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6 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
PATROL REPORT NIGHT. 1/2 DEC.

SECRET

PATROL NO. 50

R H C

RECCE

Time Out:- 1745 hrs

Time In:- 2100 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 men. We left the OP as soon as it was really dark about 1745 hrs. On approaching Calg Highrs posn at 756521 we set off a trip flare which called down bren fire from the Calg Highrs. After reporting in we moved wouth east to corner of line of trees and moved down a track to WEST of line of trees to (757518) house which we reached sooner than we expected. We were challenged with a word which sounded like "vas est das" which he repeated about five times. We were not able to see him at all but we think he was about 15 to 25X from us. We doubled back along line of trees which has many slit trenches and dugouts which were unoccupied. When we thought we could move out into the fd and turned WEST into a re-entrant which runs back towards corner of wood and moved down WEST side of re-entrant to within 100X from line of trees and hedges running SW when we heard fence wire squeak. We stopped and went to ground, we listened and heard nothing more. We started forward again and after about 10 paces noise was heard again so we lay flat on the ground in a dried up potato patch. Four Germans passed on our right about 30 or 40X away. They no sooner got behind us when they started to dig in in the bottom of the re-entrant. So we lay there for a good fifteen minutes. While there heard a man cough at fence where the four Germans had come over into potato fd. We crawled out to within about 20X to line of trees which runs SE to house. Here the same word which we had been challenged with earlier was repeated from general direction of house. After it was said about three times we got up and ran to line of trees and ran about half way up line of trees when we moved out to west to clear the slits, dugouts and fallen trees which made the going difficult in the dark and then back and contacted Calg Highrs. We were going to go well to the right to the woods but we heard considerable firing and sounds of grenades so we decided that it would not be worthwhile trying that. The slit trench which was started in the potatoe patch behind us would be approx 756517.

- NOTES:- 1. While observing during the day we saw what appears to be a large gun position from the fresh earth. No gun was seen. Locn approx 762513.
2. During day we also observed freshly dug trenches running (a) from edge of wood at 756509 to glider at 756511 and (b) from rd south of "Y" at 759514 to 761515 (glider).

PATROL NO. 500

R H C

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Str 1 NCO 2 Men. Contacted Calg Highrs at 2359 and 0400 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 501

R H C

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted R de Mais at 0017 and 0415 hrs. NTR. Str 3 ORs.

PATROL NO. 502

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1700 hrs

Time In:- 0600 hrs

Patrol est at 751518. No incidents during the night whatsoever. Contacted at 1800, 2200, 0100 and 0400 hrs. by R H L I.

PATROL NO. 51 R DE MAIS RECCE

Time Out:- 0100 hrs

Time In:- 0600 hrs

Str 1 Offr 4 ORs. Went to HORST 772543. One German killed two days ago in slit trench. Otherwise very quiet. No identification possible want as far as house 37 (774543) stopped by MG at 775543.

PATROL NO. 52 R DE MAIS RECCE

Time Out:- 1800 hrs

Time In:- 2400 hrs

Str 1 offr 2 ORs. Went to house 100 (773552) and to corner of 4d 774553. There after a while they observed two Germans relieving themselves on MG post at 775553 in rly embankment. MG post spotted in front house 101 (776554) Patrol was stopped by MG fire when trying to approach house.

PATROL NO. 503 R DE MAIS CONTACT

Time Out:- 1800 hrs

Time In:- 0600 hrs

Str 1 NCO 3 ORs. Contact made with HLI at 1800 hrs and every 2 hrs to 0600 hrs.

PATROL NO. 504 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 0600 hrs

Str 1 NCO 6 ORs. At 1800 hrs MG fire from 775554. Schmeizzer firing 8 times during night from small wood 770553. 4 white and 5 red flares at 0300 hrs (767561). Otherwise NTR.

PATROL NO. 53 CALG HIGHRS RECCE

Time Out:- 2145 hrs

Time In:- 2345 hrs

Str. 1 offr 2 ORs. Patrol crossed rd and along hedge at 763527. Got behind house just NORTH of house 57 (763527). Did not see anyone but heard talking. Layed up to watch and listen. Saw a flicker of light from house 57 (763527) and Schmeizzer fired from house 56 (763527) also noise of stumbling in house 56 (763527). One shot fired at patrol from 762528 as they returned.

PATROL NO. 54 CALG HIGHRS RECCE

Time Out:- 1745 hrs

Time In:- 2210 hrs

Str 1 Offr 2 ORs. Contacted fwd pl and asked for covering fire if enemy opened up. Followed small ditch and reached hedge 10 yds WEST of house 80 (766529). Heard voices of two men, believed to be a listening post. Enemy fired at our lines at random. Own pl returned fire and enemy stopped. Patrol circled house until houses 79 & 80 (765530) could be seen clearly. Heard many voices, mov and noise of mess tins in house 79 (765530). House believed to be hy occupied. Tried to circle house 79 when enemy schmeizzer opened fire from 766531. Layed still and heard a veh come to either house 76 or 77 (765530). Also heard digging and mov of carrying party in crawl trench running from 766529 to 762528. Listened for a short time and returned without trouble.

NOTE:- Observation during day - Glider at 7625296 has been moved and a 2" mortar position is in its place.

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Patrol

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5 CDN INF BDE PATROL PROGRAMME

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To embarkment running NE SW from 758513 to 764517 and on to S/JANSPERG sq 7651. To check suspected pit at 763514

To contact Calc Highrs at BHQ 753538

To contact R de Mals at BHQ 756550

To be est at X rds 751518. RHLLI will make contact at 1900-2200-0100-0400 hrs

Along rd running EAST from HORST op from a firm base to be est in HORST 772543. To locate enemy and if time permits to reform as a fighting patrol at base and engage enemy

To work NORTH of rly in sqs 7755 & 7855 op from a firm base around house 100 gen area 772553

To contact HLI at junc pt to be arranged mutually

To be est at rd junc 765553

To houses 54-55-56-57 gen area X rds 763527

To houses 77-78-79-80 gen area rd 765530

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NOTES: PASSWORD "WINTER CLOTHING"
Reports by phone at 0730 hrs; in writing by 0800 hrs
Bn 10s to report to Bde HQ at 0930 hrs

DIST: List "D"

5 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADESECRETPATROL REPORT NIGHT 2/3 DECPATROL NO. 500R H CCONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted Calg Highrs 2350 and 0400 hrs.

PATROL NO. 501R H CCONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted R de Mais at 0030 and 0415 hrs.

PATROL NO. 502R H CSTANDINGTime Out:- 1630 hrsTime In:- 0500 hrs

Str 5 men and 1 Cpl. Contacted by RHLLI at 1900 2200 0100 0400 hrs. Flares went up once about 1000^x to the left otherwise a very quiet night.

PATROL NO. 50R H CRECCETime Out:- 1800 hrsTime In:- 0230 hrs

Str 1 Offr 4 ORs. We left R de Mais posn at about 1830 hrs and went SOUTH to gun posns then EAST along path to within 50^x of house 8 (768597) so circled wide to left across very soft ploughed field, our feet sinking to depth of 6 or 8 inches. We contacted track by haystack EAST of two gliders. We followed track to bend EAST of house 8 (768537) and lay in the ditch there to watch. After waiting 20 or 30 mins, three of patrol went on to houses 4 and 5 (771535) leaving two to watch house 8 (768537). When hedge around houses 4 and 5 was reached a single rifle shot was fired from behind house 5 (761535) and the left of it. This was followed shortly by two bursts of MG fire from the opposite side. All shots were very wide though we did hear the bullets strike the trees in the yard after waiting about an hour the remainder of patrol was brought up. The remainder of time until patrol returned at 0230 was completely uneventful. Some chopping was heard well to right.

PATROL NO. 503R DE MAISCONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contact was made at given times. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504R DE MAISSTANDINGTime Out:- 1800 hrsTime In:- 0615 hrs

Str 1 NCO 9 ORs. Were in posn at 1815 hrs. They observed strange light at 764567 and MG fire from 130° approx 1200^x at 2000 hrs heard some noise by believed German patrol at 145° approx 800^x. 35 prs shells exploded at 105° approx 500^x followed by wild shouting. MG posn believe to be static at 76585538. Otherwise NTR.

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PATROL NO. 51

R DE MAIS

RECCE

Time Out:- 2030 hrs

Time In:- 2215 hrs

Str 1 Offr 2 ORs. They started from 769553 went along NORTH side of rd and observed a light in house at 772552. One man started to cross the rd to investigate and was fired at by sniper in same house. They proceeded until they saw some light and as it lit MG fire swept the rd from house 59 at 777552. They also found house 100 (774553) and open fd gen area 774554 occupied by German patrols. The enemy was occupying these posns before our patrol started out.

PATROL NO. 52A

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 2330 hrs

Time In:- 0100 hrs

Str 1 Offr 3 men. Left posn 763527, encountered sniper fire about 100 yds in front of posn. After one hour waiting returned home due to too much moonlight.

PATROL NO. 52B

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 1800 hrs

Time In:- 2030 hrs

Str 1 offr 3 men. Left Coy HQ, proceeded to 8 pl from there a verrey light flare and sniper fire from house 80 an LMG was firing from a posn across the rd from the house. Before being fired on from house 80 (766531) heard several men walking around house. We then returned home uneventful.

PATROL NO. 506

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 1740 hrs

Time In:- 2245 hrs

Str 1 Offr 8 ORs. Left coy HQ passed Xrds 766535 and continued NE down the rd for 50X when fired on by a Schmeizler from house 91 (769536). Came off rd into fd and came over to house ruins at 768533, investigated and found no enemy. Continued to white house 30 yds SW, again investigate and found no enemy. Continued eastward until reaching school house at 770533, investigated and found no enemy. None of the a/m houses are habitable. Returned to rd and saw enemy fire from house 92 (770535). Continued on rd to house 86 (771533) and heard two enemy leaving LMG post at corner of hedge in house 87 (772533), thinking they were approaching and hoping to take FW, we allowed them to proceed, but later found out they were going away. Investigated house 86 (771533) and found it unoccupied and uninhabitable, and we took up posn around the house, to watch and listen in the area. Heard and saw LMG fire from house 84 (768531). After one hour waiting, returned toward home investigating on the way house and orchard at 769534 and found unoccupied but well equipped but a good def. We then returned home unmolested.

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5 Cdn Inf Bn. Patrol Programme

Night 2/3 Dec 44

Patrol No.	Unit	Type	Timing	Task	Route
✓ 500	R H C	C	2400-0400	To contact Cals Highrs at Bn HQ 755542	CO's Discretion.
✓ 501	R H C	C	0300-0430	To contact R De Kals at Bn HQ 755550	CO's Discretion
502	R H C	S	Last Light First Light	To be est at X rds 751513. HULI will make contact at 1900-2200 0100-0400 hrs.	CO's Discretion.
✓ 50	R H C	R	Darkness	To houses 4-5 at 771535 to see if occupied.	CO's Discretion.
503	R De M	C	1300-2000 2200-2400-0200 0400-0500	To contact H.L.I. at junc pt to be arranged mutually	
504	R De M	S	Last Light First Light	To be est at rd junc 765553	CO's Discretion.
505	Rde M	S	Last Light First Light	To be est EAST side of HORST to limit of house 37 at 774543	CO's Discretion.
51	R De M	R	Darkness	To houses 101-102 at 775554 op from a firm base around house 100 gen area 772553.	CO's Discretion.
52	Cals Highrs	R & R	Darkness	Watching of recon patrol in gen area of X rds 755527 and rd 755530 at discretion of C.O. and Coy Comd. concerned. Details to follow	CO's Discretion.

Notes: Password "Mickey Mouse"
Reports by phone at 0700hrs: in writing by 0300 hrs
Bn I.O's to report to Bn HQ at 0900 hrs

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6 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

S E C R E T

PATROL REPORT NIGHT 3/4 DEC

PATROL NO. 500 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted Calg Highrs at 0010 and 0345 hrs. NTR. Str 3 men.

PATROL NO. 501 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Str 1 NCO 2 Men. Contacted R de Mais at 0028 and 0400 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 502 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 0530 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 Men. Est at Xrds 751518 but no contact by RHLI. NTR.

PATROL NO. 50 R H C RECCE-FIGHTING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 0030 hrs

Str 1 Offr 1 NCO 7 ORs. We left the R de Mais about 1730 hrs and arrived at houses 4 and 5 (771535) without incident and waited along hedge running back from houses. AAbout 1930 hrs three missiles exploded against south side of house 4. These may have been German rifle grenades. MG fire also struck the building. We did not investigate as another patrol was working in the area from which shots came. A recce patrol of 1 NCO and two men left house 4 about 2100 hrs and went to houses 93 and 94 (773534) and House 6 (774536) but no enemy was found but a man's voice was heard east of house 6 perhaps 25 to 50^x but it is hard to judge accurately. From house 6 the ground sloped gently to the EAST toward a gp of houses. From behind these houses flares were being set off. The recce party returned about 2230 hrs. Another party of 2 men was sent out from 4 and 5 along trail running to east past house 6 to investigate house 9 (773537). They reported no enemy activity there though they only approached to within 100^x. There were many flares during the night E EAST of house 6 (774536).

PATROL NO. 503 R DE MAIS LIAISON

Time Out:- 1800-2000-2200-2400-0200-0400-0600 hrs.

Liaison was made with HLI at a/m times. Otherwise NTR.

PATROL NO. 504 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 0615 hrs

In posn at 765558 at 1745 hrs following observations. 1815 Flares in HLI area. 1935 6 white flares MR 766563. 1950 2 strange lights 90^o mag. 2100 4 gun flashes 145^o mag. 2230 NBW 146^o mag distance 600^x. 2455 Automatic pistol 772568. 0150 Automatic pistol 769565. 0220 3 gun flashes 146^o mag. 0355 NBW 65^o mag.

P.T.O.

PATROL NO. 51

R de MAIS

FIGHTING

Time Out:- 1745 hrs

Time In:- 0630 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 13 ORs. Est firm base in houses 34 and 35 MR 774543 Recce elements working from there along main rd reached houses 37 & 39 777544 were fired upon by Schmeizzer from 778546. Organized small fighting gps to engage them. Upon reaching the posn they didn't find any trace of the enemy. While on main rd at 777544 they were fired on by MG from 777541. As our fighting gp was coming twds this MG posn they were still fired upon. They tried to outflank the enemy but found no suitable approach. They finally went to house 40 778544 from where they observed great activity around church 783545. They came back on account of first light.

PATROL NO. 52

R DE MAIS

FIGHTING

Time Out:- 0400 hrs

Time In:- 0620 hrs

Str 2 Offrs 18 ORs. Patrol proceeded from Coy posn along NORTH bank of rly to Houses 96-97-98-99-100 771552. Recce elements kept on going along rly up to 400 yds beyond Rly and rd junc (772552). They lay there for a while and observing no enemy activity they returned leaving a lying patrol at house 771551 to stay there today and occupy house 100 at last light tonight.

PATROL NO. 53

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 1930 hrs

Str 2 Offrs 15 ORs. Left coy Hq and passed Xrds 766535. They travelled SE along the rd to a fd at 771533, turned right to a pt about 20X from rd and continued along parallel with the rd to house 86 (771533). One offr and seven men set up a firm base around the house and the other offr and eight men worked out from here to their objective house 92 (770535). By pre-arranged plan the patrol which was acting as a base, was to fire on house 87 (772533) and surrounding area with sten and grenades. The recce patrol went back along the rd and headed into the fds to a posn 770534, where they fired three PIAT bombs into the bldgs. There was no return fire direct but one LMG opened up from house 84 (768532), and one very light flare from vicinity of 83 & 84 (768532). We checked 92 and found no enemy. The firm base checked house 87 (772533) and found no enemy. Both sections returned uneventful.

PATROL NO. 54

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Cancelled by CO due to op to take place at first lt today.

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DISTRIBUTION - LIST "D"

3 Cdn Inf Bde Patrol Programme

3/4 Dec 44

Patrol No.	Unit	Type	Timing	Task	Notes
500	R H C	C	2400-0400	To contact Cals Highrs at Bn Hq 755542	CO's Discretion
501	R H C	C	0630-0430	To contact R De Lala at Bn Hq 755550	C O's Discretion
502	R H C	S	Last Light First Light	To be est at X rd 751515. RULI will make contact at 1900-2200 0100-0400 hrs.	CO's Discretion
50	R H C	F	Darkness	To houses 4-5 at 771533 to ambush ENEMY. or if necessary proceed further to contact	CO's Discretion
503	R De M	C	1500-2000-2200 2400-0200-0400 0600	To contact H L I at June pt to be arranged mutually.	CO's Discretion
504	R De M	S	Last Light First Light	To be est at rd June 755553	CO's Discretion
51	R De M	F	Darkness	Along rd running EAST from HCRST of from a firm base in HCRST.	CO's Discretion
52	R De M	F	Darkness	NORTH of RLY. of from a firm base around Orchard 771553.	CO's Discretion
53	Cals Highrs	R	Darkness	To houses 21-22 near area 755553 operating from firm base houses Gen area 755534	CO's Discretion
54	Cals Highrs	R	Darkness	To houses 73 & 80 at 755530	CO's Discretion

NOTES: Password "WILCO DITTO"

Reports by phone at 0730 hrs: in writing by 0800 hrs

Bn IOs to report to Bde HQ at 0930 hrs

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5 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

S E C R E T

PATROL REPORT NIGHT 4/5 DEC

PATROL NO. 500 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Str 3 ORs. Contacted Calg Highrs at 2359 hrs and 0405 hrs.

PATROL NO. 501 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time Out:-

Contacted R de Mais at 0030 and 0410 hrs. Str 3 ORs.

PATROL NO. 502 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:- 1700 hrs

Time In:- 0300 hrs

Str 1 NCO and 5 men. Two men killed and 1 wounded 25x short of establishing post at Xrds 751518. Beleived German Patrol. 3 men came back with the wounded man and 1 NCO and 5 men were sent back to the Xrds but could only get to withing 50x of it and came under fire from just beyond it. After several attempts returned at 0300.

PATROL NO. 50 R H C RECCE

Time Out:- 1600 hrs

Time In:- 2100 hrs

From windmill OP 756544 to Calg A Coy HQ left Calg HQ at 1830 for R de Mais A Coy HQ at 768539 arrived there at 1840 hrs, which was our starting point. From there we went ESE past house 7 (768538) until we came to the first rd that turned off to the right. We took that rd until we came to the rd that house 8 (768537) is on and turned left on it for about a hundred yds and then cut off the rd and headed for the centre of houses 4 and 5 (771536). Recced the houses and then went to house 93 (771535) recced it then went to house 94 (772536). Recced the house. From there we headed for house 6 (774536) and passed within 75 yds of it and then headed for the small canal. When we got to a point 775533 on the rd which is about 100 yds or so from Cana we heard a noise like someone moving about in the bushes which runs from the rd to canal on our right. The noise sounded as if it came from about halfway down the bushes about 50x away. So we decided to return and just as we got about 50 yds back from the rd a flare went up from a posn 776534 we hit ground and when the flare went out we started back once more recceing the houses on our way back and got back to the starting pt at 2000 hrs and reported to R de Mais. We returned to the Calg HQ and reported at 2010 and got back at the billets at 2100 hrs.

Special Points:- We heard dogs barking at a distance about 0200 hrs fr own line of adv when we were at house 94 (774534).
House either 87 or 86 (770533) burning.

PATROL NO. 503 R DE MAIS CONTACT

Time Out:- 1800 hrs

Time In:- 0600 hrs

Contact made. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504

R DE MAIS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1700 hrs

Time In:- 0600 hrs

Str 1 NCO 5 ORs. Est at 765558. At 1935 MG firing in front of 770 mag. at 2050 Schmeizzer in wood 771553. at 2130 White flare at 1500 mag. At 2255 8 flares from 950 mag. At 0300 Schmeizzer active at 771553. At 0400 Red flares at 1040 800 yds. At 0430 hrs Schmeizzer at 771553.

PATROL NO. 51

R DE MAIS

FIGHTING

Time Out:- 1745 hrs

Time In:- 0230 hrs

Str 1 offr 12 ORs. Small party stayed all day at houses around 771552. At 1745 hrs they established themselves in house 100 (772553) until they were relieved by an other patrol to ambush any enemy patrol. They proceeded with Recon elements fwd. They went along track and checked house 101 and 102 (774553). They encountered some mines all connected with trip wire around 779555 so they went North through the fds. As they heard SA fire on their left they went back towards our line going through house 111-110-109 (776558). They did not find anybody. They waited there 15 min to spot this SA fire but they did not hear it anymore. They went South and came back along rly without having contacted the enemy.

PATROL NO. 52

R DE MAIS

RECCE

Time Out:- 2000 hrs

Time In:- 0500 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 men. They left firm base house 34-35 (773543) at 2000 hrs. They went East through the fds about 200 yds from rd. On their way they observed house 38 (775544) which was empty. They proceeded as far as 777546 where they were fired upon by MG coming from row of trees 778548. Then they were closer to rd and in house 42 (779548) they layed up for about half hour and are quite sure that house 43 (780544) is occupied as movement was seen around it. They also heard noises around church 782544. They came back along rd where they did not observe any enemy activity.

PATROL NO. EXTRA

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 2010 hrs

Str 1 NCO 5 ORs. Patrol moved to house 91 & 92 (767536) and found them unoccupied. Then moved South towards ruins in area 769534. LMG fire directed towards our own lines from area of house 87 (770533). Fire was returned from our own def posn. Patrol leader returned to own lines warning our men not to fire, then went out again moving EAST through area of ruins. Reached a pt South of haystack approx 769533 when they saw 1 German at approx 268533, patrol fired and enemy ran back joining two of his comrades and all 3 ran towards house 87 (770533). Patrol proceeded to house 86 (769533) and found it clear. Then the moon came up and they returned.

PATROL NO. EXTRA

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 1910 hrs

Str 1 offr 5 ORs. Patrol proceeded straight to house 84 (767532) could hear nothing also couldn't get in because doors and windows were barricaded. They then returned to wait until early morning. They left again at 0500 hrs and returned at 0620 hrs. They went to houses 76 and 77 (770533). Heard men in rear of house 77. After hearing them they returned to house 84 (762532). They fired their PIAT bombs and threw grenades into the house and then entered house and found no enemy. We were fired on from house 73 (767537) by a Schmeizzer. They then returned.

PATROL NO. 54 CALG HIGHERS RECCE

Time Out:- 1815 hrs

Time In:- 2045 hrs

Str 1 Offr 2 ORs. Patrol went through right flank platoon travelling EAST and reached a point south of house 1 approx 758519. Heard noise at house 5 (762520) and layed still. Heard some men carrying stuff across our front towards house 5 (762520). Waited until enemy passed and then moved about 250 yds towards right of house 5. Stopped and listened, no sounds heard decided to get back moon came up. No trouble returning, but still heard activity in houses 1 ~~XXX~~ (758519) and 5 (762520).

PATROL NO. 53 CALG HIGHERS RECCE

Time Out:- 2240 hrs

Time In:- 2355 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 men. They proceeded along the EAST side of Church along a hedge down to the rd. Patrol remained on side of rd for a few minutes listening to the enemy, they heard mov in house 56 (763527) of Germans walking on the rubble. At this pt schmeizzer fire came from the bldgs directed at the church. The patrol heard enemy handling pieces of wood in house 55 (763527) also a low hammering sound, possibly reinforcing their posn. In rear of house 55 (763527), an enemy firing rifle grenades was observed. One figure was observed moving from house 56 to house 55. At 2220 the patrol moved forward on the East side of house 53 (764526) and were fired upon from house 52 (764526) by a schmeizzer. They then crawled forward to house 51, (764526) where they were fired on from house 49 (764526). In that area they saw several Germans repairing their posns. Cover for mov at this time became very difficult, and the patrol was unable to move fwd. It was necessary for the patrol to return by the same route, and they were fired on from house 49 and 51 (764526).

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5 CAN INF BDE PATROL PROGRAM

NIGHT 4/5 Dec 44

Patrol No.	Unit	Type	Timing	Task	Route
500	R H C	C	2400-0400	To contact Cals Hights at BnHQ 753542	COs discretion
501	R H C	C	0040-0430	To contact R de Mais at BnHQ 753550.	COs discretion
502	R H C	C	1930-2230 0130-0430	To contact RHLI at BnHQ 742516	COs discretion
503	R H C	R	Darkness	To track & ditches running NE-SW in sq 7753 operating from firm base in houses 93 and 94 at 773534. To get info of def and enemy posns.	COs discretion
503	R de Mais	C	1800-2000-2200 2400-0200-0400 0600	To contact RHLI at junc pt to be arranged mutually	COs discretion
504	R de Mais	S	Last Light first light	To be est at rd junc 765558	COs discretion
51	R de Mais	F	Darkness	N of rly operating from a firm base around orchard 771553. Recoce elts to keep pushing fwd to contact	COs discretion
52	R de Mais	R	Darkness	To church and X rds at 761544 operating from firm base E side of HORSE and moving off the road. To leave a small party to lie up during day 5th in houses 34, 35 at 773543.	COs discretion
53	Cals Hights	R	Darkness	To gen area houses 55, 56 at 765527 to ascertain results of this morning's op and find out where enemy is now located.	COs discretion
54	Cals Hights	R	Darkness	Along GRANEGESCHE STREET sq 7651 as far as possible.	COs discretion

NOTES: Password: CROCKED CROSS

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D. CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

S E C R E T

PATROL REPORT NIGHT 5/6 DEC

PATROL NO. 500 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:- 2400 - 0400 hrs

Contacted at times stated. NTR.

PATROL NO. 501 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:- 0030 - 0430 hrs

Contacted at times stated. NTR.

PATROL NO. 503 R DE MAIS CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Str 1 NCO 2 ORs. Contact made at times given. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504 R DE MAIS STANDING

TIME Out:- 1815 hrs

Time In:- 0630 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 10 ORs. In posn by 1830 hrs quiet until 2045. The enemy shelled them heavily then and at 2105 they were attacked by an enemy patrol of approx 20 men two of our men missing are believed to have been taken prisoners. Quiet for rest of the night except for flares seen all night all around sector. Our patrol saw the enemy approaching but they thought they were HLI tps as they had been advised that HLI was making a show on our left and the first thing they knew they were surrounded by the enemy.

PATROL NO. 50 R DE MAIS FIGHTING

Time Out:- 2030 hrs

Time In:- 2400 hrs

Str 1 Offr 13 ORs. They left firm base HORST to proceed to Church 782542. They were fired on by schmeizzer coming from 775541 and mg fire from 780543. MG fire also came from 778548 and enemy seemed to be in str and scattered all around in slit trenches. Patrol then fired a few scattered shots where enemy seemed to be and had to come back as opposition was too strong.

PATROL NO. 51 R DE MAIS FIGHTING

Time Out:- 2220 hrs

Time In:- 0245 hrs

Str 1 Offr 20 ORs and 10 laying up patrol. Left coy lines to pick up laying patrol. They met the enemy in great strength at 783554, they seemed to be digging dugouts. They observed for 15 mins and saw two enemy coming towards them and approx 25 yds in front of them the enemy disappeared in what seemed to be a comm trench. The patrol then threw 11 grenades 36 and 1 smoke in group of houses 103-104-105-106 at 783553 and also fired 2" mortar bombs and FIATS and believed to have wounded or killed at least 10 Germans. The enemy fired back at them with 20 mm they they decided to withdraw covering themselves with MGs. As they reached 777556 they noticed they were followed by the Germans so they kept on firing MGs. Fire from "C" Coy and standing patrol supported them and they reached their lines without casualties there is one dead German in house 102 at 777554.

P.T.O.

PATROL NO. 51A R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- 2100 hrs 4 Dec

Time In:- 2100 hrs 5 Dec

Str 1 Sgt 9 ORs. Very quiet all night - very hy shelled by mocs during day at 1120. Observed 1 blue flare at 772548 and noise of what seemed to be 1 German patrol and 1 Cdn Patrol at approx 052000 hrs. SA 1 fire being exchanged a few shouts and everything quieted down after initial outburst. They were picked up by fighting patrol with which they proceeded to 783554 to engage the enemy.

PATROL NO. 52 R DE MAIS RECCE

Time Out:- 2100 hrs

Time In:- 0145 hrs

Str 1 Offr 3 ORs. Went through our left fwd pl C Coy and crawled up to orchard at 771553 where they saw 2 dead Germans. As they went further along rd they were fired at by MGs and schmeizzers coming from approx 781553 where enemy seems to be in great strength. They found house 59 (776551) clear of enemy and group of houses 61-62-63 at 780552 occupied a small force of enemy probably a standing patrol. They came back along the same route.

PATROL NO. 53 CALG HIGHRS STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 0800 hrs

Went to houses 91 and 92 (768536) and remained all night. No activity seen or heard.

PATROL NO. 54 CALG HIGHRS RECCE

Time Out:- 1740 hrs

Time In:- 2210 hrs

Str 1 Offr 2 ORs. Left house 83 (764532) and followed the fence and ditch to a posn ~~XX~~ approx 767531. From here they could hear men walling between houses 79 and 80 (765529) and also the moving of wire around house 70 (765529). They could also hear movement in and around house 84 (767527). They then crawled forward to a posn approx 768531, and heard two men move from house 79 (765529) to house 84 (767527) and then one amn returned to house 79 (765529). One very light flare was fired from 77 or 79 (766528). They then returned uneventful.

PATROL NO. EXTRA CALG HIGHRS STANDING

Time Out:- 1625 hrs

Time In:- 2100 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 ORs. They crossed the rd in front of their posn to a house at 764531. They took up a posn in left corner of house, with the intent of taking a PW or killing one. At approx 2030 hrs, one German came up to Garage in rear of house and then around to a door in the house. He had it half open when he turned and began to run away. They fired but do not know whether they wounded him. He ran along a hedge to a house at 762529.

PATROL NO. EXTRA R H O STANDING

Time Out:- 1900 - 2200 - 0100 - 0100 hrs

Contact at time stated. NTR.

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500M INF. ON. R. 1000L P. 1000L

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Patrol No	Unit	Type	Timing	Remarks
500	R H C	C	2400-0400	To contact Calg Hights at BHHQ 755542 C00 discretion
501	R H C	C	0030-0430	To contact R de Mais at BHHQ 755543 C00 discretion
502	R de Mais	C	1800-2000-2200 2400-0200-0400 0300	To contact R de Mais at BHHQ 755544 C00 discretion
503	R de Mais	S	Last light First light	To be est at rd junc 765538 C00 discretion
504	R de Mais	Y	Darkness	To church and R rds at 761544 C00 discretion
505	R de Mais	F	Darkness	operating from firm base 761545 C00 discretion
506	R de Mais	R	Darkness	side of HORST presently est by lay up. C00 discretion
507	R de Mais	S	Darkness	N of rly operating from a firm base around orchard 771553 presently est by lay up. C00 discretion
508	R de Mais	R	Darkness	Along KRAMENBURGSCH to R rds at 783543 operating from firm base around orchard 771553 presently est by lay up. C00 discretion
509	Calg Hights	S	Darkness	To be est /house 92 at 765536 C00 discretion
510	Calg Hights	R	Darkness	To be est /house 92 and 97 at 770533 and 97 of there. C00 discretion

500M INF. ON. R. 1000L P. 1000L

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5 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADESECRETPATROL REPORT NIGHT 6/7 DECPATROL NO. 500 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Str 3 ORs. Contacted Cal Highrs at 0359 hrs and 0355 hrs.

PATROL NO. 501 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Str 3 ORs. Contacted R de Mais at 0030 and 0405 hrs.

PATROL NO. 502 R H C STANDINGTime Out:- 1715 hrsTime In:- 0530 hrs

Str 3 NCOs and 6 Men. Established at 751518 and contacted by 2 men from RHLI at 1930, 2230, 0130, and 0430 hrs.

PATROL NO. 503 R DE MAIS LIAISON

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Liaison made with HLI at 1800-2000-2200-2400-0200-0400-0600 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504 R DE MAIS STANDINGTime Out:- 1800 hrsTime In:- 0600 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 12 ORs. In posn at 1815 hrs at 765558. Following observations:- 1830 NBW 1708 fired 25 rds in A Coy Sector. 1855 2 Gun flashes 1700. 2020 Schmeizzer fired from approx 771557. 2155 2 lights from 124th 500 yds. 2355 Schmeizzer fire bursts from 1200 800 yds. 0335 Rifle shots from 3 Div sector. 0420 6 gun flashes 1700. Flares observed all night in frontal sector.

PATROL NO. 505 R DE MAIS STANDINGTime Out:- 1200 hrsTime In:- 0615 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 16 ORs. In posn by 1815 hrs at house 100 at 772552. Reports a very quiet night except for occasional flares in sector on this front.

PATROL NO. 506 R DE MAIS STANDINGTime Out:- 1815 hrsTime In:- Lying Up

Str. 1 Sgt 16 ORs. We left our Coy lines to take up posn in HORST but found enemy already occupying house 34-35 774543. We engaged them with small arms and 2" mortars. The enemy withdrew after a short fight and by 1930 hrs we occupied houses 34-35 for the night. Patrol is lying up there for the day after spending a very peaceful night.

P.T.O

PATROL NO. 50

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 2010 hrs

Str 2 NCOs 6 men. They left for house 91 (767536) but were fired on from the house before reaching it. they returned and got four more men and 1 PIAT, 1 x 2" mortar and the remainder of the men equipped with stens. They then approached house 91 in (767536) in extended line and went through it with no trouble. They approached house 92 (768535) the same way and one hun ran from the house. They checked the house and found no enemy. They then returned to house 91 (767536) and set it afire.

PATROL NO. 51

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 1740 hrs

Time In:- 2050 hrs

Str 1 Offr L NCO 2 ORs. Left Coy HQ and proceeded past xlds to a point 20 yds this side of a small orchard (769534). Skirted possible enemy posn by going left of rd by approx 20 yds, travelled parallel to rd to a pt approx (761534). Investigated mound of earth which apparently served as a shelter, but showed no signs of recent habitation. They were fired on from house 93 (771534) by a schmeizzer. While listening heard enemy in ruins of 87 (770533), no more than 2. Proceeded parallel to the rd and investigated a weapon slit at approx 762534 which had been recently occupied. While investigating they were fired on from a posn 763534 by a MG and a schmeizzer from either 93 or 94 (773534) fired also. From this posn they tried to cross the rd but found the rd was thoroughly taped by LMG from house 90 (773533). They withdrew to a posn at 761534, the sec leader sent out the rest of his patrol back 50 yds and he threw a 36 grenade & 77 into house 87. This brought no fire from the blde.

PATROL NO. 52

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 2130 hrs

Time In:- 2255 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 men. We attempted to cross rd and move direct to house 56 (764527) but they were fired on. Went further right and crossed the rd to house 55 (764527). We could hear men talking in the basement of house 57 (764527). They crawled along to 53 (764526) and heard noise in the house. We then proceeded to house 50 (764526) and we were standing on the corner when the hun sent up a flare. We saw two enemy standing towards the left corner of the house who also saw us. We opened fire and believe we hit at least one. At the same time a schmeizzer from house 51/opened up on us. We then returned.
(764526)

PATROL NO.

EXTRA

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 2050 hrs

Time In:- 2200 hrs

Str 1 Offr 5 men. They left pl posn and went twds house 84 (767532). They fired two PIAT bombs into the house before entering and then found no enemy. They continued to a posn between 77 (767528) and 76 and heard noises between 77 (767528) and out building. They heard digging in area of house 76 (767528). They then returned to house 84 (767532) and tried to burn it down but were NOT successful. We then fired at houses 79, 77, 76 with the Bren, but drew no fire.

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DISTRIBUTION - List "D"

Encl No.	Unit	Type	Time	Message	Route
500	R H C	C	2400-2400	To contact Calg Nights at BHH 755542	COs discretion
501	R H C	C	0050-0450	To contact R de Mais at BHH 755550	COs discretion
502	R H C	S	Darkness	To be est at 751513 . RHLI will make contact at 1900-2200-0100- 0400 hrs.	COs discretion
503	R de Mais	C	1700-2000-2400 2400-0200-0400- 0600	To contact H L I at June pt to be arranged mutually.	COs discretion
504	R de Mais	S	Darkness	To be est in NE corner of sq 7555 at discretion of coy comd.	COs discretion
505	R de Mais	S	Darkness	To be est E side of orchard at 772553 to ambush enemy patrols if possible.	COs discretion
506	R de Mais	S	Darkness	To be est E side of HCRST to ambush enemy patrols if possible.	COs discretion
50	Calg Nights	S	Darkness	To be est around house 28 at 755536	COs discretion
51	Calg Nights	R	Darkness	To area houses 26 and 37 at 770552 and H of there.	COs discretion
52	Calg Nights	R	Darkness	Along PHILLIPS HIGHWAY from X 25 753557 to determine results of a 12 gun shot this morning.	COs discretion

NOTES: Password "LAFUCE SALAD"

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CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

PATROL REPORT NIGHT 7/8 DEC

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PATROL NO. 500 R F C CONTACT

Time Out:- Time In:-

Contact made with Calg Highrs at 2400-00 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 501 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:- Time In:-

Contact made with R de Mais at 0030 - 0430 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 502 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- Last Lt Time In:- First Lt

Contact made by RHLI at 2230-0130-0430 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 503 R DE MAIS CONTACT

Time Out:- 1800 hrs TIME IN:- 0600 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 ORs. Contact was made at regular times. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- 1800 hrs Time In:- 0600 hrs

Str 1 NCO 6 ORs. Hy shelling around coy sector. Flares observed on left, nothing on our front.

PATROL NO. 505 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- 1745 hrs Time In:- 0615 hrs

Str 1 NCO 7 ORs. Hy shelling around 0005 to 0045 hrs in area, quiet during rest of night.

PATROL NO. 506 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs Time In:- 0620 hrs

Str 1 NCO 6 ORs. Very hy shelling from 0005 to 0040 hrs. At 0400 hrs enemy patrol of 10 men intercepted - 3 believed killed found only one body could not go around to find other bodies as enemy still around. Identification papers collected.

PATROL NO. 507 CALG HIGHRS STANDING

Time Out:- Last Lt Time In:- 0700 hrs

Took up posn at house 92 gen area 768536. NTR.

PATROL NO. 50 CALG HIGHRS STANDING

Time Out:- Last Lt Time In:- 0630 hrs

Took up posn around house 84 gen area 766530. NTR.

APPROX NO. 100 CAS REPORTS RECENT

Time Out: 300 hrs

Time In: 0015 hrs

10. 1 0115 hrs. Couldn't cross street and waited. Couldn't move due to enemy fire. Came back.

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S CDM INF BDE PATROL PROGRAM

NIGHT 7/3 Dec 44

Patrol No.	Unit	Type	Timings	Task	Route
500	R H C	C	2400-0400	To contact Calg Heights at BnH, 755342	COs discretion
501	R H C	C	0030-0400	To contact R de Bois at BnH, 755500	COs discretion
502	R H C	S	Dawnness	To be out at 751513. RULLI will make contact at 1900-2330-0130 0430 hrs. No contacts during time of RAC op.	COs discretion
503	R de Mais	C	1900-2000-2400- 2400-0200-0400 0300	To contact R L I at June pt to be arranged mutually.	COs discretion
504	R de Mais	S	Darkness	To be out in NE corner of sq 7655 at discretion of coy comd	COs discretion
505	R de Mais	S	Darkness	To be out E side of orchard at 772550 to ambush enemy patrols if possible.	COs discretion
506	R de Mais	S	Darkness	To be out E side of HCRST to ambush enemy patrols if possible.	COs discretion
507	Calg Heights	S	Darkness	To be out around house 92 area 755336. No ambush enemy patrols	COs discretion
508	Calg Heights	R	Dawnness	To be out 04, 75, 76, 77, 79, 80 area 755300	COs discretion
509	Calg Heights	R	Darkness	ALONG BREWSTER ST. RAC 755307.	COs discretion

PASSWORD "SILVER DOLLAR"

(J.M. Delmure) Major
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SUMMARY OF PATROLLING ON RIGHT SECTOR

For period up to night 10/11 Dec 1944

SOURCE: 6 Bde and 4 Bde Patrol Reports

NOTE

The main enemy def line is believed to run from the end of the WICHESLAID FOREST in sq 7550, WEST along line of woods to sq 7550, thence SE along main rd to GENNEP sq 7746 with the house in WIDDELAAR sq 7448 being held as a strong enemy left flank outpost. In the wooded area in sqs 7550 - 7550 the enemy outposts are crowded over fwd FDLs all along the front. In sqs 7450 - 7449 he has occupied no further fwd than the dyke rd, thus allowing us more freedom of mov on our extreme right flank but due to the nature of the ground and the flooding, mov here is restricted. The area in sqs 7449 - 7448 - 7549 - 7548 - 7648 is dominated by Hun outpost pos as linked to his main def line along the rd. His posns in the woods on his right flank, sqs 7550 - 7550 - are firmly est. being well dug in and well sr by both obstacles, mines and SA fire. As mov in this area is dictated by the paths and trails in use the enemy has taken every possible opportunity to mine and booby trap these only routes, as well as covering them with LMG fire on fixed lines thus hampering our patrolling to a very great extent. On his left sector the control of our patrols is effected by enfilade fire across the more open ground.

The enemy has not been aggressive in this area, only occasionally receding fwd into our lines with night patrols principally using River as his line of adv. He does occupy the "dyke rd" in sqs 7450 - 7449 nightly with standing patrols and has an unpleasant habit of constantly switching his most fwd outpost posns from house to house each night, thus preventing our patrols from infiltrating deeply if working on infm acquired on a previous night.

CON: IPS

The number of patrols employed nightly on this front is considerably less than the number possible on the left sector due to a narrower front, the nature of the ground, the flooding and the limitations imposed by the enemy as mentioned above. Patrols to date have been largely confined to a couple of reces and possibly a fighting patrol each night as well as the usual contact patrols. The reces patrols have never been fwd to any depth being confined mainly to work in sqs 7450 - 7449 & 7448. The fighting and standing patrols have op mostly in the woods in sq 7550 and in the houses around KATERBOOSCH sq 7349 and MIDDELAAR sq 7448. The only area in which patrols have really had any success is in the unwooded part of sq 7551, where we have been inflicted, FW taken and good infm obtained of the enemy's def.

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PATROL REPORT NIGHT 15/16 Dec

PATROL NO. 500

R H C

STANDING & RECCE

Time Out:- 2230 hrs

Time In:- 0300 hrs

Str 1 Offr 10 mne (2 of whom did recce). Reoute out 733502 past coy HQ to fork in rd. Thence SE thru fd and parallel to left hand fork to N corner of small dyke 739498. Sounds indicated houses at Xrds 741495 were occupied. Patrol established firm base at corner of ridge and dyke at 741497. Recce went due SOUTH as far as slope at bottom of dyke. Enemy were in slits on front of dyke and recce prevented from proceeding further to top of dyke.

OBSERVATIONS

1. Along dyke facing B & C coys fire was observed coming from 6 MGs on dyke. Directly in front of A coy 1 MG was at least 30X on our side of dyke. Seemed to have good cross fire with "hot spot" directly in front of A coy.
2. Large calibre gun was fired several times at an est bearing of 400 mag from fire base and appeared to be just behind the dyke. No indication of where rds landed tho probably firing indirect. Quite a large gun crew heard arguing.
3. Enemy were in 2 small houses or shacks not marked on map at 740496 and rd from there to dyke seemed well travelled.
4. An enemy HD veh moved SW behind dyke to MR 741496. Something was being unloaded for about 15 mins. Part of the time sounds suggested it might be lumber. Cart moved back the way it had come 45 mins later.
5. An enemy gun was firing from est 743497 2 gps of 4 rds quite far apart. 4 rds were fired in 15 secs. Rds were HE and landed somewhere in A Coy area or behind. Time of flight would indicate A/tk or small fd gun possibly 75 mm.
6. Enemy are occupying slits on fwd slope of dyke quite close together.
7. Definite movement in house MR 739496 but no idea of numbers or purpose.
8. Motor veh was heard to start up well to rear of dyke. Unable to determine direction of mov.

PATROL NO. 501

R H C

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contact made with Calg Highrs at 1830-2030-2230-0200-0500 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 502

R DE MAIS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 0700 hrs.

Str 1 NCO 10 ORs. We went through the Calg Highrs lines to get to Xrds 751517. We were in posn by 1800 hrs. We heard a lot of SA fire all night around 754518 but nothing was in our direction, it was on our left. We stood quiet all night and we did not fire anything.

P.T.O.

PATROL NO. 503 CALG HIGHERS CONTACT

Time Out:- Time In:-

Contact made with R H C at 1830-2030-2230-0200-0500 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504 CALG HIGHERS CONTACT

Time Out:- Time In:-

Contact made with R de Mais Standing Patrol at 2030-2330-0230-0430 hrs. NTR.

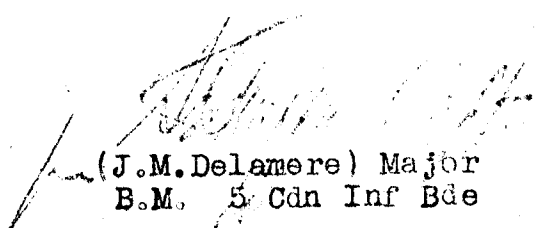
PATROL NO. Extra R H C RECCE

Time Out:- 2300 hrs Time In:- 2335 hrs

Object:- Recce of enemy posns on dykes and in front of A Coy posn at RIETHORST 744503. Str. 1 Offr 2 ORs.

Leaving 8 pl posn at 74355035 we proceeded along a path for about 50 yds. Then we turned SE and proceeded for about 25-30 yds to a copse of trees along the dyke. A trip flare went up and "all hell" broke loose. Grenades MGs etc. Very flares (4) were sent up and more MG fire. The MG fire came from 3 posns - one in the centre of the copse one 25 or 30 yds to the left of the copse and one on the right hand corner of the copse. We laid "doggo" for about 10 minutes and could hear the Jerries talking. One in particular had a shrill voice. We then left and returned to coy HQ. The copse referred to is NOT shown on the 1/25000 sheet but is a row of trees along the dyke. The approx map ref is 744503.

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DISTRIBUTION - List "D"

10/10/10 10:00 AM

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Unit	Type	Remarks	Comments
R H C	S	Darkness	To be est in bldgs 732497 to prevent enemy infiltration
R H C	C	1830-2030-2030 0200-0500	Contact to be made at June pt on track 743507 with Calg Highrs
R de Maiz	S	Darkness	To be est at 751517 and to be contacted by S9Rs at following times 1830-2030-2030-0445
Calg Highrs	C	1830-2030-2030 0200-0500	Contact to be made at June pt on track 743507 with R H C
Calg Highrs	C		To contact R de Maiz 751517 at 1730-2030-2030-0430

1. PASSWORD "TROUBLE SHOOTER"
Water level report and trace of flooded areas to be submitted by R H C daily by 1700hrs.
Reports to be phoned in at 0730 hrs ; in writing by 0800 hrs.
Bn IOs to report to Bde HQ at 0930 hrs.

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5 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
PATROL REPORT NIGHT 16/17 DEC

S E C R E T

PATROL NO. 500

R H C

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted Calg Highrs at 1900-2200-0100-0400 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 501

R H C

STANDING & RECCE

Time Out:- 1720 hrs

Time In:- 2130 hrs

Patrol left at 1720 hrs with intention of going to house at 73794950 and forming firm base then for recce. Jerry established in house 73794950 and in house across the rd. Patrol drew back to hedgerow 25 yds and sent recce to skirt the orchard in the rear. Recce ran into 2 Jerries patrolling orchard and MG firing coming from dyke area 739495 and going between house 73824947 at T rd 73904942. Our front was about 50 yds due to water on the right and rd on the left, having no more room to manoeuvre I withdrew the patrol and reported into Coy HQ at 1830 hrs. Moved out again 1800 hrs proceeded up rd 735498 and stopped on apex of triangle 73904965 mov of small enemy patrols on the two rds about 25 yds ahead. Moved off the rd at that pt and continued parallel to the dyke for about 200 yds and then started towards the dyke across open fms. Came within 25 yds of a hedge 742498 and ran into a Jerry post. Could hear one coughing and one patrolling. Intended sending Recce patrol fwd when searchlights came on and forced us to retire from our uncovered position. Heard wagon moving along the other side of the dyke. Reported in at Coy HQ at 2130 hrs.

PATROL NO. 50

R H C

RECCE

Time Out:- 0445 hrs

Time In:- 0710 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 men. Patrol started out at 0445 hrs going up rd 735498 Left the rd and circled to the left coming back on the rd at 73904965. Enemy patrol heard on rd 73984852. Enemy in shell of house 83884972, in house across the rd also. Patrol drew back from the houses down the rd and circled house 73984952 moving fwd along edge of small dyke 739498. Stopped about 40 yds short of dyke 742497 because of enemy in slit on this side of dyke. Four flares were shot up at intervals on our rt and left (the patrol was not the cause of flares) from dyke. Enemy heard talking near MR 742497. MG on our left directed towards A Coy area. Route back used rd 735498 and arrived at Coy HQ at 0710 hrs.

PATROL NO. 51

R H C

RECCE

Time Out:- 1830 hrs

Time In:- 1935 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 ORs. From house 74355035 SSE parallel and to left of track to track and dyke junc. Thence SSW parallel to dyke to ditch and dyke junc 743501. Patrol moved out as per route above without incident reaching dyke about 1845 hrs then moving SSW at about 10 ft from dyke. No posns could be seen. One horse-drawn veh could be heard moving approx area 747503. Ditch at 743502 crossed and ditch 743501 reached when enemy MG 42 fired burst from area corner of wood at 74305005. Patrol remained stationary about half hour then returned by same route. Very quiet.

P.T.O.

PATROL NO. 52

R H C

RECCE

Time Out:- 1900 hrs

Time In:- 2215 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 7 ORs. Proceeded along rd to MIDDELAARHUIS until coming to point at 723493 left rd and proceeded to right of it to avoid Hawkins Grenades on rd at 724492. Got back on rd at 728489 Rd very muddy but no mines encountered. Area to left of rd up to 729488 all flooded but right side OK and even signs that water receding in river. Continued along rd until corner at 73724845 was reached. A searchlight was shining from around St Agatha to Middelaar and it lit up the whole area and made further mov impossible. An MG 42 fired across our front into the river from area houses at 739486 and 4 mortar bombs fired from around 743489 fell between us and river. We could see the bldgs in area MIDDELAARHUIS quite well and we heard talking and mov in them during the 1/2 hr we spent observing. The odd burst of Schmeisser came from gen area 738488 but did not appear to be aimed at us. The ground seems to rise slightly from about 735485 up to Middelaarhuis. Returned by same route.

PATROL NO. 502

R DE MAIS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1700 hrs

Time Out:- 0745 hrs

Str 1 NCO 11 men. We went through Calg Highrs posns to Xrds 751518 we arrived in posn by 1745 hrs. We were contacted 4 times by Calg Highrs without any interference by the enemy. The night was very quiet, except that around 0130 hrs we believe that some enemy rifle grenades landed in "C" Coy area of Calg Highrs. They were coming from their immediate front. No contact patrol from their Cam of C. We left to come back at 0700 hrs and arrived in Coy posn by 0745 hrs without trouble.

PATROL NO. 503

CALG HIGHRS

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted R H C at 1900-2200-0100-0400 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504.

CALG HIGHRS

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted R de Mais Standing Patrol at 1930-2230-0130-0430 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 54

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 2000 hrs

Time In:- 2130 hrs

They left from a posn 750512 and marched on a 180° mag bearing. They kept to the left of a trail on the way down and encountered no mines or booby traps. They reached a posn 751511 when searchlights were opened up and it made further patrolling difficult. From their posn they heard schmeisser fire from the right firing off to the right. They returned, and one very light flare fired from an approx posn 754510 landed 100 yds behind them. They then returned uneventful. They encountered no mines or booby traps going or returning.

P.T.O.

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PATROL NO. 53

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 1845 hrs

Time In:- 2300 hrs

Str 1 NCO 4 Men. They left from a posn 743510 and prodded along a trail to a posn approx 74355082. They encountered no mines or booby traps along the trail. They then proceeded to a posn 744508 when the searchlights went on which made further patrolling in this area impossible. They heard the noise of mess tins at 2000 hrs at an approx posn 746307.

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5 CON INF BDE PATROL INFORMATION

Time	Unit	Type	Findings	Remarks
1900-2200 0100-0400	RHC	C	To contact Calg Highrs at June pt on track at 743507.	COs discretion
Darkness	RHC	S	To be est in area of blags at 739497, to prevent enemy occupation of area.	COs discretion
Darkness	RHC	R	To recon on to SOUTH half of "DYEL ROAD" op from NO. 501.	COs discretion
Darkness	RHC	R	To recon on to NORTH half of "DYEL ROAD" op from "A" Coy	COs discretion
Darkness	RHC	R	Strong patrol to be directed on MIDDLELAARHUIS area 739424 with recon elements working fwd to gain infn. of enemy def, str, dispositions, etc.	COs discretion
Darkness	R de Mals	S	To be est at X rds 751513. Cams of C will contact at 1945-2245-0145-0445 and Calg Highrs will contact at 1930-2230-0130-0430	COs discretion
1900-2200 0100-0400	Calg Highrs	C	To contact RHC at June pt on track at 743507	COs discretion
1930-2230 0130-0430	Calg Highrs	C	To contact R de Mals standing patrol at X rds at 751513.	COs discretion
Darkness	Calg Highrs	R	To recon fwd from "D" coy posn to get infn on enemy blags.	COs discretion
Darkness	Calg Highrs	R	Three parties to recon fwd from "C" coy posn to get infn on enemy mines.	COs discretion

MHC
HF is not
considered a
possibility

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PATROL NO. 500 R H C CONTACT

Time In:-

Time Out:-

Contacted Calg Highrs at 1900-2200-0100-0400 hrs. NTR.

REPORT NO. 501 R H C STANDING

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Report not yet available - to follow.

PATROL NO. 50 R H C RECCE

Time Out:- 1845 hrs

Time In:- 2200 hrs

Sgt 2 Sgts and 3 Men. Worked fwd from Coy HQ at 725495 along rd to a pt at 73654845 from which they tried to pinpoint posns in MIDDELAAR. The whole area was nearly as bright as day as it was lit up by aircraft chandeller flares continually during the time the patrol was out. There were also flares set off by the enemy in area 736488 but there was no firing on the patrol. It is estimated that the water in the river has receded about 2" but there is no appreciable change in the level of the "puddles" near D Coy.

PATROL NO. 51 R H C RECCE

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Preliminary patrol. 2 parties out to SOUTH end of dyke. Left party up to dyke - no sign of enemy. Right party - enemy occupying bldgs area 739497. Both parties in "C" Coy Comd decided NOT to "shoot" fire plan but sent out a str standing patrol (NO. 501) and recce patrol to work fwd up to, on to and over dyke if possible. Final report NOT available yet - to follow.

PATROL NO. 52 R H C RECCE

Time Out:- 2015 hrs

Time In:- 2330 hrs

Sgt 1 Ctr 2 ORs. South from A coy HQ across ditch called Molensbeek to rd parallel power line through fds close to power lines to within 15% of dyke rd. Turned right and South about 50% parallel to dyke rd then back via almost same route. Left A coy HQ at 2015 hrs following route as above. Rate of movement very slow because of a number of fences and five or six gas of chandeller flares dropped by aircraft. When about 100% from dyke rd a flare went up from enemy posn approx 747504. This was followed by another in about 10 mins. Just previous to this the sound of a cart was heard moving in MIDDELAAR and soon after a man was heard to cough. The sound came from a posn on the dyke at a posn 742493. The cough was repeated. About 15 min later from same posn. Then about 20 yds from dyke an enemy mortar fired 4 rds from approx 744495. The flash was clearly visible and voices could be heard at the pt before the mortar fired. Voices were also heard speaking very quietly from 74254980. We moved S along dyke and a jerry was heard walking about 10 paces over gravel at 741496. A MG fired sever bursts from 742493 and a schmeisser fired from posn 200 yds to 300 yds North of our posn. The return was uneventful.

SPECIAL The ground along the high power line is firm enough for quiet patrolling and offers a good approach for a patrol to dyke rd but there is an enemy post where high tension lines cross dyke. Noise heard about bldg approx 100 yds south on enemy side of dyke - seems to be occupied. The power line runs from 738501 parallel to rd up to dyke at 742497 where it angles to left when facing dyke rd and continues on almost due EAST.

PATROL NO. 53R H CRECCETime Out: 1800 hrsTime In: 1910 hrs

Str 2 NCOs one Pte. House 739504 to bldg 742504 thence directly to dyke at 7405035 thence SSW along dyke rd to ditch. Patrol moved out to dyke at 7405035 at which pt there is a wrecked automobile. Thence along WEST side of dyke and on dyke rd checking weapon slits on West side which were found to be empty. When reaching ditch, enemy flare was fired from directly across dyke and landed between two members of patrol. This was followed by several grenades from a posn believed to be on EAST side of dyke at pt where ditch passes under it. An enemy MG fired on patrol from posn West side of dyke and approx 100 yds South of ditch. Patrol withdrew under fire of MG and grenades from dischargers, approx 25-30 being fired in all, without cas. Ditch est to be 6 to 8 ft wide. It was NOT possible to ascertain detail of sluice gate or depth of water since enemy posn was astride dyke at this point.

PATROL NO. 502R DE MAISSTANDINGTime Out: 1630 hrsTime In: 0800 hrs

Str 1 Offr 10 ORs. Left pl posn at 1630 hrs going through Calg Highrs lines and arriving in posn at 1745 hrs. Contacted 4 times by Calg Highrs and SSR without trouble, at 2000 hrs, 5 men coming from general Direction KNAPHEIDE on rd 500 yds from us - we opened up with LMG in direction Xrds at 754519. The enemy party took cover and did not reply. We never saw them again. They believed there is a MG post around 735516 which was firing towards Calg Highrs. There was activity on our left around 756520. Enemy MG were firing in other Bde sector. Enemy flares in this sector were also observed.

PATROL NO. 503CALG HIGHRSCONTACT

Time Out: -

Time In: -

Contacted R H C at 1900-2200-0100-0400 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504CALG HIGHRSCONTACT

Time Out: -

Time In: -

Contacted R de Mais at 1930-2230-0130-0430 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 54CALG HIGHRSRECCETime Out: 1830 hrsTime In: 0100 hrs

Str 1 NCO 4 men. We left the coy posn and went to a posn 744508. here they heard a German patrol approach them. They remained quiet until they passed and then our patrol withdrew back across the rd. The German patrol had stopped about 15 ft away, so the sec leader threw a 36 grenade at them and then withdrew to a posn 743508. From here they observed rifle grenades being fired from approx posn 747505 and 746508. Str of enemy patrol was 3 men.

PATROL NO. 55CALG HIGHRSRECCETime Out: 2000 hrsTime In: 2215 hrs

Str 1 NCO 3 men. They left their coy posn and went along a trail to a posn approx 751511. They then turned right and went about 50 yds to an approx posn 75055110. The bush became much thicker and prevented the patrol from going further. They encountered no mines or booby traps. They observed a flare fired from an approx posn 750508.

PATROL NO. 56

CALC HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 1900 hrs

Time In:- 2130 hrs

Str 1 NCO 1 man. Left coy posns and went to a brack junc at 753512. They turned left for 100 yds to a posn 753513. From here they saw lights and heard some coughing at 754513 (probably slit trenches). While here, they were fired on by an MG from a posn approx 15 yds in front of them. They encountered no mines or booby traps. They also encountered a rd obstacle at 753513.

PATROLS NO. 501 and 51 R H C

STANDING & RECCE

Time Out:- 2100 hrs

Time In:- 2359 hrs

Str STANDING 1 Offr & 2 ORs RECCE 2 ORs. The standing and recce patrol started from 14 pl around left and up dirt track to bldg at MR 738498. The Recce patrol continued on up left of rd past houses at MR 738496 up to within 25 yds of dyke. On way up to firm base for standing patrol, cluster flares dropped to SE of us and quite a long way away - we were forced to ground. They also appeared every 10 mins or so for rest of time patrol was out. Firm base was established in house at MR 738498. There was nothing heard from there. The recce patrol went up to within 25 yds of dyke at MR 741496 when coughing was heard on this side of dyke immediately to our front. A weapon was also heard to be cocked on dyke, a little to left of coughing. The cart was again heard to be moving in rear of dyke near cross rds to our immediate right. The cluster flares continued to appear in the distance periodically causing us to go to ground. The cart stopped periodically and then started up again. Nothing further was heard. Recce patrol consisting of Lt Engelhardt and L/Cpl Laverick returned to firm base. The night was quite dark

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5 CIN INF BDL PATROL PROGRAMS

	Unit	Type	Timings	Task	Route
500	R H C	C	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact Calg Highrs at junc pt on track at 743508	COS discretion
50	R H C	R	Darkness	Strong patrol to be directed on MIDELARHUIS area 739434 with recon elts working fwd to gain info of enemy def, str, dispositions, etc.	COS discretion
501	R H C	S	Darkness	To be est in area of bldgs at 730497 to recon COS discretion vide firm base for recon elts fwd.	COS discretion
502	R H C	R	Darkness	To check bldgs at 737495 and recon fwd to SOUTH end of Dyke road.	COS discretion
503	R H C	R	Darkness	To recon on to center portion of dyke rd	COS discretion
504	R de mais	S	Darkness	To recon onto NORTH end of dyke road	COS discretion
505	Calg Highrs	C	1900-2200 0100-0400	To be est at X rds 751513. Cams of C will contact at 2000-2300-020090500 and Calg Highrs will contact at 1930-2230-0130-0430	COS discretion
506	Calg Highrs	C	1930-2230 0130-0430	To contact R H C at junc pt on track at 743508	COS discretion
507	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness	To contact R de Mais standing patrol at X rds at 751513	COS discretion
508	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness	To recon fwd from D Coy posn to get info on enemy.	COS discretion
509	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness	To recon fwd from C Coy posn to get info on enemy.	COS discretion
510	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness	To recon gen area of houses at 755512.	COS discretion

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3 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

PATROL REPORT NIGHT 18/19 DEC

SECRET

PATROL NO. 500

R H C

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted Calg Highrs at 1830-2130-0030-0330 hrs. N.T.R.

PATROL NO. 501

R H C

RECCE

Time Out:- 1930 & 2330 Hrs

Time In:- 2230 & 0235 hrs

Str 1 Offr & 8 ORs. Left 723495 along rd skirting river until we reached pt 732487 then angled across fds to pt 737488 where we established a firm base of 7 men. 2 Scouts angled across fds and examined slit at pt 739488 then through gaps skirting first comm trench and on to within 50 ft of rd and second comm trench. First patrol left Coy HQ at 723495 at 1930 hrs followed rd to sunken rd 732495 which rd was well under water, also the ground to the right going out was very muddy 6". We then followed the rd to pt 734496 and started out over the fd to the left going out of a ditch full of water. The going was fair. We got to pt 735492 when we came under shelling. We hit an old shell hole full of water - after shelling ceased we attempted to go on but boots full of water made me think it advisable to return to coy headquarters empty boots of water and clear weapons of mud. On the return trip we found evidences of former German occupation along ditch.

Second patrol - left coy HQ at 723495 to point 732487 thence to point 737488 where we est firm base at 0100 hrs. 2 scouts proceeded on and examined slit at 739488 which was empty they then proceeded through gap 739487, past first comm trench which appeared to be empty, thence to 741488 about 50 ft from German comm trench. Enemy were heard. The laid doggo and 6 men came out of trench and went into bushes where they were heard moving about. They attempted to move fwd to rd when verrey light was fired accompanied by burst of automatic weapon. The laid quiet for 10 minutes then returned to firm base and patrol returned to coy HQ arriving there at 0230 hrs.

PATROL NO. 501

R H C

RECCE

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 2045 hrs

Str 1 Offr and 3 Men. Worked fwd from a firm base and found the enemy exceptionally strong in vicinity of house 33 (738497). Also heard a half-track or tank near same house. Have never heard one in that area before or never heard that much activity there before. Decided that the enemy was much too strong for a pl attack to handle. This decision was made after being fired at from 4 different places by MGs. Returned to coy HQ and fired 48 rds of fd arty, 20 rds 3" mortar and 15 min of MMG into the area. Recce went out after and checked near area and reported results very good with a general decrease of mov and activity in the area.

PATROL NO. 502

P H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1800 hrs

Time In:- 2130 hrs

Str 1 Offr 5 ORs. SP farm bldgs 739505 across to stream 740504 followed stream crossed it at 743503 to 744502. Patrol left farm at 1800 hrs and moved to stream which was found to be 6 ft wide 1 1/2 ft deep. Trees and hedge on near side. Followed hedge in direction of dyke rd at 744503. Found br at 743503 and crossed at 1930 hrs and crossed flat fd to 744502 where we waited until 2045 hrs. There was no traffic in the rd at 2030 a flare was fired from 744503 but no shots were fired. Sounds of 2 or more men were heard from rear of dyke rd at 744502 and coughing from edge of woods at 744501 which would seem as if there were 3 mutually supported posts within an area of approx 150 yds. Banks of stream average 2 1/2 to 3 feet above water level, no visable current. It did not seem feasible to attack one of these posts because there was no way to withdraw under.

PATROL NO. 503 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out: 1630 hrs

Time In: 0120 hrs

Offr 10 Ols. We went through Calg Highrs lines and by mistake we were going to Xrds 755516. Arriving 100 yds from this Xrds an enemy MG opened up on the rd on a fixed line (from around Xrds 755516). We went back a little and found out we were too far so we came back to Xrds 751518 where we found SSR contact patrol. The night was very quiet and we were contacted 4 times by Calg Highrs and SSR. We left around 0645 hrs.

PATROL NO. 504 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out: 1740 hrs

Time In: 0715 hrs

Offr 1 NCO 7 ORs. Arrived in posn at rd junc 746521 by 1815 hrs. At 2020 hrs a small patrol from SSR went through our lines. Enemy planes dropped flares around 2330 hrs. NE of us in front of 3 Div sector we believed. Night very quiet. Left at 0830 to go back to our lines.

PATROL NO. 505 CALG HIGHRS CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted R H C at 1830 - 2130 - 0030 - 0330 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 506 CALG HIGHRS CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted R de Mais at 1900-2300-0100-0400 hrs. NTR.

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Patrols Nos. 52 - 53 - 54 - Calg Highrs - Reported NOT in - to follow.

PATROL REPORT NIGHT 18/19 DEC

PATROL NO. 52

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 2200 hrs

Time In:- 0015 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 men. They left the coy posn and went to a posn 744506 from here they noticed trip flares along the edge of the woods. They then went to a posn 746506. From here they came in contact with a wire entanglement stretching from 747507 to a house at 745506 about 100 yds beyond was another wire entanglement. From their posn they could hear considerable noise of chopping and men working at 747508 they could hear men in house at 745506 there seemed to be about four men building a defence around the house. An MG fired from an approx posn 745508. They heard a horse drawn wagon along the rd to approx posn 747507 at 2300 hrs. They then returned uneventful.

PATROL NO. 53

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 2000 hrs

Time In:- 2155 hrs

Str 2 NCOs 9 men. They left their coy posn and got to a posn 750513 when they heard a chopping and a horse drawn veh in the area of 754511. They then proceeded to a T track junc at 750510 where the party split 1 NCO and 4 men went left and 1 NCO and 5 men went right. The party going left got approx 10 yds when they heard noise of men moving which appeared to be a posn (there appeared to be about 15 men by the noise made). They were unable to skirt the posn so they returned. The party going right got about 30 yds and they heard mov in the bush which seemed to be around a posn. They could hear the men cough very easily and they believed there were possibly eight men. They could not by pass the posn because of the ny bush and deep draw on the right. They then returned uneventful.

PATROL NO. 54

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 2300 hrs

Time In:- 0210 hrs

Str 1 NCO 1 man. They left their coy posn and crawled to a posn 752514 when here a schmeisser fired from 752413. We remained there for fifteen minutes then we proceeded on to posn 754514 where another schmeisser fired from corner of woods at 753514. We then proceeded as far as the rd when an MG fired from 754515. From a posn alongside the rd they heard talking in area of 755514 and they heard a horse and cart in area of 751514. They heard moving in area 755516. They then returned uneventful.

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5 CDM INF BDE PATROL PROGRAM

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Patrol No	Unit	Type	Times	Time	Route
500	R H C	C	1830-2130 0030-0330		To contact Calg Highrs at junc pt on track at 743503 CCo discretion
501	R H C	R	Darkness		Strong patrol to be directed on MIDDLELAARHUIS area 739434 with recon elts working fwd to gain infm of enemy def, str, dispositions, etc. CCo discretion
501	R H C	S	Darkness		To be est in area of bldgs at 739497 to provide firm base for "beat up" of enemy outposts in front of dyke. CCo discretion
502	R H C	S	Darkness		To be est fwd of Coy posn to control NORTH end of dyke road and ambush any enemy patrols. CCo discretion
503	R de Mais	S	Darkness		To be est at X rds 731513. SSR will contact at 2000-2200-0200-0500 and Calg highrs will contact at 1900-2200-0100-0400. CCo discretion
504	R de Mais	S	Darkness		To be est in gen area of tracks at 743521 to prevent enemy infiltration. CCo discretion
505	Calg Highrs	C	1830-2130- 0030-0330		To contact R H C at junc pt on track at 743503 CCo discretion
506	Calg Highrs	C	1900-2200 0100-0400		To contact R de Mais standing patrol at X rds at 731513 CCo discretion
52	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness		To recon fwd from D Coy posn to get infm on enemy CCo discretion
53	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness		To recon fwd from C Coy posn to get infm on enemy CCo discretion
54	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness		To recon gen area of houses at 735512 CCo discretion

PASSWORD "BLACKBOARD DUSTER"

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E CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
PATROL REPORT NIGHT 19/20 DEC

S E C R E T

PATROL NO 500 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted Calg Highrs at 1830-2130-0030-0330 hrs. NTR

PATROL NO. 50 R H C RECCE

Time Out:- 1900 hrs

Time In:- 2100 hrs

Str 1 NCO and 2 Men. Along river rd from 723494 to 734485. Then North through fds to 736488. Back by almost same route. We left our Coy HQ at 1900 hrs and proceeded along river rd. About 728488 we heard a noise on the river side of the rd but after listening for sometime we heard nothing more and went on to 734485 where we turned North through the fds to 736488 when we set off a trip flare. This called down machine gun fire from approx 740486. We started back the machine gun fire continued. We believe the Germans could hear us as the ground is quite wet between the rd and the pt where we stopped. There are a number of slit trenches along the hedges in this locality but none of them were occupied. A wagon was heard moving in Middelaar. This trip back was uneventful. But shortly after returning one of our own trip flares went off which would seem to indicate an enemy patrol attempted to follow us in.

PATROL NO. 51 R H C RECCE

Time Out:-

Time In:-

A series of 6 patrols went out at different times and by different routes to check gen area 739497 and confirmed that houses 6, 7, 8 (738495) and 33, 34 (739497) were occupied by enemy. MG fire from 33 (739497). Mortar firing behind 36 (740495). Also checked routes out and in for proposed "raid" in this area.

PATROL NO. 52 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 1745 hrs

Time In:- 0330 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 1 Cpl 2 mne. To prevent, by ambush, enemy infiltration into A Coy area. Along old rd leading from coy HQ towards dyke until reaching 742504 then right across fds to 742503. Patrol was in posn by 1800 hrs. Everything was quiet all evening except for occasional small arms fire to our rt. At 0300 hrs we heard a patrol moving toward us along the hedge. When they were within about four yds I saw the patrol consisted of two Jerries. I threw a grenade at them. They went to ground and when the grenade exploded got up and ran back along the hedge. Our IMG jammed I opened up with my sten. fired four bursts but could still hear the enemy running. When I stopped firing. As the posn of our ambush was given away I brought the patrol in.

PATROL NO. 53 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- 0000 hrs

Time In:- 0700 hrs

Str 1 NCO and 2 Men. Time in 0700 hrs. we were in posn by 1700 hrs. Left our posn at 2025 - 0030 - 0400 hrs. Teh night was quiet. Left our posn around 0630 hrs. NTR.

Contacted R H C at 1930 - 50 - 0030 - 0330 hrs. - NTR

Time Out: 1800 hrs Time In: 0

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Time Out: 2200 hrs Time In: 2340 hrs

Time Out:- 1930 hrs Time In:- 2145 hrs

Time Out:- 2230 hrs Time In:- 0145 hrs

Time Out-- 1700 hrs Time In-- 0500 hrs

Str 1 NCO 3 men. They left C coy posn and got to a posn 751513 where they were fired on by a 2 or 3 schmeissers and a MG. They remained in that posn for the night and listened. Observations. Heard horse and cart in area of 755512. Noise in area of 753513.

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5 CDR INF BDE PATTAL PROXIMA

Unit	Type	Platoon	Task	Remarks
500	RHC	C	1900-2130 0030-0330	To contact Calg Highrs at June pt on track at 743507 COS discretion
501	RHC	R	Darkness	To MIDDELMARHUIS area 739434 to ascertain results of "beat up" today COS discretion
502	RHC	R	Darkness	To bligs Gen area 739437 COS discretion
503	RHC	R	Darkness	To operate in area fwd of A Coy. COS discretion
504	R de Muis	S	Darkness	To be est in Gen area of tracks at 743521 to prevent enemy infiltration COS discretion
505	Calg Highrs	C	1930-2130 0030-0330	To contact RHC at June pt on track at 743507 COS discretion
506	Calg Highrs	S	Darkness	To be est at X rds 751518. S.R. will contact at 2000-2300-0200-0500 and Calg Highrs will contact at 1900-2300-0100-0400 COS discretion
507	Calg Highrs	C	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact Calg Highrs standing patrol at X rds at 751518 COS discretion
508	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness	To receive fwd from D Coy posn to get infm on enemy COS discretion
509	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness	To receive fwd from C Coy posn to get infm on enemy COS discretion
510	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness	To receive Gen area of houses at 755512. COS discretion

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PASSWORD "FOOLISH VIRGIN"

DISTRIBUTION 'D'

PATROL REPORT NIGHT

/21 DEC

PATROL NO. 500

R H C

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted Calg Highrs at 1900 2200 0100 0400 hrs. NTR

PATROL NO. 501

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1000 hrs

Time In:- 0530 hrs.

Str 1 Sgt & 3 ORs. Proceeded along rd to 728488 where they took up posn covering both sides of rd. There was no activity except white flares and MG fire going overhead from the left. Both a long distance away. Vis only about 10-20 ft.

PATROL NO. 50

R H C

RECCE

TIME OUT:-

Time In:-

A series of 4 recce patrols went out to gen area bldgs 739497 and found house 33 (739497) occupied and the enemy engaged in digging outside the house. House 3 (738495) occupied. activity - veh mov heard.

PATROL NO. EXTRA

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1800 hrs

Time In:- 0545 hrs

Str 1 Sgt & 3 ORs. Sp 723495. Along wood to 725495 then SOUTH along hedge to 727497 (hedgerow junct). No enemy mov during the night. Enemy MG firing intermittently from about 1000 yards to left.

PATROL NO. 502

R DE MAIS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 0700 hrs

Str 1 NCO 6 ORs. Patrol est OK. We were contacted by SSR at 2020 2330-0430. Everything was very quiet during night.

PATROL NO. 503

CALG HIGHRS

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Str 1 NCO 4 men. Contact made without trouble at 1900-2200-0100 0400 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1700 hrs

Time In:- 0700 hrs

Str 1 NCO 6 men. Contact made by SSR and own tps. NTR

PATROL NO. 51

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 2200 hrs

Time In:- 23500hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 men. They left their coy posn and got to a posn 746508 where they were held up by the wire entanglement. They followed the wire along but could not get through so they returned. They heard mov in area of 747507.

PATROL NO. 52

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 0015 hrs

Time In:- 0000 hrs

Str 1 BCO 3 men. They left D coy posn and went down the left side of the draw to a posn 749512. They heard the clicking of rifle bolts and general mov. the enemy was using a bren and was firing from a posn 750507. From their posn they tried to go left but the enemy fired a number of rifle grenades at them. They then proceeded to a approx area 751509. From this posn they heard considerable mov to their front. They made a wide sweep and returned. Observation they figure there is possibly a pl in str in the area of 753509 by the noise they made.

PATROL NO. 53

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 2100 hrs

Time In:- 0030 hrs

Str 1 NCO 3 men. They left C coy posn and got to a posn 755517 where they saw an MG at 755516 and an MG 42 fired from the area 754518. When they started to move from this posn one of their steam wnst off accidentally. When this happened all fire centred on them. They then returned because of the fire and a flare went up.

PATROL NO. 54

CALG HIGHRS

EXTRA - RECCE

Time Out:- 1700 hrs

Time In:- 0050 hrs

Str 1 NCO 3 men. They left C coy posn and followed the edge of the woods to a posn approx 753514. They saw a lot of firing from a posn 754513 and an MG fired from 753513 along the bank. They tried to work right but owing to the enemy fire were unable to. They then returned and remained quiet for a while at 751514 but heard no noise

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Time Out:- 1800 hrs

Time In:- 0500 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 3 men. Along rd from 723495 to posn at 727489. No enemy mov observed. Occasional MG fire. 3 flares at 0430. Vis 5 yds.

PATROL NO. 502

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1800 hrs

Time In:- 0430 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 3 men. Route 723594 to 725496 along hedge to 727494 where patrol took up posn. Occasional MG fire and 3 flares. Vis very poor

PATROL NO. 50

R H C

FIGHTING

Time Out:-

Time In:-

2 Recce patrols went left and two recce patrols went right. To be followed by a fighting patrol when enemy posns est. Left Recce - out 2330 and 0130 - no enemy in any houses on left up to and incl #83 (739497). Out again 9500 - In 0630. Same report. Result - No fighting on left.

Right Recce - out 2200-in 2330. Found 3 hun on ground in front of house 6 (739497). Fighting went out and worked all around house 6 (739497) found no Hun. Out 2345-In 0230. Str 1 Offr 7 ORs.

All - Recce Str - 2 ORs.

PATROL NO. 51

R H C

RECCE

Time Out:- 2100 hrs

Time In:- 2400 hrs

Str 1 NCO 1 man. Started from 743504 and went to within 25 yds of rd junc at 745503 where a man was heard to cough and mov was seen by wreck vehs. A grenade and an automatic weapon were fired in our gen direction and a man was heard to speak. Went back and made a fresh start. Went S to MOLEN BEEK and turned E. On approaching dyke heard twigs snapping about 1/2 way between hedgerow and dyke as if enemy might be revetting a slit. The ground is very wet here and a slit would soon fill with water. Turned left and moved N away from the noise. Men approached within 100 of dyke. Mov was again heard on dyke. Mor bombs or shells began to fall along rd and in fd where scouts were lying. The dyke seemed to be accurately taped.

PATROL NO. 503

R DE MAIS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 0730 hrs

Str 1 NCO 10 men. Est without any trouble. Everything quiet during night occasional MG fire from 765515.

PATROL NO. 504

CALG HIGHRS

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

1000 1400 0100 0400 hrs NTR

PATROL NO. 505 Calg Highrs LANDING

Time Out:- 1700 hrs

Time In:- 0700 hrs

Est without any trouble. Contacted by SSR at 0130-0430 hrs, and contact maintained by own tps otherwise NTR.

PATROL NO. 52 CALG HIGHRS FIGHTING

Time Out:- 2200 hrs

Time In:- 2230 hrs

Str 2 NCOs 4 men. The patrol placed a Bangalore torpedoe in the wire entanglement at 745517. The wire was blown and no fire was returned, after the explosion took place. Observations - considerable mov in wood at 746507. Mov and digging around house at 746505.

PATROL NO. 53 CALG HIGHRS RECCE

Time Out:- 22 15 hrs

Time In:- 0030 hrs

Str 2 NCOs 2 men. Left pt 750513 and proceeded South 125 yds. Fired on by MG from the East so the party turned right and after going 15 yds were fired on again by another MG and 2 schmeissers from the West. After listening for half an hour the recce returned by same route. On way back party opened fire with Bren and fire was promptly returned by both MGs and schmeissers. No mov or other noises heard. The enemy appears to be taking advantage of poor visibility during the day to dig trenches and cut and saw wood and come closer to our posns.

PATROL NO. EXTRA CALG HIGHRS RECCE

Time Out:- 1645 hrs

Time In:- 1940 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 men. They left coy posn and travelled to a posn 752514 when they came under schmeisser fire from 754515 and also MG fire from the area of 753513. They remained quiet for a while and then proceeded to area 753514. Fr : here they heard gen mov around bldgs at 755512 and a bren was firing from the area of 755516. Gen Observations. From the fire and mov heard, they believed the enemy is dug in along the edge of the woods and along the rd at 755516.

PATROL NO. 54 CALG HIGHRS RECCE

Time Out:- 1930 hrs

Time In:- 2300 hrs

Str 1 NCO 3 men. They left coy posn and proceeded through our standing patrol at 751518 to a posn 756517 where they came under fire. They observed MG fire from houses at 758518, MG fire from 755516, schmeisser fire from 754515 and MG from 756519. They then returned.

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Unit	Type	Time	Route
500	RHC	1900-2400 0100-0400	To contact Calg Highrs at junc pt on track at 743507
501	RHC	Darkness	To be in gen area 728100 to prevent enemy infiltration
502	RHC	Darkness	To be est in gen area 727490 to prevent enemy infiltration
503	RHC	Darkness	To be directed on bldgs 6, 7 and 83 gen area 739497 to take PW and get info on enemy def.
504	RHC	Darkness	To cross dyke at approx 744503 and recon area EASH of dyke.
505	RHC	Darkness	To be est in gen area of tracks at 743521 to prevent enemy infiltration.
506	Calg Highrs	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact RHC at junc pt on track at 743507
507	Calg Highrs	Darkness	To be est at X rds 751518. SSR will contact at 19302230-0100-0430 hrs. Calg Highrs will contact own standing patrol periodically throughout the night.
508	Calg Highrs	Darkness	To gap wire entanglement gen area 746508, observe results and attempt to ambush enemy.
509	Calg Highrs	Darkness	To recon end of C Coy posn to get info on enemy
510	Calg Highrs	Darkness	To recon gen area of houses at 735512

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PASSWORD "ROLLING STONE"

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Unit	Time	Remarks	Route
RHC	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact Calg Highrs at junc pt on track at 743503	COS discretion
RHC	Darkness	To be est in gen area 728400 to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
RHC	Darkness	To be est in gen area 727400 to prevent enemy infiltration.	COS discretion
R de Mals	Darkness	To be est in gen area of tracks at 743521 to prevent enemy infiltration.	COS discretion
Calg Highrs	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact RHC at junc pt on track at 743503	COS discretion
R de Mals	Darkness	To be est at X rds 751513. SCR will contact at 1930-2230-0130-0430 hrs, and Calg Highrs will maintain contact throughout the night.	COS discretion
R de Mals	Darkness	To op from firm base of standing patrol No 505 to receive a of tracks appear 756517. To get infm on enemy posns, str, & weapons.	COS discretion
Calg Highrs	Darkness	To lie in ambush in area where wire was gapped last night to intercept enemy patrols or working parties.	COS discretion
Calg Highrs	Darkness	To receive fwd of C Coy posn to get infm on enemy	COS discretion

PASSWORD "CHOCOLATE SOLDIER"

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PATROL REPORT NIGHT 22/23 DEC

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PATROL NO. 500 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted Calg Highrs at 1900-2200-0100-0400 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 501 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 1930 hrs

Time In:- 0530 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 3 ORs. Established at 726490. Saw no enemy. Flares went up periodically from vicinity Middelaarhuis with most going up between 2300 and 2345 hrs.

PATROL NO. 502 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 2230 hrs

Time In:- 0615 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 3 ORs. Established at 725495. No enemy seen. At 2330 hrs 5 flares in succession went up from area left and slightly fwd of Middelaarhuis. Others went up occasionally during the night from the same area.

PATROL NO. 503 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- 1630 hrs

Time In:- 0630 hrs

Str 1 NCO and 7 ORs. In posn by 1645 hrs. SSR went through us at 1915 hrs and 2230 hrs. Enemy MG firing overhead around 2245 hrs. Coming from left (could not locate). Own patrol of C Coy went through us around 0145 hrs.

PATROL NO. 505 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- 1630 hrs

Time In:- 0715 hrs

Str 1 NCO and 10 ORs. Took up posn at 749518 and at 0200 they were mov to correct posn at 751518 by own tps. NOT contacted by SSR.

PATROL NO. 50 R DE MAIS RECCE

Time Out 1800 hrs

Time In:- 2230 hrs

Str 1 Offr & 2 ORs. We went through B Coy of Calg Highrs. We went along track leading to Xrds 751518. We met our own standing patrol who was established 50 yds short of Xrds. As we were around track junc 754519 we were fired upon by a MG firing on a fixed line from around 755519. We turned right on track and after having walked 50 yds we were fired on by schmeisser coming from around 756518 (might have been from gliders). We went right and carried on for a few yds when a MG opened up from around houses (758578). Some rifle shots were also fired from along the rd. We think they are dug in along this rd under the row of trees. The flashes being very close to the ground made us believe they were in trenches. We then came right through the fd. As we were crossing the rd around 753517 a MG firing on fixed lines opened up from around 755518. As we were closing in the Calg Highrs posns we were fired by our own tps. We had to crawl our way back to the Xrds. On our way back we contacted our standing patrol and the Calg Highrs.

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50	R H C	C	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact Calg Highrs at junc pt on track at 743508	COS discretion
51	R H C	R	Darkness	Strong patrol to be directed on MIDDLEBURY area 739434 with recce elts working fwd to gain infm of enemy def, str, dispositions, etc.	COS discretion
501	R H C	S	Darkness	To be est in area of bldgs at 739497 to pro- COS discretion vide firm base for recce elts fwd.	COS discretion
51	R H C	R	Darkness	To check bldgs at 737495 and recce fwd to SOUTH end of Dyke road.	COS discretion
52	R H C	R	Darkness	To recce on to center portion of dyke rd	COS discretion
53	R H C	R	Darkness	To recce onto NORTH end of dyke road	COS discretion
502	R de mais	S	Darkness	To be est at X rds 751513. Cams of C will contact at 2000-2300-020000500 and Calg Highrs will contact at 1930-2230-0130-0430	COS discretion
503	Calg Highrs	C7	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact R H C at junc pt on track at 743508	COS discretion
504	Calg Highrs	C	1930-2230 0130-0430	To contact R de Mais standing patrol at X rds at 751513	COS discretion
54	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness	To recce fwd from D Coy posn to get infm on enemy.	COS discretion
55	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness	To recce fwd from C Coy posn to get infm on enemy.	COS discretion
56	Calg Highrs	R	Darkness	To recce gen area of houses at 755512.	COS discretion

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PASSWORD "KITCHEN STOVE"
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PATROL REPORT NIGHT 23

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PATROL NO. 501 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:- Time In:-

Contacts made with R H C at 1945-2250-0145-0415 hrs. First two contacts hindered by schmeisser fire in their direction.

PATROL NO. 502 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs Time In:- 0615 hrs

Str 1 NCO and 3 ORs. No enemy mov seen. No fire on their posn. All quiet.

PATROL NO. 502 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- 1810 hrs Time In:- 0645 hrs

Contacted by RHLI. All quiet last night. Saw no enemy in area

PATROL NO. 503 CALG HIGERS CONTACT

Time Out:- Time In:-

Contacts made with R H C at 1945-2250-0145-0415 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504 CALG HIGERS STANDING

Time Out:- 1810 hrs Time In:- 0615 hrs

Contacted by RHLI at 1915-2215-0115-0415 hrs. All quiet & NTR.

PATROL NO. 50 CALG HIGERS RESCUE

Time Out:- 2200 hrs Time In:- 2310 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 men. They reached a posn 745607 where they drew MG and Bren fire from the woods at 746507. They also observed rifle grenades being fired from area of house 747507. Due to the moonlight they were forced to return.

PATROL NO. 51 CALG HIGERS RESCUE

Time Out:- 1740 hrs Time In:- 2200 hrs

Str 2 NCOs. They left their pl posn at 750513 and proceeded South 126 yds to a T track junc. They then turned right and went about 40 yds when they encountered a brush barrier. They tried to go around the right of it but owing to a few twigs breaking the enemy heard and opened fire. An MG fired from the SE and one MG fired directly down the rd. There was enemy mov to their front and left.

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PATROL NO. 504CALG HIGHRSCONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contacted R H C at 1900-2200-0100-0400 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 52CALG HIGHRSRECCETime Out:- 1800 hrsTime In:- 2145 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 men. They left their pl posn at 750513 and proceeded South 125 yds to a T track junc. They remained quiet here for a while and they heard more noise than usual, about 75 yds to their front. They then went left 15 yds where they were stopped by a hy bush barrier. When here they came under fire from an MG firing from the SE. They then went back to the T track junc and turned right this time. They went about 50 yds and they were stopped by another hy bush barrier where they also came under fire from Bren guns firing from the left and right of the track. This fire was aimed at C Coy. They then returned and on going over the brow of the hill into their coy posn they drew hy fire.

PATROL NO. 51CALG HIGHRSFIGHTING

Time Out:-

Time In:-

CANCELLED at discretion of CO.

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NO. NO.	UNIT	TYPE	PIECES	TASK	ROUTE
500.	R H C	C	1930-2230 0130-0430	To contact Calg Highways at June pt on track at 743508	Cos discretion
501	R H C	S	Darkness	To be est in gen area 733437 to prevent enemy infiltration	Cos discretion
502	R de Mals	S	Darkness	To be est in gen area of trucks at 743501 to prevent enemy infiltration.	Cos discretion
503	Calg Highways	C	1930-2230 0130-0430	To contact R H C at June pt on track at 743503	Cos discretion
504	Calg Highways	S	Darkness	To be est at X rds 751513. RHLI will contact at 1915-2215-0115-0415 hrs, and Calg H Hrs will maintain contact throughout the night	Cos discretion
505	Calg Highways	R	Darkness	To receive fwd of D Coy posn to check wire and mouse gen area 743507.	Cos discretion
51	Calg Highways	R	Darkness	To receive fwd of C Coy posn to get info on enemy def's.	Cos discretion

PASSWORD "SAFETY HAZARD"

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CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
PATROL REPORT NIGHT 25 DEC

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PATROL NO. 501

R H C

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contact with Calg Highra at 1930-2230-0130-0430 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 502

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 0000 hrs

Time In:- 0530 hrs

Patrol established at 08488 NTR.

PATROL NO. 503

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 0100 hrs

Time In:- 0100 hrs

Str 1 NCO 5 ORs. Placed at 723503 to ruins at 725501 to junc of hedges at 733498 to house 33 and 34 (739496). Vis clear and very moonlight. Mov difficult. Occupied area between houses 33 and 34 (739496). Two man recon continued to probe around area from there. Absolutely no sign of enemy there. Quite a bit of mov heard across the dykes. A horse drawn cart at approx 741495. A veh was heard to pull away from area around dyke to the rear of enemy posn. Music was heard on the dyke NE of house 33. Two shots only came in our direction both from area of dykes directly in front of KATERBOSCH.

PATROL NO. 503

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 0345 hrs

Time In:- 0630 hrs

Strength 1 NCO and 5 ORs. Unable to establish on dyke because of bright moonlight and hard ground which made mov very noisy. Established at 743503 on MOLEN BEEK. No attempt at enemy infiltration and nothing unusual to report.

PATROL NO. 504

R DE MAIS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1745 hrs

Time In:- 0710 hrs

Str 1 NCO 9 ORs. Est without trouble. Very quiet during night except for occasional flares. NTR.

PATROL NO. 505

CALG HIGHRS

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contact R H C at 1930-2230 0130-0430 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 506

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:- Last Light

Time In:- First Light

Est at 743509. Germans gave a rendition of "Silent Night" on bugle and accordion at 2155 hrs. Otherwise NTR.

PATROL NO. 507

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1800 hrs

Time In:- 0600 hrs

Str 1 NCO 4 men. Est themselves about 25 yds this side of T track at 730513 they heard gen noise in the area to their front. Otherwise NTR.

PATROL NO. 808

CALG HIGHERS

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Time Out- 1800 hrs

Time In- 0600 hrs

Est at 7000 hrs. Observed Red Green Red flares. Fired twice from enemy lines at 2000 hrs. Contacted by RHLL. Otherwise NTP.

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5 COMM BDE PATROL PROGRAM

NIGHT 24/25 Dec 44

NO.	UNIT	TYPE	TIME	TASK	ROUTE
OK. 501	RHC	C	1930-2230 0130-0430	To contact Calg Highrs at June pt on track at 743508 } GHJLDB	COS discretion
OK. 502	RHC	S	Darkness	To be est in gen area 723400 to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
OK. 503	RHC	S	Darkness	To be est in gen area houses 729400 to locate enemy and prevent reoccupation area house 34	COS discretion
OK. 504	RHC	S	Darkness	To be est on dyke at approx 745503 to prevent enemy patrols.	COS discretion

504	R de Mais	S	Darkness	To be est in gen area of 743501 to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
505	Calg Highrs	C	1930-2230 0130-0430	To contact RHC at June pt on track at 743508	COS discretion
506	Calg Highrs	S	Darkness	To be est fwd of D Coy to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
507	Calg Highrs	S	Darkness	Two patrols to be est fwd of C Coy to prevent enemy infiltration.	COS discretion

WORD "SALTED PEANUTS"

(J.M. Delamere) Major
EM - 5 Can Inf Bde

DATE: 12/26/86

CONTACT
Time Out: 1800 hrs
Time In: 2130-2130-0030-0330 hrs
Comments: Galk Highers at 1830-2130-0030-0330 hrs

STANDING
Time Out: 1800 hrs
Time In: 2130-2130-0030-0330 hrs
Comments: No incidents to report.

STANDING
Time Out: 1800 hrs
Time In: 2130-2130-0030-0330 hrs
Comments: Saw an enemy hedge on right side of rd. about 100 yds from house 7. Heard talking between house and bar. One of them was singing. One was singing and another was singing to him. Then about 10 men came in the yard of the house across the rd. from house 7. They were moving around quietly. One of the men was talking quietly and waving their arms for emphasis. I backed the patrol up as I was unable to reach my objective. The chosen route. Suddenly the men came running down the rd toward the house. I was yelling "Don't shoot! It's a message for you" (in english). Then another man came running down the rd yelling at the first (in english). The first man grabbed the second and dragged him by the back of the head in the rd at the same time yelling "There are you!" Finally the two of them disappeared up around house 7. I returned to platoon and reported to my platoon leader. Apparently the boys were enjoying a little Christmas cheer and wanted to spread it around.

FIGHTING
Time Out: 1800 hrs
Time In: 2130-2130-0030-0330 hrs
Comments: Saw 10 CRs. To clear up the congested area around house 7. Moved up to last hedge before house 7. Along the hedge, on the signal of the first bomb hitting the house, the patrol opened up with a volley of scattered fire. There was no answering fire so the patrol charged up to the house and found a wounded man. Gerry is a shad attached to the house. Gerry was opened up from area of dyke with two IMGs and small arms. Gerry was hit and reported into Coy HQ. One man slightly wounded and picked up.

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Time Out: 1800 hrs
Time In: 2130-2130-0030-0330 hrs
Comments: Str 1 HQ and 1 CR. To receive area. Gerry is a shad attached to the house. Moved up to house on left side of rd. about 100 yds from house 7. Enemy in house (approx 2 men) apparently were not doing much. A small flicker occasionally. They moved in and out of the house in. The patrol walked into that house and Gerry is a shad attached to the house. Then crossed the rd to house 7 and Gerry is a shad attached to the house. No search of wounded Gerry found. Gerry was hit and reported into Coy HQ. One man slightly wounded and picked up.

STANDING
Time Out: 1800 hrs
Time In: 2130-2130-0030-0330 hrs
Comments: Str 1 HQ and 1 CR. Est at 1830-2130-0030-0330 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504 R DE MAIS STANDING
TIME OUT:- 1745 hrs Time In:- 0620 hrs
Str 1 NOO 10 CRs. Quiet during night. NTR.

PATROL NO. 505 CALG HIGHRS CONTACT
Time Out:- Time In:-
Contacted R H C at 1830-2130-0030-0830 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 506 CALG HIGHRS STANDING
Time Out:- 1830 hrs Time In:- 0630 hrs
Patrol est at 745507. NTR.

PATROL NO. 507 CALG HIGHRS STANDING
Time Out:- 1800 hrs Time In:- 0600 hrs
Patrol est 125 yds in front of posn 750513. Occasional burst of
schmeisser fire. Otherwise NTR.

PATROL NO. 508 CALG HIGHRS STANDING
Time Out:- 1730 hrs Time In:- 0600 hrs
Patrol est at Xrda 751518. Contact maintained throughout night. NTR.

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5 COM INF BDE PATROL PROFILES

NIGHT 25/26 Dec 44

PATROL NO	UNIT	TYPE	TIME	TASK	ROUTE
OK. 1440 500	RHC	C	{ 1330-2130 0030-0330 }	To contact Calg Highrs at June pt to track at 743507.	B Coy COS discretion
OK. 1450 501	RHC	S	Darkness	To be out in Gen area 703498 to prevent ent enemy infiltration	D Coy COS discretion
OK. 1520 502	RHC	S	Darkness	To be out in Gen area 703498 to locate enemy and prevent reoccupation	C Coy COS discretion
OK. 1530 503	RHC	S	Darkness	To be out on LOLEN BECK at approx 743503 to prevent enemy infiltration	QSYWWMY COS discretion
504	R de Mals	S	Darkness	To be out in Gen area of trucks at 743507 to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
505	Calg Highrs	C	1330-2130 0030-0330	To contact RHC at June pt on truck at 743507	COS discretion
506	Calg Highrs	S	Darkness	To be out fwd of D Coy to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
507	Calg Highrs	S	Darkness	The patrols to be out fwd of C Coy to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
508	Calg Highrs	S	Darkness	To be out at X Rd 751519. Friends on left will contact 4 times during night and Calg Highrs will maintain contact throughout the night.	COS discretion

PASSWORD "TURKEY DINNER"

"DISTRIBUTION 'D'"

(J.L. Delamare) Major
Bn 3 CCA Inf Bde.

RECONNAISSANCE INFANTRY BRIGADE
PATROL REPORT NIGHT 26/27 DEC

SECRET

PATROL NO. 500

R H C

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Contact made at 1830-2130 0030 hrs with Calg Highrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 501

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1900 hrs

Time In:- 0130 hrs

Sgt 1 Sgt and 3 Men. Standing patrol was not interfered with during the night. Observed the activity and firing in front of "C" Coy and several mortar bombs landed quite close to patrol's posn. Recce patrol operating from this patrol as a firm base were unable to get past 737468 due to bright moonlight, noisy ground and the fact that the Hun was aroused and fired at the slightest movement.

PATROL NO. 502

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1800 hrs

Time In:- 0700 hrs

Sgt 1 Sgt 3 ORs. Patrol est at 727493 and was NOT interfered with during the night.

PATROL NO. 503

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 2315 hrs

Sgt 1 Oftr 2 NCOs 3 ptes. Object. To watch for collection of Germans pending possible raid. To send 2 men patrol recce towards dyke. To pick up a prisoner if easily possible. Route from pl posn 734397 NORTHWEST along ledge 200 yds. Along rd to bldg 33 (739497). Proceeded to rd junc 739497 at house 33. Put 2 NCOs and 3 ptes in slit trenches WEST of rd. I recce local area and was fired on by sub machine gun from second house on the right of the rd fork or WOUTHWEST br of rd. I returned without further fire to patrol posn. Patrol posn fired on by 2 MGs on dyke. one about 739494 one about 740495 and one situated to hit corner of house 33 on bearing of about 110° mag (this estimated from trace by compass) at approx 400 yds. Also fired on by four sub machine guns 3 gen area SOUTH at 75 yds approx, 1 WEST at 150 yds. Also 4 or 5 5 cm mor bombs and four illuminating flares. Time 1845 hrs. Heard male voice giving monologue at some length 100 dys down right fork rd. Also heard voices at some length area 741495. Pulled out and got as far as farthest house NORTHWEST of house 33 gp. Were fired upon by MGs (fixed lines) one sub machine gun, 4 rds 8 cm mor, 1 red flare and 4 illuminating. Returned to 14 pl HQ 2315 hrs. Special points:- 1. Area full of slit trenches. 2. No wire or traps seen. 3. NO Germans NORTH of rd by house 33.

NOTE:- Patrol was called back so that arty fire could be called down on area houses 6, 7, 34. (739496) and on dyke to the rear. Also we brought down mor fire along dyke and the firing we did close in seemed to help quieten him down.

PATROL NO. 504

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:-

Time :-

Sgt 1 NCO and 3 men. Patrol not interfered with during the night and reports no attempt at enemy infiltration

P.T.O.

PATROL NO. 505

R H - MAIS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1830 hrs.

Time In:- 0615 hrs

Sir 1 NCO 31x ORs. Flares dropped by enemy planes at 1815 hrs and 1900 hrs. Contacted by Calg Highrs at 1900 hrs and 2230 hrs and by Cda Scots 3 at 1930 hrs and 0120 hrs. Otherwise NTR.

PATROL NO. 506

CALG HIGHRS

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Sir 1 NCO 3 men. Contact made with R H C at 1830-2130-0030 0330. NTR.

PATROL NO. 507

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1800 hrs

Time In:- 0600 hrs

Sir 1 NCO 3 men. Patrol est at 745507. They heard the usual mov in the woods on the left. Otherwise NTR.

PATROL NO. 508

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1830 hrs

Time In:- 0600 hrs

Sir 1 NCO 4 men. Patrol est 125 yds in front of posn 750515. They heard gen mov to their front as if the Gerries were walking to keep. WORE.

PATROL NO. 509

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 0600 hrs

Sir 1 NCO 5 men. Est at crossrds 751518. NTR.

POST/DRLS/HAND
G/JW

(J.M. Delamere) Major
B.M. 5 Cdh Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION LIST "D"

SECRET

100-100-100

UNIT	TYPE	TIME	MESSAGE	ROUTE
500	C	1830-2130 0030-0330	To contact Calg Highrs at junc pt on track at 743507	COS discretion
501	S	Darkness	To be est in gen area in 725491 pat-rolling to and from 723488	COS discretion
502	S	Darkness	To be est gen area 727483 to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
503	S	Darkness	To be est in gen area houses 739496 to locate enemy and prevent infiltration	COS discretion
504	S	Darkness	To be est on LOLEN BEAK at approx 741550 to prevent infiltration	COS discretion
505	S	Darkness	To be est in gen area of tracks at 743531 to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
506	C	1830-2130 0030-0330	To contact R H C at junc pt on track at 743507	COS discretion
507	S	Darkness	To be est fwd of D Coy to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
508	S	Darkness	Two patrols to be est fwd of C Coy to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
509	S	Darkness	To be est at X rds 751516. Friends on left will contact 4 times during night and Calg Highrs will maintain contact throughout the night.	COS discretion

JTG LMBZS

(J.M. Delamere) Major
EM - 5 Cdn Inf Bde

PASSWORD "EASTER BOMMET"
DISTRIBUTION "D"

AN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SECRET

PATROL REPORT NIGHT 27/28 DEC

PATROL NO. 501

CONTACT

Time In.

Time Out:

Contacted Calg Highrs at 1900-2200-0100-0400 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 502

R H C

STANDING

Time In. 0720 hrs

Time Out: 1730 hrs

Str 1 Sgt & 3 mbe. Est at 725491 and NTR during the night. At 0450 a patrol of 1 offr 1 NCO and 2 men went through this patrol to pt 10.8 (735436). Fired 3 mags of Bren into Middelaar and 3 mags of Bren into Middelaarhuis and drew fire from both places. Returned at 0630 hrs.

PATROL NO. 503

R H C

STANDING

Time In. 0730 hrs

Time Out: 1740 hrs

Str 1 Sgt and 3 men. Est at 727493 during the night. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504

R H C

STANDING

Time In. 0650 hrs

Time Out: 1730 hrs

Str 1 NCO 1 OR. A series of 3 recce patrols went into area 739496.
#1. Spotted 2 Gerries vicinity House 7 (738496) no other mov but fired on by schmeisser from house 34 (739496). Lay out for an hour observing and returned and patrol #2 went out.
#2. Moved around area for 2 hrs watching for signs of enemy but could spot no mov. Went in as far as rd June 739496.
#3. Out 0600 in 0650 hrs. Went almost to house 34 (739496) and report no mov. Fired on from dyke in front of A Coy.

PATROL NO. 504

R H C

STANDING

Time In. 0710 hrs

Time Out: 1800 hrs

Str 1 NCO and 3 men. Est at 74165027. NTR.

PATROL NO. 505

R DE MAIS

STANDING

Time In. 0700 hrs

Time Out: 1720 hrs

Str 1 NCO 3 OFS. Contacted by Calg Highrs at 1803 hrs. Contacted by Cdn Scot R at 1930-2235-0245 hrs. They heard MGs during the night otherwise NTP.

PATROL NO. 506

CALG HIGHRS

CONTACT

Str 1 NCO 3 men
NTR.

Contact made with R H C at 1800-2200-0100-0400 hrs

PATROL NO. 507

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1800 hrsTime In:- 0600 hrs

Est at 745507. The usual noises to their front but they were unable to work fwd due to the moonlight.

PATROL NO. 508

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:- Last ltTime In:- First lt

Str 1 NCO 4 men. Patrol est 125 yds infront of posn 750515. They heard noise to their left and front but could not get fwd owing to the moonlight.

PATROL NO. 509

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:- 1800 hrsTime In:- 0600 hrs

Str 1 NCO 6 men. Patrol est at Xrds 751518 and contact made by Cdn Scot R throughout night.

PATROL NO. EXTRA

CALG HIGHRS

RECCE

Time Out:- 1730 hrsTime In:- 2045 hrs

Str 1 Offr 4 men. They left 743508 and proceeded up a slope to a posn 74355091. They crossed 75 yds of open fd and found that their view was hindered by high trees. They returned across the fd and worked along the edge of the fd to a posn 74365098 where the leader accidentally set off a trip wire charged which deafened him. He then had to return. Observation. Trenches along the fd at 748509. Unable to see much from this high ground owing to trees in the way.

POST/DRLS/HAND
G/JW

(J.M. Delamere) Major
B.M. 5/Cdn Inf Bde

ATTENTION - Last "ED"

5 CDM INF BDE PATROL PROGRAM

AMERICAN DEC 4

CDM NO.	UNIT	TYPE	TIME	TASK	CO's Discretion
OK. 1310 500	RHC	C	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact Calg Highrs at June pt on track at 743507	CO's Discretion
OK. 1310 501	RHC	S	Last light First light	To be est in gen area of 725491 to prevent enemy infiltration	CO's Discretion
OK. 1310 502	RHC	S	Last light First light	To be est in gen area 727490 to prevent enemy infiltration	CO's Discretion
OK. 1220 503	RHC	S	Last light First light	To be est in gen area houses 739496 if possible. If already occupied by enemy to withdraw to allow HF	CO's Discretion
OK. 1210 504	RHC	S	Last light First light	To be est on MOLEN BECK at 74155027 to prevent infiltration	CO's Discretion
505	R de Mals	S	Last light First light	To be est in gen area of tracks at 743521 to prevent enemy infiltration	CO's Discretion
506	Calg Highrs	C	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact RHC at June pt on track at 743507	CO's Discretion
507	Calg Highrs	S	Last light First light	To be est fwd of D Coy to prevent enemy infiltration	CO's Discretion
508	Calg Highrs	S	Last light First light	Two patrols to be est fwd of C Coy to prevent enemy infiltration	CO's Discretion
509	Calg Highrs	S	Last light First light	To be est at X rds 751518. Friends on left will contact 4 times during night and Calg Highrs will maintain contact throughout the night	CO's Discretion

PASWORD "SUGAR PLUM"

(H.K. Delamere) Major
Bn - 5 Cdn Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION 'D'

5 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
PATROL REPORT NIGHT 28/29 DEC

S E C R E T

PATROL NO. 500 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:- Time In:-

Contacted Calg Highrs at 1900-2200-0100-0400 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 501 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs Time In:- 0650 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 3 ORs. Est at 725491. Very quiet. NTR.

PATROL NO. 502 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 1745 hrs Time In:- 0645 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 3 ORs. Est at 727493. Only heard random sniper shots from area of dyke. Very quiet.

PATROL NO. 503 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 2230 hrs Time In:- 0145 hrs

Str 1 NCO 1 OR. Went out from standing patrol est at 736497. Took up posn along hedge vis 500 yds. Hy frost showed up our men. Sniped at from vicinity of dyke. Located enemy MG post in hedge to rt of house #7 (733496). Could NOT proceed further due to brightness and noisy ground. Did not notice much activity in houses in front of dyke. Returned through standing patrol.

PATROL NO. 504 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 1815 hrs Time In:- 0615 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 men. Est at 7415027. NTR.

PATROL NO. 505 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- Last lt Time In:- First lt

Str 1 NCO 6 ORs. Est without trouble.
2200 to 2230 Enemy MG Fire
2200 Contact by Cdn Scot R
1800 - 2200 Vickers fired. Calg Highrs fired 3" mor
2345 Contact by Calg Highrs
0525 Contact by Cdn Scot and Calg Highrs 1 green flare in area. Otherwise NTR.

PATROL NO. 506 CALG HIGHRS CONTACT

Time Out:- Time In:-

Str 1 NCO 4 men. Contact made with R H C at 1900-2200-0100-0400 hrs. No trouble. NTR.

P.T.O.

NO. 507

CALG HIGHERS

STANDING

Time Out:- Last ltTime In:- First lt

1 NCO 4 men. Est at 745507 but were unable to work fwd due to
 daylight. NTR.

L NO. 508

CALG HIGHERS

STANDING

Time Out:- Last ltTime In:- First lt

Patrol est 125 yds in front of posn 750515. NTR.

POL NO. 509

CALG HIGHERS

STANDING

Time Out:- Last LtTime In:- First lt

Str 1 NCO 6 men. Patrol est at Xrds 751518 and contacted by the
 Cdn Scot R throughout the night.

POST/DRLS
 G/JW

POST/DRLS/HAND
 G/JW

DISTRIBUTION - List "D"

(J.M. Delamere) Major
 B.M. 5 Cdn Inf Bn

5 CDN INF RDE PATROL PROGRAM

NIGHT 28/29 Dec 44

PATROL NO	UNIT	TYPE	TIME	TASK	ROUTE
OK. 1310 500 <i>Calg</i> <i>Passwd</i>	R H C	C	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact Calg Highrs at June pt on track at 743500	COs discretion
501	R H C	S	Last light first light	To be est in gen area 725401 to prevent infiltration	COs discretion
502	R H C	S	Last light first light	To be est in gen area 727490 to prevent enemy infiltration	COs discretion
OK. 1310 503	R H C	S	Last light first light	To be est in gen area houses 739490 if possible. If already occupied by enemy to withdraw to allow HF	COs discretion
OK. 1315 504	R H C	S	Last light first light	To be est in gen area 74130027 to prevent infiltration	COs discretion
505	R de mails	S	Last light first light	To be est in gen area of to the 743500 to prevent enemy infiltration	COs discretion
506	Calg Highrs	C	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact R H C at June pt on track at 743500	COs discretion
507	Calg Highrs	S	Last light first light	To be est fwd of D Coy to prevent enemy infiltration	COs discretion
508	Calg Highrs	S	Last light first light	Two patrols to be est fwd of C Coy area to prevent enemy infiltration	COs discretion
509	Calg Highrs	S	Last light first light	To be est at X Rds 751513. Friends on left will contact 4 times during night and Calg Highrs will maintain contact throughout the night.	COs discretion

PASSWORD "CRYSTAL PALACE"

DISTRIBUTION 'D'

(J.M. Delamore) Major
EM - 5 Cdn Inf Bde

PATROL NO. 1

R H C

CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Command of Calg Highrs at 1900-0100-0400 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 2

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1715 hrs

Time In:- 0650 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 5 men. Est 725491. Very Quiet night. NTR.

PATROL NO. 3

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 0620 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 3 men. Est 727493. Night quieter than Usual. NTR.

PATROL NO. 4

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 0630 hrs

Str 1 NCO and 5 men. Est in area of bldgs at 736496. Using this standing patrol as a firm base a recce patrol went fwd to check area in front of dyke.

PATROL NO. 4A

R H C

RECCE

Time Out:- 2230 hrs

Time In:- 2330 hrs

Str 1 NCO and 1 OR. Object to see if house 33-34 (739497) are occupied. Left standing patrol posn at 736496 travelled NE across rd to flooded area. Skirted flooded area to Eastern extremity. Turned N to within 25 yds of rd back across ice to Standing patrol. Considerable noise was heard along dyke rd or behind it incl that of a small cart. A man was heard to cough near house 7 (738498). When patrol reached a pt about 50 yds from house 33 (739498) a jerry kicked a can by house (738498) west of house 33. On listening what is believed to have been 2 man jerry patrol was heard moving slowly toward house 33 (739498). A man coughed by house 33 (739498). Our patrol then moved to house 738498 which was unoccupied. Returned uneventful. There was no firing to our immediate front or near us. There did not seem to be enough jerries in the vicinity of the houses in front of the dyke for us to call down an arty shoot on them. The night itself seemed to be quieter than usual.

PATROL NO. 5

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1710 hrs

Time In:- 0640 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 3 men. Est at 74155027. Night very quiet and no incidents to report. Quietest it has been for several nights.

PATROL NO. 6

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:- Last lt

Time In:- First lt

Taken over by Calg Highrs due to mov of R e Mais. Est in usual gen area. NTR.

PATROL NO. 7 CALG HIGHRS CONTACT

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Str 1 NCO 4 men. Contact made with the R H C at 1900-2200-0100-0400 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 8 CALG HIGHRS STANDING

Time Out:- Last lt

Time In:- First lt

Str 1 NCO 4 men. Est at 745507. NTR.

PATROL NO. 9 CALG HIGHRS STANDING

Time Out:- Last lt

Time In:- First lt

Str 1 NCO 6 men. Patrol est 125 yds in front of posn 750515. Two men went fwd about 100 yds and heard enemy patrol on their left that was going away from them. Otherwise NTR.

PATROL NO. 10 CALG HIGHRS STANDING

Time Out:- Last lt

Time In:- First lt

Str 1 NCO 4 men. Patrol est Xrds 751518 and contacted by the Cdn Scots R throughout the night. Otherwise NTR.

POST/DRLS/HAND
G/JW

(J.M. Delamere) Major
B.M. 5 Cdn Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION - List "D"

4/5 Cdn Inf Bde Patrol Programme

NIGHT 20/1/67

COL NO	UNIT	TYPE	PR-EGS	TASK	ROUTE
OK 1415	RHC/Essex Scot	Contact	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact R Regt C at junc pt on track at 742503	Cos discretion
OK 1405	RHC/Essex Scot	Standing	Last light first light	To be est in gen area 725491 to prevent enemy infiltration	Cos discretion
	RHC/Essex Scot	Standing	Last light first light	To be est gen area 727493 to prevent enemy infiltration	Cos discretion
	RHC/Essex Scot	Standing	Last light first light	To be est in gen area houses if possible. If already occupied by enemy to withdraw to allow H/F 739496	Cos discretion
OK 1420	RHC/Essex Scot	Standing	Last light first light	To be est on MOLEN HILL at 74155027 to prevent infiltration	Cos discretion
	RHC/Essex Scot	Standing	Last light first light	To be est in gen area of tracks at 743521 to prevent enemy infiltration	Cos discretion
	R Regt C	Contact	1900-2200 0100-0400	To contact RHC/Essex Scot at junc pt on track at 742503	Cos discretion
	R Regt C	Standing	Last light first light	To be est fwd of right coy/to prevent enemy infiltration area	Cos discretion
	R Regt C	Standing	Last light first light	Two patrols to be est fwd of left coy to prevent enemy infiltration	Cos discretion
	R Regt C	Standing	Last light first light	To be est at X rds 751513. Friends on left will contact 4 times during night and R Regt C will maintain contact throughout the night	Cos discretion

NOTES: 1. PASSWORD "SODA FOUNTAIN"
2. 5 Bde units to arrange turn over of all above projected patrols

DISTRIBUTION: 'D'

(J.M. Delamere) Major
HC - 5 Cdn Inf Bde

1.
CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
PATROL REPORT NIGHT 30/31 DEC

SECRET

PATROL NO. 1 R H C CONTACT

Time Out:- Time In:-

Contacted Calg Highrs at 1830-2130-0030-0330 hrs. NTR.

PATROL NO. 2 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 1815 hrs Time In:- 0030 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 7 men. Est at 728491 and noticed no activity on immediate front. Only activity was in front of D and A Coys.

PATROL NO. 3 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 1830 hrs Time In:- 0030 hrs

Str 1 Sgt 5 men. Est at 727493. No incidents to report.

PATROL NO. 4 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 1750 hrs Time In:- 0030 hrs

Str 1 Offr and 10 men. Formed firm base at 737496 and recce patrol went fwd to locate enemy. (see 4A)

PATROL NO. 4A R H C RECCE

Time Out:- 2400 hrs Time In:- 0230 hrs

Str 1 Offr 3 ORs. From HQ at 734497 to standing patrol. Left to rd. Along hedge to within 25 yds of house 7 (738496). Back by same route. Went out to within 25 yds of house 7 (738496) without incident. List for half hour without hearing mov. Went back to slit about 30 yds in front of standing patrol at 738496. Fired bren into houses 34 (739497) and 7 (738496) and in direction of dyke to SE of house 7 (738496). 1 shot replied from house 34 (739497) and one tracer shot was seen from that posn. No fire came from house 7 (738496). A gp of 5 or 6 gren where thrown by enemy from posn on dyke. Three or four minutes later more grenades were thrown from same posn. Patrol cannot explain why these were thrown as they were at least 300 yds away at the time. If enemy were definitely located in the houses but not in great enough str to warrant calling down HF.

PATROL NO. 5 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- 1830 hrs Time In:- 0030 hrs

Results. 1 sgt and 3 ORs. Est at 741503 and recce no attempts of enemy infiltration. Considerable automatic fire at times from dyke directly in front. Rifle grens were fired regularly into D Coy area and some mortaring of our rear area around 737505. Vis could see a man at 150 yds.

PATROL NO. 6 CALG HIGHRS CONTACT

Time Out:- Time In:-

Str 2 NCOs 4 men. Contact made with the R H C at 1830-2130-0030-0330 hrs without double. NTR.

P.T.O.

PATROL NO. 7 CALG HIGHRS STANDING
Time Out:- Last Lt Time In:- First Lt
Str 1 NCO 5 men. Est at 746507. NTR.

PATROL NO. 8 CALG HIGHRS STANDING
Time Out:- Last Lt Time In:- First Lt
Str 1 NCO 6 men. Patrol est 125 yds in front of posn 750515. They heard a lot of small arms firing after midnight from posn on the left.

PATROL NO. 9 CALG HIGHRS STANDING
Time Out:- Last Lt Time In:- First Lt
Str 1 NCO 4 men. Patrol at Xrds 751518. NTR.

PATROL NO. 10 CALG HIGHRS STANDING
Time Out:- Last Lt Time In:- First Lt
Str 1 NCO 4 men. Patrol est at 747518 and were contacted by the Cdn Scot R throughout the night. NTR.

PATROL NO. EXTRA CALG HIGHRS RECCE
Time Out:- 0030 hrs Time In:- 0210 hrs

Str 1 NCO 2 men. They left a posn 752516 and proceeded along the edge of the woods about 70 yds when they were stopped by hy fire from the front. They got within 15 yds of the enemy posn but were unable to go any further owing to the crispness of the ground and the bright moon.

OBSERVATIONS FROM OPs FOR 24 HR PERIOD UP TO
1800 HRS 29 DEC 44

1. OP AT 741508

282000 Observed enemy MG firing from area of 743499 along dyke.
291100 House at 74184944 engaged by tk FOO after smoke obs. made.
House set on fire and 2 explosions heard like petrol tanks.

2. OP AT 744478

291015 Smoke from house 16° mag (approx 74494885).
291030 Hammering and building noises 4° mag (74244893).
291035 Man walked into house at 23° mag (74494830).
291105 Smoke from house 26° mag (74654884).
291135 Shell set house on fire at 74154900.
291345 Enemy mor posn left 3° from church at 743489 (74334830).
291435 Saw what appeared to be a car at house 6° mag (74895076).
291535 Appears to be cam netting hanging from hedge at 74534832.

POST/DMLS/HAND
G/JW

DISTRIBUTION - List "D"

(J.M. Delamere) Major
B.M. 5 Cdn Inf Bde

L10 and a bottle of Scotch for a PW - expires 1800 on 1 JAN 45

3 CEN INF BDE PATROL PROGRAM

NIGHT 30/31 Dec 44

PAROL NO	UNIT	TYPE	TIMINGS	TASK	ROUTE
OK. 1520 1	RHC	C	1830-2130 0030-0330	To contact Calg Highrs at junc pt on track at 743507	COS discretion
OK. 1530 2	RHC	S	Last light first light	To be est in gen area 725491 to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
OK. 1524 3	RHC	S	Last light first light	To be est gen area 727493 to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
OK. 1524 4	RHC	S	Last light first light	To be est in gen area houses 736496. To probe fwd from here if possible to locate enemy in order to bring down HF	COS discretion
OK. 1521 5	RHC	S	Last light first light	To be est on COMB BRK at 741503 to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion

7	Calg Highrs	C	1830-2130 0030-0330	To contact RHC at junc pt on track at 743507	COS discretion
8	Calg Highrs	S	Last light first light	To be est fwd of D Coy to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
9	Calg Highrs	S	Last light first light	To be est fwd of C Coy to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
10	Calg Highrs	S	Last light first light	To be est at X rds 751518 to prevent enemy infiltration	COS discretion
	Calg Highrs	S	Last light first light	To be est on track at approx 747518 to prevent enemy infiltration. Friends on left will contact during the night.	COS discretion

PA5500RD "MAPLE WALNUT"

DISTRIBUTION: 'D'

(J.L. DeLancey) Major
FM - 5 CEN

5 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
PATROL REPORT NIGHT 30/1 Dec.

SECRET

PATROL NO. 500 R H C STANDING-LIAISON

Time Out:- 2100 - 0100 - 0500 hrs

Made contact at times stated - NTR.

PATROL NO. 501 R H C STANDING

Time Out:- Darkness

Patrol established area of houses 4 and 5. NTR.
Str 1 NCO 8 men.

PATROL NO. 502 R H C LIAISON

Time Out:- 2400 - 0400 hrs

Contacted friends at 2344 - 0445. NTR.

PATROL NO. 503 R H C LIAISON

Time Out:- 0030 - 0430 hrs

Contacted our friends 0023-0410. NTR.

PATROL NO. 504 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- 1725 hrs

Time In:- 0615 hrs

Patrol was on its way to take posn in HORST but they were engaged by enemy which had infiltrated in house 31 (772543). They withdrew to coy lines. After engaging the enemy with mortar and small arms fire from coy posns patrol returned and found enemy had evacuated area 773543 by 1915 hrs. They reported a very peaceful night except for occasional flares and sniper fire coming from the Church area 781543.

PATROL NO. 505 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time out:- 1800 hrs

Time In:- 0600 hrs

Patrol established at house 100 (772553) and had a very quiet night. NTR.

PATROL NO. 506 R DE MAIS STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrs

Time In:- 0630 hrs

In posn at 765558 by 1745 hrs following observations:-
2115 hrs flares dropped in enemy sector in V form. 2130 hrs allied planes over direction - EAST. 2200-2300 hrs flares seen in 3 Div sector. 2200-2400 3 Div harassing with " in mortar.

PATROL NO. 507 R DE MAIS LIAISON

Time Out:- 2000 - 2300 - 0200 - 0400 hrs

Contact was made at a/a times. NTR.

P.T.O.

PATROL NO. 508

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:- Last LightTime In:- First Light

Str 1 NCO and 5 ORs. House at 761526 entered and occupied during night. No enemy seen or heard. NTR.

PATROL NO. 509

CALG HIGHRS

STANDING

Time Out:-

Time In:-

Cancelled due to relief.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON:-

PATROL NO. 501

R H C

STANDING

Time Out:- 1730 hrsTime In:- 0630 hrs

Str 1 NCO 6 men. On first attempt to occupy houses 4 and 5 (771535) came under MG fire from houses 92 and 93 (773535). Withdrew to own lines and started out again. On second attempt fire from same spot was hit and they got within 30 yds of objective. Heard noise and talking and sound of shovels in houses 4 & 5 (771535). Decided enemy was too strong in houses and returned to own lines again, on third time out at 0400 hrs occupied houses 4 and 5 and they were clear of enemy. Heard noise as of someone clearing away glass in houses 93 and 94 (774536). On first sortie at approx 200 yds from end of hedge (771535) observed 3 enemy lt mortars firing - bearing 200 - 300 mag from 771535 to mortar posns.

NOTE:- No apparent attempt was made by the enemy to carry out the strong Fighting Patrol indicated as a possibility for the end of the month (from PW taken night 27th Nov).

POST/DRLS/HAND
G/JW

(J.M. Delamere) Major
B.M. '5 Cdn Inf Bde

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3 CDM INF BDE PATROL PROGRAMME

NIGHT 30 Nov/1 Dec 44

Patrol No	Unit	Type	Timing	Task	Route
✓ 500	RHC	S/L	First light Last light	To be est at X rds 751510. FMR will make contact at 2100-0100-0500	COS discretion
✓ 501 <i>Cpl Martin</i>	RHC	S	-do-	To be est at houses 4 and 5 area 771535	COS discretion
✓ 502	RHC	L	2400-0400	To contact Calg Highrs at BH 753538	COS discretion
✓ 503	RHC	L	0030-0430	To contact R de Lais at BH 756550	COS discretion
504	R de Lais	S	Last light First light	To be est in HORST area 772543	COS discretion
505	R de Lais	S	-do-	To be est around house 100 gen area 772553	COS discretion
506	R de Lais	S	-do-	To be est at rd junc 765558	COS discretion
507	R de Lais	L	2000-2300 0200-0400	To contact HLI at junc pt to be arranged mutually	COS discretion
508	Calg Highrs	S	Last light First light	To be est in house at 761525	COS discretion
509	Calg Highrs	S	-do-	To be est in house 84 at 768531	COS discretion

NOTES: Password "EASY CHAIR"

Reports by phone at 0730 hrs; in writing by 0800 hrs
 BA ICs to report to Bde Hq at 0930 hrs
 All standing patrols to be alert and on guard in order to intercept or ambush any enemy attempting to infiltrate or interfere with operations

(J. M. Delanere) Major
 BA 5 Cdm Inf Bde.

1/12/44 TO 2/12/44

CONTACT PATROL

ONE H.C.O

TWO O.R.s

~~contacted~~ Left unit area 2320 hrs
contacted Calgary Highlanders at
2357 hrs., left Calgary Highlanders at
0005 hrs., contacted R. de Mais at
0017 hrs., left R. de Mais at 0020 hrs
returned to R.H.C at 0055 hrs.

REMARKS:-

at no time were we halted
by "B" Coy Toronto Scottish, no sentry
was on the main street

1/2 patrol

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Cpl Wilkins W.J.

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2/12/44

Three O.R.^s Contact Patrol

Left unit area 3.30 hrs contacted
Calgary Highlanders at 4.00 hrs left
Calgary's at 4.05 hrs contacted R. de
Mais at 4.15 hrs left R. de Mais
at 4.16 & returned back to unit
area at 4.45 hrs.

Remarks

We weren't halted at B en
area & were halted once from
unit area to Calgary. Haven't halted
from Calgary to R. de Mais except
by sentry in house just off railway
tracks.

K patrol

D137947

Pte. M. Brunner.

PATROL REPORT

Date Dec 5, 1944Sub Unit "D" Coy. Map Sheet _____Type of Patrol Covering Recce. SP _____Patrol Comd 1st Lt G Anderson D6157 Time Out 1830 hrs.Strength 1st Lt 1st Sgt 1st Pte 4 Ptes 2 sig. Time In 2200 hrs.Object Laying wire and Recce. ground for movementRoute Out from 748515⁵²⁵ to 755511⁵²¹ at 1000 yds compass bearing 113°30'
to ?Route In from (755511) N.E. to (757514) then N.W. to (748515) ?Visibility Good. for 100 yds

Report Narrative: At 1830 hrs Dec 5 1944 1st Lt Anderson set out with a covering & Recce patrol & 2 signaller to lay a line from (748515) to (755511) on compass bearing 113°30' a distance of 1000 yds.

Recce. of ground for troop movement. Ground very flat for about 300 yds and then slopes down and at (755511) forms a good forming up base with good cover. On our return from laying wire we recce. ground for good approach to (755511) good route from (755511) along road N.E. to (757514) and then N.W. to (748515).

Special Points:

While at (755511) enemy infiltrated into position and after trapping flame made a hasty retreat. App. 10 minutes after trapping flame mortars followed by small arms fire came within position. As we were a recce patrol we took available cover and then returned to (748515) by above route.

D6157 1st Lt G Anderson
Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Date 5 Dec 44Sub Unit D Coy Map Sheet Aerial photoType of Patrol Recc SP 741528Patrol Comd Sgt Wharrie J. R. Time Out 1745 hrs.Strength 5 O Rs. Time In 2045 hrs.Object To recc a route for Troop movement by night, and also to check on any enemy positions.Route Out 744520 749517Route In 753518 749524 741528Visibility Very good 100 yds approx

Report Narrative: The patrol moved off across country but had to take to the road because of bushes. We moved along the edge of wood and contacted 1st R.H.1. Turning left to the road we found the dead body of one of our scouts at 75055175. From there we moved around the Xrd at 751517. There was no enemy movement and after about 30 minutes we moved along the road and swung left coming in through our own standing patrol.

Special Points: There is no cover on the road and the surrounding fields are low stubble. One flare was fired and appeared to come from house #240

J. Wharrie Sgt.
Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Date 6 Dec/44.

Sub Unit D Coy Map Sheet _____
 Type of Patrol Recc SP (749515) ?
 Patrol Comd Sgt. K. Morrison Time Out 1830 hrs.
 Strength 4 o/s Time In 2200 hrs.
 Object To obtain the best possible advance route to forming up area

Route Out (749515) to (755511)Route In (757516) to (749515)Visibility Good.

Report Narrative: Approach to point of recc area was obscured
as being very bad for cover. On reaching the
recc point Calgary 3" mortars fired thus being
seen mortars and M46 fire from the enemy.
Calgary 3" mortars were located at ref. 756521.
This indicated as from seeing our forming up
area. House 25 is heavily manned by M46's.
Enemy is well dug in. S.P. reported at house 24?
Dannard was from house 1, 2, 3. Enemy using
Cup. discharges in this area.

Special Points:

Enemy reple with mortars covered an area
of 200 yds on the immediate point.

Sgt. K. Morrison

Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Date 21 Dec 44

Sub Unit D Coy 1st RHC

Map Sheet GENNEP - EASTERN HALF #125W.

Type of Patrol STANDING PATROL

SP 723495

Patrol Comd Sgt Talfer L.

Time Out 20 Dec 44 1800 hrs.

Strength 1 Sgt & 3 CRS

Time In 21 Dec 44 0530 hrs.

Object To prevent infiltration and provide ambush.

Route Out From SP 723495 along rd to approx 728488

Route In Same as out.

Visibility Poor - limited to 10-20 ft.

Report Narrative:

Remained standing at 728488 where we took up position covering both sides of rd. There was no activity except white flashes and enemy MG fire which was overhead coming from left. Distance unknown.

Special Points:

Nil

Sgt. Talfer L.
Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Date 21 Dec 44

Sub Unit

D Coy 1st R.H.C.

Map Sheet

GENNER-EASTERN HALL - # 12 S.W.

Type of Patrol

STANDING PATROL

SP

723 495

Patrol Comd

Sgt J. R. Harris

Time Out

20 Dec 44 1900 hrs.

Strength

1 Coy 30 RS

Time In

21 Dec 44 0545 hrs.

Object

To prevent infiltration

Route Out

From SP 723495 along road east to approx 72504950;
then S along hedge to 727493 (hedge corner)

Route In

Same as out

Visibility

Poor - limited to 15 ft.

Report Narrative:

Proceeded to post and during night there
was no enemy movement. Enemy MG was
firing intermittently from left. Distance approx
1000 ft.

Special Points:

Nil

J. R. Harris
Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Date Night of 21-22 Dec 44Sub Unit 14 PIMap Sheet Gennep 12 SWType of Patrol ReconSP 14 PIPatrol Comd L/cpl WelshTime Out 2330 hrs hrs.Strength twoTime In 0130 hrs hrs.Object To find out if enemy are occupying houses in our area

Route Out

Route In

Visibility

Report Narrative:

1st. The patrol found no movement or signs of occupation in any of the houses on the left hand side of the road right up to house 33. Nothing was heard on right hand side of road up to house across from 33.

at 0500
14 0630

2nd

The patrol found nothing in the way of movement or sound from the enemy. They covered the same area as the first patrol.

The fighting patrol therefore didn't go out.

Special Points:

Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Date Dec. 21, 1944

Sub Unit _____ Map Sheet _____

Type of Patrol ambush; fighting SP _____

Patrol Comd Cpl. Webb Time Out 2200 hrs.

Strength eight Time In 2330 hrs.

Object Object to get a prisoner around corner of house on right of road in front of chicken coop.

Route Out out to chicken coop along hedge on right of road, and around hedge on right side of house.

Route In same as route out.

Visibility fair.

Report Narrative: many quiet movements heard and enemy seen and heard.

3 Germans seen by Recon Patrol in yard of House 6. Fighting Patrol went out but did not see or hear enemy.

They were instructed not to go beyond House

Special Points: Six.

Cpl. Webb
Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Date 21 Dec 44

Sub Unit D Coy 1st Bn Black Watch Map Sheet _____
 Type of Patrol Standing SP 723495
 Patrol Comd B72996 Sgt Wharrie J.R. Time Out 1800 hrs.
 Strength 1 Sgt 3 ORs. Time In 0430 hrs.
 Object To prevent enemy infiltration

Route Out 723495 - 725496 along hedge to 727494

Route In Same as out

Visibility Up to 2200 hrs 30x approx After 2200 hrs 5x

Report Narrative: At 1800 hrs the patrol went out and
took up posn @ There was no enemy
movement, but occasional M.R. fire
from our front, and three flares @
At 0430 hrs visibility was nil and rain
made the posn untenable

Special Points:

J. R. Wharrie
 Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Date Dec 21/44Sub Unit D Coy 1st Bn. Black Watch Map Sheet —Type of Patrol Standing SP 723495Patrol Comd B3847H Sgt Fisher F.K. Time Out 1800 hrs.Strength 1 Sgt + 3 MM Time In 0500 hrs.Object To prevent enemy infiltrationRoute Out 723495. along road. to 727489.Route In Same as out.Visibility Up to 2200 hrs 30" approx. after 2200 hrs 5"

Report Narrative: At 1800 hrs patrol went out took up
position 727489. There was no enemy
movement. occasionally machine gun
fire. + only three flares. at 0430 hrs
visibility was nil.

Special Points:

B3847H Sgt Fisher F.K.
Patrol Comd.

Type of Patrol Recon

Date Night 21-22 Dec

Patrol Strength 1 NCO 1 man

Time Out 2100 hrs

Time in ~~2300 hrs~~ 2400 hrs
~~400~~

Visibility: a man visible about 30'

Purpose of Patrol: To recon area east of
Dyke Rd.

Narrative:

Started out from 743504 and went
to within 25' of rd junction at 745503 where
we heard a man cough and movement
by wrecked vehicles. A grenade and
an automatic weapon was fired and a man
was heard speak. Went back and made fresh
start. Went S to Molen Beek turned
E. As we approached dyke we heard
noise ~~noise~~ of twigs snapping about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ way between hedgerow and dyke as if
enemy might be resetting a slit. The ground
here is very wet and ~~slit~~ slit would soon
fill with water. We turned left and moved
N away from noise. Then approached
within 10' of dyke. Movement was

Again heard on Dyke. Mortar or shells
began to fall along rd and in field
in which we were lying. The dyke
seemed to be very accurately taped.

Patrol resume.

A/Cpl H. Wilkinson

786415.

PATROL REPORT

Date 22 Dec 44

Sub Unit D Co 1st RHC

Map Sheet 6000

Type of Patrol Starling Patrol

SP 723495

Patrol Comd Sgt Telfer

Time Out 1930 hrs.

Strength 1 Sgt + 30 RS

Time In 0530 hrs.

Object To prevent infiltration

Route Out From SP along rd SE to point 726490

Route In Same as out

Visibility Good

Report Narrative:

Patrol established at 726490 and during night saw no enemy activity. Flares shot up periodically during night from vicinity of middlemost bunker. Patrol being between 2200-2345 hrs.

Special Points:

Nil
L Telfer Sgt

PATROL REPORT

Date Night 22-23 Dec 44

Sub Unit 14 P/

Map Sheet Gonneb 12(SW)

Type of Patrol Recc

SP 734 498

Patrol Comd Lt. N.T. Engelhardt

Time Out 0120 hrs.

Strength Two

Time In 0240 hrs.

Object To check again to see if enemy occupying any of houses allotted to us and to use as Bren position for perimeter

Route Out

Route In

Visibility good.

Report Narrative: No enemy was found in any of our houses or in area around them. A good Bren position was found.

Special Points:

Lt. N.T. Engelhardt
Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Date 23 Dec 44

Sub Unit D Coy 1st Bn Black Water Map Sheet _____
Type of Patrol Standing SP 723495
Patrol Comd B72996 Sgt W Harris Time Out 1930 hrs.
Strength 1 Sgt 3 Cws. Time In 0645 hrs.
Object To prevent enemy infiltration

Route Out 723495 along left of hedge to 724492Route In Same as outVisibility 150-200x

Report Narrative: The patrol went out to posn and
dug. there was no enemy
activity and we returned at
time stated

Special Points: _____

J. R. W. Harris
Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Sub Unit D Coy 1st PHE Date 23 Dec 44
 Type of Patrol Standing Patrol Map Sheet 723495
 Patrol Comd Sgt Fisher J K SP 723495
 Strength 1 Sgt + 3 ORs Time Out 1930 22 Dec hrs.
 Time In 0515 23 Dec hrs.
 Object To Obtain Information

Route Out From SP along rd to 725495 Then along bridge
to point 727493
 Route In Same as Out

Visibility Good

Report Narrative: Established patrol and there was no
enemy movement during night. At approx
2330 hrs 5 flares were seen in the distance
left and slightly forward of middle of
line and others from same vicinity went
up occasionally during night.

Special Points: None

B3847H Sgt Fisher J K
 Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Date 23-24-12/44

Sub Unit _____ Map Sheet _____
 Type of Patrol Standing Patrol SP 723 495
 Patrol Comd Sgt Zelfer L. Time Out 1930 hrs.
 Strength apt 3 m. Time In 0645 hrs.
 Object To prevent enemy infiltration

Route Out 725 496 along hedge to 727 493 and take
up position

Route In same route as out.

Visibility 150 - 200

Report Narrative: No enemy activity and returned
at time stated

Special Points:

Sgt. Zelfer
 Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

24/25/44

Date 25 Dec 1944

Sub Unit _____

Map Sheet _____

Type of Patrol Standing Patrol Rd. SP _____Patrol Comd Sgt Wheatley C.M.Time Out 1800 hrs.Strength 3-men 1-N.C.O.Time In 0530 hrs.

Object _____

Route Out _____

Route In _____

Visibility Bright Moonlight till 0300 hrs - Clear all nightReport Narrative: Quiet & uneventful

Special Points: _____

C.M. Wheatley Sgt.
Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Date 24/25/44
25 Dec 1944

Sub Unit Map Sheet
Type of Patrol Stalking Patrol Field SP
Patrol Comd Gpl. Russell E. 4. Time Out 1800 hrs.
Strength 3 men on N.C.O. Time In 0530 hrs.
Object

Route Out

Route In

Visibility Good

Report Narrative:

Sub Unit Map Sheet

Type of Patrol SP

Patrol Comd Time Out hrs.

Strength Time In hrs.

Object

Route Out

Route In

Visibility

Special Points:

Report Narrative:

Sub Unit Map Sheet

Type of Patrol SP

Patrol Comd Gpl. Russell E. 4.

PATROL REPORT

Date ^{NIGHT} 24-25 DEC 44Sub Unit A CoyMap Sheet 1/25000 SHEET 12 NW EASTType of Patrol STANDING - FIGHTINGSP HOUSE 74355040Patrol Comd LT. M. BRADLEYTime Out 250345 A hrs.Strength 1 OFFR 5 ORSTime In 250700 A hrs.Object TO EST PATROL ON NELLIE IF POSSIBLE AND AMBUSH
ENEMY PATROLS.

Route Out

Route In

Visibility BRIGHT MOON UNTIL 0345 THEN APPROX 15 YARDS

Report Narrative: PATROL UNABLE MOVE BEYOND FOLS UNTIL MOON DOWN
0345 HRS AT WHICH TIME MOVED OUT FROM THROUGH
STANDING PATROL IN ORCHARD 74125040 IN ESE
DIRECTION AND REACHED POINT ABOUT 75 YARDS
FROM NELLIE WHEN TWO FLARES WERE FIRED AND
MG 42 OPENED FIRE FROM NELLIE AT APPROX 74355003
PATROL WITHDREW TO ORCHARD THEN MOVED DUE SOUTH
ACROSS MOLEN BECK THEN SE TO ABOUT 100 YDS FROM
NELLIE WHEN FLARE FOLLOWED BY ABOUT TEN RIFLE
CABNADES FIRED FROM AREA HOUSE 743499. PATROL
WITHDREW AND WAS AGAIN FIRED ON BY SAME
MG 42 AT 74355003. PATROL WAS THEN EST ON
MOLEN BECK AT APPROX (74155027) REMAINING
UNTIL 0650 HRS WITHOUT INCIDENT.

Special Points:

QUIET MOV VERY DIFFICULT ON FROZEN GRASS.
ENEMY MOV AND TALKING HEARD FROM OUR POSN
ESTIMATED
FWD OF HOUSE 74355040 ~~FROM~~ GEN AREA 746504 AND
FURTHER TO EAST.

Patrol Comd.

PATROL REPORT

Date 31 DEC 44

Sub Unit Casser Section

Map Sheet 12 S.W.

Type of Patrol Flap Hunting

SP NIL

Patrol Comd 4SGT W.F. Spindock

Time Out 1730 hrs.

Strength 37 C.O.S - 1 GUN.

Time In 1930 hrs.

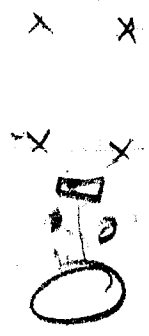
Object To get Prisoners.

Route Out START 739, 502 Rvins 734, 501
4TH BOUND 7053, 5035 1ST BOUND Right, 735, 501 2ND BOUND 734, 503
 Route In REVERSE

Visibility Good

Report Narrative:

Object to get prisoners and
 sniper reported in area.
 No enemy air activity
 fire encountered
 4 hour half def of
 735, 50 distance 400 yds
 forward of H for HBLE Coy.



Special Points:

4SGT W.F. Spindock
 Patrol Comd.