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CAMPOBASSO	1	1300	D Coy move to the factory area, K of C now occupy their former H Q. An Ensa party showing in town today, the usual quota of tps being granted a pass and tpt to attend. Also an officers shop was opened in Campobasso today.	Bt-
	2	1400	Brig Gibson requested that a Bde sports program be drawn up to include trg. Band of the R T R gave a concert this area.	Bet-
	3	0800	Lieut R E Campbell and the Bn I Sec attend a three day I course at H Q 3 Cdn Inf Bde. This is to stress the importance of and to lay down a system of reporting. All Brens zeroed at range (563302). Snipers practise same area in the afternoon.	ABOUT.
	4	1330	E F I stores drawn and issued today. Victory bonds value of \$27,600 have now been subscrib for within the unit. Cdn tps in Italy have now topped the million dollar mark set for the Div and attached. Lt Col M P Bogert attended an O Gp at Bde H Q.	ed L.
	5	1115	Bn parade at which Brig Gibson expressed his pleasure at being given comd 3 Cdn Inf Bde. He also pointed out the importance of maintaining good military discipline while in this rest area. Following this all unit officers and brig Gibson had tea at the C Os quarters.	West.
	6	1300	Orders received West N S R be prepared to move to Carovilli 2445. Bn O Gp at which warning order is passed on. Also a program of patrol trg as laid down by Brig Gibson is discussed. LOO personnel to attend Ensa concert at Savoy in town.	Be.
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CAMPOBASSO	7	0900	It Col M.F. Bogert and Capt H M Eisenhauer proceed by jeep to area S Angelo 3129, and from a near by high feature studied the area of the town of Dessano to which west H S may move shortly in order to cover the deployment of arty in the area of Pescalanciano. Fart of Sask L I Sup Gp and H Q 3 Cdn Inf Bde attended Frot plurch parade in this unit H Q areas. Later today orders were received that one Coy (C Coy) would be moved fwd to cover R C E s repairing the demolished roadway between Carpinone and Sessano. The disease, "yellow jaundice" is becoming more prevalent. Preventative instructions were issued. The Commanding Officer, Lt col. M.P. Bogert attended va dinner at Hq, Carleton and York Re	
	83	0830	mans have blown the road as new road.	Reck.
	9	1200	"C" Coy moved from Carpinone to Sessano. Five mules were under command to assist in transporting rations and blankets ,etc., as the road is still impassable for transport. The Northern route via Civitanouva and Torella is also blocked by demolitions. During the afternoon Sp Coy, West N.S.R., provided a large working party to clean out a school in Campobasso, under urders from A&Q 1 Cdn Div.	Rod
	10		Lt.J.H.Jones, Sigs Offr., WEST N.S.R, succeeded in establishing wireless communication with "C" Coy at Sessano. Duento the distance a relay set was placed at Cawtelpetroso, but even this link was not always secure.	R

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Sampobasso	10		a series of War Artists' exhibition paintings are on display at the Beaver Club, Campo- basso.	West.
	11	1000	"" Cor at Sessano sent a patrol to Carovilli, and found the town to be unoccupied by	
			Capt.J.W.Cameron and Capt.A Mogers returned to the "mit to-day.Capt.Cameron will act as Sp Coy Comd., Capt.Rogers of """ Coy. R.G. ersonnel of mest M.S.R., with Lt Blanchard in charge of party attended an M.C. Memorial service in Campobasso.	1 tel
	12	1000	[12] (12] (12] (12] (12] (12] (12] (12] (
			landing in Sicily. Engineer road repairs near Carpinone are not proceeding speedily and two or three days EuralemanaZesenem are required before the road Carpinone-les and are opened to traffic.	Ret.
	13	1000	Lt col M P Hogert proceeded to Maples on leave. Esjor RSI Materman is acting CC during Lt Col Hogert's absence. Capt C R Day has been informed that he will leave shortly for reland for a period of instructional duty.	REC.
	14	1900	The laterman attended the inde Order Gp at 1530 hrs where he received orders for the love. est NSR will be positioned in and about Carovilla and will must send patrols to Vasto Girardi 2152 and Rocca Sicura 1943 on arrival, with a recce patrol operating from Vasto Girardi to Cerreto two miles to the south. In "O" Gp at which Major No externan issued orders for the move. The route will be by way of Torekla and Civitonouva i.e. the Worth route rather than y way of	
			Carpinone and Sessano.	Ros

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AMPOBASSO	14		Capt D Dodge and Lt H Lynch along with two sits of the Camerons of Camada Lecame members of t is Whit providing replacements for a similar number of Officers and HOS returning to ngland or instructional duties.	BE
	15	±7 00	Recee party under cond wajor to sterman, Capt isochauer and Taylor, Its Doens, Wimmelman and blacchard, with Dis leave Bn Area on route to Carovilla. In crossing the Diferno near Castro Fignano it was noted **Exercize** that the rising waters were rapidly making the passing of the diversing impossible and in fact lest Not did not move on 15 for 43. The recee arty arriced at road junction 285399 near rescolarciano at D935 hrs, where areas were selected by Brigadier Gibson. Reche party then proceeded to Carovilla. No transport could enter the town because of blown tridge on outstirts. Buy areas were selected and reched. This bordering town square, "In Coy west entrance to the town at 2:0453, "" coy taglio 2343, "G" Coy west end of town at 242457, "" Goy in Village of Castiglionne 2547. The reche party remained at Carovilla.	RELE.
	16	0330	Guides to ode Dis D to neet the remainder of the n. However, est ME did not move from Campobasso until later, arriving at 1350 hrs, having come by way of the south rout "D" Coy was deployed in area 2549 to cover 1 Gdn Fd Regt in that area. It rained incessantly throughout the day. It 1730 hrs "H" Cby sent a patrol of one Pl under cond Lt G E Romey, to Vasto Girardi by way of Cerreto. This town was found to be uncecupied by the enemy. One Pl of "A" Coy proceeded to Rocca Sicura. Ifter an all might attempt by Lt J H Jones to establish 18 set communication with the pairol at Vasto Girardi it was found that the link would only function to Geresto with a link at "B" Coy HQ. No transport could enter "D" Coy area and rations, etc, were taken forward by mules along the railway from near Carovilla.	
	17		Capt Tucharan, FOO, from 1 Odm Fd Regt, RCA, proceeded to Vasto Girerdi. His 22 set m Eules provided the chief means of intercommunication with " " Coy patrol at Vasto Girerdi. Lt D He sey commanded a patrol which using carriers most of the route reced area Pogliarone 1948. Following his return about 1600 hrs a platoom from "A" Coy (Lt Doane) was sent to Pogliarone to prevent any attempt by the enemy to destroy the village. A Dat 1500 hrs a German patrol of from 10 to 15 men approached Vasto Girardi and were fired upon by Lt Romkey's platoom. Four of the enemy were killed, the remainder withdress.	. O.

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TIVORAD	17		The every were identified as paraups. Following this threat of strong lergar as trols in the area another platoon (Lt Kirk) was sent to lasto Firerdi from """ Joy.	Rele
	18		After first light the standing patrol of one platoon from "" " " or returned from Rocca "icura. Carriers and jeeps can now reach " " Joy area.	

thus relieving est MCR of main natrol consitments. At 1530 hrs the two platoons of "" Joy return from Vasto Girardi. S ortly before n on the third platoon of """ Joy commanded by Lt Blanchard was sent by Dide orders to man S. Fietro, 1554. This patrol encountered a German patrol at 175520, after a brief fight at close quarters three of the every were seen to be hit, pos ibly killed, and the colo a of our pairol was mortally wounded. as the Corman patrol outnumbered his own rather has vily, bt Blanchard began to withdraw toward wasto Sirardi when a Doy of E 22e enroute wit to S. lietro appeared. Art: fire was directed on the area and the enemy withdrew. Our patrol them returned to its Coy area. 2000 A pairol from "C" Coy (Lt C B Cochran) was sent to docea Sieura as a Serman patrol had been reported rear the town on the previous right. This patrol however encountered The pioneer platoor under supervision of it is lersey was employed in the all day task of sweeping the Lac Maintenance area for mines. Some German wooder box mines were found. During the afternion "A" Goy moved from Carovilla to Poglianone. 19 The pioneer was again employed to check the secondary road from Pescolanciano to main road junction. About 0830 hrs "C" Coy began to move to Poglianone. Seanwhile a patrol of "A" Coy (Lt Doane) advanced from Poglianone towards Castel di Cangro, leaving a second patrol at S. Pietro station. The forward patrol encountered encov two miles east of Gastel di Bangro and did not enter the town. It is expected that lest INR will soon move complete to the S. Pietro area. Air photos available at Bde My show little shelter for troops in this area. The bown of B. Fietro was completely d by the Boche as part of their schrched earth policy, south of the Sargon Hiver. lest WR was ordered to move to .Fietro area at 1000 hrs today. Orders for the move were "" Coy to be transported from Carovilla to Vasto Girardi, the same transport to

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S.PIETRO	20	1900	return and transport "D" Coy. Meanwhile, "A" and "C" Coys would march from Paglianone to the S.Pietro area via Vasto Girardi. HQ Coy and BnHQ Would move forward later with own transport. A recce party, Lt col M P Bogert, Capt A W Roge s and Capt H M Eisenhauer, proceed to Vasto Girardi where Capt Buchanan, FOD, from 1 Fd Regt joined the party. Proceeding on foot from S.Pietro station the recce party climbed the feature 1260. Coy posns were chosen, Capt H Burns having meanwhile come forward, "D" and "B" Coys were given patrols tasks for night 20-21 as follows: "D" Coy to send a patrol into Castel di Sangro and to secce the river line from the town to river junction. "B" Coy patrol to cross river farther east and if possible enter the town of Rocaa Cingue Miglia. No transport was allowed west of Vasto Girardi and it was about 2200 hrs before the bn was in posn. BnHQ and HQ Coy remained at Vasto Girardi and Sp Coy at Carovilla to avoid tongestion. Major McNeil and Capt Archibald, each with a Platoon Comd, Lt Conhesen and Lt Lynch respectively, reported at BnHQ and were given patrol tasks to begin at first light on 21 Not 43. These patrols roughly duplicated in daylight the patrols of "B" and "D" Coy. With effect this date, Capt W H P David becomes TO West NSR, Capt C E Bent becomes TO HQ 3 Cdn Inf Ede.	App 4
	21	1400	During the morning BnHQ and HQ Coy moved forward. The personnel were housed in the tunnel of an otherwise demolished tile factory. A Bn OP was immediately established on the high ground from which Castel di Sangro, Rocca Cinque Miglia, Pietrofarsi and Roccasaro were visible. Barely was this OP established when at 1230 hrs a German patrol which had concealed itself on a rocky knoll 300 yds North West of the OP opened fire on a patrol from "D" Coy under Capt Dodge returning from Castel di Sangro and also on a patrol from "B" Coy under Lt Romkey, which was going out to the right of the knoll. The enemy being paratps had numerous automatic weapons but were driven from the feature with one killed. Capt Didge reports his patrol returned from Castel di Sangro. The patrol had been in the town for some hours without incident but were fired in from point 1009 on returning and also from the rocky knoll as described above. About 1900 hrs Lt Lymin's patrol returned having carried out a valuable recce of the river line in the Castel di Sangro area. Lt Cochran finding the river to be over 4 feet deep in the area East	App 4

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S.PIETRO	21		of Rocca Cinque Miglia, followed the river line to the East and returned through the R 22e R area at 1900 hrs.	The state of the s
	22	0900	Brigadier Gibson and Lt col Lane OC 1 Cdn Fd Regt visit HQ West NSR, accompanied by Lt col M P Bogert they watched registration of arty targets from the Bn OP. Plans were made to have "B" Coy West NSR capture point 1000 leaving the Coy area at 0100 hrs 23 Nov 43. During the afternoon the G2 Corps, Capt Cotton, IO 1 Cdn Div and Capt Prince IO 3 Cdn Inf Bde, visited BnHQ and studied the ground from the BnOD.	Red.
	23	0430	"B" Coy leave Coy area enroute to point 1009. Wireless communication with the OP thence by phone to BnHQ worked well until the Coy reached the road at 0330 hrs when the wireless suddenly ceased and nothing further was heard until the Coy returned at 0330 hrs. Lt Scott commanded a patrol which protected an engineer recce party looking for suitable bridging places along the Sangro on West NSR front. No activity could be seen at point 1009 from the OP and at 0930 "B" Coy appeared immediately in front of the OP returning from that area. Here Capt Burns reported to the CO that point 1009 had been strongly held and that 11 platoon commanded by Lt Blanchard had been permitted to penetrate the enemy position which was on the top of a steep rocky knoll. This platoon was then challenged and fired upon and although strong attempts were made to send 10 and 12 phs into the feature, machines guns and grenades prevented our troops from scaling the rocky slopes. It was by this time daylight and Capt Burns took advantage of a heavy fog to extricate the Coy from its rather precarious position. Only a small part of Lt Blanchard's pl succeeded in escaping. He himself was wounded twice and ordered his men to leave him and return. "B" Coy was sent to BnHQ where the men would get cover in the factory tunnel to dry their clothing and rest after a very wet night. It should be noted himself was at that all rifle coys since arrival in the S.Pietro area have been living in the open and that rather rainy weather still prevails. Deep snow is visible on the high ground to the North and West.	App 4
	24	0800	"O" Gp at BnHQ. Lt col Bogert issued orders for an attack on pt 1009. "A" & "C" Coys and BnHQ were to take part in the action with two dets three inch mortars from Sp Coy	R.

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S.PIETRO	24	1145	and one pl MMGs of Sask LI under comd. The plan of attack was to advance directly toward Pt 1009, leaving the Bn OP area at 1200 hrs, with "C" Coy leading, followed by BnHQ, with "A" Goy last. "C" Coy was to act as a fire coy while "A" Coy attacked the rocky kmoll from the right. Sask LI and mortars would keep the enemy's head down if necessary. A preliminary arty program was arranged. Last minute details were checked at the Bn OP. The advance begins from area of OP, three inch mortars and MMG mounted on mules as was the 22 set of the FOO1 Ifd Regt who went fwd with the attacking force. The first part of the route was entirely down hill and progress was good. On crossing the small river the enemy arty fired on the rd junc, killing one Cpl of Sask LI but causing no casualties to West MSR personnel. The advance toward the rocky knoll was difficult, due to heavy mud. About 1500 hrs "C" Coy and BnHQ were a crest doo yds East of "The castle" a heavy stone building atop Pt 1009. The MMGs were sited along the ridge to fire on the castle if necessary and 3" mortars ranged on the knoll. "A" Coy on moving to the right flank came under heavy shell fire and it was decided to attack from the left. At 1630 hrs "A" Coy was in occupation of the knoll, no enemy having been encountered. Therefore wounded men of "B" Coy were found in the castle, where they had survived our own arty fire, incl medium concentrations. Two dead from "B" Coy were found and one dead German. "C" Coy was meanwhile in posn about 500 yds South East of the Castle with BnHQ digging in 800 yds East. As soon as darkness prevented enemy observation, the Sask LI MGs were placed on mules and taken 'fwd into the castle feature. "D" Coy was informed by wireless to come fwd and relieve "A" Coy early the following morning. Apart from intermittent shemy shelling in the proximity of our posn, the night was quiet, with light rain and rather high wind.	.e
	25	0500	Before first light BnHQ and "C" coy returned to the Bn area near S Pietro, ar arranged on the previous day. Before first light "C" Coy and BnHQ were under cover of the wood on the slopes leading to the Bn OP. It was a ling difficult climb and the Bn area was not reached until about 0830 hrs. Wear the Bn OP "D" Coy passed BnHQ and "C" Coy on the way to Pt 1009 to relieve "A" Coy. "D" Coy had one man killed and two wounded when one member of a small patrol stepped on an S-mine near Castel di Sangro in the afternoon. Stretcher bearer parties were organized to bring back the wounded personnel from	R.S.

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S.PIETRO.	25		point 1009, a long, difficult carry. During the afternoon Sp Coy moved from S.Pietro station to a group of buildings 400 yds West of the station. West MSR has no tactical committments for 48 hours.	Rec
	26.	0630	Sixteen men of Sp Coy leave Bn HQ to carry back the last wounded from Pt 1009. At 1130 hrs Col, The Hon J L Ralston, Minister of National Defence, visited HQ West NSR accompanied by Lt Gen Crerar GOC 1 Cdn Corps and Brig T G Gibson Comd 3 Cdn Inf Bde. After being introduced to the BnHQ officers and Coy Comds present by Lt col Bogert, Col Ralston spoke to the officers of West NSR expressing appreciation of the work the Unit had done. He stated that much remained to be done before the war was won and told West NSR to "carry on with the good work". Col Ralston, Lt Gen Crerar and Brig Gibson were then guests of Lt col Bogert at lunch, after which Col Ralston chatted informally with other ranks of the Unit before departing at 1240 hrs. Lt col Bernatch R 22e R, also met Col Ralston at HQ west NSR. Meanwhile the Bn OP which had accompanied D Coy to Pt 1009 was pointing out enemy posns and movement to the arty FOO and the Sask LI MMGs. One target was a German Sec of inf which was attacking a small patrol of R 22e R on the North bank of the Sangro near Rocca Cinque Miglia. The enemy was dispersed and the patrol extracated. Enemy arty and 8.1 cm mortars fired on D Coy posn during the day, but no caualties resulted. OP report p Appx 1.	App 4
	27	7.34	"D" Coy having been relieved on pt 1009 by a Coy of the KOYLI, 5 British Div, returned West NSR area and was billeted near S.Pietro Station. "B" Coy augmented by the carrier platoon of Sp Coy, moved to Agnone to relieve D Coy Carlt & York R, who were protecting engineers working on the rd Agnone - Castiglione	to Robe
	28	0830	In expectation What West NSR would later all move to AGNONE a recce party, consisting of the 2 i/c, Major Waterman, Capt H M Eisenhauer, Capt G G Taylor, and Lt R W Bullock with several NCOs of Sp Coy, proceeded to Agnone and determined suitable billet areas for the bn. Only one coy West NSR is now in posn on feature 1260. D Coy, today occupying the feature, sant a patrol of one Cpl and two men to contact 5 Div at br 111539 at 1130 hr	

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S.PIETRO			At 1400 hrs and 1800 hrs a film "Second Chorous" was shown in Sp Coy area by Xpperinz Supervisor James Losie, K of C. At 1400 hrs two planes, believed to be Spitfires Mk VI, no markings identified, strafe Sp Coy area, causing no personnel casualties, but damaging one anti tank gun and several vehicles.	30c
	29		Lt col Bogert and IO attend "O" Gp at Bde HQ. Brig Gibson revealed that 1 Cdn Div was to move to the Adriatic coast to replace 78 Div in 5 Corps. 78 Div is now well across the Sangro river. West NSR is to move to Agnone on 1 Dec and on to Casalbordino on 4 Dec 43, providing flank protection for the remainder of the Bde Gp from Agnone to Castiglione before joining the Bde coln. At 1530 hrs Lt col Bogert revealed these coming events at a Bn "O" Gp. Mobile Officers shop open at Vastogirardi. 42 reinforcements arrived today. Capt J W K Smeltzer is attached to BnHQ to assist the adjt in Boards of Adjustment, Court-martial documentation, etc.	
	30		An enemy shell, believed to be from an 88 mm dropped 50 yds from EnHQ, apparently firing counter-battery on 1 Fd Regt in the vicinity. Several more shells fell during the day, especially at dusk. No camualties were caused to West NSR. Major Waterman proceeded to Agnone to complete billeting arrangements. The Bde IO Capt R D Prince visited BnHQ with latest intelligence summary. Some concern if felt regarding the shortage of officers, the Bn is now 9 officers under strength.	APP 4
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