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CHERRY-EU	1 Sep	0830	1st. In the Regina Rifle Regiment. Weather today warm clear with fresh breezes. We receive orders to move now to new area CHERRY-EU. Order of march Regina, C an Scots and Winnipeg. All tps are embussed on unit and 3 p Arms tpt and some TCVs allotted for move today. Order of march in Bnt: A, B, BnH, C, D. A Coy B Coy & BnH on carriers and Unit tpt, C and D on 3p Arms vhaq and TCVs.	
LONDINIERS		1200 1107	Move goes well on well defined and easily followed route--roads good-- no enemy contacted. LONDINIERS (PINE) reached by 1107 hrs (15 miles) and convoy pulls off in fields and orchards for a halt of approximately 60 minutes. Cold lunch is eaten and we move off again about 1215 hrs. 1600 hrs--Progress somewhat slower due mainly to a bad stretch of road made almost impassable by our air force recently, with large bomb holes along 400--500 yard stretch. L E MESNIL REAUME reached at 1500 hrs (a further 18 miles -- 33 today so far). Here 9th Bde coln is met causing a halt. We are ordered off roads as part of their column is ahead. Notwithstanding the fact that they are on wrong route and the column once more moves off into fields and orchards in village of MONCHY--1 mile west of 4 Bde ROUTE AND every one makes good use of about a 45 minute halt to eat again starting off about 1650 hrs.	Raf
LE MESNIL REAUME		1215 1600 1500		
MONCHY		1650		
EU (Cherry)		1900 1845	Convoy moves slowly from here to final area frequently halted and held up by 9th Bde column and other misc people such as 7th Recce. C herry (EU) is reached at 1845 hrs and the usual bolsterous welcome is showered on the tps. The Boche left here yesterday according to civilians although 8th Bde were reported to have contacted resisting enemy on our right.	
ST QUENTIN WOIGNARVE		1930	Final objective (Pear) ST QUENTIN finally reached by approx 1915 hrs. We moved right through to WOIGNARVE a further 3 miles. Total mileage today 45 miles.	
WOIGNARVE	2 Sep	0900 1300 1100 1230	Quiet night with no sight nor sound of enemy. One or two planes over area. No move before 0900 hrs today. Weather today starts out bright and clear and warm but changes about 1300 hrs to cloudy cool skies with some rain. Intermittent rain and shine remainder of day. Bde O Gp called for 1100 hrs and CO, IO attend. Carrier pl Comds and 2 secs from each Bn sent out to recce and flush out enemy between here and SOMME RIVER coastal area. Bde will move to area closer to river about 5 miles E AST of here. Order RWRs, CSRs, RRRs commencing 1230 hrs. Tps march and our Bn Order is A, B, BnH.	Raf

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WOIGNARVE ST BLIMONT	2 Sep	1400 1530 2000	<p>1st Bn The Meginakirle Regiment.</p> <p>D, and C Coy. Vehs after all tps pass start point 547859--500 yds from our posn. A ll tps past by 1400 and vehs move to new area ST BLIMONT 595871 arriving THERE at 1530 hrs. Bn consolidates within area for remainder of day and digs in. No fighting enemy contacted by us but odd pockets reported here and there. 12 P Ws taken by our 2 Carrier Secs. 245 Inf Div ex DITPPE area are now reported to be defending line of river SOMME. Same enthusiastic Welcome afforded to the tps here in ST BLIMONT village. Bn H₁ sets up in an orchard.</p> <p>Bde now moved up and late news from them is that we will likely be here for 24 hrs. Civilian report ABBEYVILLE evacuated but woods FORET DE CRECY defended by enemy. Weather tonight is chilly with intermittent rain. News tonight good with US armour reported 45 miles from Germany. Vimy Ridge captured by Br 2nd Army. Our Carrier Sections harboured tonight at HAUTEBUT 3 miles NORTH where Near coast Capt Helles reports mostly NE and N coastal area now clear of enemy. Blown fortifications along coast and some enmy contacted near sq 5993. Short fight. 9 PW s taken and remainder get away.</p>	<i>Rat</i>
	3 Sep	0800 1500 0830 2200	<p>Sunday--Weather today warm and bright--Bn takes opportunity of this 36 hr breather to clean up and reorganize--Capt Jamieson, MC hold 3 church parades in our canteen building for all coys. RC Mass in village church well attended by Dogans of the Bn at 1130 and 1230 hrs. Legion Officers runs 4 or 5 showings of "Two Senoritas from Chicago" in Canteen with the usual packed houses including enthusiastic villagers who beg to be let in to see their first movie in 3 or 4 years in most cases. Officers Mess (BnH₁) enjoys excellent goose dinner. The goose being kindly donated by one of the local residents (according to mess secy).</p> <p>Lt Col Matheson DSO, E D, called to Sunrays Conference and at H₁ 7 CIB (Tilloy--607892). On return calls by omds Conference and probable move tomorrow is discussed. 3rd Cdn Inf Div crossing SOMME tomorrow starting 0830 hrs. Div Order 9th, 8th, 7th Bdes--7 Bde Order, RWRs, RRRs, 1 Scot Rs-- Our Order B, C, D, A, embussed another long hop is anticipated possibly as far as MONTREUIL 35 miles North. LOBs tomorrow to include OCs D, A Coys, 2ICs B & C Coys. CO going on 3 days rest to B Ech. Problems of Bn A & Q discussed, including discipline and morale.</p> <p>Legion cinema still going strong till generator trouble causes halt of 30 min in operations. News tonight good with Br 2 Army in BELGIUM and Pattons US 7th Army</p>	

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ST BLINONT	3		1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment. spearhead on border of Germany if not already in. Everywhervery hopeful of early conclusion of war in E urope. Major L K Gass A/ CO in absence of L t Col Matheson. Major Gollinick A/2IC in Major Gass' place.	Rt
	4 Sep	1400	Weather today still cloudy and cool--no rain however up to 1230 hrs. Move today expected to take place about 1400 hrs. No definite route yet as bridge crossings causing some trouble and traffic may be rerouted before we cross.	
		1300	We will be moving about 1400 hrs following Bde Command Gp (Rear of RWRs) Route is North to SE VALERY SUR SOMME and SE along SOMME CANAL to CAMBRON crossing river	
		1415	Canal there. following 3 Div Axis "Mallard". We finally get away about 1415. 6 BRs are ahead of us also although we passed some of their marching tps on way to Bde SP. Held up for 90 min at BOISMONT 6890 along SOMME CANAL due to heavy traffic on bridges and trouble with crossing of heavy tracked vehs such as M10s	
BOISMONT		1910	Long halt at BOISMONT where hold up is caused by higher fms units going through us plus narrow one way bridge badly congested roads. Column finally gets underway by 1910 hrs and good time is made to 2115 hrs. From there on progress is slower and finally we have to take a divergent route across the river to let through a higher priority convoy. This causes much trouble as heavy vehs bog down in soft mud on road along river and convoy had to wheel around and go back to main div axis road taking original route planned. Order of vehicles is completely messed up and convoy gets split up for some 30 minutes. Objective is finally reached about 0245 hrs and Bn consolidates in area of SOMERS village in MONTREUIL	Rt.
MONTREUIL NR 738236 SORRUS		0800)	Last night quiet with no enemy contacted yesterday and no sight nor sound of any enemy. Weather today cool and cloudy -- intermittent rain. Orders received this morning from Bde. We will move today to area LOON NR . Order 9,6,7 Bdes & Bde Order CSRs, 1 Sq 6 CAR, 1 Bty 12 Pd Regt, Bde Comd Gp, RWRs, RW Rs, Column marshalled by 0815 hrs and final order to move to SP (XRds S of MONTREUIL) received at 0830 hrs. Progress good after wait at SP for higher fms to pass through	
ETAPLES NR 6830		0815 0830 1055	We reach ETAPLES NR 6830 at 1055 and column passes through.	

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ETAPLES	5 Sep	1115	Can Scots approaching area GANDER (NESTLES-7040) and information is received that Enemy Arty in sq 7047 and some enemy in coastal area to west of us. Brig S pragge orders Can Scots to consolidate short of GANDER and search area from axis of advance to the coast. We are ordered to stop to rear of CSRs on axis of advance and be prepared to deploy to the west and check over gun posns along the coast. This is done and C and D coys moving on different axis move towards coast. No enemy encountered until coast itself is met and here a honey-comb of caves, embankments, dug-outs, blown guns, intact guns, dumps and are discovered. Small pockets of enemy in the dugouts and caves fire on our tps and 20 or 30 are seen running away. Unfortunately these could not be caught—One enemy wounded and taken prisoner. Coastal areas are partially cleared but due to thickness of still intact defences whole area could not be searched and coys are ordered back in to main road axis to LETURNE 734375	R/S
LETURNE 734375		1800 1830	where remainder of Bn was consolidated, at about 1800 Major L. K. Gass acting SO is called to Bde Hq at 1830 and Brig Spragge orders that our unit move up and take up posn on SE outskirts of NESTLES preparatory to a possible move to high ground S of BOULOGNE. We may then be ordered to attack BOULOGNE WITH AND UNDER COMD 9th Bde. Bn is moved to new area and takes up coys areas by	
NESTLES 7040		2200	2200 hrs. Vehs are left marshalled in well covered side road in case of another move tonight	
		2330	Major Gass again called to Bde Hq at about 2330 hrs and previous orders are countermanded and new ones issued. 7th Bde will move commencing at 0200 hrs to area	
		0200	BLUEBIRD (4 miles SW CALAIS) to arrive there by 0500 hrs as (25—30 miles) 2nd	
		0500	Div advancing on axis further west will have the roads from there on. Move starts about 0230. Order: CSRs, RRRs, RWAs. Bn order C, D, B, A and Sp— S P 763433	
	6	0230	debussing point 806656 (1 mile short Bn area) We arrive at debussing point about	
		0700	0700 hrs after difficult very cold trip for all concerned. We are late in arrival but this night move over virgin territory and difficult roads in many cases is considered fairly well accomplished. To first light no sound nor sight of enemy encountered.	R/S
HAUTEVILLE 788694 Sheet #38.	6 Sep		Tps move up from debussing point to Bn area in HAUTEVILLE and are consolidating. C Coy W of main CALAIS rd. D Coy astride road and NE of C; B coy S main road, and A to the S of these three and also astride road with Bn Hq in large farm near A Coy area. Weather today —cloudy cool and a little rain.	

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HAUTEVILLE	6	1400	1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment. Ration trucks arrive and first meal in 18 hours is heartily welcomed by everyone. Coys settle down in new areas; improve and consolidate posns for defence. It is soon learned that this area was a previous regt or Div Hq area and many amn dumps, documents and marked maps, traces showing gun posns, tp disposns, fire tasks, orders message, etc., are found and these latter are dispatched to Bde Hq who send them to Div Hq at once being high priority captured documents. One enemy trace shows DF arty tasks some of which cover some of our posns but it is thought that these are out of date and no longer in effect, the enemy having fled from this sector. Evidence of some enemy in CALAIS & Coastal area however is established from definite enemy shelling from direction of Coast N and NE. A few of these land in our area and we suffer 4 casualties in Sp Coy at approx 1750 hrs and incl 2 killed. The nose cap intact of one of these shells which exploded in Bn area is brought in and this measures over 9" diameter.	Rnt
		1750		
		2100	Major L E Gass A/CO is called to Bde Hq for conference. Our intention is to form a base here preventing filtering of enemy N from BOULOGNE area through us. 5 & 9th Bdes preparing to attack BOULOGNE and until this is accomplished there will be no tps between us and BOULOGNE 20 miles SW. We therefore must be constantly alert, mount standing patrols and send out recce patrols to ascertain what enemy are between us and coast as well as S and E of us. CALAIS AND BOULOGNE known to be garrisoned and coast thought to be still occupied between these 2 points but this is not confirmed. Future intentions will likely be to mount an attack in CALAIS itself. When we are strong enough in this area.	
	7 Sep	0600	Night of 6/7 Sep quiet with no shelling. Weather today is continual rain which lasts till late afternoon. Bn after first night's rest for 48 hrs settles down in new posn. Three patrols are sent out this morning: (i) One sec of car riers--South on main road to MARQUISE. No enemy or signs of them seen but section comes under shell fire at MARQUISE which is apparently under observation of enemy guns. MARQUISE itself clear of enemy and FFI controlled. Information on enemy guns along coast N to Cap Gris Nez is gathered from civilians. (ii) Recce patrol over high ground NW of us, then straight N to ESCALLES on coast reports no enemy seen on patrol but civilian reports of enemy still along coast in fortifications. (iii) Recce patrol W as far as Sq 7369 through villages of AUDENBERT, LE COLOMBIER, LEURRINGHEN and these places and all of patrol area clear of enemy.	Rnt

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HAUTEVILLE	7 Sep		1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment.	
		1900	These findings lead us to the conclusion that the enemy has completely withdrawn to the coast itself and CAP GRIS-NEZ fortress area on to CALAIS fortress ESCALLES seems to be clear of enemy. Number of enemy in coastal area in CAP GRIS-NEZ is estimated by civilians not to number more than 300. Fairly quiet day—Very wet and uncomfortable in the rain but this stops about 1730 and sun comes out for a brief spell. One or two shells only land in our area—No damage or casualties caused. Lt-Col F M Matheson DSO, ED arrives back from B Ech after short rest period. Our CO looks much refreshed and ready for the next round.	LWS
		0500	Weather today is overcast cool signs of rain. Some rain off and on during the night Last night was quiet again with standing patrols reporting very little activity of any kind and no shelling around here. One or two gun flashes seen W of here. None were firing in this direction however.	
		1400	Bde O Gp—Enemy situation the same with 5000 tps in CALAIS. BOULOGNE still held by enemy. Evidence of some attempts to break out. We are to cut coast road near WISSANT to prevent any tps getting through to CALAIS there. Winnipeg to cut it near ESCALLES. Policy vigorous patrol activity and alert offensiveness at night Poens held lightly in daylight. Situations and progress on other front good. CO returns and holds Bn O Gp at 1630 hrs. B Coy to move to HERULINGHEN 767707 and send one or two platoons to WISSANT to cut road there. A Coy to move a platoon to point 163770 and man an outpost post at night in AUDENBURY 752686. These instructions are complied with and new poens are recce'd and tps moved to new areas. While on recce B Coy recce party with Lt Bergeron as guide meets party of 20 Germans in 2 Horse drawn carts and after a skirmish takes one wounded PW, the remainder getting away. Bergeron is nearly shot from behind at point blank range but for the excellent work of Cpl Edwards of the Sigs Platoon who empties his pistol into the German wounding him badly. Patrol earlier today had gone to WISSANT—1 recce patrol in carrier and found XXXXXXXXXXXX town clear but under fire from CAP GRIZ-NEZ area when movement seen. 1 German and 3 Italian PW are brought back with the patrol. At 2030 hrs 10 more arrive from new B Coy area making all told at least 12 Germans and 3 Italians turned in to P W cage today. Weather turns rainy and cold about 2200 hrs	
		2030		
		2200		

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HAUTEVILLE	9 Sep	0900	Weather today--clear skies, sunshine, cool breezes. P promise of a warm day. Rain during night aired up the roads again but the sun warms the ground and everything dries up during the day. Night of 8/9 Sep very quiet and no shelling or casualties occur. Quiet morning also and no shelling of Bn areas or near us at all up to 1400 hrs. 1 P W sent in from B Coy --WISSANT.	
		1400	at 1400 hrs 3 patrols are sent out: (i) To TARDINGHEN 709695, (ii) To area sq 7167 (iii) 24 Hr ambush patrol to RAVENTHUN, ABLETHEUSE, and possibly AUDRESELLES if no enemy set up to there.	
		1700	We receive orders to move our Bn to WISSANT after last light tonight. B Coy to move	Rw
		1800	in first from HERULINGHEN. Recce party leaves about 1800 and marching tps arrive	
		2230	commencing 2000 hrs. B, D, A and C are moved in and take up posns by 2230 hrs.	
		2330	Vehs arrive commencing about 2330 and Bn H, set up in central part of this former small seaside resort village. One or two shells land in centre of village from NE coastal area wounding a Cpl in B Coy and one Civilian girl. Civilians still occupy the village and businesses and shops in full operations as in all villages in the PAIS DE CALAIS sector. Germans have just left here a few days ago and lots of billets equipment and good O Ps are available here. Town is intact and on first sight looks like a good spot unless we get shelling being in low ground. P Ws today 2-- (1 P 1 Bz Bn, 1 Marine Coastal Arty.)	
WISSANT NR 733714	10	0900	Surprising to everyone the night of 9/10 Sep saw no shelling and no sign or contact with enemy whatsoever. It was thought that our veh movement into this town would be heard by German recce patrols active here the night before and discovering us in occupation of this town and certainly bring some shelling down on us. Weather today is bright, clear sky, warm sunshine, good visibility. Out to see the White Cliffs of Dover can be plainly seen and although nearly 30 miles away at this point they seem much closer. The sight of these bright white chalk cliffs over a clear blue sea makes more than one lad a trifle homesick for our mother country and a step closer to home.	Rw
Sheet 36		1200	Quiet morning with still no contact or shelling by enemy although one lands close to our area from NE again. Lt Bergerons patrols from yesterday report recce as far as WATTEVILLE sq 706653 with no sight nor sound of live enemy although many installations and guns still intact. Bagnets and usual abandoned defences found. The other recce as far as farm at 718655 and met enemy there.	

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WISSANT	10 Sep	1400	Gp at Bde Hq attended by Major L K Gass A/O C and Lt J E Loughlin IO. Lt C of F M Matheson DSO, ED, under the weather from kidney ailment--goes to Fd Amb for a few days and we all hope for a speedy recovery. Rough plans are discussed for the final assault on BOULOGNE. Although we are not directly concerned with BOULOGNE, the Bde will be required to clear triangle area of CAP GRIS-NEZ before this assault starts. This is necessary as 8th Bde will move to area directly N of BOULOGNE on coastal high ground and their rear must be secure. RWRs moving 2 coys starting tonight to AUDENBERT 7568 and LEUBRINGHEN 7768--C SRs to RAMESCAU 7871 and HERVILINGHEN 7670 replacing RWR coys. Final attacks will be CSRs and RWRs up, our final objective being FLORINZELLE 6869, CSRs FRAMZELLE 6769 this is not expected for 2 or 3 days however. The above info was passed in at Coy Comd conference held about 1600 hrs.	
		1600	Active patrolling continues today. 2 Recce patrols today report no sight nor sound of enemy, as far as WATERMELLE 706687. Civilians report that enemy still occupy TARDINGHEN resulting in a 24 hr ambush patrol sent to that area out at 2330 hrs tonight. Much activity in CAP GRIS-NEZ tonight. Sound of demolitions flares and smoke--evidence that the enemy is blowing up his guns and ammun. Activity in CAP BLANC NEZ area also and quite a bit of movement seen at pt 134--769755.	Rat
		2100		
		2330		
WISSANT	11 Sep	0800	Weather today clear. Cloudless day and cool channel breezes. The Dover cliffs clearer and closer than ever this morning, and one is almost tempted to get in a boat and sail over to them. Late activity last night included more gun flashes from ESCALLEE area. One 24 hour patrol sent onto HAUTEVILLE reports in after giving their report to RWRs. Hav much information on minefields, gun emplacements, etc. Patrol to TARDINGHEN report no enemy contacted to 0855 hrs in area around TARDINGHEN. One PW sent in by D Coy at 0400 hrs.	
		0855	Bn O Gp. Orders given by Major L K Gass A/CO for our occupation of TARDINGHEN 708694, MOSCAU FM 714688 by C and A Coys respectively tonight at last light. D Coy tomorrow night. Probability of final assault in FLORINZELLE still likely. Big shells start landing in vicinity of Bde Hq from CAP GRIS NEZ Area.	
		0400	Bde O Gp--Our move tonight confirmed. RWRs not to occupy their objectives till till tomorrow. Likelihood of no attack necessary, on CAP GRIS NEZ. The appreciation is enemy few in number and ready to give up.	Rat
		1400		
		1600		
		2000		

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WISSANT	11 Sep	2300	Direct shelling of our Bn Hq starts about 2330 hrs. First shell hits W end of BnHq Bldg. burying several men sleeping, in end room and Int Office. Second shell hits church just across the road. Third and Fourth Shell hit building just across the road West of BnHq where Int Sec, Batman and several drivers are sleeping. Building collapses and all personnel are buried, but most of them are dug out with minor injuries—Another shell hits beside a slit trench behind house to which 3 men of the Int Sec had gone to after having been dug out once before. This time it is fatal for them however and they are buried unnoticed until morning—Total casualties—4 killed (in Bn Int Sec) (2 NCOs and 2 Ptes)—8 Wounded (3 Int Sec, 3 Bn Orderly Room, 1 J Sec Sigs, 1 Batman BnHq). Several more shells land in our vicinity during night causing damage but no casualties.	Rab
WISSANT	12 Sep	0500	Weather today warm and clear again—A and C Coys get on to their new objectives with little or no opposition. A coy reports 10 or 12 Germans killed with no casualties themselves. C Coy sends in one PW — who states HANZELLE a strong point held by 1500 tps. BnHq still a target for heavy guns on coast, and a decision is made to move BnHq to new position. No further casualties however suffered during the morning.	
		1300	Bn Hq moves to new location in concrete pillbox dug in in old C Coy area. Intact guns and excellent periscope. Sleeping quarters in this emplacement.	Rab
		1800	Bde O Gp—Operation orders for this move. We will move 1 coy to LE HAMEL tonight Bn Hq command to BELLEDALE 724687. Active patrolling to FLORINZELLE—These III final moves and clear up of CAP GRIS NEZ. RWRs to FLORINZELLE—Bn O Gp at 2030 hrs and orders passed on.	
		2030	D Coy leaves and reach their objective by 2350 hrs. Bn Hq moves and are in posn by 0200 hrs. No fighting to get into these positions. BnHq (adv) located in pillbox near BELLEDALE—NR 71806875.	
BELLEDALE NR 71806875	13 Sep	0800	Weather—today clear and warm and prospects of a fine day. Situation: D Coy moved its position at HAMEL NR 706683 with no difficulty—Patrolled forward to FLORINZELLE—0300 hrs without contacting enemy. Some heavy shelling of A and C Coy areas also BELLEDALE (BnHq) area last night and early today.	Rab
		1400	RWRs complete Phase I and are in occupation of high ground Mt de LOUVRE—CSRs	

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BELLEDALE	13 Sep	1400	Just S of W pgs and patrolling forward. Active patrolling continues throughout the day. C BRs go to AMBEREUSE--RAUENTHUN--STACE--no enemy in these towns having withdrawn to AUDRESSELLES. RWRs patrol to AUDRESSELLES and discovers this to be strongly held with 2-to-300 enemy. Conference at 1430 hrs at Bde H, attended by Major Gallnick. CSRs and armour going to 8th and 9th Bdes for BOULOGNE show which is first priority for air and sp arms. Our policy active patrolling for next 16 to 18 hrs.	RH
		1430		
		2300	Recece patrols go out tonight to FLORINZELLE and FRANZELLE (Scout Pl). Standing patrol to 720682 to contact RWRs. Coys mount local outposts for protection.	
	14 Sep	0800	Weather--today warm and clear skies, bright. Little or no shelling of coy areas last night. Patrols last night report no enemy contacted in FLORINZELLE, SODIT LE FLOS, LE CH TELET. Patrol to FRANZELLE did not reach objective running into 2 enemy patrols on route and bypassing them. RWRs ambush enemy patrol on their posns and take 31 PW.	
		1000	We send daylight recece patrol to FLORINZELLE (Scout Pl) who return having been fired on from there thus disclosing enemy posns which are what we want.	RH
		2000	Our policy for next 24 hrs is to continually actively patrol to FRANZELLE, FLORINZELLE and N of grid 68. RWRs will attack ONGLEVERT tonight. We send recece patrol to FLORINZELLE and one to FRANZELLE. Standing patrols 721682. A and B Coy outpost at WATTENELLE St GEORGE. Also local outposts for protection.	
		2300	Little shelling throughout the day--Some however about 2100 hrs. Casualties to date in this posn 2 or 3 from shrapnel.	
	15 Sep	0800	Weather today starts out warm and clear but gets hazy and slightly overcast towards noon. Patrols last night report (i) To FLORINZELLE--patrol ran into mines at LE CHATELET--1 man killed, 2 wounded. No enemy met down to 697695. (ii) To FRANZELLE //PATROL GET TO OUTSKIRTS OF FRANZELLE and drew MG fire from about 300 yds from village. No casualties. No PWs or enemy casualties. (iii) Standing Patrols--report activity vabs heard in FLORINZELLE & FRANZELLE. RWRs not contacted. Major L E Gass A/CO and Major Richardson OC B Coy. attend conference at Hq 7 Cdn Inf Bde--One sub Unit (B Coy) will be relieved by 1 coy RWRs def coy from Army Hq sent down for battle inoculation. Our role to continue to patrol actively CSRs to go to 3 Div for patrols re: BOULOGNE. We will then be required to move	RH
		1200		

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BELLEDALE	15 Sep	1200 1400	1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment. into WARINGTON and readjust posns to cover an advance over this ground. Bn O Gp with A, C, D Co's held at BELLEDALE Command Post at 1400 hrs. Above info is given out. Standing patrols will be mounted tonight at WATERMELLE 707684 (B Coy) LEFLOS 703697 (G Coy) 721681 (A Coy) LE CHATELET 703699 (Scout Pl). We will be attacking Cap GRIS NEZ when BOULOGNE show is over with heavy air bombing before. Mountaine Typhoons have been requested for lighthouse and big guns there. Our patrol area now extends SW to WARINGTON 714675.	Raf
BELLEDALE NR 718688 Sheet #38	16 Sep	0600 1000 1500 2030 2300	Weather today, bright clear, sunshine, cool. Last night's patrol report generally quiet with little or no shelling of areas. No enemy contact. Flares dropped from plane over GRIS NEZ and parachute attached. Object believed dropped to garrison there. Motor Boats also heard at 2330 along coast and at mouth of river at LEFLOS--sounded like loading or unloading. Several gun flashes from CAP GRIS NEZ area also. O Gp at Bde Hq. CAPE GRIS NEZ to be cleaned up and attacked if necessary tonight or tomorrow at first light. One Sqn Tks to support us. We will then be required to do CALAIS. BOULOGNE show on tomorrow it is believed. Further orders this afternoon Typhoons attack coastal installations in CAPE area and this is a welcome sight indeed. Attack believed successful--at least targets seemed to be hit in any case. Bn O Gp (full) at comd post Hq 718688. Orders are given for our part of attack on CAP GRIS NEZ. Phase I--G Coy to FLORINZELLE, A Coy to WATERMELLE, Phase II--D Coy to FRANZELLE, Phase III--A Coy through D and C Coys to gun area in Cape itself Sp--1 Sqn tks--10 G AR, 2, MLOs (mob res), 1 Fd Regt, 1 Med Regt, RCA. Attack to start at first light or several hours before. If strong opposition is met we will ask for air sp and go in in darkness. Recon patrols out to check on roads for Tks to FLORINZELLE, bridges etc. (Report that tks can not get through on right axis to FLORINZELLE--will have to go S to WATERMELLE or through AUDINGHEN). Time changes at 0200 hrs tomorrow--We set back watches 1 hr to A Time.	Raf
BELLEDALE	17 Sep	0700	Weather today is warm and clear. Prospects of fine clear day in offing for today's operation. Fairly quiet last night with very little shelling. No casualties. G Coy has moved up in darkness to LE CHATELET but there comes under mortar, 88mm, and sniper fire at first light and cannot go ahead. Command Gp moves up to	Raf

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BELLEDALE NR 718688 TARDINGHEN	17 Sep	0700	TARDINGHEN at approx 0745 hrs. D Coy ordered to move up to TARDINGHEN but when leaving their position at HAMEL suffer 6 casualties from shelling. Arrive at TARDINGHEN 30 minutes later. G Coy ordered to patrol forward from LE CHATELET. This cannot get up to FLORINZELLE in any case and OG C Coy cannot find any room for them at LE CHATELET. The Tks are however ordered up to LE CHATELET and they take up posns there.	
		1015	Situation the same. G Coy cannot move forward as strong opposition still exists at FLORINZELLE. 3 or 4 more casualties are suffered in recceing forward from LE CHATELET. The coy is finally ordered back to TARDINGHEN and it is decided to send D Coy S to AUDINGHEN and see if they cannot move from there to WARINZELLE and finally N to FRANZELLE. RWRs have taken their first objective and now occupy AUDINGHEN. Major Gaas A/CO, Capt Baird, OG C Coy, and OG Sqn 10 GAR go up to Bde Comd Post at 737664 to talk over the situation with Brig Spragge. Our Comd Post moves back to BELLEDALE 718688.	
BELLEDALE		1500	GO now back from Bde. We will be required to do the same thing tonight in darkness likely. D Coy at TARDINGHEN pulled back to original position at HAMEL. C O, OG Coy go down to RWRs to liaise and tie up plans. RWRs take prisoners who are sent from enemy B y Comd to ask for surrender. Officer is sent back with P Ws to take back answer NO and at 1900 hrs to accept surrender of this garrison RWRs area. This apparently does NOT include garrison in CAPE still opposing us. RWRs successful in getting to AUDRESSELLES, TARDINGHEN.	LS
		2030	Bn O p at Adv. Bn Hq. We will try FLORINZELLE again tonight--D Coy will attempt to get through with Engineers to check the road and lay tape to lead in Sqn of tanks and possibly fix bridge enough for tanks to cross. Major Jones, Engr Offr, OG Tk Sqn, Bn Pioneer Offr etc, to make a plan and tie up arrangements for this infiltration attack to start about 2400 hrs.	
		2400	Orders are received to cancel all previous plans and send out only patrols tonight. IO goes to Bde to get new orders and instructions are received for Bn to move before first light back to old area in HAUTEVILLE to concentrate for CALAIS attack which may start on the 19th. NISSANT coy to remain there. Carrier Pl to remain here with Tk Sqn (relieved by Recces) to hold this ground.	

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HAUTEVILLE 15 MR 789694 Sh #38	Sep	0400	Tps leave BELLEDALE, TARDINGHEN, MOSCAU FM, HAMEL areas commencing 0200 hrs and start arriving in these former coy posns near HAUTEVILLE commencing 0400 hrs. All tps in by first light. 6 Coy puts pl in RAMEOSAU 784716 to hold that area although 7th Recce Bn are up and N of this village also RMRs coy in WISSANT send 2 pls well out to E to hold high round in areas 752730, 762720 with 2 pls (4Pl 9p coy) in WISSANT itself	
		0900	Tps settle down in their former location of 10 days ago and Bn rests after 48 hrs on the go. Weather is cool, overcast today and we have had no shelling whatsoever here as yet. Tps are glad to be back away from the guns somewhat but a trifle sorry to see the CAP GRIS NEZ area unfinished although all realize what a problem it would be to clean out completely.	
		1600	Our CO returns to us after 2 weeks at Fd Dressing Station and attends C Co at H. 7 Cdn Inf Bde where rough plan of CALAIS op is discussed. Heavy bombing of area to precede attack by 7th Bde. From all information this fortress looks practically impregnable, flooded areas surrounding it almost completely and this attack is not relished by anyone. No definite timings yet except that it would not start now before 20th Sep. Poor weather if it continues will hold up the operation and it will take several weeks to get the port in operation after it has been demolished by the enemy.	Rat
		2300	Quiet night. No shelling or casualties to date in this posn. Tot 1 casualties in CAP GRIS NEZ area numbered approx 25 and about 20 in WISSANT. 2 or 4 PW taken. Known enemy casualties approx 10 with probability of many more by arty and bombing.	
	19 Sep	0900	Quiet night with no shelling near our area. Weather today cloudy, overcast skies, cool, poor visibility. Patrols out last night to ESCALLER met outposts at HAUTE ESCALLER, 780740 and could not get around due mainly to very dark night and new country for our scout pl. Little activity in this area although gun flashes were seen in SANGATTE area.	
		1600	Bde conference of Sunrays attended by Lt Col Matheson, DSO, ED. Op (CALAIS) discussed. Some change in general plan. 8th Bde now coming into op to move and take out ESCALLER, SANGATTE area. 7th Bde to CALAIS with RMRs left, RMRs right CSRs through RMRs in Phase II and into outskirts of CALAIS, RMRs, RMRs up and into outskirts of CALAIS to clean out. In Support 21 Regts Arty, 1 Armd Regt with	Rat

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HAUTEVILLE	19 Sep	1600	guns of FLAILS, AVRES, CROCODILES, CONGERS. Heavy bombing programme to precede H Hr and moving into CALAIS H Hr to H / 210 in different target area.	
		1800	A few shells land in Bn area—at least 1 casualty.	
		2000	G O holds Coy Comds Conference to pass on the above infm and lay down our plan of attack in our role. \$6p postponed 48 hrs now and we will have time to study maps, aerial photographs and patrol up to our areas as far as possible.	
			Patrols tonight -- recce to PEUPLINGUE to check on roads, occupation by enemy defences, Also one to dispersal area E of R ANEGEAD. Both these areas devoid of enemy who left 15 days ago according to civilians. Roads fair to good to PEUPLINGUES. No enemy activity except flares, gun flashes in distance towards coast.	Rat
HAUTEVILLE	20 Sep	0800	Weather today--overcast again with signs of rain which does not come--cool with poor visibility. No enemy activity reported by sub units last night. 7 Cdn Inf Bde are actively patrolling these nights obtaining as much infm as possible. Each Bn patrolling into their respective areas they are interested in and will be moving to, in first phases of forthe ming CALAIS show	
		1400	Unit comds make good use of this valuable time to study air photo's, defence maps, etc. of areas they are interested in and a picture of the ground, defences used by us in Phase 1, 2 and 3 of CALAIS attack is built up as much as possible. Ground Recce being impossible except from our Bn OP in D Coy Hq.	
		1500	Bn has facilities of mob baths today and everyone avails themselves of this luxury eagerly. These few days are well used by th tps to clean up, get their kit and weapons in shape again as well as catch up on their rest.	Rat
		1800	Some 81 reinforcements have arrived in the last 24 hrs and many old faces and evacuated casualties men since D Day are included in this group, glad to be back in the Regt and we are likewise glad to have them. Our strength previous to receiving them was approx 650 so now we are now nearing normal fighting str again.	
		2100	Heavy bomber attacks today on ESCALLES--NOIRE MOTTES--BELLEDALE area seemed quite successful and civilians reports say that target area was well saturated and several heavy guns believed knocked out in NOIRE MOTTES and Bty.	
		2200	Fighting patrol is sent to ESCALLES area to try to take prisoners and check on bombing results, enemy defences in that area.	

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HAUTEVILLE	20 Sep	2200	They are unsuccessful in taking PWs but reported that ESCALLES NOT occupied and no enemy activity was observed, no enemy patrols met. Recce patrol to PEUPLINGUE Sq 8073 checks on condition of roads and trails in that area reports digging party met N of PEUPLINGUE working on defences of some sort indicating presence of enemy in that area. SEVERAL shells in Bn area again today--several AP	Ref
	21 Sep	0300	Weather today clear and fine, with a drying sun. Some overcasting in afternoon however. No shelling or casualties during the night. No enemy activity except the usual flashes in the distance. One standing patrol left out at PEUPLINGUE today to observe enemy movement, activity in BELLEDALE, NOIRE MOTTES area. One PW turned in by D Coy--a deserter from enemy COCUELLE posn sq 8376 via the main CALAIS road.	
		1200	Mobile Bath facilities to this unit continue till noon. Auxiliary Services (Cdn Legion) Ofir arrives from A Ech with his travelling Movie House and sets up in a barn Theatre near BnH, showing "The Beautiful Cheat" several times, then moves up and shows it to D, C, and Sp Coys at ST. INGLEVERT X rds.	
		1600	CO holds Coy Comds Conference. CALAIS attack postponed a further 48 hrs. Bombing programme may precede our ground attack by a day or two and may start tomorrow (we are later advised by Bde Hq that there will be no bombing tomorrow). Finer details of attack are worked out and our Bn plan is getting firmer. Sp arms and their employment still to be figured out in some cases however. This attack is expected to be no easy task and may take some time to complete. The enemy defences in CALAIS and surrounding strong points are probably the most formidable and strongest we have met at any one point to date-- and no one has any illusion about this being a simple operation.	Ref
		2200	Fighting patrols are sent out again tonight to ESCALLES, HAUTE ESCALLES and area S of NOIRE MOTTES defence zone with orders to feel out as close as possible to these posns and if at all possible take prisoners. Recce patr 1 goes to area N of PEUPLINGUE again to check roads and tracks further N on our future axis of advance. Standing daylight patrol XXXXXXXX returns from PEUPLINGUE with 3 Polish P W deserters. Reported some enemy movement seen by them yesterday. Good OP position selected for use during first phases of CALAIS attack.	

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HAUTEVILLE	22	0800	1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment. Weather today is clear, warm, good visibility. No enemy activity last night. No shelling, no casualties. Last night's fighting patrols (supplied by RMAs coy) report no prisoners taken, some enemy activity and contact was made as patrol worked their way up to within several hundred yards of enemy fortified strong points--no sentries or standing patrols in ESCALLES or area or surrounding. Recce patrol met enemy working party and sentries at a road junction 700 yards N of PEUPLINGUE and this prevented complete recce of road. LEGION AUXILIARY Services shows still running and everyone had now seen one film. Programme for tomorrow will be "Old Oklahoma". Bn continues to reorganize, and get caught up in administration. Work and prepare for CALAIS Attack. No heavy bombing today but some Typhoons and Spitfires work in Sq 8676 SW to 8274, 8372 and factory at 868752. 2000 Some shelling of Bn areas today from guns in CALAIS and coastal area. W. Movement on roads to our rear and up to our area likely the cause of this and more is anticipated as arty Medium, Heavy and Field Regts move up tonight and tomorrow. 2200 We send out fighting patrols again to ESCALLES area to try and take FWs and report on activity but these efforts are unsuccessful and poor visibility restricts view. Rain during night causes little enemy activity. Recce patrols to PEUPLINGUE and area N. successful in getting right up to enemy posns in BELLEVUE area, drawing fire and confirming enemy posns as well as checking on roads and mines up to that area. Fighting patrol to area N of PEUPLINGUE discovers new MG post, denies one reported by patrol night before (enemy digging party) and checks more of area we will be working through.	Raf
NR 788695	22	1200		
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HAUTEVILLE	23	0800	Weather today cloudy and cool after showers during the night--Skies clear by 1300 hrs however and fine warm day ensues from then on. Coordinating conference for Bn is called by the CO. Sp arms comds attend and incl representatives from 10 CAR regt, Sqn AVRES, FLAILS, CROCODILES, CONGERS, 4 Atk Regt, 12 Fd Regt, 3 Med Regt, 6 Fd Coy RCE, etc. Plans are discussed for our attack in Phase I, II of Operation "UNDERGO" (CALAIS attack) with employment of supporting arms. Shelling of Bn HQ area interrupts the conference and when a few shells land in the front yard of farm house when this is held, it is decided not to take any more chances and conference is adjourned, unfinished. Shelling continues spasmodically during the day, casualties reported to 1200 hrs number 5. The cause of this sudden onslaught is thought to be Artillery Regts, Mediums and Fds moving up in our rear.	Raf
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HAUTEVILLE	23 Sep	1000	1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment. preparatory to support of the CALAIS attack. Much of this movement is undoubtedly seen by the enemy from his excellent OPs.	
		1300	CLWS movies continue today with showing of "This Happy Breed" and as usual are well attended. Shelling continues but most of enemy rounds now fall behind us and to our right in new artillery areas. One compensation of the shelling however is now our quick retaliation of 5 or 6 rounds in reply to every German round, and we hope that this silences some of the enemy guns.	
		1700	Bn C Gp is called—Sp Arms Comds attend. Our Plan and tentative final orders given for operation UNDERGO. Time of D-Day will be 24th Sep unless weather prevents bombing programme. Phase I will include A Coy and attached Sp to area STOVE—(PEUPLINGUE) securing base there. This will be followed by D Coy left, C Coy right moving up to FUP and starting forward through PEUPLINGUE 505735 by H 4 60, towards CHAIR (BELLEVUE, QUARRY—Sqs 8075, 8175). When they have taken over and captured this ground RMRs coy will move up through them to take out H1 and area surrounding approx centre being 812770—A Coy will remain as strategic reserve at STOVE and if needed will be sent up to assist RMRs or C or D Coy attack. Sp of The will follow up closely with D and C Coys and give support. FLAILS, AVRES, CROCODILES, CONGERS remaining close by PEUPLINGUE area will go forward after attacks have gone in, to be readily available to leading elements for destroying pill boxes, minefields strong points when these are encountered. Arty tasks are numerous and ample over whole attack area and will remain ready to bring down fire speedily when called in. FOOs with C, and D Coys for first part of Phase I at least during all this. RMRs will be taking out SEAT (COQUELLES) areas sqs 8274, 8275, 8374, 8375 and Phase I will be complete when CHAIR AND SEAT areas are cleaned up. Phase II will be 1 GERs going through us to SOFA (Sqs 8277, 8377, 8477 plus strips 500 yards NE of there). Phase III will be RMRs, RMRs going in to CALAIS fortress area and civilian occupied area and cleaning resistance up there. 8th BDe will during Phase I contain and attack area NOIRE MOTTES — CAP BLANC NEZ, GRAN d'ESCALES, ESCALLES — sqs 7775, 7875, 7876 and SE portion 7776) with R de Chauds left, RMR right, GER res. 9 GERs moving up to CAP ORIS NEZ area on 1st light 24 Sep will contain this area. The whole of this Operation is NOT considered easy by any means as mentioned before but with a firm plan, adequate sp, and a full knowledge of enemies defence posns,	Rab

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HAUTEVILLE	23 Sep	1700	ultimate success in good time is assured. News of fall of BOULOGNE with 9000 PWs and reasonable casualties to 8th and 9th Bdes gives us an indication of what to expect.	Rab
		2300	Patrol tonight to area 1000 yards N of PEUPLINGUE again to take prisoners and reconce new defences xxxx works, diggings bears no fruit. Illumination is very bad and rain keeps enemy activity down to nil and patrol reports very little observed. No new poans. No prisoners. We receive word from Bde that operation UNDERGO is postponed till 25th Sep 44.	
HAUTEVILLE	24 Sep	0800	Weather—considerable rain during night—intermittent during day with high NW wind. Considerably colder. Men getting as much rest as possible in preparation for Operation UNDERGO. GO to Bde in afternoon for O Gp and Bn O Gp called for 1700 hrs.	Rab
		1700	At Bn O Gp a few changes in timings are made. A Coy is to move into PEUPLINGUE by H 15. D Coy will cross SL at H 30. C Coy will cross SL at H 45. Tanks will be on high ground above SL at H 15. AVRES, and Flaills shove through at H 45 to reach D Coy just as they hit Objective thus enabling them to move up at far greater speed than if they moved at troop speed with them.	
		1900	Advised by Bde Hq that H-Hr for Operation UNDERGO will be 1000 hrs 25 Sep. Heavy Bombers over CALAIS in spite of rough weather. Fires and smoke in CALAIS. Eight bombers crashed in our area—three crew members treated at our RAP.	
HAUTEVILLE	25 Sep	0730	Weather—low clouds; high wind and cool. Sun begins to break through about 0830 and quite clear by mid morning. Scattered clouds rest of the day. We had a quiet night, and most of us woke in morning expecting operation "UNDERGO" to be cancelled due to first signs of weather. However, H Hr is confirmed by Bde and activity speeds up. We have been anticipating this show for some time and are anxious to get our teeth into enemy. Bombers start passing overhead and spasmodic arty fire starts.	Rab
		0850	A Coy start to move at 0850 followed by D Coy at 0900. Forward elements at area DESK on time. They send back word that bombing task that was to have covered our objective has missed to West. Enquiries to Bde brings answer that operation will go on.	
		1330	D and C coys fighting hard for objectives and calling on tanks, Flaills and crocodiles. Assistance of these enabled them to carry on through to Objective. D Coy on 803758, and C Coy at 815756. RMR Coy moves up and capture objective 812770 without much	

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HAUTEVILLE	25	1330	difficulty. 141 prisoners taken during day--mostly ersatz with a sprinkling of Marines. Sunray to Bde at 2115 hrs for Conference. Locations: BnHQ-803758, A Coy - 807738, B Coy - 812770(RMR), C Coy-815756, D Coy-803758. Casualties: 10 killed, 61 Wounded, 2 Missing for Operation so far. Coys firmly established and nothing reported during night. Patrol for B Coy (RMR) to SANGATTE (NR 802776) to recon. They found that town was occupied. Infrm obtained from prisoners in that area shows they were not aware we were so far forward.	Ruf
CALAIS #38 NE--803758	26	0730	Weather--slightly cloudy--has rained considerably all night and is very muddy--clears and day turns out warm and sunny. No shelling during night.	
		1000	Morning quiet. Prisoners coming in 200 at a time. Marine Artillery who surrendered to GER going into SANGATTE (803773). Prisoners continue to come in until afternoon, 528 in all handled since Operation UNDERGO begun. Varying types. Seem to be well equipped and had food stores for two months but as soon as their guns were knocked out they came out before flame throwers got too close.	
		1600	GO to Bde--We are quiet with a bit of shelling in morning which was quickly silenced None for rest of day.	Ruf
		1900	GO returned from Bde at 1900 hrs. O Gp for Sigs, A, D, Scouts. Plan to get one coy (A) and possibly D up into area Piano tonight. Notified from Bde that the plan will go on. A Coy taking one det of Mortars. Sigs to take and establish Comm by going as far as the BENCH and maintaining contact with forward troops and BnHQ. Hr for A Coy to start off set for 2200 hrs. After some delay A Coy move off but we have XX lost contact with them. Also some difficulty in getting through to our forward relay set.	
CALAIS #38 NE--803758	27	0730 0041	Quiet night- no shelling reported in area. Weather cool and cloudy Advised by Bde to cancel present operation and return behind grid line 84 by first light, as bombing programme scheduled for morning. A Coy returns. They had reached Area BENCH. IO visits Bde HQ to get instructions. Suggests Recon by Coy and Pl Comds. Conference at BnHQ and plan operation similar to last night with A Coy to be ready to move by 1900 and D by 2030 or 2100. Coy comds and their Pl Comds. Recon routes in turn in afternoon. Int Sec set up OP. to which Coy Comds can come to observe.	Ruf

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CHALIS #38 MR NE-803758	27	1930	<p>1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment.</p> <p>A Coy moves off and arrive in area CHALIS 2040 hrs with Coy HQ at 851741. One Pl goes forward to cross inundated area toward rd pt 867744. Wireless interference is worst we have ever experienced, but by means of relaying through CHALIS and getting own messages through during lulls in CW, we keep contact with A Coy, D Coy and Bn HQ. are placed on 1 hr notice to move, and C Coy on 1 hr notice, but sub-unit of A Coy has not yet reported back at 2400 hrs and some of us are getting a bit of sleep.</p>	Rat
CHALIS # 38 NE--803758	28	0730 1330	<p>quiet night, clear and cool. CPs reported two or three enemy planes over our area. We are not shelled during the night. The CO and Adjt went to Bde at 0930 hrs for a Conference. Heavy bombers attacked today areas in CHALIS east and North, from 0900 to 0950 hours. From our own targets appeared to be hit very accurately and effectively. Bde Major visited us at 0130 hrs in morning. He was making contact with CSH, RMRs and ourselves. CW interference is very bad and contact with A Coy difficult. Balance of A Coy moves off to area PIANO at 0345 hrs and D Coy leaving present area at 0345. Follow A from CHALIS. D Coy get into position and both report all quiet. A party move to PIANO has been made without enemy's knowledge, but they could use some rum rations as the water wasn't warm in crossing. S Coy is located at 868753 and C Coy at 879743. They are instructed to lie quiet. CO and Adjt go to Bde at 0130 and return at 1130. O GP at 1330 hrs. It is decided to move C and D Coys to area PIANO this afternoon. Bn HQ to move there too in order to be able to push in to PIANO after last light. Move is made without incident and H Q is set up at MR 843573 at 1645 hrs. B Coy at 848738. C Coy at 871753. CO went to Bde at 2020 hrs and returned at 2200 hrs when O GP was called. We were advised that Col. Schroeder, Comd of German garrison in CHALIS has sent a message to our Higher Comd stating that they would cease firing at 1800 hrs and he would come out to talk surrender terms at 1000 hrs 29 Sep 44. sounded good to our ears, as it would save a good deal of bloodshed. However, C and D Coys are to move in to area PIANO as planned and Bn HQ is to remain here. All who are able to then turn in to get a good night's sleep.</p>	Rat

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CALAIS#38 NE--844734	29	0730	During the night, C Coy and B (RMR) Coy--move across toward forward posns, but after C Coy have got over, B Coy come under heavy fire from railway at 867757 and finally have to return to their old posn, as it is beginning to get light. C Coy are in posn at 873754 by 0400 hrs. Our great difficulty has been communication. Line laid through water to A Coy had kept going out, so finally we established line from Bn HQ to Sig Office in FRETHUN at 848738 where wireless communication by 18 set was kept to A, C, D. This made a very slow means of comm. and no direct contact. Weather is fairly clear and cool, with scattered showers. Morning finds most people well rested.	
FRETHUN-- 848738		0730		
		0930	C0 goes to Bde at 0930 hrs then spends several hours liaising with Hardskin Comds.	
		1035	Advice comes from Bde that we are to be prepared to carry on with operation, but no action to be taken until further advised. Two representatives from 3 Div Security Section visit us. They are looking for a suitable place to intercept and check civilians coming out of CALAIS, Decide to go back around in general area of GUIVES.	Raf
		1630	C0 attends a conference at Bde. C0s Conference afterward reveals that we are now on a 24 hour truce with CALAIS Comd in order to allow all civilians to leave city. This truce is to last until 1200 hrs 1 Oct 44. We then go on with plans. C Coy is to move up during night and 2IC is to go into establish and advanced HQ. Assault Boats are to be used. As we suspect the enemy are doing some re-grouping during the truce, patrols by each coy are sent out to vheck various points where enemy have been firing on us from.	
FRETHUN-- 844734	30 Sep	0700	Weather-Night has been unsettled with clouds and some sprinkles of rain. It has turned cold and dawn breaks with a cold wind blowing. During the night, B Coy crossed to their allotted posn at 781751 and immediately sent out a patrol of one platoon to recce enemy at 878749. There were no enemy at road junc but bridge at 88 880747 had been blown leaving a gap of approx 2 metres. Tac Hq of 2IC, Asst. Adjt, MO, and Sigs move up and locate at 868752. The morning was very quiet with the exception of several explosions in NE direction. Believed to be enemy carrying out demolitions.	
		1100	Bde advised us there was a report that the enemy in CALAIS were wanting to surrender. However, we were to ca ry on with our bombing and shelling plan, to commence immediately after noon, unless all troops in CALAIS come marching out immediately bearing white flags. The bombing plan scheduled for noon with mediums bombing targets on the	Raf

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PRETHON--- 844734	30 Sep	1100 1315	<p>1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment.</p> <p>east side of CALAIS from 1200--1300 and Typhoons attacking from 1300--1400. This is preparatory to the attack by the Queen's Own Rifles and The CH of O. They are also to be supported by an elaborate shelling programme. Reports from QOR and CH of O state the enemy are surrendering in masses, and our Coys are warned to be on look out for any groups coming in to surrender to them. Then CH of O report the Comd of CALAIS has come out to them in unconditional surrender, and we are ordered to attack at once. Our CO moves forward with IO in an amphibious Jeep at 1400 hrs to supervise operations at forward coys. Unfortunately the Jeep bogged down within hailing distance of Tac HQ which necessitated wading in. All through the late afternoon and early evening our companies pushed forward to their objectives in CALAIS, meeting no opposition and receiving large numbers of PW. A Coy move into posn at MR. 876767., B Coy move into posn at MR. 869765, C Coy move into posn at MR. 87837640. These locations were received long after the the coys had taken up posns, due to faulty communications. In all 372 PW were taken by us including 9 Officers. One officer insisted Germany would still win. the war--well, he can dream anyway.</p>	<p><i>Rab</i></p>

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