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FOLICNO	1	0845	Bn "0" Group in which all officers are made acquainted with orders regarding expected move to Q8135.  All ranks were made acquainted with security measures regarding the move north, by their coy comds.  1 Cdn Div now under Comd 13th British Corps.  Weather this date fine and warm.	展出
	2	0530 1200 1700 2000	Bn moved by tpt to area 8427 (Sheet 113 1/100,000) age Bn halted at Div Staging area near town of CASTELINA 08135 for 5 hours. All ranks enjoyed 2 hours swimming in a nearby lake, which was thoroughly enjoyed because the day was hot and the roads dusty. Bn again moved off by tpt as per movement order All sub-units in posn at destination.	Appx 1
ASTELINA	3	1500	Weather fine and warm. CO held a discussion with officers both in the morning and afternoon concerning pending operations.  Lt col R S E Waterman CO attended a conference at Brigade.	Ret Ret
10	4	1400	Occasional showers throughout the day. Trg was carried out munder Coy arrangements. Meeting of all officers at BnH2 where pending operations were again discussed.	泥上
	5	1630 2000	Occasional showers throughout the day. Lt col R S E Waterman spent most of the day addressing each coy in turn, he spoke particularly of the part our Bn was destined to play in the coming battle of the Gothic Line. Failure is out of the question he stated and his talks throughout were interesting and inspiring to all ranks. Recce Party went forward to area 7262 where the Bn was expected to move the following day. Film "How Green Was My Valley" was shown.	Pet.
	6	1930	Weather fine and warm. Bn did not move as was expected but indications are that we will move tomorrow.  Movement Order Issued for tomorrows move to area 736565	PANDE 1

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	7	0800	Weather warm in the morning but much cooler late in the day. Bn moved by tpt as per movement order	
Near FLORENCE		1130	All sub-units in posn at new area. Tac HQ established at 720620, near FLORENCE. Lt col R S E Waterman went to Brigade. Lt col Waterman has a discussion with his coy comds.	IRC
	8	2200	Weather fine and warm. Indications this morning are that we are going to move again to a new area. Bn moved off by tpt as per movement order	Kappx 1
SIENNA	9	0200	Bn arrived at staging area near SIENNA Q8216, and remainder of night was spent sleeping.	
	3:0	1545	Bn continued move as per movement order. Bn arrived area 6583PERUGIA Sheet 122. BnHQ established at 654835. Lt col R S E Waterman wwnt to Bde. Weather this date fine and very warm.	Appx 1
PERUGIA	10		One or two showers during the day but weather generally fine. Trg carried out under Coy arrangements.	REC.
	12		Weather fine and warm. Trg under coy arrangements. H/Capt L Wilmot held bible discussion which was well attended. File "Lifeboat" was shown.	REC
	12		Weather fine and warm. Rifle ranges selected. Officers will hold a shooting competition tomorrow. Pay Parades was arranged and there was an EFI issued which included half a bottle of beer per man.	REC
	13	0830	Weather very hot. Roman Catholic and Church of England Church parades were held, after which the Church of England observed Holy Communion.	ikt.

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13	1000	Rifle Competition held by the officers and also a competion between the best other ranks in the regiment and the officers.  Fixed Film "Dangerous light" was shown.	Net.
14	0800 1630 1900	A & B Coys carried out a scheme in the Bn area and other sub-units carried out trg under their own arrangements.  Adjt Capt A J W Dyer and IO capt R E campbell attended a discussion at Bde HQ re methods of reporting in future operations.  Coy comds attended discussion at BnHQ. Brigadier J P E Bernatchez DSO OBE paid a short visit to BnHQ.	虚之
15	0800	Weather fine and warm. Trg as per syllabus. A representative group from the bn which included Lt col Waterman, Major Cameron and Major Hiltz attended a parade which included representatives from all sub-units 1 Cdn Div where they were addressed by the Eighth Army commander Lt Gen Sir Oliver Leese. Film "Dangerous cheat" was shown.	Appx 4
16	0700	Weather again fine and warm. Trg carried out under sub-unit arrangements.  Officers and senior NCOs attended river crossing exercise carried out by the R 22eR, which was umpired by the Brigadier J P E Bernatchez DSO OBE, and Major Robertson OBE Brigade Major.	
17	0700	Weather fine and warm. Officers and Senior NCOs carry out a river crossing TEWT where the Bde HQ staff were spectators.	虚之
18	100	Weather rather cool with occasional showers during the day. Recce party proceeded to area S3836 IESI where Bn was expected to move in the near future. Bn "O" Group, movement order issued.	Appx 1
19		Occasional showers throughout the day.	2000

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	19	1945	Bn busy preparing for move. Bn moves off by tpt to new area. Owing to very heavy traffic Bn halted some 20 miles short of new area and bedded down for the night.	F.
IESI	20	0930 1400 1500	Bn moves off by tpt. Weather fine and warm. Bn arrives in new area, Tac HQ established at 235395. Lt col Waterman goes to Bde HQ. Brig J P E Bernatchez DSO OBE paid a casual visit to this HQ. C of E Holy communion service held by H/Capt L Wilmot in coy areas.	TEC
	21	1100	Weather fine and warm. Bn spent the day re-checking ammunition and equipment and generally preparing for pending action. Lt col R S E Waterman paid visit to Bde HQ.	TEC TEC
	22	0900	Lt col R S E Waterman attended a conference at Corps HQ. Weather this date again fine and warm. The officers of the Bn were busy briefing the men on the probable ground we would cover in the coming offensive.	TEC.
	23	1400	Weather fine and warm. All officers attended a discussion at BnHQ after which Lt col Waterman briefed the mer on the forthcoming operations. Lt col Waterman and coy comds attend a river crossing demonstration at 268449. Recce party left to recce new area S1751.	( EL
	24	1000	Warning Order issued for all personnel to be prepared to move to new area, time to be notified later. Movement Order issued. Tpt moves off as per movement order. Marching personnel move off.	Appx 1
ODIMNO	25		All sub-units reported in posn in new area. Tac HQ established at 167532. Lt col Waterman attended conference at Bde HQ. Weather this date fine and warm.	TEL.

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MODINTO	26	1000	Weather continues to be fine and warm.  Bn placed on one hours notice to move.  Bn moved off by march route to area 1357.  All sub-units reported in posn, tac HQ established at 135575.  Official notification was received of Immediate Awards to personnel of the unit for action in the Hitler Line: Lt col R S E Waterman - DSO; F49817 Sgt Newcombe L J - MM; F40106 Sgt Vingar A - MM; F39668 L/Sgt McKinnon R T - MM.  Brigadier J P E Bernatchez DSO OBE paid a visit to BnHQ and congratuléated the reciepients of the above mentioned awards.	Rok.
	27	1730	Weather this date fine and warm. Movement order issued regarding move to new area. Reche party leaves to reche new area. But moves by march route as per movement order to area 1165. All sub-units reported in posn at new area and Tac Homestablished at 112654.	Appx 1.
CARTO-ETO	28	1330	Weather again fine and warm. Bn spent the day resting in preparation for action. H/Capt L Wilmot affectionately labelled by the men as the "fighting padre" arranged communion services in the coy areas. Light shelling during the early evening but there were no casualties.	EL
	29	1215 1630 2200	Bn placed on 4 hours notice to move. Intention is to relieve the 48th Highrs of Canada who had captured the high ground overlooking the River FOGLIO area 0772. Rece party went forward with the CO Lt wol R S E Waterman to 48 Highrs posns. Bn ordered to move.  Relief of the 48th Highrs of wanada commences.  Relief completed. Tac HQ established at 2012 075735.  Weather today was fine and warm.	Test.
	30		Fatrols from C & D woys each with an engr officer and NCO were ordered to rece the river line, approaches and crossings, and were briefed by the IO. Patrols from C & D woy reported leaving the Bn area. Night was wery peaceful considering that the main defences of the Gothic Line were no more than half a mile to our front.	Ret.

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BORGO S.MAR	IA 30	0830 1030 1300 1300 1400 1600 1640 1710 1715	Both pabrols report back to BnHQ and are briefed by the IO. The river was found to be fordable throughout owr area, and both patrols having crossed the river reported the nearest manes to be approximately 300 yds north of the far bank. Approaches were good and river 30 yds wide. Neither patrol encountered any enemy opposition.  Coy omds, o & D oys ordered to rece daylight approaches and coy posns to and on lateral road south of river ECCLIO area 0575/0675, with a view to moving coys down in daylight.  C & D oys omds left the Bn Area on a joint rece.  Rece patrols returned and informed the CO that the area was unsuitable to move to in daylight as it was all under enemy observation.  Two Italian sivilians were interrogated by the IO and their information was that the enemy had retired across the river two days previously and that area across the river was heavily mined.  "O" Gp held at Bn HQ. OO issued orders for attach on the Gathic Line. B Coy under comd of Capt J H Jones Mo ordered to attach and secure point 133 square 0277 after which remaining coys were to move forward under COs orders and secure bridgehead across river FOGLIO.  B Coy moves across the start line 053753/043745 without any enemy opposition.  A, O & D oys form up ready to form bridgehead when B oy secures objective.  B Coy runs into enemys minefield. Unable to find route through or around so continue cautious advance.  Leading platoons B Coy reach gulley 037758 and push on to lateral road 038766/030756.  B Coy comes under enemy small arms fire and has several casualties by due to Schu mines.  Forward pls B Coy reach lateral road and come under heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire.	
		1930	Dispite numerous efforts to push forward B Coy forced to consolidate on lateral road area 038766/030756.  A, C & D voys under Major R G Thexton, vapt S D Smith and Major A Nicholson respectivel ordered by CO Lt col R S E Waterman 700 to form bridgehead across the river FOGLIO. All four coys firmly dug in north of the river.	Ly

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During the remainder of the day and night unit under considerable enemy harassing

shell fire. Casualties during this phase fairly heavy, 13 being killed 72 wounded and three missing. Jasualties included Major A Nicholson OC D Joy, Japt S D Smith OJ J Joy

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Summary of Events and Information Hour Place Date BORGO S.MARIA 2300 CO moves forward across river to coy posns. 30 2400 Communications firmly established, CO prepares to continue battle. Casualties were evacuated during the evening with some difficulty under direction of unit padre H/Capt L F Wilmot. Weather today fine and warm. 0200 "O" Group at Tac HQ. D Coy to attack through B Coy posn. - oy to follow D oy. Both coys to consolidate in vicinity of point 133. All coys now under considerable mortar and shell fire. 0600 C & D voys moved through B voy, follow axis of gulley 035757 short distance north of lateral road. Both coys forced to ground by very heavy small arms and mortar fire also Schu mines. 0630 0 & D voys ordered to withdraw but were unable to do se as they were pinned to ground. 0700 Artillery lay smoke screen to cover withdrawal of C & D voys. 0900 All elements now in comparative safety gulley 027758.

1630 Burial service at RAP in Bn area for the dead.

who were both rather severely wounded.