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| TIBERMONT.<br>FRANCE. | 1st<br>Sept.<br>Fri.  |      | Weather - fine and warm. The Bn. left TOTES early this morning and arrived at ST. HONORE around 1000 hrs. At noon an O Group was called at Bde. which resulted in another move. All trucks in A. Ech. were off-loaded to be used as TCVs. for the troops and the Bn. moved on to TIBERMONT, just S.E. of DIEPPE. Today the 4th. Bde. entered DIEPPE proper without firing a shot. The Germans had fortified DIEPPE as part of the Atlantic Wall, but all its fortifications presumably faced seawards. Pilots of Allied planes last night reported explosions in the town as the Germans blasted its installations. Canadian recce. elements entered DIEPPE at noon and were followed closely by infantry units, for whom DIEPPE has such terrible memories. They drove through the streets where on that other day their comrades were mowed down. The people of the city roared a welcome to the Canadians and covered their vehicles with flowers. |    |
| TIBERMONT.            | 2nd.<br>Sept.<br>Sat. |      | Weather - fair and warm. B.H.Q. has been established in a large chateau, which has been stripped of everything by its previous occupants - the Hun, and the Coys. are located close by, at farm buildings. Permission was granted today for two-thirds of each formation to visit DIEPPE in the evening, if they so wished. What a comparison to be able to stroll into DIEPPE with one's rifle slung over one's shoulder instead of crawling through the underbrush or stealthily stalking in the shadows as the boys of the 2nd. Division had to do on that far away night in August 1942. Most of the boys went in to see this port which played such a large part in the Canadian Army's history. A. Ech. rejoined the Bn..   |   |
| TIBERMONT.<br>FRANCE. | 3rd.<br>Sept.<br>Sun. |      | Weather - dull in morning, clearing in afternoon. Five years ago today Britain and France declared war on the Axis powers. The boys are now having the opportunity to catch up on all the little odd jobs they have been putting off for some time back. Washing, repairing, letter writing and all the hundred and one things which occupy the soldier at rest are the order of the day. In the morning Hon. Capt. ROYLE, our padre, held church service, the first opportunity he has had to do so since we were at BRETTEVILLE, three weeks ago. After lunch the Bn. moved off in vehicles to the outskirts of the city of Dieppe, where we formed up and marched to our position in the line of march for a Victory parade through the city proper. All of the 2nd. Division have been assembled here today to participate in this.   |  |

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| TIBERMONT<br>FRANCE<br>(contd) | 3rd.<br>Sept.<br>Sun.<br>(con) |      | Six men abreast we are formed up at the starting point, and while we are awaiting the command to move off civilians by the hundreds, on bicycles, trucks and on foot flood past us into the city to view this parade which marks our formal entry into DIEPPE after its liberation. Only a few of the older inhabitants see us move off, waving to us from their windows and doorsteps as we past. Soon, however, the scattered pedestrian became little groups and before we had reached the centre of the town the sidewalks were thronged, and each window, and occasional roof-top held its group of wildly demonstrating civilians. As we neared the saluting base the cheers increased and the edges of the route were a black mass of people. We rounded a corner and the pipe band by the saluting base broke into the strains of "Hielan' Laddie". We marched past, the salute being taken by Lieut.-General H.D.G.Crerar, G.O.C.-in-C. First Canadian Army. At this moment we were both solemn and proud, and surely we may be forgiven if we strutted just a little. On past the saluting base we had an opportunity to view for ourselves some of the German strongpoints, and they certainly were formidably constructed. The city itself is not badly damaged, although the Germans, who are believed to have pulled out on the night of 31st. August/1st. September, carried out considerable demolitions, and put all the public utilities out of commission. Trucks returned us to the Bn. area in time for us to have a hot bath at a mobile bath which had been set up a short distance away, before supper, and we returned to our meal much refreshed and feeling quite spruced up in our clean clothing. Mail is catching up with us, and is avidly read by the fortunate recipients. The K. of C. ran a movie tonight in an old barn, and in spite of the many holes in the roof of the barn it was thoroughly enjoyable. |    |
| TIBERMONT.<br>FRANCE.          | 4th.<br>Sep.<br>Mon.           |      | Weather - fair and sunny. The air is thick with rumours of a long move. The destination is variously given by the men as Antwerp and Dunkirk. Time alone will tell. The day is taken up in re-organising, and re-equipping. Tonight the K. of C. had to hang out the "S.R.O." sign, the barn being packed to over-capacity. Late in the evening reinforcements arrived in strength.  |  |
| TIBERMONT,<br>FRANCE.          | 5th.<br>Sep.<br>Tues.          |      | Weather - clear and sunny, some showers in afternoon. The companies continue to re-organise and re-equip, and get in some training. During the morning the 15cwt. truck carrying ammunition caught fire, but it was managed to off-load it and get the fire out promptly. The only loss was the tarpaulin.   |  |

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| TOURNEHEM.<br>FRANCE.       | 6th.<br>Sep.<br>Wed. |      | Weather - overcast but no rain. In the early hours of the morning we moved out and generally NORTH. Our route took us through EU, and ABBEVILLE to MONTREUIL, Field -Marshall Earl HAIG'S H.Q. in the last war, where we stopped for a short while. On again through DESVRES and LICQUES where our reception was most cordial and at last our long journey was ended at PONT-du-HALOT. Here we once again came under fire, the enemy shelling our Bn. positions.   |  |
| PONT-du-HALOT<br>FRANCE.    | 7th<br>Sep.<br>Thur. |      | Weather - very heavy rain, high wind, cold. MR Sheet 2. 1:250000 H0676. The coldest day we have known for a long time. The area around here is low lying and the Germans had inundated quite a large part of it by blowing the canal banks. As a result all the ditches were filled with water, and the ground very spongy. Throughout the day there was spasmodic shelling of our positions and by way of retaliation we heard our artillery shelling GRAVELINE. Late in the afternoon the REGIMENT de MAISONNEUVE advanced into the town of BOURGBOURG. They had crossed their start line at 1300 hrs. but it was not until 1630 hrs. that they reached their objective. This slow rate of advance was due to the fact that the enemy had the road covered by fire from two 88mm. situated in the town, and the advancing troops had to move through this fire up the road because of the condition of the terrain on either side of the thoroughfare. |  |
| LOOBERGHE.<br>FRANCE.       | 8th.<br>Sep.<br>Fri. |      | Weather - clear, cold and high wind. MR Sheet 2. 1:250000 H1673. Today the Bn. moved forward to LOOBERGHE. Leaving BOURGBOURG "C" coy. went by another route to H 1677 where they attacked Copenfax Fort, suffering some casualties in this encounter. The total number of prisoners taken by the unit was in the vicinity of 250 by 2130 hrs. that night and a disreputable lot they were. Many arms of the service was represented therein, Artillery, Infantry, A.A., and Mountain troops to mention a few.   |  |
| Gd.MILLE BRUGGHE<br>FRANCE. | 9th<br>Sep.<br>Sat.  |      | Weather - clear and windy. The Bn. has now advanced along the left bank of the COLME CANAL to Gd.MILLE BRUGGHE MR Sheet 2, 1:250000 H2177. Why this place rates the title "GRANDE" Mille Brugghe is hard to imagine as it is nothing more or less than a row of houses on either side of the canal. The advance was made without much opposition which was fortunate as the fields beside the road are a quagmire,   |  |

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| Gd.MILLE BRUGGHE<br>FRANCE.<br>(cont'd.) | 9th.<br>Sep.<br>Sat.  |      | many being completely under water. Here again the retreating Germans have blown the canal bank in many places, and it is impossible for our artillery to set up anywhere near our new positions in view of the ground conditions. Shortly after we had occupied the town the enemy opened up with mortar and 88mm, but casualties were amazingly low since by that time everyone was under cover in the various buildings. The task of the Bn. is to contain the enemy in this area around DUNKIRK and to patrol at night. The bridge across the river at this point, has been demolished by the enemy.   |    |
| Gd.MILLE BRUGGHE<br>FRANCE.              | 10th<br>Sept.<br>Sun. |      | Weather - clear and warm with intermittent showers. A few shells came over last night, and again around 0530 hrs. this morning. He is now using 105 and 155mm. on us, and the roads around the town are far from healthy. Sgt. BENSON of the Scouts died on the way to hospital this morning as a result of wounds incurred while on a patrol. On its way up to one of our forward companies a carrier hit a mine on the road. Several of the crew were wounded, Pte. J. ("Hackle") Wilson, was killed and Pte. T. Simpson is listed as missing as a result. In the early hours of the morning the Pioneer Platoon constructed a foot bridge across the canal about 75 yds. SOUTH of that which had been demolished. A church service was commenced in the building in which the B.H.Q. had been set up, but the service had to be discontinued when enemy shell fire started hitting the building. Later in the day the shells coming over seemed to be much heavier, and it is believed that he is now using some of his Coastal Guns, remounted facing inland, although this has not yet been verified. One reason for the belief is that he put one of our 25pdr. guns out of action, killing one and wounding eight with this round. |   |
| Gd.MILLE BRUGGHE<br>FRANCE.              | 11th<br>Sep.<br>Mon.  |      | Weather - clear and warm. Heavy shells spasmodically land in our positions. Our patrols are ever on the alert and continuously on the prowl throughout the night. Last night one of our patrols went into SPYCKER, suffering one casualty.  |  |

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| Gd. MILLE BRUGGHE. FRANCE. | 12th. Sep. Tues. |      | Weather - clear and warm. Today B and C Coys. attacked and captured SPYCKER. The enemy let them into the town and then opened up with everything he had, whereupon our boys took cover in some of the houses and retaliated in no uncertain manner. The action became quite furious when the Germans counter attacked but this was driven off. Lt. NIXON of the Scout Platoon contributed in no small manner when he fired three PIAT bombs into the ranks of the attackers. There was heavy shelling and mortaring on SPYCKER and Gd. MILLE BRUGGHE throughout the day.   | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |
| Gd. MILLE BRUGGHE. FRANCE. | 13th. Sep. Wed.  |      | Weather - clear and warm. Heavy shelling on Gd. MILLE BRUGGHE commenced at reveille this morning. B.H.Q. received five direct hits and the R.A.P. one direct hit and two near misses. During the morning the shelling did not let up and by noon, when it began to slacken off, eight vehicles had been destroyed and six motor cycles burned. We were very fortunate in that the only casualty, Pte. Miller, an R.P. received no more than a very minor cut on the forehead caused by flying debris. At 1130 hrs. a Bde. O. Group was called. The Bn. would withdraw under cover of darkness at 2100 hrs., the 8th. RECCE and two coys. of the Regt. de MAISONNEUVE taking over our positions for the withdrawal. C Coy, of the BLACK WATCH was in SPYCKER with B Coy. mid-way between SPYCKER and Gd. MILLE BRUGGHE. It was feared that it would be quite a ticklish proposition to effect the withdrawal, particularly of C. Coy. but movement was cut to a minimum and they left the town with the enemy apparently none the wiser. The operation was completed by 0330 hrs. on the 14th.. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |
| BOURGBOURGVILLE FRANCE.    | 14th. Sep. Thur  |      | Weather - clear and warm. MR Sheet 2. 1:250000 H 1175. By 0500 hrs. the Bn. was established in BOURGBOURGVILLE and all who could immediately stretched out for a hard earned sleep. No casualties were suffered in coming out of the line with the exception of one D.R. who ran into the back of an armoured car, splitting his lip and breaking a couple of the teeth in his lower jaw. The toughest job during the early morning hours was the evacuation of casualties from the SPYCKER area, which was under constant mortar and shell fire. It was only accomplished by the bravery of the stretcher bearers and the medical staff. Volunteer drivers of 60cwt. vehicles met them half-way up the road to carry them to safety and the better medical care possible in the hospitals which are situated surprisingly close to the front line. The Bn. enjoyed the freedom of movement possible in the town. Indents were called for today for vehicles and clothing.   | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |

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| BOURGBOURGVILLE<br>FRANCE. | 15th<br>Sep.<br>Fri. |      | Weather - clear and warm. Payday today, and most of the boys have been out in search of ale in the various estaminets throughout the town. It would appear that the last regiment of our brigade to occupy the town almost drank it dry, for very little is to be found. However, substitutes were found, a trifle more potent as some of the boys discovered - too late. Re-organising and equipping goes on apace, and the boys are doing lots of letter writing. Forty-five reinforcements arrived today, 33 of whom were for General Duty.  |    |
| BOURGBOURGVILLE<br>France. | 16th<br>Sep.<br>Sat. |      | Weather - clear and hot. A Mobile Bath has been set up nearby and the boys have been using it to good advantage. In spite of the fact that it is salt water, and will not lather, it makes us feel cleaner and in any event we get a clean issue of socks, shirt, underwear and towel. Rumours of a long move abound again. Re-organising and re-equipping continues. Today we received twenty reinforcements.  |    |
| BOURGBOURGVILLE<br>FRANCE. | 17th<br>Sep.<br>Sun. |      | Weather - clear and hot. The Padre held a Protestant church service in the Town Hall this morning, and although it was entirely voluntary the hall was filled. Most of the Catholic boys in the regiment attended mass in the local chapel. After dinner the Bn. moved out to the Bde. concentration area south of BEURGES.   |   |
| KEER.<br>BELGIUM.          | 18th<br>Sep.<br>Mon. |      | Weather - clear, moderate wind. MR Sheet 2 1:250000 J 7596. Early this morning we started off on what turned out to be a most interesting journey. Our route took us through OOST CAPPEL, on the BELGIAN border, past St. JULIEN and its beautifully kept Canadian war memorial to the dead of the last war, via ROULERS, and THIELT to GHENT through which we passed shortly after noon. On Eastward through TERMONDE and MALINES where we turned North in the direction of ANTWERP, swinging East again before reaching that port to our new location at KEER, just North of WOMMELGHEM (MR J 7595). So far as we have seen today this country has largely missed the ravages of warfare, with the exception that some of the main bridges in the various towns had been blown up. The country is remarkably clean, as are its inhabitants, and the hospitality and the receptions accorded us in France were if anything out-done by the people we met today. The Bn. is located along the WEST bank of the famous ALBERT CANAL, on the other bank of which are the enemy. |  |

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| KEER.<br>BELGIUM.   | 19th.<br>Sept.<br>Tues. |      | Weather - clear and cool. The boys are now beginning to experience a few language problems, although many people in the district speak English or French or both. None the less everyone seems to be able to get along, resorting at times to the sign language. In the positions which the Bn. occupies the Coys. will patrol the canal bank at night, withdrawing to their positions before first light. Our task is to prevent the enemy from blowing the locks, as this would result in the inundation of a large tract of land. During the day the men keep strictly under cover as snipers abound in the woods and hedges bordering the canal, and the occasional mortar and 88mm. is also brought into play.   | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |
| FORT 1.<br>BELGIUM. | 20th<br>Sep.<br>Wed.    |      | Weather - fair and warm. MR Sheet 2. 1:250000 J7496. The Bn. moved today to posns. North-West and close to FORT 1 outside ANTWERP. We are now much closer to the canal and the Germans have more snipers in the trees and hedges around this area. No casualties have resulted, however, as the men keep well under cover. B.H.Q. and Support Coy. are located in the Fort itself and we are truly amazed by its construction. Were one not careful one would soon become lost in its subterranean depths. The K.O.C. showed a movie tonight, "Two Yanks in Trinidad" in one of the many cavernous rooms of the fort. We received five officer reinforcements tonight.  | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |
| FORT 1.<br>BELGIUM. | 21st.<br>Sept.<br>Thur. |      | Weather - clear and warm. Once again this morning we had the luxury of a bath, down at FORT II, about two miles away. This time it was fresh water and we were really able to get rid of the grime. In the early hours of the morning a patrol was sent across the canal. Cpl. WILKINSON and Pte. SHARPE of the Scouts made the crossing in a small boat. As Lt. NIXON was paying out the line, letting the boat across it was found that the line would not reach to the other bank so he took off his belt and tied it to the rope. This was still not long enough so he quickly and silently took off his boots and used the laces to extend the line. The boat was now near enough to the far bank for the Scouts to jump out, but in so doing the lace was pulled out of Lt. Nixon's hand and he was unable to pull the boat back. As a result, when the patrol returned to the bank, after penetrating the enemy's lines for about 2000 yards, they found the boat still on their side and were able to effect the return trip in the swirling mists before dawn, unobserved. They report that the enemy are holding this area in strength. The Paymaster was up today exchanging our French currency for | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |

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| FORT 1.<br>BELGIUM.<br>(Contd.) | 21st<br>Sep.<br>Thur.   |      | its Belgian equivalent. We lose about 12% on the deal, 100 French francs being worth approx. 88 Belgian francs. Today we received 23 reinforcements, 14 of whom are for General Duty. In the evening the Bn. moved out of the FORT 1 area into WOMMELGHEM, a mile or so back.   | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |
| WOMMELGHEM.<br>BELGIUM.         | 22nd<br>Sept.<br>Fri.   |      | Weather - clear and cool. MR Sheet 2. 1:250000 J7595. Col. Mitchell has left the Bn. and Lt.-Col. Bruce R. RITCHIE, former 2i/c of the WATCH returning to us from the SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN REGIMENT, to take over the command. Maj. SLATER returned to us from 5 Bde. and took over command of his old company, B Coy.. During the night three coys. of the CALGARY HIGHLANDERS crossed the canal, suffering only two minor casualties in the crossing, and established a small bridgehead. Training has been commenced throughout the companies. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |
| WOMMELGHEM.<br>BELGIUM.         | 23rd.<br>Sept.<br>Sat.  |      | Weather - clear and warm. Training continues throughout the coys. Many of the boys are visiting a small shop to purchase ice-cream, the first they have tasted in many a long day. The K.ofC. ran a movie tonight before a large and appreciative audience - including many Belgians.   | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |
| WOMMELGHEM.<br>BELGIUM.         | 24th.<br>Sept.<br>Sun.  |      | Weather - rain and quite cool. A Bn. church parade of both denominations was held this morning, the pipe band of the Regiment leading the way down to the hall where the service was held. Our Carrier Secn. have taken over the positions of the 8th. RECCE, NORTH/EAST of ANTWERP, along the Albert Canal - patrolling and keeping a watch on enemy movements. For the first time since POINT 168, near EPANCY in France, on the 18th. of August the pipe band played Retreat this evening.   | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |
| WOMMELGHEM.<br>BELGIUM.         | 25th<br>Sept.<br>Mon.   |      | Weather - windy with rain. We are preparing to move again. Six reinforcements were received today, all Anti Tank Nos..  | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |
| WOMMELGHEM<br>BELGIUM.          | 26th.<br>Sept.<br>Tues. |      | Weather - clear and cool. The Bn. moved again today, the troops marching to woods near GRAVENWEZEL MR J 7802, with B.H.U. and Support Coy. in what had once been a beautiful hotel, complete with tennis courts and stables. We are here only 1500 yards from the enemy who has all calibre of weapons on the far bank of the ANTWERP-TURNHOUT canal.   | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |



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| GRAVENWEZEL /<br>WESTMALLE.<br>BELGIUM. | 27th<br>Sept<br>Wed. |      | Weather - clear and cool. The Bn. moved at 1400 hrs to WESTMALLE, MR Sheet 2 1:250000 J 8705, the troops riding in R.C.A.S.C. TCVs. The Coys. positions are NORTH and NORTH-EAST of the town, well deployed. An O Group was held at 2130 hrs. when Col. Ritchie advised the officers that we would be participating in a large scale action on the morrow. The 2nd. Canadian Div. will for this operation be under command of the 1st. British Corps of the 2nd. British Army.  | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |
| RYCKEVORSEL.<br>BELGIUM.                | 28th<br>Sept<br>Thur |      | Weather - clear and cool. The Bn. moved out after breakfast to a concentration area one mile NORTH of OOSTMALLE. In the afternoon we followed the Regt. de MAISON-NEUVE across the bridge over the ANTWERP-TURNHOUT canal into the bridgehead won by the 49th. Div. It was intended that after the R.de M. had gained their objective, the large woods and cross roads at OOSTRECHT, MR Sheet 24 and 34, 1:50000 Square 8810, the R.H.C. would follow through and take ST. LEONARD. The Regt. de MAISON-NEUVE experienced much more difficulty than was anticipated, and their transport was strung out along the road nearly all the way from OOSTBRECHT to RYCKEVORSEL. This caused our advance to bog down while we were passing through RYCKEVORSEL and we came under heavy shell and mortar fire while waiting for the R. de M. to "pull its tail up". After suffering a few casualties and losing one carrier the Bn. finally reached the road junction at 889098 where we deployed, around 1700 hrs.. Col. RITCHIE established his Tactical H.Q. at a farm at 891094. As it was getting dark, Col. RITCHIE was not disposed to make preparations for a night attack upon what was apparently a very strongly held position, but the Brigadier left him no alternative, and ordered him to attack with the least possible delay. At an O Group plan was made for an immediate attack. B Coy. would approach the town along the road from the NORTH-EAST - A and C Coys. would take the centre road, and D the lowest road. As midnight approached the Coys. were starting off for their objectives. In the last two days 42 reinforcements have joined us, 11 being for general duty, the remainder being for the most part signallers and drivers. | <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>                  |

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| St. LEONARD area.<br>BELGIUM. | 29th Sept<br>Fri. |      | <p>Weather - clear, changing to showers. The attack went in with tanks in support of A and C Coys. Advancing down the centre road these companies came under a heavy cross fire, but despite this finally managed to establish themselves in a large corner house opposite the church, where they commanded the main road in the centre of the town. The enemy repeatedly counter attacked our positions, even to the extent of man-handling a 7.5 cm. A/Tk. gun around the corner of the church in full view of our troops on the lawn before the large house they were occupying. All the enemy were killed before they had a chance to fire a shot. A German officer was walking down the street with his brief case when Lt. CLEMENTS called upon him to halt. He did so, smartly, and received a burst from a Sten gun, leaving one less German officer to prepare for the next war. Meantime, B Coy., on the NORTH road was completely cut off from the rest of the unit, its wireless set having been knocked out. Maj. SLATER was in command of the situation, however, and managed to get messages back, by runner, giving a summary of the situation. He asked for tank support to shoot him through to his objective. Col. RITCHIE had already foreseen the need for tank support on that flank and tanks had already been despatched to provide the necessary assistance, and B Coy. advanced and took their objective. D Coy. on the low road near the canal was able to gain its objective, where the road meets the canal at 871096, with very little difficulty as the attention of the enemy was diverted by the other companies. About 0600 hrs. the Germans counter attacked heavily, and D Coy. rated rather heavy casualties from m.g. and mortar fire before it was repelled. All the officers of the company were either killed, wounded, or taken prisoner. Capt. CHAPMAN took over temporary command of the Coy. and the situation was gradually restored. Up until this time no communication had been established between A and C Coys. and D Coy. and Col. RITCHIE ordered Capt. Selby STEWART to open up the main street between C and D companies. This was very boldly and brilliantly executed. The Carriers raced down the street, firing their l.m.gs. at all positions, and possible positions, and the enemy with bazookas in the lanes and side streets were incapacitated before they could do much damage. The boys went in with such verve that it is thought that the enemy felt himself attacked by a much larger force than that employed. One of our carriers was knocked out by a bazooka, but we suffered no casualties.. The remainder of the</p> | <p>See Appen.12.</p>                           |

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| st. LEONARD area. BELGIUM | 29th Sep. (Con) |      | day was spent in cleaning up the town, and repelling several counter attacks, and infiltration attempts of the enemy from the WEST of the town. During the night's fighting five 7.5 cm. A/Tk. guns were knocked out, and D Coy. put out of commission one 40 mm. S.P. mounted on a half track, by the use of a P.I.A.T.. Today 96 reinforcements arrived for the Bn. all for general duty although 55 were cooks, bricklayers, gunlayers, fitters, pioneers, etc.. In the engagement, so far, the Bn. has taken nearly 200 prisoners, and accounted for an unknown number of enemy dead.  | <i>WJH</i>   |
| st. LEONARD. BELGIUM.     | 30th Sep. Sat.  |      | Weather - cold and showery. The Bn. sent out strong fighting patrols NORTH of C Coy's. position, from 868099 to the 11 grid line, MR Sheet 24 and 34 1:50000, and from B Coy's. position 871103 NORTH to 11 grid. These patrols were supported by tanks to test the enemy strength. The patrols shot up the enemy and returned with 14 prisoners. The Bn's. casualties in the last three days have totalled 94 all ranks. Tactical H.Q. has been established in an estaminet opposite the church. The Brigadier today advised Col. RITCHIE that the Bn. will be putting on an attack against BRECHT on the following morning. We will approach the town from the SOUTH through the positions of the CALGARY HIGHLANDERS on road 853094 instead of through the positions of the Regt. de MAISONNEUVE. Col. RITCHIE, Maj. PINKHAM, Maj. SLATER, Maj. WATSON and Lt. SHEA, the I.O., went over to the forward posns. of the CALGARY HIGHLANDERS, and made a recce. of the ground over which the attack is to go in on the morrow. In the evening the I.O. of the GLOUCESTER REGIMENT arrived to get information concerning our Coy. positions, as that unit will be taking them over when we move out in the morning. | <i>WJH</i><br><br><i>S.R. Ritchie</i><br><i>St. Col.</i> |