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5 CDN INF BDE

150830B

For Action.

TO R H C R DE MAIS CALG HIGHRS

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5 CDN FD REGT

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GO 1 SECRET(.) SITREP to 142400B(.) enemy(.) intermittent shelling in 5 and 6 cdn inf bde areas(.) enemy illuminating flares in camérons of x c and s sask r areas during night(.) garrisons at BERGUES BRAY-DUNES PLAGE(.) and GHYVELDE no change(.) own tps(.) 4 cdn inf bde(.) r regt c (.) one coy across canal 309782 and one pl across at 300777 preparatory to occupying gen brhead area 309782 - 290773(.) essex scot moving up to r regt c area preparatory to pushing through r regt c to area 2980(.) rhli attacking BERGUES from EAST at 150430B(.) 5 cdn inf bde(.) rhe no change(.) r de mais continue mopping up ops in their area until 151200B when relieved by 8 cdn recce regt(.) calg highrs no change(.) 6 cdn inf bde (.) fus mr no change area quiet(.) ssr attacking BRAY-DUNES PLAGE(.) attack going well in early stages(.) ~~xxxxxx~~ 8 cdn recce regt regt and tor scot(MG) no change(.) regrouping no change(.) HQ MAIN 2 cdn inf div 278674 rear HQ 2 cdn inf div 269673(.) all infm

CONFIDENTIAL forecast for 24 hours from 0700 hrs(.) wind SOUTHERLY 4-7 mph increasing to 8-12 in morning(.) S to SW 4-7 mph at night(.) 4-8/10 low cloud at 2000/2500 ft in morning and afternoon 7-10/10 at 1200/2000 at night(.) 1-6/10 medium cloud in morning 7-10/10 in afternoon and evening (.) visibility 1/2000 yds generally improving to 2-6 miles, but 500-1000 yds in local fog patches at first(.) local intermittent rain or drizzle in afternoon and evening(.) all infm

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GO 3 SECRET(.) SITREP asof 151200B(.) enemy NO opposition from BERGUES to our crossing of FURNE CANAL between 29 and 31 grid lines(.) counter attacks at 1030 hrs broken up and 32 PW taken(.) identified 96 and 53 GREN ERSATZ REGTS(.) strong pos BRAY DUNES PLAGE 3488 - 348863 and GHYVELDE 352851 continue to hold out(.) enemy strong pt 354884 surrendered this morning and gun posn 354887 apparently deserted(.) own tps(.) 4 Cdn inf bde (.) R REGT C continuing advance across FURNES CANAL ON CALGENOECK with coy posns 313783 303775 297784 and one coy astride canal at 292775(.) enemy counter attack from area 302778 at 1030 hrs broken up by arty and mortar fire and 32 PW taken with more coming in (.) no opposition from BERGUES(.) RHLI attack on BERGUES during night cancelled and bn withdrawn to 294736(.) ESSEX SCOT no change(.) 6 Cdn inf bde(.) CAMERONS OF C coy posns 346873 348873 - 351873 and 348871(.) S SASK R(.) moving into posn NORTH of CAMERONS OF C with coys 345875 348876 350876 and 348877(.) FUS MR no change(.) 8 Cdn recce regt(CH) and TOR SCOT (MG) no change(.) all infm

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FROM: 5 CDN INF BDE

TIME 161030B

TO: R H C R DE MAIS CALG HIGHRE 5 CDN FD REGT A COY TOR SCOT

GO 1 SECRET(.) SITREP as of 152400B(.) enemy (.) occasional shelling and mortaring on whole front and in particular by 20mm AA guns on EASTERN perimeter(.) BERGUES and area to NE quiet except for occasional shelling(.) PW taken in BRAY-DUNES-PLAGE 3488 - GHYVELDE 3585 posn today total 113 identified 149 FD ERSATZ BN 49 INF DIV(.) approx 35 PW taken from area 3177 during day formerly reported as being from 96 and 53 GREN ERSATZ REGTS now identified as being from 226 FUS BN 226 INF DIV(.) own tps (.) 4 CDN inf bde withdrawn SOUTH OF BERGUES - FURNES CANAL(.) ESSEX SCOT 337729 R REGT C WARHEM 3277 RHLI 293735(.) 5 CDN inf bde(.) no change(.) 6 CDN inf bde captured and now occupy BRAY-DUNES-PLAGE - GHYVELDE def lines(.) S SASK R 340880 - 345879 - 344876(.) CAMERONS OF C astride rd junc 345873 FUS MR rd junc 349864 to incl GHYVELDE 352851(.) 8 CDN RECCE REGT (14CH) (.) sqn relieved 4 CDN inf bde area BERGUES - FURNES CANAL and now hold outpost line with posns 372775 305778 303769 293748(.) TOR SCOT (MG) no change(.) all infm

SITREP based on infm received up to 160500B(.) US ARMY (.) breached the SEIGFRIED LINE in six places(.) fwd tps of 5 US armd div P9752 and L0282(.) 7 US corps(.) reached K9818 - K9639 - K9638 - K9045(.) 4 US armd div F0085 - F0389(.)

1 POL armd div patrols probed NORTH and crossed the DUTCH border area D4401 - 4501(.) 4 CDN armd div est brhead over CANAL DE DERIVATION DE LYS J0793 - 0995 - 0998 and br completed 054929(.) LINC & WELLD R hold EELLOO 0895(.) 4 CDN armd bde area 0198 - 0588 - 0693(.) 3 CDN inf div completing preparations for aslt on BOULOGNE(.) 18 CDN ARMD C REGT continues patrolling area NORTH of BRUGES C80 against posns believed strongly held by enemy on EAST side of BRUGES - ZEEBRUGGE CANAL(.) 2 CDN inf div(.) 4 CDN inf bde conc area OOST-CAPPEL 3871(.) 5 CDN inf bde 6 CDN inf bde 8 CDN RECCE REGT (14CH) and TOR SCOT (MG) report very little enemy activity except for lt mortaring and shelling during night and no change(.) all infm

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FROM 5 CDN INF BDE TIME 171640A
TO R H C R DE MAIS CALG HIGHRS 5 CDN FD REGT
"A" COY TOR SCOT

GO 3 SECRET (.) SITREP as of 171200A (.) enemy (.) unconfirmed report that DUNKERQUE and/or CALAIS have been partially evacuated based on tac report of 170700A that two convoys one of 16 and the other of 17 ships steaming east approx 6 miles off OSTENDE (.) strong enemy MG and inf posns identified at 331862 (.) hy enemy fire from FORT VAILIERES 259792 and surrounding area (.) rd to NW blocked with trees which are mined and booby trapped (.) rd NORTH village 254774 mined with teller and S mines (.) enemy posns area FORT MARDICK confirmed as follows (.) from FM CHARLEMAGNE 183835 - rd junc to NORTH - 184838 - 183835 - 184836 (.) patrols report enemy strengthening his posns (.) own tps (.) 4 cdn inf bde (.) completing occupation of posns area ANTWERP (.) RHLI 680977 with one coy that area one pl 665009 and two coys 626028 (.) ESSEX SCOT 688997 (.) R REGT C 687973 (.) Bde HQ 671941 (.) 5 cdn inf bde (.) active patrolling into enemy posns area FORT MARDICK 2883 otherwise no change (.) 6 cdn inf bde (.) S SASK R no change (.) FUS MR patrols contacted enemy line of rd from 342863 - 346848 (.) 8 cdn recce regt (14CH) continue active patrolling area NORTH of BERGUES 2776 (.) all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

201830A

FROM: 5 CDN INF BDE

TO: RHC R DE MAIS CALG HIGHRS 5 CDN FD REGT 20 CDN ATK BTY
17 CDN LAA BTY ONE PL "A" COY TOR SCOT 18 CDN FD AMB

GO 6 SECRET (.) ISUM number 55 (.) Infm to 192325A (.) Infm from

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172230A

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TO: RHC R DE MAIS CALG HIGHRS 5 CDN FD REGT 20 A/TK BTY
7 CDN FD COY "A" COY TOR SCOT 18 CDN FD AMB

GO 5 SECRET (.) Sitrep based on infm received up to 171700A (.) 3 Cdn
Inf Div (.) Reported making good progress in attack on BOULOGNE (.)
NSR occupy area 705590 and is advancing SW on WIMEREUX 6858 (.) R de
Chaud captured RADAR sta 720558 and is advancing on fortified posn
6855 (.) QOR moving on fortified area 6954 (.) SDG captured area
7053 - 7153 and is advancing on town in area 6853 (.) NNSH captured
deffs area 7152 and are advancing SOUTH to high ground 7049 (.) 1 POL
Armd Div (.) Continued clearing enemy area ST NICHOLAS 4891 HUSLT
4304 AXEL 3303 (.) 4 Cdn Armd div (.) Completing move across canal
DE DERIVATION LA IYS and is clearing area to line from KERISLEER
1202 to LAMBEKE 1396 to OOSTEELCLOO 1795 (.) 2 Cdn Inf Div (.) No
confirmation of report early today that enemy may be evacuating
DUNKERQUE by sea (.) Patrols met strong resistance at attempt to
penetrate deffs to obtain further infm (.) Air targets within ~~the~~
DUNKERQUE fortress attacked by fighter bombers during day (.) Re-
grouping (.) 107 AA bde under comd from 171400A (.) All infm

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202030A

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17 CDN LAA BTY 1 PL "A" COY TOR SCOTS 18 CDN FD AMB

GO 9 SECRET (.) sitrep based on infm up to 191630A (.) NINTH US Army (.) all org resistance BREEST ceased 181500A (.) 7200 PW taken (.) ops against CROZON continue (.) 6 US corps as of 181400A (.) 45 US inf div 1685 - 1691 - 1395 (.) 4 US inf div K1103 - 1207 - 1218 (.) 36 US inf div K0423 - 0127 - 0129 (.) 12 US corps 4 US armd div and 35 US armd div conc EAST and SOUTH-EAST NANCY U 91 (.) 80 US inf div extended brhead to U8437 - 8628 (.) 7 US corps (.) elts K965428 - 956426 - 962422 - K87429 (.) adv elts 2 US armd div reached K7457 - 7561 - 7261 - 6961 - 6964 - 6868 (.) SECOND BRIT army (.) EINDHOVEN captured and leading tps reached canal 3 miles NORTH of town (.) brs ARNHEM and NIJMEGEN still in hands of enemy (.) 8 corps (.) 11 armd div elts area GERDINGEN K4985 - BOCHOLT K4294 (.) 50 inf div area VALKENSWAARD K3596 WEST of OVERPEL K3892 with armour area K5070 (.) 30 corps (.) 43 inf div conc area K3778 3381 (.) GD3 armd div elts SOUTH of GELDROF E4816 to area VALKENSWAARD - area NORTH of EINDROVEN (.) 12 M corps (.) elts 53 inf div reached E2704 (.) 82 US airborne div elts within 300 yds BR E7173 at NIJNEGEM (.) 101 US airborne div elts VEGHEL E4736 - st OEDENRODE E4332 - BR site at canal E4425 (.) first cdn army (.) 3 cdn inf div cleaning last remaining pockets of enemy resistance in BOULOGNE with tps right through to the sea (.) 1 POL armd div secured line of the rd from ZAAMSLAG 3008 to rd junc 4208 (.) 2 cdn inf div (.) OORDEREN 6404 cleared of enemy (.) RHLI patrols contacted enemy at 653047 (.) pockets of enemy 650033 - 665032 and along the NORTH bank of canal (.) WILMARSDONCH occupied by the WHITE BDE now under shell and mortar fire (.) 8 cdn recce regt (14ch) have patrols along the SOUTH bank of canal from the RHC to the canal junc 857923 (.) all infm

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20 CDN ATK BTY 17 CDN IAA BTY
1 PL A COY TOR SCOTS 18 CDN FD AMB

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GO 6 SECRET (.) SITREP based on infm up to 211700A (.) first US army (.)
5 US corps (.) armour counter attacked from P995505 (.) 50 enemy tks
destroyed (.) situation in hand (.) inf sustained local counter attacks
(.) 7 US corps (.) armour reached K961430 inf K9835 9242 8542 (.) hy
opposition (.) 19 US corps (.) armd combat comds at K8261 and K7366
7368 6971 (.) inf reached K8152 8054 8260 (.) second BRIT army (.)
8 corps (.) 11 armd div crossing L'ESCAUT CANAL at K4394 K3596 (.)
30 corps (.) gds armd div have crossed the R RHINE at NIJMEGEN (.) 53(W)
inf div area E3804 3310 meeting opposition (.)

first CDN army (.) 2 cdn inf div (.) 4 cdn inf bde (.) slight shelling in
area RHIL (.) RHIL now occupy OORDEREN 645039 (.) 5 cdn inf bde (.)
NTR (.) 6 cdn inf bde (.) NTR (.) 8 cdn rece regt (14CH) (.) active
patrolling along ALBERT canal throughout the day and several contacts with
the enemy were made (.) 3 cdn div (.) hy fighting continues in BOULOGNE
(.) 8 cdn bde captured WIMILLE G6958 and elements now fighting NORTH of
WIMEREUX 688590 (.) 9 cdn bde (.) one bn moving SOUTH on ST ETIENNE
6848 (.) one bn area 667526 (.) remaining bn area 660515 (.) 4 cdn armd
div (.) LINC AND WELLD R report town in 1906 clear (.) one coy at 2102 (.)
AIG R have reached 2404 (.) A and SH of C and 29 armd regt have reached
2203 (.) 1 POL armd div (.) all enemy resistance has ceased on this front
and div now conc NE of GHENT (.) 2 cdn armd bde now moving to area
6985 SOUTH of ANTWERP (.) all infm

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F R O M 5 CDN INF BDE

T I M E 212245A

T O R H C R DE MAIS CALG HIGHRS 5 CDN FD REGT
 20 CDN Atk BTY 17 CDN LAA BTY
 1 PL A COY TOR SCOTS 18 CDN FD AMB

GO 7 SECRET (.) ISUM no 57 (.) infm to 211530A (.) identifications (.)
 1 coy 484 BLANDESSCHUETZEM BN 210830A at 827936 PW (.) one pl of PWs
 coy in posn 827936 str thirty to forty (.) remainder of coy situated
 in FM 830947 (.) PW believes two or three coys now in SANTHOVEN 8595
 arriving 4 sep from LILLO (.) PWs state normal org of bn is six coys
 each of three pls (.) coy str approx 200 (.) believes only four coys
 at present this area and orders for withdrawal expected any time since
 warning order received 19 sep (.) PW 41 years old states all personnel
 incl ofrs and NCOs over 40 (.) many of low category and none with
 battle experience to date (.) weapons normal inf but do NOT incl
 P2 FAUST or mortars (.) KGP SCHILLING night 20/21 sep 690992 (.)
 formed part of fighting patrol 80 strong incl two officers (.) task
 was to push back our adv elements over canal (.) KGP SCHILLING believed
 bn str composed four coys incl former personnel 559 GR 331 inf div and
 149 FD ERSATZ BN 49 inf div (.) comd MAJ SCHILLING may be responsible
 sector MERXEM 6998 to SCHOOTER 7499 (.) three coys up one in res (.)
 present orders this bn to hold as long as possible (.) digging in
 wood 782961 (.) now at 795953 sentries patrol canal banks at all times
 (.) LMGs reported at 805948 808947 809946 (.) br 689985 partially
 demolished (.) civs report HQ at CAPELLEN 6907 (.) requirement (.)
~~for effective counter by an intermittent shelling complete shellrep~~
~~must be submitted when ever shelling occurs (.) all infm~~

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MESSAGE FORM

211615A

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GO 4 SECRET (.) isum no 56 (.) infm to 202230A (.) correction isum no 55 line 1 ref bde blanche should read Belgium secret army (.) identification by contact 5 coy 559 GR 331 inf div 693010 201410A 4 PW from patrol ESSEX SCOT (.) 5 coy str approx 80 disposed ECKEREN 686035 2 bn HQ situated 738988 (.) PW unable confirm presence other elts 331 div this area but believe one or two coys of lbn 559 GR in area SCH-00TEN 7499 (.) comd 2 bn major SCHILLING (.) all PW under 20 yrs of age and claim 5 coy formed just 6 days ago from stragglers same of 558 GR (.) PW report NO contact other enemy units and saw only one flak unit 14 sep SOUTH of BERGEN OP ZOOM 6127 (.) one wounded nco pw identified by paybook 6 coy 34 JAEGER REGT captured 651045 202000A by RHLL (.) interrogation impossible but believed straggler att other unit (.) ground observation (.) Hy wire screen 50 strands closely spaced EAST and WEST from 693014 (.) patrol br 810944 drew rifle and mortar fire from 200 yds EAST (.) enemy at 850928 (.) mortar 809954 (.) OORDEREN reported clear of enemy (.) approx 50 enemy dug in dyke 650032 (.) 2 enemy patrols contacted 651048 (.) enemy hold rly sta and embankment 651049 (.) enemy area WILMARSDONCK 6502 shelled withdrew to ECKEREN 6803 (.) small no inf seen 650042 (.) mov and digging 785960 to 794959 (.) SP guns 794958 796954 active area 696987 (.) gun firing from church 666053 approx 250 enemy in vic (.) approx 202030A enemy patrols infiltrated through our lines to sta 690992 est MG post adv with hy arty sp to br 686986 (.) Probably demolitions party attempting damage locks 680988 (.) patrol dispersed and retreated (.) requirements (.) fwd tps will attempt obtain and pass back paybooks from enemy killed in action. (.) Paybook remains with enemy wounded (.) refer black page 4 or 17 to identify regt (.) infm from sources BELGSA (.) enemy reported continuing withdrawal to line 5 km NORTH of ALBERT canal between ANTWERP and MASSEN HOVEN 8494 (.) many tps withdrawing NORTH canal DE CAMPINE into HOLLAND night 19-20 NE direction OOSTMAL 905045 WEST-WEZEL 812148 KALMPHOUT 732143 (.) area OOSTMAL 1200 enemy ~~observed~~ observed moving NORTH (.) SS tps left BRASSCHAET 140040 night 19-20 for ESCHEN 730238 and BREDA 9536 (.) armd colm from GHENT crossed to FLUSHING now scattered WESTWEZEL KALMPHOUT GOORE IND 775114 and POLYGON 762083 (.) following gun posns located (.) bty hy guns 668055 CP 672058 btys 699031 762082 three guns each SCHILDE 8098 WESTMARLE 8603 810968 two guns moving from 731032 to rd 695056 bty 728062 shelled 191900A hrs moved 200 metres EAST A/TK guns Xrds 762026 Xrds 792053 20 mm AA bty 789161 moved to HOLLAND (.) gen infm NORTH bank ALBERT canal held by small nos enemy tps MG nest and some A/tk guns (.) digging observed NORTH of canal DE CAMPINE between grids 80 and 90 (.) rd along SOUTH bank mined at all crossings and lacks lt AA guns (.) 2 amn trucks rly sta 099160 (.) concs enemy tps 19-20 sep HERENTHAALS 973906 and chateau RETHY (.) all brs BELGIAN Atk ditch 679015 to FORT DE MERXEM 713013 to canal 731985 prepared for demolition (.) all infm

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GO 2 SECRET (.) sitrep based on infm up to 201800A (.) 4 cdn armd div captured SELZAETE J2599 otherwise NTR (.) second army (.) GDS armd div and 82 airborne div attacking br E7263 (.) 1 brit airborne div fighting hard WEST of ARNHEM sit not clear (.) 12 corps - 53 div 71 bde area E3413 - 160 bde area E2803 (.) US forces (.) 13000 PW at BREST - considerable enemy resistance other fronts but some progress made (.) infm as of 202359A (.) 3 cdn inf div (.) enemy (.) enemy still offering strong opposn from coastal defence posns (.) total PW at 2000 hrs in OP WELLHIT 141 offrs 5096 ORs (.) own tps (.) 7 cdn inf bde (.) no change (.) strong fighting patrol into ESCALLES area night 20/21 Sep (.) 8 cdn inf bde (.) no change (.) N, SHORE R patrols to WIMEREAUX (.) R DE CHAUD and QOR of C have strong patrols thrusting WEST and NORTH (.) 9 cdn inf bde (.) HLI of C have cleared 6653 6652 with patrols to 655525 (.) SD&G HIGHRS occupying 6651 and 6751 (.) NNS HIGHRS have cleared WEST bank of river SOUTH to 6748 and now occupy ST ETIENNE feature (.) 7 cdn recce regt strong patrols probing CALAIS perimeter (.) 2 cdn inf div to 210700A (.) enemy attack on ESSEX SCOT area 6899 - 6999 repulsed (.) enemy attack str two pls on OORDEREN 6403 nowgoing on - well under control (.) enemy sensitive to our mov along ALBERT canal (.) FORT ST PHILLIPPE 6001 reported cleared (.) by shelling and mortaring in 4 5 cdn inf bde area during evening later easing to intermittent shelling during night (.) own tps (.) 4 cdn inf bde (.) ESSEX SCOT repulsed attack on SOUTHERLY coy posn (.) RHLI have one pl OORDEREN 6403 (.) 5 cdn inf bde (.) RHC patrol unable to cross ALBERT CANAL (.) 6 cdn inf bde NTR (.) 8 cdn recce kregt (.) patrol reports incomplete (.) all infm

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211445A

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11 GO 3 SECRET (.) sitrep as at 211200A (.) enemy (.) MG posts and guns still active NORTH of ALBERT canal (.) 0700A hrs enemy attacked RHLI posn at WILMARSDONCK estimated str two pls (.) attack beaten off (.) PW taken from NORTH of ALBERT canal by 8 cdn recce regt (14ch) patrol identified 484 B bn (.) own tps (.) 4 cdn inf bde contact patrolling with 5 cdn inf bde during the night and have standing patrols out covering all juncs and canal crossings (.) RHLI one coy (consolidating WILMARSDONCK 6502 (.) 5 cdn inf bde (.) any mov on SOUTH canal draws immediate fire (.) patrolling during the night otherwise nothing to report (.) 6 cdn inf bde NTR (.) 8 cdn recce regt (14ch) patrol crossed ALBERT canal to wood 822939 captured one PW from MG post then drew hy fire and forced to retire with cas (.) all infm

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221145A

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GO 4 SECRET (.) isum number 58 (.) infm to 212300A (.) 7 coy 744 GR
711 inf div near OORDEREN 6403 210000A (.) PW states 5 6 and 8 coy
holding line KRUISWEG 614075 to lock at 610053 (.) Bn HQ reported
KRUISWEG (.) HQ 744 GR CAPPELLEN 698066 (.) 7 coy approx 50 strong
total str 2 bns 350 incl services (.) 7 coy formerly in res moved
20/21 sep to CAPPELLEN and then SOUTHWEST via HOEVENEN 671058 (.)
task was to retake OORDEREN and penetrate harbour at 628035 then cont-
inue NORTHWEST to locks 618052 (.) PWs say 731 GR in same area and
one coy committed to same task (.) locks 618052 prepared for demol-
ition and rd to SOUTH mined for 60 metres (.) Bn has NO Atk weapons
and no hy MGs (.) PW statement LT-GEN REICHERT comd 711 inf div
responsible our front (.) comd 731 GR COL LIMBURG (.) comd 744 GR MAJ
HOFMANN (.) 2 Bn 744 GR relieved only part of unit this area (.) PW
report states two coys inf area 830950 (.) coy HQ 830947 (.) BSA
reports 2 btys 795978 and 795972 gen area SCHILDE (.) tunnel from
chateau SCHILDE 790965 to church 800972 used as shelter (.) ~~kkkkk~~
own tps report enemy posns 849928 MASSENHOVEN 8393 and wood 836942 (.)
MG at 824938 and OP at 821945 & 821944 (.) MG area 814954 firing on
area DEN BASTIAAN 807943 (.) MORTAR posn 808954 and OP church 808948
engaged with NO further shelling reported (.) standing patrols in
bldgs 805947 with outpost on canal (.) standing patrols in bldgs 794
946 and 791947 with outpost to canal at night (.) suspected enemy HQ
788965 engaged with arty (.) digging reported along canal 793956 to
782962 (.) outer lock gate 624030 reported blown approx 2000 hrs
believed by aluminum naval mine (.) damage apparently NOT serious (.)
enemy order of battle (.) by captured document inter-army bay (.)
15 army WEST FIRST PARA army EAST follows gen line the HAGUE - OOR-
DRECHT - BREDA 8710 - ANTWERP (.) all infm

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GO 1 SECRET (.) ISUM no. 61 (.) Infm to 232300A (.) ENEMY cleared from area NORTH OF CANAL ALBERT from excl SCHOOTEN 743983 to incl MASSENHOVEN 840930 up to CANAL D'ANVERS between excl SCHOOTEN to excl ST LEONARD 871095 (.) ENEMY withdrew rapidly to NE through OOSTMALIE 807045 but fought determined reargd action (.) all brs across canals ALBERT and ANVERS in this area blown (.) ENEMY now digging dms kine right bank canal D'ANVERS (.) Centre of def is pocket at LOCHTENBURG 792053 (.) ENEMY cleared from area NORTH of ANTWERP docks up to SCHOONEN SCHYN CREEK 623042 to 668035 (.) ENEMY pockets on rly embankments at 640057 and 650050 to 660046 (.) MERKEM 7098 and SCHOOTEN 7498 and ECKEREN 6803 held by ENEMY (.) Guns woods 7201 fired intermittently on airfd 7192 from 1430 to 1900 hrs (.) Single ENEMY plane active over area 2000 to 2030 hrs (.) Increased ENEMY activity today in nature typical of early complete withdrawal (.) Indications enemy NOT in str in area behind his present posns (.) Infm from BELGIAN secret army (.) One 120 mm gun 781151 (.) Four guns calibre unknown 699031 and ~~726068~~ 726068 (.) Four 10 pdnt 5 cm guns 759082 (.) 4 fd guns 734043 (.) Atk guns 738039 (.) Infm from civ source (.) tps in FORT DE MERKEM 7101 (.) 200 tps and 10 guns PEERDSBOSCH gen area 7402 (.) Large pit and amm dump CAMP DE BRASSCHAET 765083 (.) All infm

SECRET (.) SITREP to 232400A (.) ENEMY (.) by shelling ALG 7192 during day (.) Shelling mortaring MG and sniper fire on FUS MR area 792053 (.) EA flying singly over div area during evening (.) No reports of any damage (.) All brs blown CANAL D'ANVERS 7498 - 8709 (.) No change in other enemy dispositions (.) Own tps (.) 4 CDN INF BDE (.) One coy R REGT C under comd RHLI area 6202 (.) 5 CDN INF BDE (.) NO change (.) 6 CDN INF BDE (.) FUS MR SOUTH of crossing 7904 CAMERONS of C and S SASK R also that area (.) Bde expects to have brhead established in morning (.) 8 CDN RECCE REGT (.) "A" Sqn reverts to regt comd (.) Regt prepared to adv across CANAL D'ANVERS to recce 6 CDN INF BDE OBJECTIVES (.) "B" sqn providing right flank protection during night (.) Engrs up grading br 769967 during night (.) AIR (.) 7 ENEMY gun posns attacked during day (.) Additional tps under comd (.) 27 CDN ARMD REGT (.) All infm

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GO 2 - SECRET. Sitrep to 242400A. ENEMY. Strong resistance composed of inf with sp arms and 12 tks areanorth of canal DANVERS area 7906. Considerable enemy inf plus MGs along line of canal DANVERS between 7498 and 7703. Intermittent shelling in ANTWERP and airfd 7192 by hy calibre guns, believed to be area 5110 and 7915. Strong enemy resistance from MERXEM when fighting patrols attempted to enter town. Strong enemy posts along rly 6305-6803. OWN TPS. 4 Cdn Inf Bde. R Regt C patrol entering MERXEM from SE forced to withdraw under cover of our fire. 5 Cdn Inf Bde. R de Mais and Calg Highrs carried out harrasing role along canal 7498-7703. 6 Cdn Inf Bde. brhead est across canal DANVERS 7905 during day was not maintained at 1800 hrs. S Sask R were later ordered to withdraw and completed move 2230 hrs. 8 Cdn Recce Regt and arty no change. Regrouping. Two coys MMG Tor Scot(MG) under comd 4 Cdn Inf Bde with one coy under comd 6 Cdn Inf Bde. Additional tps under comd. 4 AGRA less one med and two fd regts. 27 Cdn Armd regt now under comd 1 Brit Corps. All infm.

ISUM. S E C R E T. Infm to 24400A. Enemy arty and mortar fire increased in past 24 hrs with intermittent shelling of air fd and northern part of ANTWERP. Apparently small number of guns mostly 88mm and 105mm moved constantly and at longer range than in previous periods. Our tps attacking across canal DANVERS met by mortar and MG fire. Enemy dug in in str along NORTH bank. Enemy has been more aggressive and reacted strongly to all efforts to approach escape routes NW and NE from ANTWERP. Counter attack by 200 inf supported by 12 tks forced withdrawal our small brhead. 793051. Demolitions heard area MERXEM during night. Identifications 8 OR PW from one coy 14 MG Bn formerly of 182 rs div now under comd 711 inf div captured 241000A at 792053. 14 MG Bn in this area one week now consists two coys only each approx 200 men one hy pl with 3 MMG 3 lt pls each 3 LMGs one engr pl equipped with OFEUROHR and LMG. 2 DUTCH PW 7 Coy LANDSTURM regt NEDERLAND captured on rd OSTMALE 915050 TURNHOUT 0506 13 Sep by WHITE BDE handed today this fm 2 Bn at MERXEM 7198 10 Sep MARIFTER HEIDE 12 Sep coming originally from 2 VEENENDAAL HOLLAND. PW wear black collar patches and TOTENCAPE on cap appear to have SS affiliations FPN 42054. Infm from BSA observation of 23 Sep. Enemy HQ at 722995 8 guns area 8317 2 guns 761086 lt guns near rd 730075. Enemy tps observed 400 near 8710 ST LEONARD 100 rly CHERVOPSEL 9310 800 enemy MEXPLAS 0010 1000 VOSSELHAER 0105 100 BRASS CHAET area 7404. Unestimated number of enemy fort ERDBRAND 6910 STABROECH 6609 HOEVENEN 6806. All infm.

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FROM: 5 Can Inf Bde

TIME: 252130A

TO: RHC R DE MAIS CALG HIGHRS 5 CDN FD REGT
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GO 5. SECRET. ISUM Number 63. Infm to 251130A repeated. Infm from civilians who left MERXEM 250200A. Dummy guns 718017 and 725026. Mining in progress area 699988. Dummy machine gun posns 710983 to 720984 unoccupied. Road blocks and mines 718010 junction road and A tk ditch. X rds 717015 mined. A Tk guns along main rd CAPPELLEN 6907 to DUTCH BORDER at 6812. Infm from own tps. Two machine guns in pillboxes 763025 on both sides of rds. Snipers area 763025 to 751011. No other weapons. Machine guns 750010 and 750009 Three machine guns rd and canal junction 750008. Pillbox machine gun camouflaged as house 747998. Pillbox with machine gun 747997 and snipers in ara. Mortar at 741987. Patrol on embankment 665034. Mine-field along embankment 673003 to 675003. Enemy constructing rd blocks and carried out demolitions main rd MERXEM general area 707995. ALL INFM.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 Cdn Inf Bde

TIME 251130A

TO: R H C R DE MAIS CALG HIGHRS

GO 3. SECRET. Sitrep based on infm up to 231630A. Ninth US Army no change. 6th Army Gp. 2 French corps. Adv against considerable opposition. Line fwd tp P2281-P1890-K1819. 7 US Army. 6 US Corps. 3 US Inf div on gen line K1823-K1925-K1936. 3 US ARMY. 15 US corps. 2 French armd div hold small brhead at U1989. Elts 79 US inf div across MEURTHUR at U1395. fighting continues LUNEUILLE K0801. 12 US Corps. Enemy reported withdrawing EAST and NORTH from U9123 and U9127. 4 US armd div area Q0125. 20 US Corps no change. First US Army. 5 US CORPS. no change. 7 US CORPS. STOLBERG K9444 almost clear of enemy otherwise little change. 19 US CORPS. enemy counter attacks repelled. SECOND BRIT ARMY. Hy fighting NORTH of NITMEGEN with little progress towards ARNHEM. armd cars bypassed strong enemy opposition and reached NEDER RHINE SW ARNHEM making contact POL para bde. 8 CORPS. 3 inf Div. WEERTK 5896 captured. 11 ARMD DIV. Armd gp area HELMOND E5522 STEPHOUT E5322. Inf gp area ASTENBE13 and AMMEL E6115. 30 CORPS. Gds armd div. Enemy attack S of UDEN E5342 dealt with. Elts reached UDEN with fwd patrols BEGHEL B4837. 43 INF DIV little progress made towards ARNHEM. Elts now at E7164-7062-6760. DUTCH BDE hold br E618543. 1 AIRBORNE CORPS. 1 airborne div perimeter now E696784 -696774-WEST to 688774-NORTH to 688785-EAST to 694788. No contact PDL para bde who have elts DRIEL E6875 and south Bank NEDER RHINE E6976. 12 CORPS tps EASTEREN E2611-MID LEBREFRS E2721-E2611-E2514-WESTLEBEERS E2519-VELDHOVEN E3715. First Cdn Army. 1 BRIT CORPS. 48 DIV fwd tps along line canal DANVEER report all brs blown and enemy holding NORTH bank. 1 bde moving tonight WESTMALLE 8704. 2 CDN CORPS. 3 Cdn Inf Div. Inclement weather prevented air softening of CALAIS today otherwise NTR. 4 CDN ARMD DIV preparing for adv NORTH over line of LEOPALD CANAL. Alq regt encountering opposition area 1905. 18 Cdn armd regt holding area between SHIP canal and canal DEDERIVATION DELYS. Some tps in ZEEBRUGGE but town not yet clear. POL ARMD DIV NTR. 2 Cdn Inf Div. 4 Cdn inf Bde RRC patrol to MERKEM reports enemy still in town. RHLL accupy OORDEREW and WILMARSDONCK. Essex Scot NTR. 5 Cdn Inf Bde RHC - NTR. R de Mais and Calg Highrs patrol to cross canal between canal junc 7498 and 7704. 6 Cdn Inf Bde Fus MR est brhead across canal 7705. Counter attacks hy estimated 200 enemy inf held. Camerons of C 3 coys crossed canal same area. S3R crossed canal area 7804 with 2 coys moving to area X rds 792054 to clear village Tor Scots(MG) moved to ANTWERP area today. regrouping. 27 cdn armd regt ceased to be under cmd 2 cdn inf div from 241400A. All infm.

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FR.M: 5 Cdn Inf Bde

TIME: 261245A

TO: RHC R DE MAIS CALG HIGHRS 5 CDN FD REGT
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GO 3. SECRET. Sitrep based on infm up to 251030A: 1 FRENCH ARMY no change. still approx 10-12 miles West and SW of BELFORT A39. 7 US ARMY. 6 US CORPS. NTR. 3 US ARMY. 5 US CORPS. 2 FRENCH ARMD DIV 5 miles NW of BAGCARAT V2685 and adv due EAST. 12 US CORPS - 4 US ARMD DIV moving East and NE from NANCY U81 have reached area 18-20 miles due East of NANCY. 20 US CORPS No change and situation quiet. 1 US ARMY. Own tps NTR. Enemy mov reported NE of AACHEN and along rd and rly VENLO E9107 and DEURNE E6520. 2 BRIT ARMY. 8 CORPS with under comd 101 US AIRBORNE div and 50 DIV moving NE from main line of adv - 50 Div directed on CUYK E7249 with 11 ARMD DIV on its right flank have reached DEURNE E6520. 101 US AIRBORNE DIV holding area ST OEDENERODE E4332 to UDEN E5342 report attempted breakthrough from NW area E4534 by enemy para tps with tks in sp. 30 BRIT CORPS and 1 AIRBORNE CORPS. 83 US AIRBORNE DIV holding NIJMEGEN and E6235 elts also holding brhead north of NIJMEGEN. Brhead with Gds Armd div. 43 DIV striking north from this brhead and 130 bde reached R NEDERRIJN and have got up to 1500 tps across but believed very few sups as yet. 12 BRIT CORPS on gen line DUN E3024 - NETERSEL E2414 - ARENDONCK E1505 moving NW. 7 ARMD DIV conc area E3610. FIRST CDN ARMY. 1 BRIT CORPS. 49 DIV. 147 Bde occupying TURNHOUT 0506 and fighting on NW outskirts. 146 bde has brhead over ANTWERP-TURNOUT canal with br at 938075. My fighting in progress. 56 Bde in res area 9000. 2 CDN CORPS. 1 POL ARMD DIV NTR. 3 CDN INF DIV attack on CALAIS progressing satisfactorily. 7 CDN INF BDE secure on area 8476 to 8075. 8 CDN INF BDE area 7875 to 7775. 9 CDN INF BDE no change. 4 CDN ARMD DIV continues to maintain pressure along line of LEOPALD CANAL from ISABELLA 1905 to MOERKERKE 9303. 2 CDN INF DIV. 4 CDN INF BDE NTR. 5 CDN INF BDE increased enemy sensitivity and activity along line of canal 765028 to 744984. 6 CDN INF BDE NTR. All infm.

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GO 2 SECRET (.) SITREP to 252400A (.) enemy (.) remained sensitive but nonaggressive along the entire line (.) intermittent shelling mortaring and sniping throughout the day (.) AA gun and MG roof CHATEAU 696989 (.) TURNHOUT CANAL between 85 and 90 grids covered by MG and BAZOOKA fire (.) fd gun believed 75 MM at 698997 reported destroyed by our arty (.) aircraft dropped flares over areas 671988 and rly yds 6604 252100A to 252330 A BRASSCHAET 7304 reported strongly held (.) enemy reported fortifying line ST LEONARD 8710 WUESTWEZEL 8315 (.) own tps (.) 4 cdn inf bde (.) NTR (.) 5 cdn inf bde (.) NTR (.) 6 cdn inf bde (.) FUS MR relief by B sqn 8 CDN RECCE REGT (14CH) completed by 1840 hrs (.) now located area 811639 (.) CAMERON OF C relief by B sqn 8 CDN RECCE REGT (14CH) completed by 1830 hrs (.) now located area 796008 (.) S SASK R no change (.) 8 CDN RECCE REGT (14CH) (.) A sqn vehs barbourd a rea 8303 with foot patrols moving NORTH and towards canal (.) B sqn relieved FUS MR and CAMERONS OF C line of canal between 79 and 81 grids (.) C sqn in res area 775000 (.) locations 8 CDN RECCE REGT (14CH) 794039 (.) all infm

SECRET (.) ISUM no 64 infm to 242400A (.) infm from civs (.) HQ map maj SCHILLING previously reported CHATEAU 723995 moved 24 sep to WITHOF 7608 (.) gun posns reported two at WUESTWEZEL 811148 two at BRECHT 841102 three at DAWHONK 728134 two at STABRAEK 648088 (.) tps along canal DE LA CAMPINE between BRECHT and RYCKEUORSEL 9310 (.) OP in Church tower SCHOOTEN 743995 (.) enemy fortifying line ST LEONARD 8710 to WUESTWEZEL 8315 (.) Atk ditch under construction from rd junc 610220 to rd junc 640230 (.) Atk ditch under constr from CAILLUEN to rd 640160 to HUYBERGEN 670200 with mines along NORTH bank (.) ~~move~~ NORTHWARD has ~~continued~~ continued along rd from CAPPELLEN 6907 through CALMPHOUT 7314 towards ROSENDAL 7332 (.) some now also reported from CAMP DE BRAS SCHAET 7508 toward both CALMPHOUT and NE toward WUESTWEZEL 8215 (.) BRUSSCHAET 7304 still held (.) infm from own tps (.) intermittent mortar and MG fire area 785045 (.) now observed between bldgs 699028 to subway 701296 (.) aircraft dropped flares over areas 671988 and rly yards 6604 252100 to 252330A hrs (.) news from DUNKERQUE (.) LT GEN VON KLUGE reported to have escaped by fast ML leaving VICE ADMIRAL SCHNEIDERIC port and col WITSTATTIC garrison tps (.) enemy reacted nervously from outposts to all patrols during past 48 hrs (.) spasmodic shelling and mortaring during same period (.) otherwise no change (.) all infm

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: 5 Cdn Inf Bde

TIME: 271030A

TO: RHC ✓ R DE MAIS CALG HIGHERS
5 Cdn Fd Regt

G04. SECRET. Sitrep to 262400A. ENEMY. Canal Antwerp - Turnhout 7498-8609 held by screen of inf with mgs and other sp weapons. MERXEM reported to be lightly held by inf with large proportion automatic weapons. No change reported in other enemy posns. Intermittent shelling in div area incl aimed 7192 during day with mortaring in bde areas. OWN TPS. 2 Cdn Inf Div under cmd 1 Corps 262400A. 4 CDN INF BDE. RRC to send strong fighting patrols into MERXEM during night. Bde to take over additional line now covered by 5 Cdn Inf Bde. This extension to cover from grid 70 along SOUTH of ALBERT canal to 7498 thence ANTWERP - TURNHOUT CANAL 7602. Occupation to be completed by first light 27 Sep. 5 CDN INF BDE. Being relieved by 4 Cdn Inf Bde and 3 Cdn Inf Bdes during night. RHC conc area 7699-7600. 6 CDN INF BDE occupying line of canal 763025-819067. Right Fus MR centre SSR left Camerons of C. 8 CDN REC E REGT(14CH) responsible for screening canal to inter div bdy and will contact FUS MR on left. ARTY. 5 and 5 Cdn Fd Regts moving to new gun areas in morning. Locns No change. All infm.

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FROM: 5 CDN INF BDE

TO: RHC R DE MAIS CALG HIGHRS 5 CDN FD REGT 20 CDN ATK BTY
17 CDN LAA BTY ONE PL "A" COY TOR SCOTS 18 CDN FD AMB

GO 2 SECRET (.) sitrep based on infm up to 212400A (.) enemy (.) mortaring and shelling continue also considerable sniping particularly from the built-up area MERXEM which is difficult to locate (.) outer plates of outside lock blown by an explosion 2000 hrs (.) no enemy mov seen or heard - in all probability explosion was caused by some type of floating mine - later investigation showed that the lock gate was still holding water (.) own tps (.) 4 CDN INF BDE RHLI withdraw from OORDEREN 6404 by night and occupy by day (.) WHITE BDE withdrawn from WILMARSDONCK 6502 into coy posn of RHLI 6601 (.) 5 CDN INF BDE - CALG HIGHRS and RHC exchanged posns taking over from each other in situ (.) 6 CDN INF BDE NTR (.) all infm

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GO 4 SECRET (.) SITREP to 221200A (.) enemy (.) PW state that two bns estimated str 500 each occupy area NORTH of ALBERT CANAL on 5 cdn inf bde front (.) identification 743 GR of 719 div (.) third bn reported to have withdrawn (.) MERXEM still held (.) by shelling and mortaring in our brhead area 7696 (.) intermittent shelling in ESSEX SCOT area WEST of MERXEM (.) own tps (.) 4 cdn inf bde (.) RHLI reports WILMARSDONCK 6502 clear (.) ESSEX SCOT laid minefields during night (.) 5 cdn inf bde (.) CALG HIGHRS established shallow brhead across ALBERT CANAL 7796 - 7696 - 7597 at 0600 hrs with three coys on NORTH side (.) have been subjected to hy mortaring and shelling during morning which is holding up building of br 769967 (.) R DE MAIS now concentrated area 7496 with carrier screen and C sqn 8 cdn recce regt joining up with R REGT C (.) RHC no change (.) 6 cdn inf bde NTR (.) 8 cdn recce regt (.) C sqn relieved R DE MAIS along ALBERT CANAL from 70 to 74 grids (.) have thinned out on right sector prepared to adv NORTH of canal (.) all infm

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GO 5 SECRET (.) ISUM no 59 (.) infm to 221500A (.) identifications
 (.) 3 coy 743 GR 719 inf div at J770969 220800A 5 CDN INF BDE PW (.)
 PW states 1 BN HQ 791991 (.) HQ 743 GR area 8098 (.) 1 BN str 500
 -550 incl services (.) 3 coy str approx 100 (.) coy dispositions
 prior to est our brhead (.) Enemy RIGHT to LEFT (.) 4 coy bdy 750979
 (.) 3 coy main rd to 770969 (.) 2 coy and 1 coy on extreme LEFT (.)
 Bn bdy on LEFT runs NE from canal at 795955 (.) weapons each coy 3
 8 cm mortars ten to twelve LMGs three MMGs excl 4 coy (.) 10 OFENRO-
 HR in bn (.) PW claim ordered to hold to 25 Sep but in event of forced
 withdrawal earlier would return along rd from 764972 to GRAVENWEZEL
 7800 (.) states one tp 15 point 5 cm guns area 7800 also 7 point 5 cm
 inf guns SOUTH of church at SCHILDE 799973 and in woods near rd
 769984 (.) 723 GR believed EAST of MASSENHOVEN 8494 but NO confir-
 mation (.) HQ 719 inf div BREDA 9537 (.) div comd MAJ-GEN SIEVERS
 formerly comd 15 GAF Div in NORMANDY (.) Comd 2 bn 743 GR capt
 NEUBAUER (.) infm from BELGIAN SECRET ARMY (.) Three 15 cm guns
 689085 (.) Three 10 point 5 cm guns at each of following 795082
 751032 756028 741989 733989 718034 Two hy and two lt ATK guns
 725008 (.) two lt ATK guns 703049 (.) AA guns 704037 714095 (.)
 ATK MINES and fallen tree obstacles area main rd 723996 (.) MINES
 on NORTH side of FT DE MERTEM 716015 (.) MINES along track 712051
 (.) Infm from own tps (.) Enemy active area 6504 infiltrations to
 OORDEREN 645040 (.) Brs reported to cross NORTH canal at 648058
 655056 and 665053 and NOT shown on 1/50000 and 1/25000 maps (.) brs
 still believed intact and used by enemy for approach to rly yards
 area (.) All infm

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TIME 232230A

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GO 5 SECRET (.) SITREP to 231200A (.) enemy withdraw on DIV front with strong pockets of INF with support weapons remaining (.) enemy also withdraw on RIGHT flank (.) situation in SCHOOTEN MERXEM and RECKEREN NO change (.) all bridges blown on canal D'ANVERS between 7498 and 7905 (.) own tps (.) 4 CDN INF BDE (.) ESSEX SCOT NO change (.) R REGT C send fighting patrols into MERXEM to-day (.) RHLL one coy at each OORDEREN 6404 and WILMARSDONCK 6502 (.) 5 CDN INF BDE (.) CALG HIGHRS one coy SCHILDE 7998 remainder of BN area 7797 (.) R DE MAIS one coy area 7902 remainder of BN GRAUENWEZE 7700 (.) RHC carrier PL screening area SOUTH ALBERT CANAL between 70 and 74 GRID line (.) 6 CDN INF BDE (.) FUS MR advanced to area SOUTH of Xrds 7905 remainder BDE following (.) 8 CDN RECCE REGT (14CH) (.) patrols with 5 CDN INF BDE have reached QUESTMALLE 8704 unopposed (.) are trying to reconnoitre route over canal D'ANVERS (.) ARTY (.) 5 and 6 FD REGTS moving NORTH ALBERT CANAL (.) regrouping (.) 1 sqn 8 CDN RECCE REGT (14CH) under comd 6 CDN INF BDE (.) location HQ 5 CDN INF BDE 767978 (.) 6 CDN INF BDE 790004 (.) all infm

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G O 4 SECRET (.) SITREP up to 240700A (.) 4 cdn armd div infm to 231200A (.) little to report (.) pressure maintained by active patrolling along LEOPOLD CANAL from 202052 to 0001 (.) 3 cdn inf div infm to 232400A (.) intermittent shelling in area (.) strong med air sp on ESCALLES evening 23 sep (.) div regrouping complete (.) 49 inf div infm to 240700A (.) recce regt reached D'ANVERS CANAL 9107 23 sep (.) br blown at that pt (.) enemy encountered 9903 (.) br to be completed early today at 8492 and div will adv to line of D'ANVERS CANAL today (.) 2 cdn inf div infm to 240700A (.) 4 cdn inf bde (.) hy intermittent shelling in ESSEX SCOT area (.) patrols report one 2 pl enemy LAER 7001 (.) R REGT C patrol unable to get into MERXEM (.) 5 cdn inf bde NTR (.) 6 cdn inf bde area SOUTH OF CANAL 7905 prepared to cross 0700 hrs (.) 8 cdn recce regt prepared to adv across canal to recce 6 cdn inf bde objectives (.) engrs to build br 7905 during morning (.) br 769967 upgraded to class 40 during night (.) all infm

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GO 6 SECRET (.) SITREP to 241300A (.) enemy (.) lt shelling (.)
crossings of the canal opposed by MGs and snipers (.) br site 793052
still held by enemy on the ground and covered by SA fire (.) own tps
(.) 4 cdn inf bde (.) patrols succeeded in crossing canal during
night but ran into SA fire and report MERXEM still held (.) 5 cdn
inf bde (.) one coy of CALG HIGHRS relieved coy of R de MAIS GRAVEN-
WEZEL 7800 (.) CALG HIGHRS patrols attempted to cross canal and
penetrate SCHOOTEN 7999 no reports yet (.) R DE MAIS patrols attempted
to cross canal at three different pts to the NORTH of SCHOOTEN ~~and~~ and
ran into MG fire each time (.) 6 cdn inf bde (.) FUS MR have three coys
across canal area 796055 being counter attacked by the enemy at 1240 hrs
(.) S SASK R have no tps across the canal and are concentrated area
790045 (.) attempts to cross by S SASK R met by SA fire (.) CAMERONS
OF C NTR (.) all infm

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GO 5 SECRET (.) SITREP on infm received up to 261900A (.) US forces (.) sixth army gp (.) first FRENCH army made slight withdrawals under pressure area P 2580 (.) armour adv to 30 KM SW BELFORT (.) 7 US inf div gen line E 2333 V 2140 U 1757 (.) 12 army gp (.) 3rd US army (.) 10 US corps little progress head line Q2105-0905 (.) 12 US corps ho gen line Q1211 Q0428 Q8630 against considerable enemy resistance (.) 20 US corps armour area Q8152 inf area P9505 9924 (.) first US army (.) no change (.) ninth US army (.) 8 US corps now moving area LUXEMBOURG (.) 2nd BRIT army (.) 8 corps (.) little change (.) 30 corps (.) one inf bn area ARNHEM and linked with 1 airborne div continue to op to clear rd STOEDENORDE - WEGHEL which is still cut by approx 200 enemy with a few tks at 455356 (.) 1 corps (.) 49 div (.) two bdes across CANAL ANTWERP - TURNHOUT (.) 56 bde pushing through and exploiting to NW (.) 2 cdn inf div to 270600 (.) 4 cdn inf bde (.) active patrol programme during night (.) fighting patrol into MERKEM was at crossing place on canal 0530 hrs (.) A coy R REGT C plus carrier pl screening canal ANTWERP - TURNHOUT 7498 7602 (.) carrier pl ESSEX SCOT covering SOUTH bank of ALBERT CANAL between 70 and 74 grid lines (.) 5 c cdn inf bde (.) CALG HIGHRS and R DE MAIS relieved by R REGT C and CAMS OF C during night (.) units now in conc area prep to adv NE to assembly area SW of OOSTMALLE to-day (.) 6 cdn inf bde along canal ANTWERP - TURNHOUT 7602 8106 (.) RIGHT FUS MR CENTRE S SASK R LEFT CAMERONS OF C (.) 8 CDN RECCE REGT responsible for covering 8106 to inter div bdy (.) locations (.) no change (.) 1 POL ARMD DIV moving to 2 cdn inf div area 27 and 28 sep (.) 4 cdn armd div (.) continue to dominate LEOPOLD CANAL from area ISABELLA 1905 to MOERKERHE 9303 (.) 3 cdn inf div infm to 252400A (.) 7 cdn inf bde (.) R WPG R completed occupation area 8375 (.) REG RIFLES firm area 8076 with 1 REG C SCOT R infiltration towards coast 8278 (.) 8 cdn inf bde (.) N SHORE R area 7875 7975 with R DE CHAUD holding high ground 7675 (.) all infm

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