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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment. Sheet §1.	
UDEM, MR 985417 Sheet §4303, UDEM, 1/25,000	1st Mar 1945	0700 0730  1900	Weather--Cool and cloudy. Little of importance happened within the unit during the day. Our CO, Lt Col A S Gregory, returns from A/Comd of 7 Cdn Inf Bde, during afternoon. R Wpg Rif move to positions further over on our left with HQ at 005385 (UDEM Sheet §4303). CSR move up into positions vacated by Royal Winnipeg Rifles. Legion brings picture show up for troops and first show is for Sp Coy at 1900 hrs tonight. "Bondie on a Budget" is the name of the picture. There is no further prospect of a move and we settle down for the night.	§
UDEM MR 985417 Sheet §4303 UDEM, 1/25,000	2nd Mar 1945	0700	Weather--Snow, sleet--very cold. No change in our locations. Rear BnHQ moves up during the afternoon into our locations. Bde advise us we need not expect to move before 1200 hrs tomorrow.	§
UDEM, MR 985417 Sheet §4303, UDEM, 1/25,000	3rd Mar 1945	0700 0930 1145 1400 1600 1835	Weather--cold, Flurries of snow Reece party goes out to new area, vicinity of sq 0338 (UDEM Sheet §4303). CO goes to Bde to get the gen. Short O Gp. CO gives order of march, etc. Tps to start to move at 1300 hrs. BnHQ closes present location at 1400 hrs. Opens new location at 1600 hrs. New locations are as follows (XANTEN Sheet §4304--1/25,000). Tac BnHQ is --032389, A Coy--033391, B Coy at--034387, C Coy--033384, D Coy--035385. 7 Cdn Bde HQ advise CO to report to HQ 8 Cdn Inf Bde to be temporarily placed for local operations under comd 8 Cdn Inf Bde. CO goes to 8 Cdn Inf Bde. We are required to move into gap along edge of woods in sq 0437. This will contact KSLI (Br) Bn at 040380 and Queen's Own Rifles. CO moves to Comd Post at MR 035379 (XANTEN Sheet §4304).	§
JUNGERMANN SHOF MR 032389, Sheet §4304, XANTEN, 1/25,000				
JUNGERMANN SHOF MR 032389 Sheet §4303 XANTEN 1/25,000	4th Mar 1945	0700 0200 0700	Weather--Cold, overcast, misty with rain. All coys are now in position at the following positions: A Coy--048379, B Coy--045383, C Coy--045379, D Coy--042380. Coys experience extremely heavy shelling and mortaring in positions during the night, but they inflict few casualties. Some mines in vicinity of A Coy, and Capt W W Jansen, A/Coy Comd has the misfortune to step on two Schümines causing eventual loss of both feet. Day is fairly quiet. We find enemy must have pulled back from in front	§

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JUNGERMANN SHOP MR 032389, SHEET \$4304 XANTEN 1/25,000	4th Mar 1945	0700 1900	<p>of our coy posns as we can move about in the open without being shot at.</p> <p>9 Cdn Inf Bde commence attack toward high ground in vicinity sq 0737 and 0738 (XANTEN Sheet \$4304—1/25,000) Regt de la Chaudières (9 Cdn Inf Bde) Move down into vicinity of sq 0537 thus more or less squeezing us out of our role. We have reverted to under comd 7 Cdn Inf Bde. A Coy are sending contact patrol every hour to contact R de la Chaudières.</p>	<p>✓</p>
JUNGERMANN SHOP MR 032389, SHEET \$4304, XANTEN, 1/25,000	5th Mar 1945	0700 0945	<p>Weather—Misty and cold.</p> <p>Re "0" Co.—Plan for our Bn to attack SONSBECK in sq 0535 (XANTEN Sheet \$4304) It will take place after 9 Cdn Inf Bde have captured high ground SE of town. General plan is SL along road MR 050378 to road junc 062578 (XANTEN Sheet \$4304). A Coy right along axis of road from 051378 south and East to town onto objective which is NW quarter of town. C Coy left along axis road from 062372 south and west to objective NE quarter of town. Then D Coy right, B Coy left on same axis through to SW and NW quarter of town.</p> <p>We mark time the balance of the day waiting for H-Hr.</p> <p>During the evening Brigadier Gibson held a conference at our Tac HQ and some changing of Brigade plans was done.</p> <p>Re "0" Co. Our plan has not changed. Unrecoiledly except for fact that we are going to move all coys on original axis of A Coy. A good fire plan has been laid on with Arty, 4.2" Mortars, and MMGs. Tac BnHQ is to move to MR 043363 before attack commences.</p>	<p>✓</p>
PAUENHOF, 043363 SHEET \$4304 XANTEN 1/25,000	5th Mar 1945	0700 0300	<p>Weather—Bail cold.</p> <p>Attack commences. Some delay on getting across SL but from there on attack goes well and after sweeping a few mines coys move into town onto objective with no opposition.</p> <p>By 0700 hrs all coys are consolidated in their posns, with Coy Hqs as follows: (XANTEN Sheet \$4304, 1/25,000) A Coy—057353, B Coy—059352, C Coy—050358, D Coy—058352. At 0900 hrs BnHQ complete move into location at MR 058353.</p> <p>PWs gathered in (20 in all) say their forces have withdrawn some 3—6 miles EAST from SONSBECK. 4 Cdn Arm Div are pushing through the town to EAST.</p> <p>Coy spend balance of the day resting.</p> <p>Bde require two patrols for the night. A section from B Coy is to contact</p>	<p>✓</p>
MR 058353, SHEET \$4304, XANTEN 1/25,000		0700 0900 1700		



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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment.	Sheet \$3.
SONSBECK MR 058353, Sheet \$4304 XANTEN	6th Mar 1945	1700	KSII (3 Br) Inf Div) at 2200 hrs and 0300 hrs at MR 067344 (XANTEN Sheet). C Coy send platoon to MR 082359 (XANTEN Sheet \$4304) at last light. To return at first light. This platoon to send contact patrol out to MR 088370 at 2200 hrs and 0300 hrs.	f
SONSBECK MR 058353 Sheet \$4304 XANTEN, 1/25,000	7 Mar 1945	0700	Weather--Dull and cool. All patrols made contacts with nothing unusual to report. Administrative problems are being cleared up. IOBs are up to the unit and A Echelon is coming up tomorrow. A picture show is on. To be shown tonight and all day tomorrow.	f
SONSBECK MR 058353, Sheet \$4304	8 Mar 1945	0700	Weather--Dull and Cool. Coys are resting, seeing shows, and generally getting tidied up.	f
SONSBECK MR 058353 Sheet \$4304 XANTEN, NEW WARDTER- HOLZHOFF 075418 Sheet \$4304 XANTEN 1/25,000	9 Mar 1945	0700 0730 1330 2100	Weather--Scattered clouds, warm, some sun. We are placed on one hours notice to move. 7 Cdn Inf Bde is to come under Comd 2 Cdn Inf Div with possibility of exploiting their success. We move to a concentration area with Tac BnHQ at MR 075418 (XANTEN Sheet--\$4304, 1/25,000) and coys in close proximity. For this present operation Coys will be commanded as follows: A Coy--Major Gellnick, B Coy--Major McGurran, C Coy--Major G J Baird, D Coy--Capt Roberts. News from 2 Cdn Inf Div is that they are doing extremely well and have cleared XANTEN. We are placed on one hours notice to move after 0600 hrs in the morning. Probably move in TOVs.	f
SCHINKEN MR 059420 Sheet \$4303, XANTEN, 1/25,000	10 Mar 1945	0700 0800 1630 2130 2400	Weather--Cool and Dull. Night has been quiet. No news of move as yet. Recce party goes to Bde HQ to recce for a new location. We commence to move out to a new assembly area. It is in the REICHSWALD FOREST. It appears our part in the operation has ended and we have reverted to under comd 3 Cdn Inf Div. Arrive in new area. BnHQ remains in buildings some distance away from area for the night.	f

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			<b>1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regt.</b>		
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE NR 862514 Sheet \$ 4202 CLEVE, 1/25,000	11 Mar 1945	0700  1600	<p>Weather--Dull, cool. BnHQ gets into position. There are no buildings in the area, but a few tents tarpaulins, and pup tents are obtained. BnHQ sets up at NR 862514 with coys all near at hand. CO and Coy Comds attend Bde "O" gp and get a general picture of the present rele.</p>		
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE NR 862514 Sheet \$4202 CLEVE, 1/25,000	12 Mar 1945	0700 0900	<p>Weather--Calm and cloudy. Bn "O" Gp. Co reviewed information Brigadier gave in "O" Gp yesterday, and added subjects which concern Bn itself. We expect to be there for about ten days. During that time it is planned to do training from Coy XXXXX level down in wood and village fighting and brush up on consolidations, fire and movement etc. We expect visits from Bde and Div Comds. Entertainment is being arranged. It should allow time for all to get cleaned up and brush up on smartness, care of weapons, with a bit of rifle drill. Balance of today is to be spent in cleaning up area and interior economy. From tomorrow, regular parade hours will be observed from 0830 to 1630 hrs, with some night trg.</p>		
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE NR 862514 Sheet \$4202 CLEVE, 1/25,000	13 Mar 1945	0700 0830	<p>Weather--Warm and sunny. Coy's are doing regular training. Picture show is operating at night and mobile canteen, writing room etc, are in full swing. Everyone seems to be quite comfortable in the woods, every type of dugout being in evidence. Jerry tosses a few shells over in the general area each night -- just as a remainder probably.</p>		
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE NR 862514 Sheet \$4202 CLEVE, 1/25,000	14 Mar 1945	0700 0830	<p>Weather--Warm and sunny, with a bit of mist in the early mornings. Regular training. 48 hour leaves to BRUSSELS and PARIS are beginning again. 3 officers and 10 ORs go to BRUSSELS. One Officer to PARIS.</p>		
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE NR 862514 Sheet \$4202 CLEVE, 1/25,000	15 Mar 1945	0700 0830	<p>Weather--warm and sunny with slight frost and mist in the early morning. Training as usual by the companies.</p>		
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE	16 Mar 1945	0700 0830	<p>Weather--Dull and cool. Training as per usual. Baths, Church parades and picture shows.</p>		



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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment. <span style="float:right">Sheet \$5.</span>	
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE MR 862514 Sheet \$4202 CLEVE, 1/25,000	17 Mar 1945	0700	Weather--Overcast and cool. Companies are training. Sports have been organized. An Armoured Circus is being held and personnel are attending in groups familiarizing themselves with various armoured vehicles. Everyone is getting some much needed regular hours and restful sleep.	/
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE MR 862514 Sheet \$4202. CLEVE, 1/25,000	18 Mar 1945	0700 1000 1300	Weather--scattered clouds, and cool. Church parade held in the open air. H/Capt Rossbach the new padre, officiated, as H/Capt Jamieson, MC, is in the Hospital. Rehearsal of Bde pa rade for visit by GOC on 22 March (tentative). <del>Picture</del> Picture show in the evening.	/
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE MR 862514 Sheet \$4202 CLEVE, 1/25,000	19 Mar 1945	0700 1400	Weather--Clear and warm. Coys are doing training. Conference for CO at Bde HQ. Brigadier outlined general plan for the coming operations.	/
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE MR 862514 Sheet \$4202	20 Mar 1945	0700	Weather--Clear and warm. Coys are doing the usual training.	/
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE MR 862514 Sheet \$4202 CLEVE, 1/25,000	21 Mar 1945	0700	Weather--clear and warm. Coys are continuing training on various phases which are of immediate importance i.e., woods clearings, street fighting, and house clearing, crossing of small water obstacles, etc. Short brisk route marches. Various sports activities are in full swing. Our Hockey team went to ANTWERP to play. They won two games, one from the N Shore Regt and one from R Wpg Rif. A dance was held in the Offrs Mess at night It was quite successful. General Spry was present and sprang the surprising news that he was leaving the Div the following day.	/
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE MR 862514 Sheet \$4202, CLEVE, 1/25,000	22 Mar 1945	0700 1600	Weather--clear and warm. Perfect weather for air observation and bombing. Everyone is hoping it will last for future operations. GOCs inspection. It went off very well in perfect weather. The new GOC, Major General Keefler took the march past and then gave a short informal talk to all ranks. He has recently been comd of 6 Cdn Inf Bde. Following the inspection lunch to all officers of the Bde was served.	/

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REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE MR 862514 Sheet \$4202 Cleve, 1/25,000	23 Mar 1945	0700 1130	<p>Weather--Cloudless sky--very warm.</p> <p>CO holds initial briefing for coming operation "PLUNDER". It is on a grand scale with 9 US Army, 2 British Army and 1 Canadian Army co-ordinating. This will make a total of 30 Divisions.</p> <p>3 Cdn Inf Div is under 30 Corps in initial stages, with 9 Cdn Inf Bde under comd 51 Highland Div in the initial crossing, followed by 43 (Br) Div then balance of the 3 Cdn Inf Div. Thus our part in the fighting will not start until after we have crossed and moved North West.</p> <p>Crossing is being made at REES (MR Sheet \$4304, 1/25,000 REES), then we swing NORTH towards EMMERICH. Our first task in bridgehead before we get operating on Div scale will probably be disconnected Bn tasks.</p> <p>Transport is being held to a minimum and we must be prepared to maintain ourselves in ammunition, petrol and supplies for four days without any being brought in.</p> <p>A large scale bombing and shelling programme is laid on, and paratroops are to be dropped on high ground EAST OF REES. We expect the going to be tough in the early stages until good bridgehead is established, but higher comd feels the enemy hasn't sufficient troops to hold and reinforce such a long line and everyone is very optimistic. We are well supplied with maps, air photos and overprint information, and more is being made available daily. Also a photo interpreter is at Bde HQ and will be available to coys if they require his aid.</p>	1
XXXXREICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE MR 862514 Sheet \$4202 CLEVE, 1/25,000	24 Mar 1945	0700 0930	<p>Weather--unchanged. Very warm.</p> <p>Bn "O" Gp--CO issued planning Notes No 1 (Appx) and many points, mainly administration, are ironed out. The progress of the operation so far has been satisfactory with 6 Bns of 51(H) Div across and established. Planning within companies goes on during day--photo interpreter visits all coys during the afternoon and explains certain details, and helps in orienting photos.</p> <p>Picture shows for all ranks at night.</p> <p>Progress in our bridgehead has been slow--we do not expect to move before late tomorrow.</p>	\$8
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST	25 Mar	0700 0800	<p>Weather--cloudy--warm. Generally fine in spite of light showers in the early afternoon.</p> <p>News from the bridgehead is scanty.</p>	1

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REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE MR 862514 Sheet \$4202 CLEVE, 1/25,000	25 Mar 1945	0630 1430 1730 2400	<p>The Bn was ready to move on an hours notice from 0630 hrs.</p> <p>A recce party of 3 Offrs, IO and two others left in the Bde Recce party to go through the "Sausage Machine" on way over the RLINE to recce concentration area on the East side.</p> <p>Carriers, weasels and Jeeps move to marshalling area. Remainder still on an hours notice.</p> <p>At approx 2400 hrs an enemy plane strafed in the Bde area but no damage was done.</p>	<p>Sheet 57.</p> <p>8</p>
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST CLEVE MR 862514 Sheet \$4202	26 Mar 1945	0700	<p>Weather fair with clouds.</p> <p>No change. We are still on notice to move but time not definite.</p> <p>In the Evening the Auxiliary Services showed a film to the coys.</p> <p>We have been informed that the C Scot Rs are over the river. They are u/c 9 Cdn Inf Bde.</p>	<p>8</p>
REICHSWALD STAATS FORST HANSELAAR Marshalling area	27 Mar 1945	0700 0645 0850 0915 1015 1145 1600	<p>Weather--warm but slightly cloudy.</p> <p>The Bn pulled out of the REICHSWALD FORST for the Marshalling area. Tps were carried in TCVs. (See appx)</p> <p>Arrived in the Marshalling area where we dug vehs in tps dug slit trenches. No sign of enemy aircraft while we are there. And no shelling.</p> <p>CO and Coy Comds report at Marshalling Area HQ.</p> <p>O Gp--We prepare to move off to the waiting, area.</p> <p>We move off after having a hot dinner.</p> <p>After waiting in the waiting area we finally move up to WATERLOO BRIDGE and queue up. Marching tps start crossing at 1700 hrs and vehs at 1800 hrs and continued on to the Bde allotted areas. A Echelon and Hy Vehs cross LONDON BRIDGE and were over the river at 1400 hrs ahead of the rest of the Battalion.</p>	<p>Appx \$8.</p> <p>8</p>
Farm MR 052532 MOSHOVEL ESSERDEN Sheet 052532 MOSHOVEL ESSERDEN VRASSETT DORNICH 022588	28 Mar 1945	0700 0230 0600 0930 0600	<p>Weather--scattered clouds -- fairly warm.</p> <p>Coys have moved up axis without opposition and are in position as follows:</p> <p>A Coy--020581, B Coy--011584, C Coy--014583, D Coy--015581, Ref Gap Ennaird #4103</p> <p>1/25,000, Land Post is set at 036593 until 0600 hrs when it moves to 022588.</p> <p>at 0930 hrs Bn HQ move up to the post.</p> <p>1/25,000, Comds Post is established at 036583.</p>	<p>8</p>



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			1st Bn The Regina Rifle Regiment.	Sheet 58.
DORNICH 022588 DREI KÖNIGE Sheet \$4103 EMMERICH 1/25,000 MR 997594 Farm House Sheet \$4103 EMMERICH 1/25,000	28 Mar 1945	0930 1000	Brigadier visits CO. Wishes us to push on as quickly as possible, so a plan is laid to push on down the Dyke NW toward EMMERICH. At 1000 hrs Coys push off, A Coy left, D Coy right, followed by B and C Coys and arrive without opposition to the following locations: A Coy--996595, B Coy--998596, C Coy -- 997594, D Coy--997598. Comd Post moves to 997594 (Emmerich Sheet) C Scot R are on our right and R Wpg Rif are in reserve, expecting to go through 1 C Scot Rs. During the afternoon some scattered shelling on positions and few bursts of MG fire. Troops get a few hours to rest. Cooker and blanket trucks for coys are brought up.	
		2030	Bde Comd visits CO at Comd Post and gives brief report on progress so far. CSRs are going NW as far as 987 Easting grid along axis main road and railway track. R Wpg Rif getting into KLEIN NETTERDEN 0058 (Emmerich Sheet \$4103) We are to go into East end of EMMERICH after Scottish are firm and expect it will be between 0800 and 0900 hrs in the morning.	
		2300	Bn "O" Gp is held and plan is laid for morning.	
MR 997594 Farm House Sheet \$4103 EMMERICH 1/25,000	29 Mar 1945	0700 0800	Weather--Dull and misty. Night has been fairly quiet. CSRs and RWRS have moved up on our right. We cross start line, with C Coy left, B Coy right. Opposition consists of shelling and scattered sniping. Both coys get onto objectives. Then A Coy on left. D Coy right pass through and into town to take up positions in Municipal Power station and brick works.	
		1300	B Coy and C Coy work forward along their axes through town. C Coy run into considerable number of mines including SCHUMINES which cause several casualties. Coy HQ are located as follows: C Coy--974603, B Coy--973604, D Coy--976606 (Ref EMMERICH Sheet \$4103). Comd Post moves to new location at 980604. Coys are managing to feed fairly regularly with hot meals. PW, taken today, have numbered 24. They are Inf of 346 Div and most of them have been rushed down within the last few days from HOL LAND to strengthen town garrison.	
EMMERICH BLAUNTER House 980604 MR Sheet \$4103 EMMERICH 1/25,000		2330	Attacking forward through town again with A Coy going down along left flank toward factories on outskirts of town. D Coy working forward toward tin factory. C Coy in centre. B Coy in reserve. PW continue to come in.	



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EMMERICH SLAUGHTER House Mar 980604 MR Sheet \$4103 EMMERICH 1/25,000	30 1945	0700	Weather--scattered clouds -- much brighter. Attacks have been going fairly well during night. A Coy are having trouble with a strong point but when wasps from Carrier Pl are put into action against them scorch them out. D Coy are in tin works and streets beyond. B Coy are successful in their attacks although enemy is giving stiff resistance and fighting from house to house. C Scot Rs are to push in through and then 8 Cdn Inf Bde are attacking on through forward HOCH ELTEN feature in sq 9264 (Emmerich Sheet) More prisoners are taken. All have similar story regarding move from HOLIAND in last few days. sent down in groups of 100 to 200, split into groups of six men and sent out to defend houses.	
Emmerich Mil. Hosp MR 974603 Sheet \$4103		1300	BnHQ moves to new location at MR 974603. All BnHQ are brought back together now in this location. During the evening 8 Cdn Inf Bde units and 9 Cdn Inf Bde Units start pushing through and we are now out of contact with the enemy. Coys get a bit of rest and everyone gets a chance to relax a little bit.	They are
EMMERICH MIL. HOSP. MR 974603 Sheet \$4103 EMMERICH 1/25,000	31 Mar 1945	0700 0930	Weather--Cloudy and warm-- Div Comd Drops in to visit CO. Gives us progress made by 8 Cdn Inf Bde and 9 Cdn Inf Bde Units and stated he was extremely pleased with our work in clearing EMMERICH. Shortly after Bde Comd visits us and he also is very happy with the way the town was taken.	
		1130	Bn "O" Gp. CO passes on to Coys information given by GOC and Bde Comd. We expect to move to outer perimeter of EMMERICH when it is cleared to cover bridging operations which are taking place. Coys in next action will be commanded as follows: A Coy--Capt Nicholson, B Coy--Capt Howat, C Coy-- Capt Douglas, D Coy --Major Brown. Coys are to get straightened around, and get rested.	
		1700	Recce party to go to recce new area immediately. Bn moves as soon as possible afterwards.	
		2000	We are in position as follows: (Map Ref EMMERICH \$4103) BnHQ--945621 (HUTHUM) A Coy--936620, B Coy--945623, C Coy--950619, D Coy--944616. In this position we are forming bridgehead defence for bridging at EMMERICH. We settle down for the night.	

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			<p>The early part of the month saw little stiff fighting and we moved into our rest area in the REICHSWALD FORST in full strength. The period spent there was one of the most valuable since "D" Day <del>with</del> <sup>from</sup> both the training and health point of view. The weather was exceptionally good and the life in the open air in an atmosphere of relaxation, worked wonders. Regular recreational tpt to NIJMEGEN, The GOC's inspection, and well planned training, both in our own and sp arms, brought all ranks into A1 shape. The results of this period were seen in the quality of fighting in the approaches to, and attack and capture of EMMERICH. This battalion cleared the whole of the main town section and fighting was continuous, yet not one case of battle exhaustion resulted. Additional points in this regard would be the type of fighting, which although bitter, gave more shelter from shell fire than woods or open fighting--this also was a factor in making the total casualties comparatively low, between 50 and 60. In addition, coys managed to feed reasonably regularly throughout the operation. A hot meal in good time is a real morale builder.</p>	