are going to put on a bit of a show this afternoon, somewhat similar to what the NSR put on yesterday. The HLI attacked but found that Jerry had withdrawn so they pulled back to their old original position. A loud explosion was heard about 2215 hrs, it was the Winnipeg demolishing houses they had vacated.	
CONVENT GROESBEEK	10 Jan 1945	0700	Weather--fairly cold with snow remaining on the ground, the roads are quiet icy. Some of our flares have been set off by rabbits coming in contact with them.	Rab
\$12NW. 757548 1/25,000			Fighting patrol that we were to send out has been cancelled but we can be expected to be using it the following evening.	
			Some fires were started to our front which were evidently enemy ammo dumps.	
CONVENT GROESBEEK	11 Jan 1945	0700	Weather--fairly cold with the snow still staying and the roads are quite icy.	Rab
\$12NW. 757548 1/25,000		0730	A very quiet night last night on the whole front. Fighting patrol went out to an area reced by a patrol but did not find any enemy there. This is the first one of our patrols to use white snow suits--they blend in well with the snow. Minefields in A Coy area have been moved back in accordance with coy posn.	
CONVENT GROESBEEK	12 Jan 1945	0700	Weather--Cold and clear, snow is still with us. There is a bit of melting and when it freezes over it becomes slippery.	
\$12NW. 757548 1/25,000		0730	An enemy patrol of 20 Jerries and an officer came in our A Coy front about 0750 hrs this morning. We took one prisoner who was hiding in a hole, identified as 3 Coy 1052 Regt.	
		1200	At noon hour about 20 Jerries were seen to approach B Coy area, we laid down arty, mortars and MMGs on them and they hit the dirt. Later in the afternoon we were on our way and moved off to NEBO MONASTERY. Move was completed by 2100 hrs, The Royal Regiment of Canada took over from us in GROESBEEK. Nebo MONASTERY is very crowded as there are three companies of the NORTH SHORE Regt there besides	Rab
NEBO MONASTERY 724588		2100		

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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regt.	Sheet \$4.
NEBO MONASTERY	12	2100	ourselves. We are back to electric lights once again, which is a welcomed change.	RS
NEBO MONASTERY	13	0700	Weather--Cold and frosty.	
724588	Jan	0730	Personnel are being made ready for leave to England, lucky fellows. Bde informs us that we will be taking over from 9 Cdn Inf Bde on the afternoon of 14 Jan 45.	forms
\$12NW.	1945		Rece parties sent out to NNSH HQ this afternoon, which is a new area to us.	RS
GROESBEEK			HLI Recee party, to our area to recee the buildings.	
1/25,000			Everything is very peaceful back here, but we will be on the move tomorrow again.	
NEBO MONASTERY	14	0700	Weather--Cool, frosty, the roads are very slippery and carriers have a difficult time getting around.	
BEEK	Jan	1600	We move into our new area by 1600 hrs and have taken over completely from the NNSH. HLI took over from us in NEBO MONASTERY and were there before we had moved out. We have electric lights and fires in our billets, so we have considerable comfort. We have contact patrols with R de Chaud on our right and RWR and CSR on our left.	RS
751604	1945			
Sheet \$6SW.				
NIJMEGEN				
1/25,000				
BEEK	15	0700	Weather--cold, snow still with us, roads are very icy.	
751604	Jan	0730	Our telephone system was off for a few hours and considerable trouble was found in trying to contact higher formations by wireless. Capt Bouey from Army HQ called to see the CO about wasps and their operation. A three man recee patrol was sent out from B Coys position. It got through past a road block and saw what appeared to be a 20 man Jerry patrol coming their way, so a hasty withdrawal occurred. In the evening the weather turned milder, it was quite dark.	RS
Sheet \$6SW	1945			
NIJMEGEN				
1/25,000				
BEEK	16	0700	Weather--somewhat milder today, the snow is melting but the roads are still very slippery.	
751604	Jan	0730	The CO held an O Group this morning and we were told that we would be staying in this area till 24/25 Jan 45 and then we would be going out as Div Reserve.	
Sheet \$6SW	1945			
NIJMEGEN				
1/25,000				
		1400	A sports meeting was held at 1400 hrs and hockey, soccer and other sports were discussed at length.	RS
			A Recee patrol of 1 NOO and 2 men and an ambush patrol of 1 NOO and 4 men are going out.	

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			LST on The Regina Rifle Regt. sheet 5.	
BEEK 751604. BEEK 751604. Sheet \$6SW 1/25,000	16 Jan 17 Jan 1945	1400 1830 0700 0730	to the same area as last night, starting at 1830 hrs. Weather--clear, with the snow slowly going away. Brigadier Colquhoun former Brigadier of the 7th Bde, was a visitor to the Regina Rifles, Colonel Gregory showed the Brigadier our area and took him up to Rosie 1, which is in a house owned by one of Hermann Goering's relatives. A fighting patrol was sent out along QUER DAMM but they did not manage to get a PW. A Very quiet night with very little activity.	RS RS
BEEK 751604 Sheet \$6SW. 1/25,000	18 Jan 1945	0700 0730 1600	Weather--cool, the sun has not made any appearance up until noon hour. Our B Coy changed over with D Coy which was in reserve and was completed by 1600 hrs, some enemy shelling occurred previously to this time, perhaps Jerry saw some movement our way. During the night there was quite a bit of rain and very dark out.	RS
BEEK 751604 Sheet \$6SW 1/25,000	19 Jan 1945	0700 0730	Weather--some snow and rain, snow is pretty well settled away. Men are taking advantage of daily picture show in the nearby area also of mobile bath which is close by. Some movement has been spotted on our front. and MM Gs and 4.2 " Mortars have engaged them-- A Police dog has been taken but it looks like a friendly pet dog, of someones rather than one from the enemy. Scout patrol out on dyke, found no enemy but had one casualty caused by a mine.	RS
BEEK 751604 Sheet \$6SW 1/25,000	20 Jan 1945	0700 0730	Weather--cold, snow has fallen during the night. 1 CSRs have teed up an attack on enemy strong point at junction of road and dyke at MR 778614. Were NOT successful, had three casualties, one man stepped on a mine, others not serious. Night fairly dark, roads are very slippery. Very quiet out front tonight reports our Rosie 1.	RS
BEEK 751604 Sheet \$6SW 1/25,000	21 Jan 1945	0700 0730	Weather--in morning cool, in the afternoon sun came out very bright. A combination fighting patrol and recce patrol went out along QUER DAMM. They were unsuccessful One casualty was caused by a mine which was hidden in the snow. More snow fell during the evening and it was a fairly bright night.	RS

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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regt. sheet. \$6.	
BEEK 751604 sheet \$6sw NIJMEGEN 1/25,000	22 Jan 1945	0700 0800	Weather---Lots of snow, roads are covered with snow now. It is quite bright out and rather cold. Bath parades are held daily by companies and there is a picture show each afternoon. Very little enemy activity to our front, he is just sitting quiet.	RS
BEEK 751604 sheet \$6sw NIJMEGEN 1/25,000	23 JAN 1945	0700 0800	Weather---Somewhat warmer, the sun is shining and the snow is melting somewhat. Recce party for the QOR arrived this morning, they will be taking over from us on 24/25 Jan 45. Recce party from our Unit recce-ed new area in the afternoon. A War Correspondent and conducting Officer arrived this afternoon and are touring our different company positions, getting the story and particulars of various people within the Regiment and taking pictures from various angles. It was quite bright out so patrols from QORs and RWRs did not go out.	RS
BEEK 751604 sheet \$6sw NIJMEGEN 1/25,000	24 Jan 1945	0700 0800	Weather---cold and frosty in the morning. Newspaper correspondents went around to various companies this morning, taking pictures of personnel. Have been informed that we are not moving to new area today. Nothing definite yet. Personnel arrived back from leave to United Kingdom and others are getting ready to leave tomorrow. There are no patrols going out tonight. It is quite light and there is very little activity on our front. We did not move to new area as was planned but are remaining here for a few more days.	RS
BEEK 751604 sheet \$6sw NIJMEGEN 1/25,000	25 Jan 1945	0700 0800	Weather---still plenty of snow on the ground roads very slippery---clear and cool today. Very little activity on our front and the night was very quiet. No patrolling was done on our front as the night was quite bright. A picture show "The Adventures of Mark Twain" was shown in the Officers Mess. A Cribbage tournament has started in BnHQ Officers Mess.	RS
BEEK 751604 sheet \$6sw	26 Jan 1945	0700 0800	Weather---Today is the coldest day we have had as yet. Some transport was frozen up and other vehicles started with great difficulty. An Engineer officer and party made a recce on the bridge by our QUEER DAMM.	RS

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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regt.	Sheet 57.
BEEK 751604 sheet \$6SW NIJMEGEN	26 Jan 1945	0800	and found there were a few dead cows on the bridge and about three craters on the bridge as well. The night was quite bright and we had no patrols out tonight. The RWRS had a recce patrol out and the CSRs had a standing and recce patrol out.	RS
BEEK 751604 sheet \$6SW NIJMEGEN 1/25,000	27 Jan 1945	0700 0800	Weather—some more snow has fallen, and it is still quite cool out. Some movement to our front tonight. It appears that Jerry has been doing a change over, one unit being replaced by another. Personnel arrived back from leave to U nited Kingdom, Brussels and Ghent. We now have a standing patrol at the bridge across WYLER MEER on QUER DAMM.	RS
BEEK 751604 SHEET \$6SW NIJMEGEN 1/25,000	28 Jan 1945	0700 0800 1330	Weather—Somewhat warmer today but the snow is still with us. Recce party from the SD&Gs arrived at 1330 hrs. Our Recce party has gone out to find new billets somewhere and have located a few houses that are unoccupied. A small recce and ambush patrol are going out tonight to capture a PW in WYFLICH. Patrol got out to D Coy and waited for about an hour and as it was too bright a night they did not venture out.	RS
BEEK 751604 sheet \$6SW NIJMEGEN UBBERGEN Baron Van Vorst tot Vorst's House, 748608 sheet \$6SW NIJMEGEN 1/25,000	29 Jan 1945	0700 0700 1400 1730	Weather—fairly snappy out, still plenty of snow around and the roads are not quite so slippery because they have some gravel on them. At 1400 hrs BnHQ moved to its new billets and the Bn was completely out by 1730 hrs. The SD&Gs have taken over from us and seem to be fairly happy. There is a large number of troops in this area now, at least three Brigades and Div HQ has moved up closer. Our Bde is now out on rest and has now operational role here, it is expected that training such as route marches and hardening up exercises will be used to great advantage. The CO has gone by plane to England to give a lecture on Forest Fighting. He will be away for several days.	RS
UBBERGEN Baron Van Vorst tot Vorst's House, 748608 sheet \$6SW NIJMEGEN 1/25,000	30 Jan 1945	0700	Weather—Snow has been falling most of the day and the ground is well covered now. It is not too cold out and the temperature is a little above the freezing point. Everybody is getting settled in their new billets, there are CSRs and RWRS personnel and RWRS in houses all along the main road, some houses have electric lights and most of the boys have been able to find stoves of some description to keep them warm. Coys are doing trg and getting into shape for any future ops.	RS

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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment. sheet 58.	
NIEK, Pietersburg 31 Baron Van Vorst Jan tot Vorst's House 45 RZ 748608, sheet 56SW NIJMEGEN 1/25,000		0700 0800	Weather--very slippery under foot and very slushy outdoors. The Intelligence Officer returned today from course on Air Support which was run by the RAP in England. Training is being carried on by the companies and personnel are getting into condition for future operations. Picture show was enjoyed by the Officers in the mess in the evening.. A very dark night with some mist dropping later on in the night and in the early morning.	RS

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