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FRANAROLA		0200 0905 1105 1305 1440 1515 1745 1935	A recce patrol of one MCO and two men from "C" Coy returned after reaching point 370326. They heard enemy movement along the railway and on the other side of the canal. They could also hear mortar firing from 365324 and what sounded to be enemy fire orders.  At this time there seems to be a feeling at higher level that an enemy attack across the Senio is impending. Ede informed this En, stand wit to will be 100 %.  Brig J P E Bernatchez DSO OBE paid a New Year's visit to this HQ. He also made a tour of the coys, the CO having left on the same journey prior to his arrival.  The CO left for 3 CTB HQ to visit the Brigadier and is then going on to attend a Div Comds "at home" from 1100 to 1300 hrs.  It has just been learned that Capt C F Whynacht, unit QM, has been awarded the MBE. Capt Whynacht came overseas with the West Nova Scotia Regiment in 1939 as CQMS of "A" Coy, later winning his commission, at which time he took over as Quartermaster and has served in this capacity until the present time.  "C" Coy recce patrol of 1 NCO and two men have returned after recceing to a point 37000000000000000000000000000000000000	6

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GRANAROLA	1	2255	CO orders a patrol of 1 NCO and 5 Men to go to 369330 with an 18 set. If they reach this point without opposition they are to consolidate and the remainder of the pl will be sent up. Weather this date reasonably warm. The night was quiet with very little shelling and mortaring.	9.20
	2	0130 0240 0500 0615 1020 1235	"B" Coy recce patrol reported back to Coy HQ. They went out through right fwd posns and reached a point 368338. As they were crossing over the bank they came under heavy MG fire, the patrol comd being wounded. There was a heavy exchange of fire and the patrol was forced to withdraw leaving patrol cond, Lt HS Kennedy, and two ORS behind. The 18 set was also lost in the fire fight. A party was immediately sent out to in the try and bring back the wounded men but had no success. Recce patrol from "C" Coy of 1 NCO & 2 men reached a point 36903250. At this point they were fired on by MGs from vicinity of house 36833224. Patrol started back and were fired on by another MG from house 36603220. They reached their coy posn suffering no casualties.  A recce patrol of 1 NCO & 6 men from "D" Coy passed out through 6 Cheshire Regt and recce'd to a point 362318. They could hear a great deal of enemy activity and were fired on by several grenades. On the way back they were fired on by an MG from an undetermined posn. They suffered no casualties.  The two ORS who were missing from "B" Coy's patrol have reported back to the Coy. In accordance with a Sham Battle staged by Div Arty our 3" Mortars engaged targets in the enemy area for 15 minutes.  But was subjected to heavy mortar fire throughout the night.  The CO, Lt col F E Hiltz left for Bde HQ.  "C" Coy recce patrol of 1 NCO & 2 men returned after recce'ing to a point 369325. They observed one enemy who was carrying binoculars on the other side of the canal. Several rifle shots were fired at the patrol from an undetermined posn, works no other activity was; observed.  A recce patrol of 1 NCO & 2 men from "C" Coy has returned after having reached a point 3690320. They were fired at the patrol from an undetermined posn, works no other activity was; observed.  A recce patrol of 1 NCO & 2 men from "C" Coy has returned after having reached a point 3690320. They were fired and Schmeiser.	State.

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RANAROLA	2	1810 2245 2245	An enemy SP or heavy mortar firing into "B" Coy posn from 369330 has been engaged by 4.2 Mortars.  One offr and 23 ORs have arrived at this HQ as rfts and were allotted to coys.  Contact patrol from "A" Coy on returning from 6 Cheshire Regt passes on information	
		0630 0845 0900 1130 1240 1430 2225	Light mortaring on "C" Coy posns and Light shelling and mortaring on BnHQ area. "B" Coy OP observed enemy SP firing directly opposite them on further side of canal. This was engaged by arty and the fire was observed to fall in the area of the SP. The CO and Major J K Rhodes left for HQ 3 CIB. Two ORs from each rifle coy, one from Sp Cpy and one from BnHQ left for 48 hr leave in Riccione. Sherman tanks engaged houses 366323 and 367323. They scored six direct hits. The IO proceeded to Bde to get fire plan for the coming show. "C" Coy engaged by heavy enemy mortar fire, shortly afterwards "B" Coy report heavy mortaring in their area. CO held an "C" Gp at this HQ where plans for future operation were discussed. 3 Cdn Inf Bde is to close up to Canal Naviglio when **Expond** 2 Cdn Inf Bde have occupied Granarola 3532. The objectives of this unit are areas 367331, 364325, 363334, and 359329. 2 Cdn Inf Bde is to put in their attack tonight. Recce patrol from "C" Coy reached a point 50 yds from building 36623220. They heard enemy movement and voices within the building. The Patrol Comd did not think there were many enemy in the building. "B" Coy recce patrol proceeded to 369329, they heard enemy movement and voices slightle beyond this point.	Jak.

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GRANAROLA 3	010 015 040 064 081 083 084 093 115 124	Weather this date was fine and cold.  "C" Coy area under heavy mortar fire, the coy suffering three casualties. "B" Coy also heavily mortared, suffering two casualties.  A recce patrol from "C" Coy reached a point 36653220 and reported enemy still there. They were fired on by MG but suffered no casualties.  Due to the heavy enemy mortar fire on B" & "C" Coy areas, accounter-mortar fire plan is being carried out. This was later reported by "C" Coy to be satisfactory.  "B" Coy are under shell fire from tank or SP from area 369330. Medium arty fire is brought down on area.  "B" Coy is ordered to move to 367314 as soon as morning meal is served, with "C" Coy sending a reace patrol to houses at 36623220 and "B" Coy sending reace patrol to 36973300.  "C" Coy recce patrol reached a point 36623220 where they observed enemy movement.  "B" Coy recce patrol is now back and they report that point 369330 is strongly held by enemy. Patrol suffered one fatal casualty.  "D" Coy are now moving forward with support of arty fire 3" and 4.2" mortar.  "D" Coy are now at 363328 and are digging in, having met some opposition.  "A" Coy are to go to 362317 and as soon as "D" Coy are firm, are to proceed to 389329.  "D" Coy report their locations as follows: Coy HQ 363325, sub-units at: 36143258, 36083250 and 36343245.  Cab Rank has been operating at 1215,1245 and 1325 hrs. One of our own pilots bailed out of his plane and was last seen drifting towards our FDLs. "C" & "B" Coys are notified to be on the watch for him. At this time "D" Coy are in the area of building 357323 and will contact to the left as soon as the shelling quites down.  "A" Coy are on objective 362312 with casualties - four wounded.  "D" Coy are now ordered to occupy buildings 36122568.  "A" Coy are now ordered to occupy buildings 36122568.  "A" Coy are now ordered to occupy buildings 36122568.  "A" Coy are now ordered to occupy buildings 36123268.  "A" Coy has been forced to withdraw due to the very heavy MG fire. Posns are as follows: 368327, 367328, 365324.  "The B	F.BK

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FRANAROLA		2120 2135 2155	The CO held an "O" Gp at "C" Coy HQ, attended by "A", "B" & "D" Coys.  H Hour for tonights show which was previously set for 2000 hrs has been postponed to 2030 hrs.  This afternoon "D" Coy knocked out an enemy MG with a PIAT, killing two enemy.  CO held an "O" Gp at this HQ attended by "B" Coy and all supporting arms.  Intentions for tonight: Two coy attack, "A" Coy objective is to clear road half-way to 3623\$4 and consolidate; "C" Coy is to clear remainder and consolidate around 362334.  "D" Coy is to stay where they are, pulling back their outpost posn while arty is firin Arty programme away on schedule.  "A" Coy report sub-units on objective.  "C" Coy report locations and a pl forward to 359329. They are to take a phone with them and send word back when they arrive. "D" Coy will also send a contact patrol to the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada.  "C" Coy report locations as follows: HQ 36403325, pls at: 36303330, 36453332 & 3638332  "A" Coy report locations as follows: HQ & 1 Pl 367331, 366322 & 368321.  Receive word from 3 CIB HQ that 359329 is clear. In light of this information "D" Coy is ordered to go there immediately.  TacHQ moves forward and established at 372322. "C" Coy have contacted CYR on the righ NTR.  Weather this date fair and cool.	8
	1	0225	A recce patrol from "C" Coy reached a point 359336 without contacting enemy. "D" Coy are to protect bridge at 36233340, CO suggests they send one sub-unit fwd. "D" Coy are now at 359327 and recce patrol have across Naviglio Ganal report houses clear of enemy. "D" Coy find bridge at 35803264 partly blown. They are also sending recce patrol to 35743282. This patrol returned without contacting enemy. "D" Coy locations as follows: HQ 35893270, Pls at: 35893220, 35963276 & 35983290. "C" Coy patrol contact enemy at 35703364. "D" Coy reports that road on far side of canal is heavily mined in places. There is a blow in the road at 35953270 and some of the bridges are charged for demolition.	Tak
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GRANAROLA	5	0950 1110 1310 1505 1715 1925 1935 2030 22更0 夏330	CO left this HQ to visit all coys. On instructions from 3 CIB one coy of this Bn will occupy la Palazzo 358336. A patrol from "C" Coy found railway bridge over road at 35773360 blown. They started through the blow but were fired on by schmeiser. The railway banks are approx 25ft high and there were several slit trenches on embankment not occupied. From this posm banks of river Senio appear to be about 30 ft high. They could see no enemy movement but could hear digging to their front. The Bde Comd paid a visit to this HQ. "C" Coy have occupied area la Palazzo 358336 reporting posms as follows: HQ and 1 Pl at 36083338, 35893345, & 35893364. The CO ordered a fighting patrol of 1 & 10 to go to bridge 362347. Intentions: "B" Coy are to go forward and occupy posms astride road 362333, 367341. A recce patrol from "C" Coy has left to recce house on left of road at 357337. "B" Coy are now moving forward. "C" Coy recce patrol to 357337 report much enemy activity around and near buildings Weather this date first fair and cool. A very quiet day with little mortaring or shelling.	int.
COTIGNOLA	6	0003 0035 0100 0835 1250 1345 1535	Enemy has blown houses across track at 357336.  "B" Goy have now consolidated in new posn, locations as follows: HQ & 1 Pl 36473372, 36593372, 36533380.  Recce patrol from "C" Goy of 1 NCO & 3 men reached a point 357335, heard enemy movement from direction of houses 357337.  CO left this HQ for Main EnHQ  A recce patrol from "C" Goy reached the point 357336 and found the houses blown. It is believed the houses were blown in order to provide the enemy with better field of fire from banks of the river Senio.  The CO proceeded to HQ 3 CIB.  Bde informed this HQ that our "D" Coy will relieve "C" Coy of the CYR at 1800 hrs.  A recce pa rty is to be sent to recce posns of "C" Coy CYR.  "C" Coy ordered by CO to have standing patrol occupy buildings 357336 during the hours of darkness. Strength of the patrol is to be six or seven men.	File

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COTIGNOLA	6	2030	"D" Coy have taken up new posns, locations as follows: 36453432, 36553406, 36653428. "C" Coy report that a standing patrol is not possible at 357336 as enemy are still in that area.  Enemy have blown house at 357338.  One pl of "B" Čoy is to take up posns in area 362339. One sec is to go fwd and dig in while being covered by the other two. "B" Coy must also establish an outpost at 358341.  In accordance with requirements laid down by 3 CIB several changes had to be made in pl posns of the Coys. "C" Coy moved one pl to 359331. "D" Coy have changed posns. They are as follows: 36403446, 36303446, 36503430 and 36483423.  Weather this date was very disagreeable with rain, sleet and snow.	CIL
	7	0215 0230 0300 0955 1103 1135 1425 1705 1750 1805 1930 2000 2230	At first "B" Coy found it impossible to establish posn 362339 due to very heavy enemy mortar fire. By 0135 hrs they were in this posn and in the processof consol@ating. "D" Coy are now consolidated in new area. Posns of coys at this time are as follows: "A" Coy - 36573316, 36663306, 36803307. "B" 'oy - 36203399, 36383371, & 36553380. "C" Coy - 35883356, 36083338 & 35993310. "D" Coy - 36403446, 36303446 & 36503430 & 36483423. "B" Coy outpost is now established on river bank at 358341. CO leaves for Main BnHQ. "B" Coy report that houses at 360343 are clear of enemy. CO leaves for forward coys. An SP firing in "D" Coy area scored two hits on Coy HQ houses There were no casualties "B" Coy suffered one casualty wounded from enemy mortar fire. "D" Coy is still being shelled by an SP. A recce patrol from "D" Coy of 1 NCO & 2 men reached a point 36163440. They did not contact enemy but ran into enemy wire with mine signs on it. Patrol returned without interference, suffering no casualties. A recce patrol from "C" Coy to 358339 found area unoccupied. An engineering party proceeded to "B" & "D" Coys to carry out a wiring and mining programme in front of their posns as laid on by Bde. "B" Coy outpost has started to tunnel through dyke at 358341. "B" Coy outpost at 358341 hear much enemy activity and vehicular movement on and behind opposite bank.	ZAL.

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COTIGNOLA	7	2230	to proceed to the river Senio to find out if there are any mines or wire on the river bank and also to see if there are any bridges within their view.	ill
	8	0105 0210 0615 0715 0920 1325 1510 1920	before reaching objective due to enemy occupying immediate area. The patrol will make abother attempt as ordered by the CO. They will/accompanied by a fighting patrol of 10 men which will provide covering fire while outpost is being dug in. The RCE offr reported to this HQ that mining job at "B" Coy had been completed. "B" Coy patrol which recee'd to river Senio in front of their posms, report water gap 30 to 45 feet wide, slow running and no obstacle such as wire or mines could be seen. "C" Coy now have a standing patrol established and dug in at 358339. Enemy is dug in on opposite side of near bank. "D" Coy have observed six enemy dugouts on far bank 360344 which appear to be manned. For the past hour "D" Coy has been heavily mortared. Arty has been brought down on suspected enemy mortar posms.	gs e s

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2	Coy Comd - "Do your best to drive them off". Sgt - "They are coming in from all sides we are surrounded" After the last sentence the phone went dead. In the house in addition to the Sgt was one man with a flame-thrower and these men of the next relief. All six men in the outpost were taken prisoner plus the operator of the flame-thrower and his weapon. The Sgt and the other three men in the house escaped. This was the Sgts story: "It was'nt long after the change-over. The Bren gun opened fire with a couple of bursts from the dyke. I sent the flame-thrower up to the coy posn and reported to coy HQ that we were being attacked. In a few minutes they were coming in from all sides firing rifle grenades and automatic weapons. There were 25 or 30 of them and they were wearing **xxxxx** parksss. They were yelling phrases such as "hands up", "you're surrounded", "come out there is no use fighting". The Sgt made his escape by jumping out of an upstairs window and out among the vines, the other three made their escape in a similar manner through back doors and windows. There stories run on a similar line to the Sgt's and confirm his statements. Following this action a pl was sent out from "A" Coy to "C" Coy area as rfts in the event that the attack should develop into something on a larger scale. At 2745 hrs a fighting patrol of one & ten was sent out to 55815796 followed by a standing patrol. Personnel were supplied by"a" "Goy. They went through fwd pl to dyke clearing houses at 358379 which were unoccupied. They proceeded along dyke to railway bridge with standing patrol following in bounds.  They reached a point where the railway crosses dyke when fired on by MG from werekage of bridge. Simultaneously they were fired on by MG and rifle grenades from across the river. In addition the enemy put up several flares. Both patrols moved back in a direct route to the fwd pl. The casualties were first reported as three "missing", one of the missing men turned up later reporting the other two had been wounded, one he thought ful	

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COTIGNOLA	9	0530 0830 0955 1140 1150 1430 1915	A recce patrol from "D" Coy recce'd buildings 362346 and found them unoccupied but badly damaged.  Contact patrol to the 6 Cheshire's have nothing to report.  Major J R Cameron proceeded on a recce to area 431348 which is the area this Bn is expected to move to on being relieved.  "C" Cot are being engaged by enemy mortars.  "C" Coy recce patrol reached a point 358336 when they were fired on by enemy from 357336 and forced to return. This posn was then engaged by PIATs.  The Brig and Ede IO have arrived at this HQ and are discussing with the CO, plans for the re-establishment of the outpost at 35813396.  A relief has now been completed between "A" & "B" Coys.  "A" Coy now have an outpost consolidated at blow in raiwway 35783360 and have searched buildings at 35783360 and found them unoccupied.  Bde Comd paid a visit to this HQ.  Whatoughout the day a considerable amount of enemy vehicular movement could be heard in and around the town of COTIGNOLA which is directly opposite our rt forward coy.  Weather today fine and cool, becoming quite cold towards evening.	Sil
	10	0225 1015 1105 1250 1355	The wiring and mining of "*" Coy outpost has been completed. Mines were also laid in fornt of "B" & "D" Coy posns on the far side of the rear bank. Great credit is due to the Pioneer Offr and his Sgt who carried out this difficult task under the very nose of the enemy.  A recce pa trol from "A" Coy of one NCO and 4 men, recce'd to a point 358339. They heard much enemy movement around the house.  A recce party from the 48th Highrs of Canada arrived at this HQ to recce the Bn area. It is expected that they will relieve us within the next few days.  The CO accompanied by the Battle Adjt of the 48th Highrs made a tour of all coys. "A" Coy recce patrol returned reporting buildings left of blow in railway 357336 clear of enemy. "A" Coy outpost are being being troubled by snipers firing from river bank. So far they have suffered no casualties. Own aircmaft are now bombing and straffing COTIGNOLA.	

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COTIGNOLA	10	1820 1830 1830 2225 2310	would begin tomorrow evening at 1730 hrs.  32 reinforcements arrived at this HQ and have been allotted to coys.  After arty, mortar and MG preparation a strong fighting patrol from "A" Coy reached a point 358339. They started up the dyke at this point and came under heavy mortar and small arms fire. They suffered two casualties and were forced to withdraw. The enemy was dug in all along the top of the dyke.  Contact patrol from 2/6 Queens contacted "A" Coy, NTR.	Ĭ
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RUSSI	12	0200 0830 1400	Bn is now settled down in new area, locations as follows: BnHQ 431348, "A" Coy 419353 "B" Coy 419353, "C" Coy 423351, "D" Coy 425349, Sp Coy 427349.  Pay parades were held at BnHQ, coys being paid in the following order, B, C, D, A, Sp, HQ & BnHQ.  A picture show, "It Happened Tomorrow" was shown at GODO at 1400 hrs,1730 hrs & 1930 h 75 vacancies were allotted to this Bn. Also tonight a picture, "Calling Dr. Gilispie" was shown at RUSSI at 1400 hrs, 1730 hrs & 1930 hrs. 66 vacancies were allotted to this Bn. There was an EFI issue this afternoon	rs. LUE

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RUSSI	12	1745		ERE
	13	0830 1100		· Fals
	14	0930 1400 1500 1800	The Battle Adjt, Capt D I Rice proceeded on a recce of the concentration area at MEZZANO for Phase 3 of the Counter-Attack role as laid down by 3 CIB for this Bn. A "Director of Trg" Offr arrived at this HQ from Army HQ.	, SAE
	15	0900	Trg as per syllabus Coy Comds carried out recce of counter-attack posns Phase I & II. They were accompanied by Unit MG, A Tk & Mor Pl comds. This evening a film is being shown at both GODO and RUSSI for personnel of the Bn. Weather this date cloudy and cool.	Appx 4
	16	0800 1000 1400	The CO,& Battle Adjt proceeded to area of MEZZANO to recce posns for (NORTH SWITCH LINE   a phase in the counter-attack role.  All coy comds proceeded to area MEZZANO where they joined the CO & Battle Adjt to recce their respective coy posns in the counter-attack phase "North Switch Line" They were accompanied by the tk rep, arty rep, arty A/Tk rep, SLI MG rep and own supporting arms reps.	Appx 4
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16	1630	offrs 1 CSM and 4 dvrs with jeeps from the Independent Jewish Brigade reported to this HQ, they are on attachment to this Bn for a period of from 5 to 7 days. The task is to observe and learn how an inf bn operates in the field. In the evening a film was shown at both RUSSI and GODO for personnel of this Bn. Weather this date was cloudy and cold, there were light snow flurries in the early evening.	Jak.
- 1		for "North Switch Line" square 4942.	Appx 4.
	1415	It has just been learned that Major J K Rhodes has been awarded the D60. He received this award for outstanding service in the Savio River action in the latter part of October 1944.	Eas
18	0830	Trg as per syllabus. A recce party consisting of: Coy Comds, Battle Adjt and IO proceeded to the Loyal Edmonton Regt area 3840. It is expected that this Bn will relieve the LER on the night 19/20 Jan 45. Weather this date was fine and cold.	Appx 4.
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	1830	The Bn embussed in TCVs for new area.  TacHQ are now established in new posn at 38554040.  Change-Over complete, locat ions as follows: "A" Coy 36804142, "B" Coy 37224204,	
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BAGNACAVALLO	20	0830 0900 1030 1630 1700 2010 2040 2215 2230 2300	"C" Goy heard a party of enemy digging along river 361412. 3" mortar fire wasbrought down and no further activity was heard. Own aircraft bombing Bn area, one bomb falling about 400 yds from BnHQ. CO visits all coys in the following rotation, D, C, A, B & Sp. The Bde Comd paid a visit to this HQ. Our own aircraft are bombing enemy area fwd of our own posns. A piece of the tail-fin of a bomb dropped near BnHQ this morning was from a 500 lb bomb of Allied manufacture. A recce patrol from "C" Coy of 1 NCO & 3 men reached a point within 20 yds of CATALINI 36124088. Here they came under heavy MG fire from 36054095 and were forced into the ditch alongside the road. Enemy seem quite thick in that area and patrol was forced to withdraw. They xIxI suffered no casualties. A recce patrol from "B" Coy reached a point 37124255. They were fired on by rifle, MG and rifle grenades from several enemy posns and were forced to return to Coy area. An enemy patrol of three to four men came down the road towards a pl of "C" Coy at 363407. There was a small fire fight and patrol retreated. "B" & "C" Coy areas are being covered by very heavy MG fire. A recce patrol from "A" Coy, recce'd to a point 36504147 where they came under MG fire from an enemy posn 36464162. They were also engaged by two other MG posns at 36354150 and 36504170. Patrol returned without casualties. Contact patrol to friends on the left, NTR. Weather this date was fine and cool.	The state
	21	0148 0325 0500 1325	A small party of enemy were observed approaching fwd pl of "A" Coy 36764161. The pl held their fire waiting for them to come within sure killing range. It appeared that the enemy suspected an ambush, as they withdrew. "B" Coy have had several direct hits on one of their pl houses by enemy mortar bombs. No casualties. Contact patrol to friends on left, R22R, has returned - NTR. Considerable enemy movement was heard by "B" Coy throughout night at house 369422. An officer from the South African Airforce arrived at this HQ on athree day attachment A very successful the shoot was carried out this afternoon on CASA BARONI 35724122. 30 to 40 hits were made on the house atself and on buildings nearby. Enemy were	· Just

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SAGNACAVALLO	21	1945 2100 2205	observed evacuating the buildings when the fire first started. A number of direct hits were made on other buildings in the area as well.  A sniper working with "A" Coy today got two probable kills.  "A" Coys right pl posn "M" MG fire and rifle grenades from river bank 365417.  Own sentries on bank at 369421 engaged enemy on reverse side with hand grenades. From sound made by enemy at least one casualty was inflicted.  Weather this date was fine and warm.	FAR
	22	0215 0430 0705 0800 1150 1755 1950 2143	"C" Coy observed an enemy patrol of 4 to 5 men approaching their posn. Sentries let them get to within 50 yds and then opened fire. Enemy went to ground and crawled away No casualties were inflicted.  Contact patrols to the left arazz' tonight have nothing to report.  A fighting patrol from "A" Coy of 1 & 10 reached a point 36704186. Here they heard movement and coughing which was coming from 100 yds to their right. Patrol spread out and approached this posn, an unoccupied weapon pit, occupants having apparently withdrawn on approach of patrol. Patrol returned to coy without suffering any casualties.  "C" Coy now have an outpost established "7 men strong" at CASA CATELINI 36114087. Capt W E Garber, "D" Coy Comd, left this morning for 1 Cdn Corps HQ to attend a demonstration on the latest type of eqpt for winter and mountain warfare.  "B" Coy observed an enemy working party at 367421. Area was engaged with 3" mortar fire.  "A", "B" & "C" Coys all report sounds of enemy activity (constructional noises) at 358409 and 364417. These targets were engaged by our own 3" Mortars.  Due to enemy bazooka and MG fire, "C" Coy find it necessary to abandon their outpost 36114087.  During the past half hour the enemy has used a great number of flares, some multi coloured ones.  Contact patrol to friends on left has returned - NTR.  One of our snipers working from 363408 obtained one positive kill and two possibles throughout the day. Another sniper at 366412 also scored a certain kill. Weather Weather this date fine and cool.	- Sale

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BAGNACAVALL	23	0410 0640 0650 1120 1345 1355 1800 1925 2030 2220	"C" Coy contact patrol to friends on the left has returned - NTR. "C" Coy attempted to re-establish outpost posn 36114087 with no success. They reached the outpost and were in the process of digging in when they were attacked by the enemy in strength and had to withdraw. 3" & 4.2" Mortar and MMG fire was brought down on the area after the patrol withdrew. "C" Coy again sent out a pa trol to establish the outpost 36114087. This time they were successful and shortly afterwards were in contact with "C" Coy HQ by line. "B" Coy fighting patrol of 1 & 10 reached a point 369422. Here it was fired on by two MGs from 367420 and 372424. They withdrew back to their coy suffering no casualti "B" Coy recee patrol of two men reached guined buildings 36854215 and found them unoccupied, also dugouts at 36954222 were unoccupied and showed no signs of recent occupation. Enemy movement could be heard on other side of the bank, CO proceeded to 3 CIB HQ. "A" Coy observed 12 enemy going over the dyke towards opposite side of river directly in front of their posns. They had greatcoats on and were carrying packs. In "B" Coy have one see established at 36824214. This posn will be manned as an outpost They have with them a phone and a 38 set for communication to Coy HQ. "B" Coy outpost at 36824214 was heavily engaged by handgrenades thrown from other side of dyke. They withdrew to the coy area. Bde Comd arrives at this HQ. "C" Coy contact patrol to friends on the left has returned - NTR. Our own snipers today working with the fwd coys scored three kills and three probables Weather this date fine and cold.	es.
	24	0230 04 <b>0</b> 5 0430	"A" Coy heard enemy movement near ELEZE the wire in front of their posms. They fired a few bursts of Bren. This fire was immediately returned by a Schmeiser and after an exchange of fire the enemy withdrew.  "C" Coy contact patrol to friends on the left returned - NTR.  "B" Coy have now re-established the outpost at 36824214. They have comm back to Coy HQ by line.  A fighting patrol from "A" Coy reached area near CASA GUERRA 36384150. Here they came under heavy MG fire from five different posms and were forced to withdraw. Same patrowill go out later in the morning.	Fall

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0730   10   10   10   10   10   10   10	second patrol from "A" Coy proceeded to CASA GUERRA 36384150 where they came under leavy MG fire from the same posns as on previous patrol. This time they encountered lines extending from the left of the house to an unknown distance. They suffered one asualty from blast of mine which was set off by a trip wire.  D" Coy proceeded to BAGNACAVALLO this morning on a recreational trip.  I grenade duel took place this morning at "B" Coy outpost with enemy on opposite of	Gal
1300 At	the bank. The exchange of grenades lasted well over an hour.  A" Coy observed 17 enemy leave CASA GUERRA and go over river bank. Arty fire was mediately brought down on the area.  Ouring the past few days the enemy has been using a rocket propelled projectile which is new to this sector of the front. These have a tremendous blast effect, several aving fallen in this area.	
1856 E1 2225 Tv	recce patrol of 1 NCO and 3 men from "A" Coy reached a point 36744192, from here they could hear digging all along opposite side of dyke. They were fired on several times by rifle fire but got back without suffering casualties. It this time a large explosion was heard at this HQ which appeared to come from our eight fwd sector of the front. A few minutes later "B" Coy notified BnHQ that the xplosion had come from their outpost 36824214 and that the outpost had withdrawn. hortly before the explosion "B" Coy's outpost was heavily mortared. The explosion aused a large crater in the road and blew down a wall of the house. This was followed y a lazge number of rifle grenades, hand grenades, mortar bombs and small arms fire. The Sgt in charge of the outpost was killed by a sniper and the Cpl and two others counded by shrapnel from mortar or grenades. The memy sent over yellow flares into "A" Coy area.  Wo large calibre phosphorous shells landed in "B" Coy area but caused no casualties r material damage.  The each of the and cool.	
0415 "4	C" Coy contact patrol returned after having contacted friends on the left - NTR.  A" Coy recce pa trol of 1 NCO & 3 men recce'd to a point 3650 4171, from here they ould hear enemy movement on other side of dyke, and It is apparent that he is holding 11 along the dyke in that sector. The enemy are very alert and threw gremades at the	sal

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BAGNACAVALLO	25	0440 1025 1130 1600	matrol. One man was wounded and one dazed by shock. "C" Coy contact patrol returned from contacting friends of the left /NTR.  Bde Comd paid a visit to this HQ.  CO made a tour of all coys.  A German stretcher Bearer came in through the right fwd pl of "B" Coy with a white flag He was immediately sent to Bde HQ where it was found that he was carrying a message in regard to stretcher bearers working in the dyke area. He was brought back from Bde later and sent back to his own lines with a message that no enemy stretcher bearers would be allowed on this side of the river. Note: A blind-fold was used on the enemy stretcher from fwd coy to rear area and back. "D" Coy has now relieved "B" Coy, pl posns being the same. Change-over was completed without incident. "A" Coy have been under heavy MG fire for the past twenty minutes, believed to come from 36704192. This posn was engaged by 3" mortar and MMG and was very effective. Weather throughout the day was fair and cool, some snow during the night.	JAB.
	26	0710	A large enemy patrol, strength 15 to 20 men, attacked "C" Coy outpost 36114087. They were wearing white camouflage suits and were not noticed until they were very close in on the posn. One of the enemy a Cpl reached the door of the building and was shot dead there. In the fire fight that resulted the outpost was forced to withdraw back to the Coy area. Array and MMG fire was then laid down on the outpost posn. It is certain that some of the enemy other than the Cpl must have been killed or wounded. A fighting patrol from "A" Coy reached a point on the dyke 367419. They attacked two enemy slit trenches killing two enemy in one by hand grenades and the occupants of the other made their escape. At the same time patrol observed ten or twelve enemy approaching in their direction from left. A fire fight resulted and it is quite certa several other casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Patrol made its way back to the coy area without suffering a single casualty.  "C" Coy outpost at 36114087 was re-established without difficulty. One enemy dead was found at the post.  Personnel of last nights fighting patrol from "A" Coy proceeded to BAGNAGAVALLO for a day of recreation.  Bde Comd paid a short visit to this HQ.	in July

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BAGNACAVALLO	26	1745	One of our snipers working in "D" Coy area scored a kill at 368421. It has just been learned that F5187 Pte Minard A K has been awarded the Military Medal Pte Minard is one of the Regimental Signallers and has been awarded this medal for gallantry in the Savio River action, in the latter part of October 1944.	. GAE
		2025 2230	"D" Coy at this time are being heavily mortared, one bomb hitting the house and causin a fire in the upper story. The fire was extinguished and there was no casualties. Our own 3" mortars put down fire on a suspected enemy mortar posn across the river. "D" Coy is still being heavily mortared, suffering one casualty. An enemy MG firing from 36474170 is causing trouble with "A" Coy wiring parry MMG and mortar fire have been brought down and appears to be very effective. Weather this date firexxxxx warm, with rain.	50.5
	27	0050 0240 0320 0630 0800 0840 1205 1425 1550 1800	Contact patrol to friends on left from "C" Coy has returned - NTR.  One of the pioneers has been wounded by ememy mortar fire while working in "A" Coy are: An enemy working party was observed at 364414 by &A" Coy. MMG harassing fire is being brought down in that area for the rext half hour.  Due to the brightness of the moon "A" Coy's wiring party had to discontinue their work.  Pioneer offr has been working in "A" Coy area while supervising mining and wiring. An ambush patrol from "D" Coy has returned, having seen no enemy all night.  "G" Coy fighting patrol had to be postponed for 24 hrs due to the fact that the brightness of the moon made it impossible to move about without being seen.  "B" Coy proceeded to BAGNACAVALLO on a recreational trip and will return at 1700 hrs this evening.  Own at reraft very active against enemy occupied buildings on far side of the river. The Acting Bde Comd Lt col H P Bell-Irving paid a short visit to this HQ.  "A" Coy killed one enemy in trench on dyke out in front of their posns. Shortly afterwards four other enemy were observed to come over the dyke and carry him away.  "D" Coys outpost has been under a heavy barrage of hand grenades from the other side of the dyke. They are returning the compliments thickened up by 2" mortar bombs.  This HQ has been informed that Lt H D MacHattie, pioneer offr, who was wounded last night while on a working party with "A". Coy, has died as a result of his wounds.	LAR

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BAGNACAVALLO	27	2050	A fighting patrol from "C" Coy went out through the outpost at 361409. They observed several enemy at 360409 whom they engaged. Enemy moved off quickly in direction of the river and the patrol came under very heavy MG fire, withdrawing back to Coy Area.	(sale)
			A second patrol went out from "C" Coy but were unable to get further than 50 yds from the outpost when they were fired on by heavy MG fire. All attempts to move fwd brought down MG fire and patrol had to return. Weather this date cloudy and cold, sky overcast until late evening, becoming quite clear throughout the night.	
	28	1005 1200 1440 1815 2015 2055 2150 2205 2240	A working party from "D" Coy had to suspend work due to heavy enemy MG fire. Contact patrols to friends on left during the night had nothing to report. "D" Coy observed an enemy periscope down to the left right of their right fwd pl on the dyke. During the past few days periscopes have been seen very ofter at various places and times of the day along the Bn front. The acting Bde Comd arrived at this HQ for a short visit. Throughout the morning both "C" and "D" Coys were subjected to light enemy mortar and shell fire. A recce patrol from "D" Coy went along river bank to a trench at 37264250. By using a periscope they could observe the river. They could see two ropes across the river one above the other, apparently used as a substitute for a bridge. An active enemy MG at 36444157 observed by "A" Coy has been successfully engaged by MG fire. A recce patrol from "D" Coy to ruins at 369421 found no enemy in area. There were no signs that area had been occupied recently. A recce patrol from "A" Coy reached a point within 35 yards of CASA GUERRA 36384150. They found no mines or wire but could hear enemy movement in the house. Patrol was fired on by rifle grenades on the way back. A working party from "D" Coy suspended their work due to enemy MG fire in the area. "C" Coy contact patrol to friends on the left have returned - NTR. A second recce patrol from "A" Coy went out in the same area as the prévious one. They had little success, being engaged by enemy MG as they approached the bank.	Las

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BAGNACAVALLO	30	0120 0324 0915 1030 1445 1505 1530 2000	A wiring party from "D" Coy found it impossible to carry work due to enemy MG fire from dyke.  "B" Coy was contacted by a patrol from our friends on our le ft who told them an enemy patrol earlier in the EXEXEM evening came in on one of their posns and was beaten off. Own aircraft bombed and straffed toweron other side of river 362424. The bombing was was not successful and the tower still stands.  The Bde Comd, Brig J P E Berhatchez DSO OBE paid a visit to this HQ.  Own aircraft again took on tower at 362423 but with no success.  An enemy rifleman is making things very unpleasant for anyone moving around in "D" Coy area. His suspected posn has been engaged by 3" mortar fire.  A dog was shot at "D" Coy at 37184240. This makes the second dog killed in as many days.  Just before last light a party of enemy came over the dyke and attempted to dig in 50 yds to the left of "D" Coy's XXIXXX right fwd pl. They were immediately engaged by this pl and beat a hasty retreat back over the dyke. It is undertain whether or not casualties were inflicted.  A recce patrol from "A" Coy reached a posn 36384150, 30 ydg from CASA GUERRA.  They stayed in this posn for one hour, and heard no movement or sounds from the houre itself. There was no wire or mines in the area. They then moved to within 30 yds of the dyke where they stayed for a helf hour. They could hear talking and movement from the bank to the left of the building. On the way back the patrol came under enemy mortar fire, suffering no casualties.  Weather this date fine and cool.	
	31	0905 1230 1430	Both contact patrols to friends on left during the night had nothing to report.  12 to 14 enemy were observed behind dyke at 371422. They were engaged with 2" mortar by "D" Coy and disappeared from view.  Own planes bombed and straffed enemy posms on other side of the river.  Bde Comd, Brig J P E Bernatchez DSO OBE paid a short visit to this HQ.  A fighting patrol 1 & 6 from "D" Coy reached a point 37114234. Here they engaged slit trenches with hand grenades and TSMG. Enemy retaliated with hand grenades and flares went up. Patrol returned hawing suffered no casualties.  Weather today fine and clear.	Fab