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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Near WALS Ref ISSELBURG SHEET 4104  1:25000	1 Apr 45		Weather was clear and cool and in the early hours we crossed the German border back into HOLLAND once again. At 0750 hrs. we arrived in our new location and had hardly settled in when another operational move was ordered. Once again in the early afternoon we started off only to have the orders cancelled -- then shortly put into effect again and continued on original route. At 1530 hrs. we arrived at new location only to have another move on our hands and arrived at our new location just outside of DOETINCHEM from which the Germans had retreated only five or six hours previously. The CO and IO went to an "O" group at Bde around 2300 hrs. and got the plans for the crossing of the TWENTHE CANAL -- which was passed to Coy Commanders at midnight.	RWM
Near DOETINCHEM Ref DOETINCHEM SHEET 4003  1:25000	2 Apr 45		The Bn. moved off in TCV's following the Royals -- we moved very slowly with numerous stops and finally arrived in a wooded area near ZUTPHEN. In the afternoon an armed recce patrol went out in the direction of ZUTPHEN to feel out the enemy and get information on the bridges over small streams and mainly a bridge over the TWENTHE CANAL. The patrol was fired on and had to return suffering two lightly wounded casualties. During the afternoon, the Mortar Officer Captain R LEARN in search of an observation post, captured 28 Germans. At 1715 hrs. the CO went to Bde to get further orders regarding the operation of crossing the canal and on his return passed news on to the Coy Commanders.	RWM
Near ZUTPHEN Ref ZUTPHEN SHEET 3803  1:25000	3 Apr 45		The weather was murky and overcast. During the morning a recce party under the command of Lieut. FRASER went to feel out the enemy near ZUTPHEN and ran into trouble. We suffered one killed and three wounded and Lieut. FRASER himself, was missing until the evening when he returned under cover of darkness, wounded in the shoulder, and gave us valuable information of enemy positions. At 1630 hrs. the CO and IO went to Bde and received the movement order which was to take us over the canal by ferry to a new concentration area in the RRC lines. Around 1730 hrs. the CO passed his orders on to the Coy Commanders. In the meantime, our 'B' Coy took over from 'B' Coy RHLLI to release it for the crossing of the canal and strengthen the bridgehead. The crossing was delayed due to enemy activity and we finally got across with our Company intact about 0245 hrs.	APFX II  RWM

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Near TWENTHE CANAL Ref ZUTPHEN SHEET 3803  1:25000	4 Apr 45		<p>Around 0310 hrs. the Coy Commanders came in for a conference with the CO where a plan was devised to enlarge the Bridgehead over the Canal. Coys moved out independently and by 0700 hrs. all Coys had consolidated on objectives under heavy enemy small arms fire and occasional artillery. Patrols were arranged to feel out the enemy and contact was made. Whilst expanding and consolidating about 60 POW's were taken, chiefly by C &amp; D Coys. Our casualties were exceedingly light despite the opposition. By 1118 hrs. we were able to report positions firm and enemy cleared from area. To protect our flanks a squadron of tanks came across the newly constructed bridge. Annoying enemy shellfire resulted in our supporting arms neutralizing the enemy guns. Various reports came to us from civilians. We were able to sift the valuable information and take appropriate action. A contact patrol programme laid on inter Bn and inter Bde.</p>	<p>APPX I</p> <p>Rwm</p>
N of TWENTHE CANAL Ref ZUTPHEN SHEET 3803 1:25000	5 Apr 45		<p>Weather was fair after an uneventful night and units of 5th Bde moved across into the Bridgehead. The remaining part of the day was spent in holding the line as we built up the strength of the 4 &amp; 5 Bdes for the next operation. During the evening the YMCA provided us with a show, "Government Girl". Contact patrols were carried out as usual.</p>	<p>Rwm</p>
N of TWENTHE CANAL Ref ZUTPHEN SHEET 3803 1:25000	6 Apr 45		<p>During the night patrols were sent out but no contact with enemy was made. Vehicles were heard and slight shelling occurred, however no casualties resulted. According to PW information, they had withdrawn 6 Km. -- information was passed to Bde and the Brigadier visited us around 1120 hrs. and we were ordered to move forward. Our CO issued his orders at 1230 hrs. and our leading elements started to move at 1335 hrs. During the morning our bag of prisoners amounted to 14. At 1600 hrs. in the afternoon all Companies were on their objectives and had met very little opposition. Around 1650 hrs. the CO and the IO were able to visit all Coys.</p>	<p>Rwm</p>

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VERWOLDE FOREST Ref HOLTEN SHEET 3704 1:25000	7 Apr 45		During the night Lieut MC CULLOUGH and Lieut RICHARDSON led patrols but no contact was made with the enemy. At 1130 hrs. an "A" Recce party left under the 2 IC to recce new concentration area N.E. edge of VERWOLDE. At 1300 hrs. the CO passed his instructions to each unit Commander and at 1400 hrs. TAC HQ moved off. Around 1700 hrs. our CO went to visit the Brigadier where he received further news of operations.. During the night the 8th Recce reported the road between the Canal and the River VALKSHEE was clear. TAC HQ was now situated in a farmhouse 095017 Additional information was supplied by our own patrols who stated the river was 25 feet across and had steep sides and that all the bridges were blown.	APPX III  RWM
VERWOLDE (N of TWENTHE CANAL) Ref BATHMEN SHEET 3704	8 Apr 45		The weather was clear and cool and an uneventful morning was passed. At 1230 hrs. an "O" Group was held at Bde at 1500 hrs. a Bde "O" Group. We heard from 8th Recce that 100 enemy were in our line of march. We were to have 1 Sqn. of tanks in support of our D Coy which was leading. Other Coys to travel in Kangaroos. Everything was ready to move at 1700 hrs. but Bde changed the time of movement. Move did not actually take place till 0630 the following morning.	APPX II  RWM
NIJVERDAL (N of TWENTHE CANAL) Ref NIJVERDAL SHEET 3604 1:25000	9 Apr 45		Moved off early in the morning and the weather was fine. With the wooded heights overlooking NIJVERDAL, the Essex went up the left, the RHLI on the right and the RRC following the RHLI. Slow but steady progress was made by both columns up their prospective axis. Trying to bypass strong opposition (in accordance with our orders) our column veered off to the left continuing a forward advance. At various times both the RHLI and ourselves had our columns checked by tanks and carriers so as to make certain we did not deviate too far off our course. At one stage our Inf debussed to carry out a movement on an enemy A/TK gun. Many POW's were taken by ourselves and the RHLI and these were sent down the highway past our long column of vehicles. No escort was necessary as the tanks were sufficient to keep them moving. At one point we missed capturing Regt 41 HQ by the matter of 20 minutes, having to content ourselves with one HQ straggler and 3 RHQ telephones. Towards dusk we arrived at our objective -- all Coys in position. Two Coys along road to NIJVERDAL and TAC in a clearing in the woods. The buildings in the clearing were part of a Dutch evacuee camp for bombed out families. A strong recce patrol was immediately sent into NIJVERDAL to feel out the situation there. No enemy were	APPX II & I  RWM

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At: Park 1813 NIJVERDAL SHEET 1:25000	10 Apr 45		<p>found and they received a rousing reception from the people. The patrol went through the town and made contact with the 4 Armoured Car Regt. Taking no time to celebrate our victory we pushed on beyond the strategic Railway position, so a good position could be handed over to the relieving Regiment, the QOCH.</p> <p>During the night the QOCH commenced moving in to our positions. Bn started moving off to new objectives on high ground dominated by a so called "Park 1813". During this move we crossed the ONERIJSSELSCH CANAL in assault boats. TAC vehicles then crossed the bridge. Without any opposition whatsoever, we took over Park 1813 which had formerly been a German strong point and HQ. This operation was unique in two ways. First no casualties and secondly TAC HQ beat all Coys to the objective.</p>	RWM
PARK 1813 Ref LEMELERVELD 3504 1:25000	11 Apr 45		<p>The day began with a beautiful dawn and the arrangements were made by all to have sunbaths. However the war was not over and at 1330 hrs. a balls was called at Bde. At 1430 a platoon of carriers and one A/TK gun left to clear South West of OMMIE (Ommie Sheet 1:25000) No enemy found in the woods. Reluctantly we left Park 1813 at 1913 hrs. to a Bn concentration area in HOOGEVAN, a town of canals and bridges which were all blown by retreating enemy.</p>	RWM APPX I & V
OUTSIDE ASSEN Ref HOOGEVAN SHEET 1:25000	12		<p>O group was called at which Div. gave objective as GRONINGEN with and intermediate Bde objective, ASSEN. Move commenced at 1120 hrs. in TCV's and we arrived at ZWIGGELTE at 1315 hrs. There an O Group was called immediately. We were now situated approximately 3000 yds from ORANJE KANAAL. Our leading Coy, 'B' Coy, came under small arms fire and it was soon noted the road was heavily mined. Pioneers were called on. Two Jeeps carrying pioneers followed a tank up the highway. The tank was hit by a bazooka setting fire also to the pioneer jeeps and the ammunition and explosives in the Jeeps wounded Mr. SHEPPARD and eight pioneers. In the ensuing advances several skirmishes were fought by our Coys and from POW's taken many conflicting reports came to us about the strength of the enemy in the town. Late that night the Engineers, covered by our Rifle Coy's fire removed debris and fixed a necessary bridge and checked for mines. Our Rifle Coys dug in at the outskirts and just inside of the town.</p>	RWM

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<p>ASSEN Ref ASSEN SHEET Apr 3005</p> <p>1:25000</p>	<p>13 45</p>		<p>The woods on either side of the road were cleared and at 0500 hrs. our 'B' Coy was ready to spearhead the attack. Small battles took place as houses were cleared. Many POW's were taken. Fairly early in the morning the centre of the town was reached and our Coy consolidated. Our casualties were very light. Our Bn. was accustomed to warm welcomes by liberated Dutch towns but the tumultuous reception given by the people of ASSEN outdid everything previously experienced. Even with small arms fire flying dangerously near, the happy citizens could not be restrained from rushing about tossing flowers at our vehicles and serving refreshments to our men. TAC was set up in the sumptuous town hall which was situated close to the town jail. The latter was the scene of many heart-rendering and dramatic episodes. First the moving scene as the gates bust open releasing 300 Dutch prisoners to the waiting arms of their friends. Later the same jail was host to the previous jailers as hundreds of German prisoners were temporarily billeted there for questioning. The full cycle of justice was reached when Dutch collaborators and informers were paraded through the crowds to ponder over their treason in the relative security of the very jail to which they had sent many patriotic Dutchmen. No honest Dutchman shed a tear of sympathy that day. No Canadian, participating now as a spectator, could feel anything but pride for the part his country and Regiment had played in once more enthroning decency and justice in the fair city of ASSEN. But the war was not yet over. Ahead of us lay the largest city in North HOLLAND, GRONINGEN But to give the enemy no reprieve or rest, the order of the day was, "On to GRONINGEN!" At 1700 hrs. the Bn. moved off and 2 hours later TAC was already established at the TWEET PROVINCIE HOTEL at PATERSWOLD, 7Km south of GRONINGEN The plan was that during the night the RHLI would feel out the enemy in the Southwest sector of GRONINGEN. We were to move through the RRC, established just South of GRONINGEN, and take the first streets of the city and reach the Canal.</p>	
<p>GRONINGEN Ref GRONINGEN SHEET 2705</p> <p>1:25000</p>	<p>14 Apr 45</p>		<p>During the night the RHLI made slow progress and our Coys were on 1 hours notice to move. At 0600 hrs. a meeting at Bde. and at 0800 hrs. an "O" Group at our own TAC where the detailed plans of the advance were laid down by the CO. The Royals hampered by many demolitions and road blocks made very slow progress and it was not</p>	<p>APPX III</p>

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			<p>until 1030 hrs. that we started our move through them with A Coy leading . By 1320 hrs. A Coy had left the Royals position far behind and were approaching the bridge at the outskirts of the town while coming under constantly under sniper fire. At 1415 hrs. A &amp; C Coys had both crossed this bridge, C Coy then swinging Southwest to clear the wood s and enemy barracks there. A Coy proceeded into the first streets of the city up to the Canal at which point they came under heavy MG and 20 mm fire. At 1640 hrs. D Coy moved up through A Coy and took up a position on A Coy's right flank. Shortly thereafter B Coy moved up on A Coy's left flank. Once section of our A Coy platoon made a valiant effort to cross the canal by the only open bridge under murderous fire. Two men actually reached the other side but were mowed down before they could find cover. The daring attempt to cross by foot was defeated but the attempt proved that the bridge was not prepared for demolition and was capable of carrying vehicles. Although our Bn's and Bde's original objective had been the South side of the Canal we were given the honor and responsibility of making the first crossing into the city proper. Late that evening A Coy in Kangaroos sped across the bridge and the open spaces there and took up firm positions in houses dominating the bridge. In the meantime, C Coy had cleared the woods and taken 13 POW's while isolating another large enemy group. The position then was that the rear approaches to the city were protected by C Coy; B &amp; D Coys held that section of the city leading to and covering the bridge across the canal; while A Coy was firmly established in a bridgehead across the canal. Our Bde &amp; Bn had every reason to be proud of the springboard we supplied to 6 Bde who administered the Coup-de-Grace to the German forces in GRONINGEN.</p> <p>During the early morning hrs. the FMR's were to relieve our A Coy and by 0320 hrs. this was completed. C Coy took 23 POW's from the German barracks which had been subjected to heavy artillery fire earlier in the day. At 1030 hrs. our C Coy captured a German Military Prison and 210 POW's were taken. The prison was used later for Dutch collaborators and informers. O Group was called for 1100 hrs. and C Coy was to move to Conc. woods MR233125 on the flank of 6th Bde HQ. Upon moving to new location, C Coy came under small arms fire from the power plant which POW's claimed contained approximately 300 enemy with S.S. Officers. Our mortars</p>	<p>RWM</p> <p>APPX II</p> <p>RWM</p>

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GRONINGEN Ref GRONINGEN SHEET 2705	16 Apr 45		were to engage this target periodically during the night. Enemy harassing fire continued all night.	RWM
1:25000			During the night several POW's were taken by C Coy and by 0600 hrs. the enemy in the power plant surrendered to a section of the mortars. These consisted of one Col., 1 Lt-Col., 9 other officers and approximately 110 other ranks. No great damage was done to the Power Plant and the manager requested our Engineers to visit the Plant by 1100 hrs. By 1300 hrs. GRONINGEN had been surrendered by its Commander although fighting was still going on in parts of the town. C Coy moved into previous German Garrison Area and left a guard on at the Power Plant.	RWM
OUTSKIRTS OF GRONINGEN Ref GRONINGEN SHEET 2705	17 Apr 45		A quiet restful day was spent and a royal time was had by all. At 1800 hrs an O Group was called and an O Group at 2200 hrs. CO's orders regarding our move back into Germany were: we are to move to an area SW of BREMEN to protect the flank of the 30th Corps. 4th Gdn. Arm'd Div will be on our left. We pass through 43 Br Div the morning of the 20th and will contact the enemy. We must be alert for German civilians carrying weapons and shoot all armed ones. We are to be armed at all times. Order of March -- we follow Bde HQ, Bn SPO735, TAC SP (Carriers leading) A B C D & HQ.	RWM
FROM GRONINGEN to NW GERMANY Ref OSNABRUCK SHEET 1:100,000	18 Apr 45		We left GRONINGEN at 0730 hrs. for Germany passing again through ASSEN. All day was spent in travelling on TCV's. At 1810 hrs. we arrived at a new TAC near HASELLUNNE and a balls was called for 2100 hrs. The CO's orders were given as I) Recce party to leave at 0615 hrs. expect to be at 214 Bde 43 Br Div at approximately 0800 hrs. II) Essex to take over from 1st WORCHESTERS; Royals to take over from 7th Somerset Regt; RHLI to take over from 5th DCLI. Guides to meet Recce at 214 Bde HQ. III) Regrouping. IV) POW's Cage MR846552 V) Order of March VI) A Ech. VII) Scout Pl to be reformed under Lt NIXON consisting of 25 men, 5 from each Coy. VIII) Traffic Control. Fourth field Regt will carry marching personnel.	APPX I  RWM

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HEINFELD Ref GROSSEN/ KNETEN SHEET 3015 TOTLINGEN SHEET 3016	19 Apr 45		At 0600 hrs. Recce party left and by 1030 hrs. the Bn was on the move again. At 1420 hrs. we arrived near GROSSENKNETEN taking over from the 1st WORCESTERS. This was completed by 1600 hrs. Fighting patrols was sent out by B Coy to the village of MOORBECK to substantiate reports as to whether enemy was in the village or withdrawn, also condition of roads and mines. C Coy sent Recce Patrol to village of GLANE. B Coy reported 500 yds short of objective, did not come under fire but observed enemy. D Coy was then ordered to move in and occupy MOORBECK. C Coy Recce reported GLANE clear and one sub unit was left to occupy it.	RWM
1:25000				
HEINFELD Ref GROSSEN- KNETEN 3015	20 Apr 45		During the night Recce patrols were sent out to inspect roads and check for mines. Mines and roads blocks were quite plentiful in area. Pioneers were hard at work lifting mines and clearing away obstacles. There was bad wireless communication all day improving in the late afternoon. C Coy recce party reported two blown bridges and many mines in the village of MOORBECK. Contact patrol was unable to reach RHLI due to the non-existence of road shown on the map. We are finding local area maps very inaccurate. D Coy recce patrol reported the village of HAUSEN clear. Capt. JEFFRIES evacuated due to muscular pains in back. During the day one POW taken. Scout Pl. under Lt. NIXON made a recce along the river bank from MR403833 to 413828 to check for possible route across. Recce report showed a series of 3 bridges across three streams, one bridge having logs piled on it and road leading to bridges and road on the other side blocked by trees. Our Pioneers had a close call when one of their carriers ran over a Teller Mine which did not explode. Red Army escaped PW are continuing to pour in. To-day we had 9 OR's and one Capt., all very fine men. The Capt. had two decorations, one for service at STALINGRAD. On leaving, he paid tribute to our Regt on behalf of himself and his men, speaking of spiritual unity of our peoples in the fight against oppression. Activities reported by D Coy on their front. C Coy patrol in same area and on return exchanged fire with an enemy patrol. Some shells landed close to TAC but no damage was done.	APPX II  RWM
1:25000				
HEINFELD Ref GROSSEN- KNETEN 3015	21 Apr 45		The day was clear and warm. Contact patrols maintained during the night with RHLI. Small scout patrol out and on return reported information from civilians indicated houses forward of D Coy occupied by enemy during the night. Arty vehicle	APPX III RWM

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1:25000 DOTLINGEN 3016 1:25000			while moving on uncleared road struck a mine and had two casualties. The RAP Jeep going to evacuate casualties also blew up with one casualty. SB ran back and brought up a T16 with the MO and driver. On way up carrier blew up and driver was killed and MO wounded, dying later. The SB was a victim of blast. Capt. NOBLE, the MO, was relieving Capt. RICHARDSON who was on leave.	RWM
HEINFELD Ref GROSSEN- KNETEN 3015 1:25000 DOTLINGEN 3016 1:25000	22 Apr 45		Another bright clear day. The CO was called to attend an O Group at Bde. During the afternoon 5th Bde Tanks came into C & D Coy areas. So far we had handled 24 liberated Red Army men who brought useful information. Pioneers still clearing mines and checking roads. All recce parties on one hours notice to move. 6 Bde still moving North.	APPX II RWM
HINTER DEM WEHE Ref DOTLINGEN 2916 1:25000	23 Apr 45		Weather cloudy and cool. Visibility fair. D Coy reported enemy small arms fire during night also some shelling reported from D Coy appearing to be heavy Arty. flashes observed and shell reps sent in. 6Bde making progress against small arms fire, the Camerons have reached KIRCKHATTEN. O Group was held at 1100 hrs. with orders being given to move at 1150 hrs. The RRC AND RHLI will be moving in same convoy to conc area, SE of KIRCKHATTEN. We arrived there at 1510 hrs and TAC was established at MR431891. Pioneers reported area clear of mines. Carriers cleared woods South to grid 88, this operation carried out on foot. All Coys reported in position by 1755 hrs. O Group called for 1900 hrs. Six Bde still pushing towards OLDENBURG when their objectives are taken we are responsible for mopping up. Then 5 Bde will pass through. Many reports of mines at cross roads have come in, the enemy does not seem to be following any pattern when laying mines, there is also very little determined resistance shown by him. His main attempts to stop our forward movement is in the form of scattered battle groups. The 22 Para Regt and 15 and 104 Panz Gren Regt appear to be on our front.	APPX II RWM

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East of KIRCKHATTEN Ref KIRCKHATTEN SHEET 2916 1:25000	24 Apr 45		<p>Br Recce units are reported near us. CO returns from Bde at 0900 hrs and an O Group called at TAC. All Coys on half hour notice to move. Scout Officer contacted RHLI TAC which is moving on our future axis. RHLI have pushed ahead and taken 84 PW at 1040 hrs. TAC HQ with carrier moved forward to establish a new TAC followed by the rest of the Regt. All Coys reported in position by 1215 hrs and TAC MR469914 latest totals for Victory Loan \$52,900.00 Fire was brought down by our 3" mortars. We have taken 22 POW's from 22 Regt. many carrying civilian passes which had been issued by officers. B &amp; C Coys moving to new positions reporting on by 1500 hrs. There being very little opposition and our Arty quickly disperses any that is met with. Tanks are supporting B Coy. Pioneers are again busy building way over A/TK ditch to enable tanks to cross. Our Arty did some very accurate firing during the day. One innocent looking farmer was reported by French farm worker to be the leader of S.S. in district and responsible for training of youth. He was taken prisoner and sent to POW cage.</p>	RWM
Area DINGSTEDE Ref KIRCKHATTEN SHEET 2916 1:25000	25 Apr		<p>At 0100 hrs. 7 POW's reported by Bde to have escaped including farmer reported to be SS leader. Scout Pl sent guard to watch his farm and at approximately 0300 hrs. shot and killed a civilian who refused to halt. This man was reported later to be assistant of original prisoner. During the night C Coy reported two enemy outposts in their area. C Coy was counter attacked at 0400 hrs. but repulsed enemy and took 3 POW's. Stand to ordered by Regt but nothing reported and Stand Down to 50% at 0600 hrs. was ordered. B Coy recce patrol met enemy patrol of 15 men but enemy withdrew. A Coy observed at 0700 hrs some of our tanks making a successful attack on enemy positions at MR458962. A Coy report SP Gun operating north of their position and had caused some casualties. Coy Commander meeting at TAC HQ at 0930 hrs RRC to attack this morning. Our Mortars to co-operate with theirs, Pioneers to be used filling craters. Roads in bad shape, tanks becoming bogged down. A Coy report air-bursts. Typhoons making an attack on our left observed by C Coy but no results reported. The attack was on the main OLDENBURG road. Royals reported on objective so D Coy are on the move again. C Coy reports air-bursts at 1800 hrs. Displaced Personnel becoming quite a problem. Small groups to be evacuated under Unit arrangements and larger groups reported to Bde. Two PW's taken by A Coy. Carriers</p>	APPX II & I  RWM

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FALKENBERG Ref KIRCKHATTEN SHEET 2916	26 Apr 45	1:25000	<p>under Capt GRANDJEAN ordered to sweep area squares 4892, 5192, 5190, 4890, in the morning.</p> <p>Recce Patrols had nothing to report except finding of box mines. D Coy had three patrols out. Enemy still blowing all bridges. Very few SP and A/TK guns reported. Our Morak is very high and the troops are anxious to come to grips with the enemy after chasing him for many miles. O Group called for 1630 hrs. Our object is now to get our Bde firmly astride the Highway into OLDENBURG. A Coy move immediately to HURRELHEN on left and D Coy to KIRCKHATTEN on the right and from these patrol their respective axis to main junction. When firm, B &amp; C Coys to move behind them. D Coy met opposition in the form of SA and 2 MG 42 and 6 20mm One enemy dead. Our casualties one dead one wounded. A Coy encountered snipers and one MG nest some fire encountered. Our TAC has now moved to MR493951 near FALKENBERG. Our RAP operating next the POW cage. Enemy had withdrawn once again and Scout Patrol can find no sign of him. Marine torpedoes are being used by enemy as mines and to crater roads. Pioneers working long into the night filling in craters. All Coys report quiet at 2300 hrs.</p>	RWM
FALKENBERG Ref KIRCKHATTEN SHEET 2916	27 Apr		<p>At 0200 hrs a patrol from D Coy fired on by SA and Bazooka from point MR461975. Bridge at MR470964 between C &amp; D Coy caved in due to our own heavy traffic. Engineers claim they were unable to repair it before 1700 hrs. D Coy patrol on the road reported conditions normal, fired on some houses on the way back but fire not returned. They reported hearing vehicles moving. At 0300 hrs. five Germans with white flag walked into D Coy position. PW report twenty one of their group left in the woods with orders to fight to the last. They also report about thirty paratroops in house MR463977 and Bn HQ of paratroops in house MR457979 A road crater reported by them is at road north of cross roads about MR456977. No move anticipated to-day, the CO will attend an O Group at 1000 hrs tomorrow. PW's report enemy activity with estimates of as many as 180 men arriving in the area to our front 48 hrs ago but having since been withdrawn to HUDE</p>	RWM
	28 Apr		<p>During the night D Coy sent out a Recce Patrol to observe enemy position given to us by PW. Positions found to be correct and Arty fire called down.</p>	APPX III RWM

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SHEET 2916 1:25000			<p>O Group called at 1400 hrs. and objective of Div was given. The 4th Bde was to advance 5 Km nearer OLDENBURG along main road. First phase RRC advance through us on secondary road placing their most advanced Coy in square 4398. Second phase Essex advance through RRC and right wheel to other side of road, placing one of our Coys astride main road (square 4399). Third phase RHLI move to position behind RRC and ESSEX. Fourth phase RHLI move past us and take position in vicinity of cross roads square 4199. Our CO was evacuated to-day with the 'Flu. Major MAC INTYRE assumed command in his absence. At 2010 hrs. 3 POW's taken by A Coy who gave some valuable information on enemy forces in vicinity. O Group called at 2200 hrs. for instructions regarding tomorrow's move. Recce Patrol by Scout Platoon fired on with SA from position MR439951. Another O Group called to give plans of tomorrow's operations.</p>	RWM
FALKENBERG Ref KIRCKHATTEN SHEET 2916	29 Apr 45		<p>Recce under Lt TAYLOR consisting of a sapper and 2 ORs went out early in the morning to get information re roads and enemy positions. Road report good and little enemy activity spotted. The operation was very successful and all Coys reported firm. 7 PW's were taken giving us some information. They claim 30 men withdrew during the night to edge of the woods. A PW deserter in civilian clothes gave much information on OLDENBURG. We have a standing patrol out and they are erecting a temporary road block.</p>	RWM
FALKENBERG Ref KIRCKHATTEN SHEET 2916 1:25000	30 Apr 45		<p>The weather very much against us, murky and rainy. A PW gave us information that enemy withdrawing, some including officers in civilian clothes. The morning passed very quietly. O Group called for 1300 hrs. and information given that the Brigadier wanted us to continue on towards OLDENBURG. 5th Bde has cleared HODE and 6th Bde on our left has cleared wooded area. All Bdes to move on OLDENBURG or respective axis, our Bde in following manner; ESSEX North of road RRC south and RHLI astride road. The carrier platoon had a very tragic day, one section on a recce hit a mined road and one carrier was destroyed, the driver and signaller killed and Lt. SMITH and another signaller being wounded. Later another section under Capt. GRANDJEAN was ambushed and Capt GRANDJEAN was killed and Sgt VOSSENAAR was</p>	APPX I RWM

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			<p>wounded. It was with much sorrow we heard of the news of a beloved officer's death. Road cratering, blocks and mines are holding up all Bns. Our Pioneers are doing a wonderful job of keeping traffic moving. Seven PWs were taken to-day. From PWs comes report of 5 or 6 75 mm., a larger gun and two tiger tanks in the area yesterday but since moved North. Also the report that 350 men arrived North of our area yesterday and are now deployed along the road MR370026.</p> <p>16 MAY 45</p> <p><i>In the night</i> (J.E.C. Pangman) Lt Col Commanding Officer 1st Bn., The Essex Scottish Regiment.</p>	<p><i>rum</i></p>