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UTRECHT MR224903, Sheet 376 Holland, 1/25,000	1	0430 0800 0900  1800 2000		1 Officer and 34 Other Ranks proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom 4 Other Ranks proceeded to join the Canadian Occupational Forces RC and CofE Church Parades were held, Dress, Battle Dress, beret, web belt and anklets. Following these parades a march past was held. General Foster taking the salute.  All Bn Commanders were invited to Bde Hq after the march past for a chat. Show at the K of C, "Blondie On A Budget" Show at the KofC "Double Indemnity" Weather today, Cloudy with scattered showers.	
	2	0800 1800 2000		Training as per syllabus. 1 Other Rank proceeded to join the Canadian Occupational Forces. Show at the K of C "Keys Of The Kingdom". Show at the K of C "Girl In Overalls". Weather today, Cloudy with scattered showers.	Appx 5 
	3	1300  1800 2000		Training as per syllabus 1 Officer and 22 Other Ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to Amsterdam. This afternoon the Officers of the Bn played volleyball to pick a team to play the During the day Major Diamond, Cameron High'rs Of Ottawa, who formerly served with the Special Service Force paid a visit to the A/CO, Major WV Mair. Show at the K of C "Double Indemnity". Show at the K of C "Double Indemnity" Weather today, Cloudy and cool with scattered showers.	Appx 5  men 
	4	0930  1200 1800 1800		Training as per syllabus. The 2IC major HM Eisenhauer and Capt JR Reid proceeded to area BUSSUM MR-Z2311, sheet 361, Holland, 1/25,000 to recce accomodation for the Bn. It is expected this Bn will move in the very near future. A Bn picnic was held at the ZUIDER ZEE, MUIDERBERG, MR Z2117, Sheet 361, Holland, 1/25,000. Approximately 300 all ranks attended. The A/CO and 2IC attended an "At Home" at 1st Field Regt HQ, RCHA. Show at the K of C "Blondie On A Budget" Weather today, Fine and warm.	Appx 5 

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		1000		2 educational films were shown in the K of C Cinema, Travelogue, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.	
		1000		Recce party proceeded to the new area, Bussum MR Z2311, Sheet 361, Holland, 1/25,000.	
		1030		Major HM Eisenhauer and Major CF Whynacht (MBE) proceeded to BUSSUM area for further recce of Bn accomodations. Move expected between the 7th and 10th July.	
		1800		Show at the K of C "The Thin Man Goes Home"	
		1830		All Majors of this Bn attended a dinner at the AMBASSADOR Hotel, THE HAGUE	
		2000		Show at the K of C "The Thin Man Goes Home"	
				Weather, fine and warm.	
	6		Training as per syllabus		Appx 5
		0500		11 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to BRUSSELS.	
		0645		6 other ranks left this morning to attend a Christian Citizenship Course (RC) at OOTMARSUM, MR V-4324, Sheet K53, Germany, 1/250,000.	
		0800		2 other ranks proceeded on repatriation draft.	
		1100		2 other ranks arrived as reinforcements and were allotted to Cos.	
		1300		14 other ranks proceeded on short leave to AMSTERDAM.	
		1300		1 NCO and 5 other ranks proceeded to UTRECHT on a tour of the underground communications.	
				Lieut HN Lash, of this Unit, now employed as Bde LO will be in charge of the Bde Party.	
		1300		3 other <del>rank</del> ranks proceeded to join the Canadian Occupational Forces.	
		1345		The 2IC and all Coy Commanders proceeded to area BUSSUM, MR Z2311 to recce billets for the Bn for the move on July ?.	
		1800		Show at the K of C "Keys Of The Kingdom"	
		2000		Show at the K of C "Keys Of The Kingdom".	
				Weather today, cloudy and cool with scattered showers in the afternoon.	
	7		Training as per syllabus		Appx 5
		0800		1 other rank proceeded on Repatriation Draft	
		0900		a number of Officers and NCOs proceeded to HQ, 1st Canadian Infantry Div, where they were interviewed by the Div IO having volunteered for a course in Intelligence and to serve with the Far East Forces in that capacity.	

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UTRECHT, MR-224903 Sheet 376, Holland, 1/25,000	7	1000 1115		Major WW Mair attended a conference at 3 CIB HQ. A/CO, Major WW Mair held a Conference attended by Coy Commanders, Adjt, MO, Padre, IO and RSM. Points discussed were (i) Move to BUSSUM Area will not take place until 13th July. (ii) Starting school with limited education at which they will be taught on a standard of grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. (iii) The establishing of a Unit Leave Centre in THE HAGUE. (iv) Possible educational convoy to GERMANY for period of 3 to 5 days under Unit arrangement. (v) Committee consisting of Capt DR Bews, Capt CH Smith and Lieut MH Marchessault was nominated to arrange 2 dances for other ranks of this Bn in UTRECHT.	
		1430		Bde Field and Track sports will be held this Afternoon. This Bn took second place in the meet. Major WE Garber proceeded to SCHEVENINGEN MR638954, Sheet 372, Holland, 1/25,000 to see about establishing a Bn Leave Centre there.	
		1800 2000		Show at the K of C "IN Society" Show at the K of C "In Society" Weather, cloudy in the morning turning clear and warm in the afternoon.	
	8	0800 1000		1 other rank proceeded on Repatriation Draft C of E Church Parade was held in 3 Bde Theatre, West NSR Lines and communion was held immediately following.	
		1000		Mass was celebrated for RCs at the Church Of St.Aloysius, on the corner of REMBRANDETKADE and ADRIAN VAN OSTADELAAN, UTRECHT.	
		1800 2000		Show at the K of C "The Thin Man Goes Home". Show at the K of C "The Keys Of The Kingdom" Weather today, Fine and warm.	
23 9		0930 1400		Training as per syllabus IO and Padre proceeded to 1st Canadian Army HQ, APPELDOORN to get information on educational and recreational trips to Germany. Recce party proceeded from HQ Coy to new area BUSSUM to see about billets for the Coy also Officers Mess etc.	Appx 5

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UTRECHT, MR 224903 Sheet 361 Holland, 1/25,000	9	1800 2000	It has just been learned that WO2 RQMS CW Seaboyer a former member of this Unit, now Canadian Occupational Forces has been awarded the MBE. Show at the K of C "Girl In Overalls" Show at the K of C "Girl In Overalls" Weather today, fine and warm.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	10	0430 0800 0900 1800 2000	Training as per syllabus 18 other ranks proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom. 22 other ranks proceeded on repatriation draft. Advance Party of 1 Officer and 31 other ranks proceeded to new area BUSSUM. Show at the K of C "The Thin Man Goes Home." Show at the K of C "The Thin Man Goes Home". Weather today, fine and warm.	Appx 5 <i>[Signature]</i>
	11	0430 0800 0930 1800 1800 2000	Training as per Syllabus 1 Officer and 15 other ranks proceeded on leave to the United Kingdom. 1 other rank proceeded on repatriation draft. Lieut FA Embree, Lieut WJ Lake proceeded on a recce of Staging Areas and Route for recreational trips to Germany. 3 other ranks proceeded to join the Canadian Occupational Forces. Show at the K of C "Blondie On A Budget" Show at the K of C "Blondie On A Budget" Weather today, fine and warm.	Appx 5 <i>[Signature]</i>
	12	0900 1800 2000	Training as per syllabus H/Capt LF Wilmot (MC) proceeded to join the Canadian Pacific Forces. Padre Wilmot has been with this Unit since Feb 1944. Show at the K of C "In Society" Show at the K of C "In Society" Weather, fine and warm.	Appx 5 <i>[Signature]</i>

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UTRECHT, MR 224903, Sheet 376, Holland, 1/25, 000	13	0900	Training as per syllabus 5 Officers and 2 other ranks proceeded on a tour of North West GERMANY and Northern Holland.		Appx 5
		1800	The CO and 2 other officers of the Sask Light Inf were guests of Major W.W. Mair this evening. Major Mair was a member of the Sask Light Inf previous to the Special Service force and the West NSR.		
		1800	Show at the K of C "Thin Man Goes Home"		
		2000	Show at the K of C "Thin Man Goes Home" Weather today, fine and warm.		
	14		Training as per syllabus.		Appx 5
		1230	1 Officer and 16 other ranks proceeded to AMSTERDAM to attend "Meet The Navy"		
		1330	15 other ranks proceeded to Bn Leave Centre SCHEVENINGEN MR638954, Sheet 372, Holland, 1/25,000. It is the intention that the same number will proceed daily to this rest centre. The Centre is under Unit arrangement with Lieut HN Lash in charge.		
		1330	6 other ranks proceeded on a short leave to AMSTERDAM.		
		1330	The K of C Supervisor Mr AH Chivers and 3 other ranks proceeded on 60 hour leave to PARIS.		
		1800	Show at the K of C "Girls In Overalls"		
		2000	Show at the K of C "Girl In Overalls" Weather today, fine and very warm.		
	15	0800	3 other ranks proceeded to join the Canadian Pacific Forces.		
		1000	R& Church parade at ST. ALOYSIUS Church, UTRECHT.		
		1000	K of C Church parade held in the Bde Cinema. Service was conducted by the CYR Padre.		
		1300	14 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to HAGUE HOUSE, Scheweningen.		
		1800	Show at the K of C "Cinderella Jones"		
		2000	Show at the K of C "Cinderella Jones" Weather, fine and warm.		
	16		Trg as per syllabus		Appx 5
		0800	3 other ranks proceeded to join the Canadian Pacific Forces.		

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UTRECHT LR 224903 Sheet 361 Holland 1/25,000	16	0900		A/CO Major WW Hair held a conference attended by 2IC, Coy Comds, Adj't, TO, IO and SCM. Points discussed were : Move which is to take place on the morning of 18th July, Cross Posting which begins on the same date, Tours to GERMANY permission having been granted but tours have been cancelled until after the move has been completed, and the programme for the next few days will be cleaning of billets and getting the stores ready for the move. Major CF Whynacht (IEB) has taken over duties as 2IC of this Bn. Major HM Eisenhauer has proceeded on leave.	
		1300		15 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to "HAGUE HOUSE".	
		1330		1 officer and 18 other ranks arrived as reinforcements and were allotted to Cos.	
		1800		Show at the K of C "Cinderella Jones"	
		2000		Show at the K of C "Cinderella Jones" Weather today, fine and warm.	
	17			Training as per syllabus 6 officers and 50 other ranks proceeded to join the Canadian Pacific Forces.	Appx 5
		0830		Movement Order received on move to BUSSUM AREA.	Appx 1
		1100		15 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to "HAGUE HOUSE"	
		1300		1 officer and 13 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to AMSTERDAM.	
		1400		Weather today, fine and warm.	
BUSSUM MR23621165 Sheet 361 Holland, 1/25,000	18	0800		32 other ranks proceeded to 13 BN (50 Points)	
		0900		60 other ranks left this Unit on Cross Posting to Units in the Div from their own Military District.	
		0930		Bn convoy moved off as per movement Order. Move was completed without incident and Bn HQ established at 23621165, Sherwood Rifle Cos MR23701173 and Support Coy 24311095, Sheet 361, BUSSUM, Holland, 1/25,000.	Appx 1
		1400		A Dutch Civilian visited the A/CO Major WW Hair and invited the Officers of the Unit to have tea at his home any or every afternoon.	
		1800		Major WE Garber returned from NIJMEGEN to obtain qualifications of the men of this Unit who proceeded on last Canadian Army Pacific Draft re Campaign Ribbons.	

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XX BUSSUM MR 23621165 Sheet 361 Holland 1/25.000	18			During the day 1 officer and 88 other ranks arrived at this HQ cross posted from other Units in the Division.	
		1900		Show in the Mess Hall "The Park Of The Whistler" Weather, fine and warm.	
	19			Training as per syllabus 1 other rank proceeded to join the Canadian Pacific Forces	Appx 5
		0800		A/C0, Major WW Hair proceeded on a visit to the "HAGUE HOUSE", Scheveningen and found everything in good order.	
		0930		This HQ informed that Lieut MH Marchessault is to proceed to the Intelligence Service of the Canadian Pacific Forces.	
		1800		10 other ranks arrived as reinforcements and were allotted to Cos.	
				The Officers of this Bn beat the Sask Light Inf Volleyball team this evening by taking two straight games. Return games are expected.	
		1900		Show in the Mess Hall "The Park Of The Whistler" Weather, Fine and warm.	
	20			Training as per syllabus	Appx 5
		0800		2 Officers and 1 other rank proceeded to join the Canadian Pacific Forces.	
		0900		1 other rank proceeded by air on compassionate leave to the United Kingdom.	
		0900		3 Officers and 69 other ranks proceeded on a tour of the RUHR Valley and North Western Germany.	
		1300		Capt CH Smith has taken over duties as the Unit Educational Officer.	
		1300		12 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to AMSTERDAM.	
		1800		15 other Ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to "HAGUE HOUSE".	
				A number of personnel from the Unit proceeded to HILVERSUM to attend a softball game between 30th Light AA and 1st Div Arty. The 30th Light AA have played 87 straight wins this season.	
		1900		Show in the Mess Hall "Bullfighters" Weather today, fine and warm.	
	21			Training as per syllabus	Appx 5
		0800		28 other ranks proceeded to join the Canadian Pacific Forces.	

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BUSSUM IR 23621165 Sheet 361 Holland 1/25,000	21	0930		A/CO Major WW Mair held a meeting of all Officers at BN HQ! Points discussed were : General problems, sports, cleanliness of billets and the VD situation which has taken and upward sweep this week.	
		1300		15 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to the "HAGUE HOUSE".	
		1600		3 other ranks arrived as reinforcements and were allotted to coys.	
		1730		A number of personnel from this Unit proceeded to attend "Meet The Navy" at AMSTERDAM.	
		1900		Show in the mess hall "Bullfighters" Weather today, fine and warm.	
	22	0930		RC Church parade was held at the church in BUSSUM. MR 243115, Sheet 361.	
		1000		Cof E Church parade was held in the church near Bn Hq.	
		1300		15 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to the "HAGUE HOUSE".	
		1600		6 other ranks arrived as reinforcements and were allotted to Coys.	
		1900		Show in the mess hall "Woman In The Dark". Weather today, Cloudy and cool.	
	23			Training as per syllabus. 5 officers proceeded to Canada as SPOs.	Appx 5 
		0900		1 Other Rank proceeded on Repatriation Draft.	
		1000		Bde Major, Major Lambert visited the Unit and looked over the sports facilities.	
		1300		15 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to the "HAGUE HOUSE".	
		1400		Preliminary football practice was held.	
		1600		9 other ranks arrived as reinforcements and were allotted to coys.	
		1730		A number of personnel from the Unit proceeded to AMSTERDAM to attend the "Meet The Navy" show.	
		1800		Officers of the Sask Light Inf beat the Officers of this Bn 3 to 1 in volleyball. finals scheduled for Friday night..	
		1900		Show in the mess hall "Woman In The Dark". Weather today, fine and warm.	
	24			Training as per syllabus	Appx 5 
		0900		1 other rank proceeded on draft to CANADA.	

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BUSSUM MR 23611165 Sheet 361 Holland 1/25,000	24	1100		A/CO, Major WW Mair held a conference at Bn HQ attended by all Coy Comds and RSM. Points discussed were cleanliness of billets, educational programme and also whether or not the "HAGUE HOUSE" would continue to operate. Tours to GERMANY were also discussed.  1300 25 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to the "Hague House" 1300 13 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to AMSTERDAM. 1530 2 other ranks arrived as reinforcements and were allotted to coys. 1900 Show in the mess hall "Lets Go Steady" Weather today, fine and warm.	
	25	1000		Training as per syllabus  The Bde Major, Major Lambert, paid a visit to this Hq to check the programme for Lieut General GG Simonds, <del>MBE, DSO</del> CB,CBE,DSO (Commander Of the Canadian Troops In Holland)visit in the near future.  Lieut MH Marchessault is now acting as Unit IO.  1300 15 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to the "HAGUE HOUSE". This will be the last leave party to the leave centre which, during it's operation has provided a pleasant source of recreation and rest for other ranks of the unit. 1900 Show at the mess hall "Lets Go Steady" Weather, fine and warm.	Appx 5
	26	1030		Training as per syllabus  A/CO, Major WW Mair attended a conference at 3 Bde HQ Points of discussion were: Promotions, Visit of Lieut General GG Simonds, CB,CBE,DSO.,also discussed were minor disciplinary questions.	Appx 5
		1245		A/CO Major WW Mair held a conference at the Officers Mess attended by all Coy Comds. Points of discussion were the Bde conference and matters relating to tours of GERMANY.	
		1500		The Officers of this Bn held a garden party at the officers mess. The guests were the civilian families with whom the officers are billeted also the Burgomaster and a few of the Towns leading citizens. In the evening a dance was held at the home of the doctor with whom the CO is living.	

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BUSSUM MR 23621165 Sheet 361 Holland 1/25,000	26	1500 1900	6 other ranks arrived as reinforcements and were allotted to coys Show in the mess hall "Life Of Woodrow Wilson" Weather today, fine and warm with light showers in the late evening.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	27	0800 0900 1100 1300 1400 1500 1900	Training as per syllabus 4 other ranks proceeded on repatriation draft 1 other rank arrived as a reinforcement. The Rde Major, Major Lambert visited this Hq for the purpose of a recce of the route from the sports field to this HQ for the visit next week of Lieut General GG Simonds, CB,CBE,DSO. 13 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to AMSTENDAM. Major CF Whynacht (LBE) visits the Head of the Local Labor to make arrangements regarding 50 men whom the Bn will send to the Amsterdam Area for farm labor. Mr Boss, Canadian War Correspondent paid a visit to the CO and obtained the story of the battles in which this Regt took part in Holland also a summary of the Sicilian and Italian battles. Show in the mess hall "Life Of Woodrow Wilson" Weather, cloudy and cool with scattered showers.	Appx 5 <i>[Signature]</i>
	28	0800 0900 1000 1040 1400 1900	Training as per syllabus 32 other ranks proceeded on repatriation draft. 4 Officers and 59 other ranks proceeded on a tour of north West GERMANY. The Adjt,Capt AJW Dyer attended an A&Q Conference at 3 Bde Hq. This was followed at 1030 hours by Rehabilitation, Repatriation and Demobilization conference where plans were discussed concerning movement of 1st Canadian Division to Canada and the work which had to be done, also various other problems. CO will meet Lt-Col JA Nesbitt, Bde Comd at the sports field where plans will be discussed for the visit of Lieut General GG Simonds,CB,CBE,DSO. Lieut Col JA Nesbitt, A/Bde Comd paid a visit to this Hq. Show at the mess hall "Cinderella Jones" Weather today, cloudy with scattered showers.	Appx 5 <i>[Signature]</i>

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BUSSUM MR 23621155 Sheet 361 Holland 1/25,000	29	0800		1 other rank proceeded on repatriation draft	
		0800		2 other ranks proceeded to Canada (Tri-wound scheme)	
		0930		RC church parade held at the local church, BUSSUM.	
		0930		C of E Church Parade held at the local church, BUSSUM.	
		1000		A/CO, Major W.W. Hair begins a week of local leave in this area and Major H.H. Eisenhauer the 2IC, takes over command of the Unit.	
		1400		A former member of the Unit, Major J.H. Rhodes paid a visit to this HQ. <sup>(DSO)</sup>	
		1500		A number of Officers of this Bn participated with Civilians in a tennis tournament at the Tennis courts, Bussum.	
		1600		Show in the mess hall "Cinderella Jones"	
				Weather today, fine and cool.	
	30			Training as per syllabus	Appx 5
		0930		1 Officer and 40 other ranks proceeded to Amsterdam Area for farm labor.	
		0930		1 officer and 6 other ranks proceeded on a sailing trip to HUIZEN, MR 2914, Sh 361.	
		1000		A/CO, Major H.H. Eisenhauer attended a conference at 3 Bde HQ to tie in final details for the visit of Lieut General GG Simonds, CB, CBE, DSO on 2nd Aug.	
		1130		A/CO, Major H.H. Eisenhauer held a conference at Bn HQ, attended by all Coy Comds, Adj't, MO, Sports Officer and RSM. At which plans were completed for the visit of Lieut General GG Simonds, CB, CBE, DSO.	
		1300		Lieut N.V.K. Wylie returned <del>to</del> the Unit from Bde HQ where he has been employed as LO.	
		1400		Major Mallard former member of this Unit paid a visit to the officers mess from NIJLEGGEN where he is enroute to Canada.	
		1900		Show at the Mess Hall "Enter Arsen Lupin"	
		1900		The officers field hockey team held a trial game with a civilian team.	
		2100		Stag party was held at the Officers mess in honor of Capt G.N. Budreski who is being married on wednesday, 2 Aug 45.	
				Weather today, cloudy and cool with scattered showers.	
	31			Training as per syllabus	Appx 5
		0900		1 officer and 2 other ranks proceeded on Canadian Pacific Forces Draft.	

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BUSSUM IR 23621165 Sheet 361 Holland 1/25,000	31	0900 0930 1000 1300 1900		<p>2 other ranks posted to 13 Bn. 40 other ranks proceeded to Amsterdam Area for farm labor. 4 other ranks arrived at this Hq (Cross posting Scheme) 13 other ranks proceeded on 72 hour leave to Amsterdam! Show at the mess hall "Enter Arsen Lupon" Weather today, cloudy and cool with scattered showers.</p> <p><u>Summary of activities for the month ending 31st July 1945 :</u></p> <p>The month of July was spent half at UTRECHT and half at BUSSUM. In the former area the Bn was centralized in barracks with parade ground and weapons; In the later area there was no parade square or convenient parade ground and rifles were all turned in, so that the standard of drill and discipline was very hard to maintain. More attention was given to sports and hardening training, and as many men as possible were employed usefully to prevent boredom. The educational classes were increased to include about 75 persons on morning classes daily, and within the Bde West NSR made the most determined effort to provide farm labor assistance so that 50 men were employed in this manner. Very successful and interesting four day tours to GERMANY for about 50 personnel were conducted. All the above activities plus the number of men required for Regimental fatigues kept the entire Bn occupied during the day. Morale suffered somewhat by the general feeling of disappointment in the delays in promised dates of repatriation. On the other hand, the very cordial welcome and friendliness of the civilian population of BUSSUM, very many of whom spoke English, tended to keep morale from "slipping". The large number of men cross-posted to the Regiment and the number of officers lost to CAPF, COF, and SPO, brought together a large number of officers and men unknown to each other and in this respect the sports field served a dual purpose in being a place where everyone "got together". General health remained good, though frequent moving from one town to another with consequent "chance" acquaintances tends to keep the VD rate high, in spite of constant anti-VD training.</p>	 