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WAR DIARY

OF

HEADQUARTERS 11 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

FROM 1 APR 45 TO 30 APR 45

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REPORTS ON OPERATIONS

1. A Report on Operations is a statement made by a commander to convey a clear impression of the action of his command during a specified period. It is primarily for the immediate information of higher military command. Compiled in the field largely from the C.O's note book and unit office log books it is a firm statement of fact. Being a record of experience gained, it is a valuable guide for training and for future operations. It is inserted as the backbone of the war diary, and is invaluable to the historian.

2. In compiling Report on Operations, unit commanders quote from reports of their officers. Commanders of formations forward reports of unit commanders intact, amplifying them whenever necessary.

3. Officers preparing reports will follow the rules laid down in F.S.P.B., Pt. I, Pamphlet No. 4, 1943.

4. Specimen headings are as under, with modifications appropriate for the planned attack, the defensive engagement, the encounter battle, or minor actions.

(a) SITUATION—

- (i) Outline.
- (ii) Information re enemy intentions, dispositions, and strengths.
- (iii) Our intentions, unit locations, and strengths.
- (iv) Condition own troops and equipment.

(b) PLAN AND METHOD—

- (i) Objectives.
- (ii) Action required by unit.
- (iii) Boundaries and areas.
- (iv) Fire plan incl. Naval and Air co-operation.
- (v) Administration.
- (vi) Intercommunication.
- (vii) Start line and zero hour.

(c) COURSE OF THE BATTLE—

- (i) Narrative of action with locations and times.
- (ii) Weather and terrain.

- (iii) Quality, action, equipment and methods of the enemy.
- (iv) Objectives reached (incl. flank formations).
- (v) Outstanding incidents.
- (vi) Factors affecting the course and results of the action.
- (vii) Ammunition expenditure.
- (viii) Performance of vehicles.
- (ix) Consolidation and reorganization—unit locations, boundaries, areas.
- (x) Casualties, their cause and number.
- (xi) Captures, incl. identifications, weapons and equipment.

(d) COMMENTS AND LESSONS LEARNED—

- (i) Tactical methods.
- (ii) Weapons and Equipment.
- (iii) Administration.
- (iv) Intercommunication.

(e) APPENDICES—Orders and instructions, air photos, maps and sketches, etc.

UNIT OFFICE FILING SYSTEM AND RECORDS

"Every office will arrange for the filing and custody of its own correspondence" (F.S.R. Vol. I, Sec. 171, para. 3.)

1. TITLES AND NUMBERING OF FILES—

A simple filing system adaptable for use in any military office at home or in the field is illustrated by the "List of File Titles" overleaf.

All documents handled by a unit fall into one or other of the nine categories, enumerated 1 to 9. The titles of the nine main divisions are based on British army operations, organization, administration and the regulations governing. Each title may be broken down into ten component parts or sub-titles, by adding a dash and subsidiary numbers 0 to 9. In turn each of these may be further broken down by adding a second dash and a third digit, and if necessary a third dash and a fourth digit. Thus 4-6-3 might be "Cooking Course at Kingston". According to circumstances, a fighting unit would expand the 1-3 prefix to accommodate all arms and services with which it may be concerned.

2. DATE REFERENCE—

The method outlined in F.S.R. Vol. II, Appendix IV, will be used for all purposes, e.g. 2 Feb 40.

3. DOCUMENTS FOR PRESERVATION—

The monthly review of correspondence (F.S.R. Vol. I, sec. 171, para. 3) is facilitated and future confusion avoided by docketing the material in "Category ii" (i.e., "no longer required", etc.) to conform with the system.

4. CORRESPONDENCE IN THE FIELD—

The functioning of the office of a formation or unit during active operations may be simplified by keeping a log or register of all orders and messages, written or verbal, received or sent during the action. This may conveniently be done by extending the use of the "Field Register of Communications Received or Despatched" (Army Form 2040, F.S.R. Vol. I, Sec. 171), to include verbal as well as written orders and messages in chronological order as received or sent.

Time of sending and of receipt are of importance second only to time of event, and should be entered both on the office copy of every field message or other document, and in the log or register. A carbon copy for contemporary reference of the commander or others concerned is desirable.

A brief precis of written orders, reports and messages, with the sender's number, is sufficient, for they will be kept on file. But particular care is necessary in making entries of times of moves and of verbal orders, reports or conversations, by telephone or otherwise, which in the stress of action, may not otherwise be recorded on paper. In battle operations messages dealt with by one officer may number over twenty-five per hour for several hours on end.

The record should be kept convenient to the telephone. Entries may be made by a clerk, or by the officer on duty at the telephone.

Such a record is invaluable to the commander in making appreciations of the situation during the action and in compiling his report on the action afterwards. It is contemporary evidence of the highest quality, and therefore is of the highest historical value, and should be attached as an appendix to the original copy of the War Diary, together with the original documents sent and received.

(Appendix to Routine Order No. 147, C.A.S.F.
22 Nov., 39.)

For list of headings see back of jacket.

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LIST OF FILE TITLES

1. Operations (G.S.) (or Technical Functioning).

- 1-0. General.
- 1-1. Orders.
- 1-2. Instructions.
- 1-3. Co-operation and Liaison.
- 1-4. Intercommunication, sigs., etc.
- 1-5. Working Parties.
- 1-6. Scheme of Work.
- 1-7. }
- 1-8. } Available for allotment.
- 1-9. }

2. Protection. (G.S.)

- 2-0. General.
- 2-1. Guards and Patrols.
- 2-2. Alarm Posts.
- 2-3. Field Defences.
- 2-4. Against air attacks.
- 2-5. Against A.F.V.
- 2-6. Gas.
- 2-7. Defence Schemes.
- 2-8. }
- 2-9. } Available for allotment.

3. Intelligence.

- 3-0. General.
- 3-1. Secrecy. Codes.
- 3-2. Censorship.
- 3-3. Enemy forces, Prisoners of war.
- 3-4. Reports and sketches.
- 3-5. Maps.
- 3-6. War Diary.
- 3-7. Weather.
- 3-8. }
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4. Training. (G.S.) (or Technical).

- 4-0. General.
- 4-1. Drill.
- 4-2. P.T.
- 4-3. Technical: Musketry, Gun Drill, etc.
- 4-4. Route Marches.
- 4-5. Tactical Schemes.
- 4-6. Courses and Schools.
- 4-7. Lessons learned and Pamphlets.
- 4-8. }
- 4-9. } Available for allotment.

5. Organization and Administration (A.G.).

- 5-0. General.
- 5-1. Establishments.
- 5-2. Medical and Sanitation. Dental.
- 5-3. Inspections. Ceremonial. Visitors.
- 5-4. Discipline. Police.
- 5-5. Office.
- 5-6. Routine Orders.
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6. Personnel (A.G.).

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- 6-1. Officers.
- 6-2. Strengths, Casualties, Reinforcements.
- 6-3. Part II Orders.
- 6-4. Chaplains and Welfare.
- 6-5. Pay. Financial.
- 6-6. Burials. Effects.
- 6-7. Honours and Rewards.
- 6-8. Demobilization and discharge.
- 6-9. Available for allotment.

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7. Movements and Quarters. (Q.M.G.).

- 7-0. General.
- 7-1. Moves by road, rail, water, air.
- 7-2. Employment of transport.
- 7-3. Reliefs.
- 7-4. Barracks, Billets, Camps.
- 7-5. Baths and Laundry.
- 7-6. Boundaries and areas.
- 7-7. Traffic.
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8. Supplies and Maintenance. (Q.M.G.).

- 8-0. General.
- 8-1. Rations, forage, water, disinfectants.
- 8-2. Petrol and lubricants.
- 8-3. Fuel and Light.
- 8-4. Engineer Stores.
- 8-5. Postal.
- 8-6. Remounts and Veterinary.
- 8-7. Canteens, Comforts, and small consignments.
- 8-8. Printing and Stationery.
- 8-9. Available for allotment.

9. Stores. (M.G.O.).

- 9-0. General.
- 9-1. Arms and armament.
- 9-2. Ammunition.
- 9-3. Clothing and Necessaries.
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HOLLAND MR 694671 Sheet ARNHEM West.	1 Apr		Easter Sunday. Weather is fair and warm. 11 Cdn Inf Bde is located on the island formed by the WAAL and the NEDER RHINE rivers. Perth in area of ELST (7070). CBH in area 6672. IRC in area Zetten (6172) and 'B' Sqn 49 Recce Regt u/c in in area 5770. Each bn has u/c a Sqn of 3 Cdn Armd Recce Regt (GCHG). The GOC 5 Cdn Armd Div visited this HQ this morning to confer with the Bde Comd re our part in the operation to take place tomorrow. This afternoon the Bde Comd and LO I went to HQ 147 Bde to get the details of their attack for to-morrow. Today the Bde began to use the new First Canadian Army Map Lg Code.	CHAS
"	2 Apr	1330	Weather fair in morning becoming cloudy in afternoon and evening. 49 Div (WR) on our right attacked this morning. The attack is going well. They are driving the enemy from the eastern end of the Island across the NEDER RHINE to ARNHEM. The Bde Comd held an 'O' Gp to give his orders for 11 Bde part in the operation. See report on ops attached as appx. The attack started at last light.	CHAS
"	3 Apr		Weather windy and occasional shower. 11 Cdn Inf Bde part of the attack went very well. Only slight opposition was met and by first light all units were on final objectives. Now facing up to the NEDER RHINE behind the Winter Bund. 11 Cdn Inf Bde is the first Bde in the Cdn Army to have done an attack in two theatres of war. Units spend today mopping up respective areas and clearing many mines. Casualties were light. The GOC and Corps Comd were here this morning to see the Bde Comd. This afternoon the Bde Comd visited the COs of each unit at their Tac HQs.	CHAS
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HOLLAND MR 694671 Sheet ARNHEM West.	4 Apr		Weather partly fair with occasional sudden showers. Today was a very quiet day as far as enemy activity was concerned. at 1600 hrs the Army Comd visited the Bde Comd. The Brigade Major visited the Tac HQs of each unit this afternoon. The GSO III attended an 'O' Gp at HQ 49 Div (WR) to obtain the details for the attack across the NEDER RHINE. This evening a force consisting of one sqn 5 Cdn Armd Regt with a Bty of 102 LAA Regt under comd and Comd by Major Ross of 5 Cdn Armd Regt, relieved 'B' Sqn 49 Recce Regt (, and came under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde.	CHAS
"	5 Apr	0900	Weather cloudy and windy with intermittent showers of rain and hail. The GOC 5 Cdn Armd Div came to see the Bde Comd to discuss possible plans for the future. This morning the Bde Comd went to Tac HQ of Perth and CBH and stayed for lunch with the CO of the CBH. An Air Tentacle with two officers arrived this afternoon and will work with us in coming ops. This evening Westmr R (M) relieved 146 Bde on our right and came under command.	CHAS
"	6 Apr		Weather cloudy with occasional showers. The GOC 5 Cdn Armd Div was here this morning to see the Bde Comd. The probable date for the attack across the NEDER RHINE by 49 Div (WR) is 9 Apr 45. In the meantime 11 Bde Gp holds the Eastern part of the Island and maintains contact to the west where the IRC are patrolling toward OPHEUSDEN (5572)	CHAS
"	7 Apr		A beautiful day. The GOC was here this morning to see the Bde Comd. There is much speculation regarding our next operation. The GOC warned that date of 49 Div attack was postponed for atleast 24 hrs. This afternoon the Bde Comd visited Tac HQ of Westmr R (M).	CHAS
"	8 Apr		Weather fair and warm. Maj W.L. Dutton has been promoted to the rank of Lt Col. He left today to go to Comd DMA. Major J.O. Millard arrived today to be DAA&QMG. The PW Cage and interrogator Lt G.H. Hobson came to stay at Bde HQ. The Bde Comd visited the Tac HQ of the IRC and Rossforce this afternoon. The BM visited the Tac HQ of each unit.	CHAS

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HOLLAND MR 694671 Sheet ARNHEM West	9 Apr	2000	Fair and warm today. GOC 5 Cdn Armd Div visited the Bde Comd this morning and warned him of the change of plans. 11 Cdn Inf Bde is going to be relieved and move to Corps reserve for the attack across the IJssel River behind 1 Cdn Inf Div or 49 Div (WR). An LO took the new plan to units. Advance parties were warned to be ready to move at first light tomorrow. A lecture on Air Support was given to the officers by the GII Air from HQ First Cdn Army.	CHAS
"	10 Apr		Weather fair and warm. Today the plan was changed. The Bde was ordered to be prepared to be relieved and conc in area of Bde HQ. This afternoon the GOC gave the Bde Comd new plan of ops. There is no move for 48 hrs.	CHAS
"	11 Apr	1800	A fine day. This evening the Perth and Westmr were relieved by the 7 A Tk Regt. Westmr reverted to under comd of 5 Cdn Armd Bde. CBH were relieved by 5 LAA and conc near Bde HQ. The IRC remained in the line and came under comd 1 Cdn Armd Bde. This morning the DAA & QMG and Camp Comd went on a recce for new conc area for the Bde. ARNHEM area was dive bombed by the RAF.	CHAS
"	12 Apr	0900 1030 1730	Weather cloudy with a shower during the afternoon. The Comd of the sector passed to 1 Cdn Armd Bde. The Bde Comd held an 'O' Group to give the Corps and Div plan for the clearing of Holland. 5 Cdn Armd Div is now in Corps reserve. Brig G. Kitching, BGS, came to visit the Bde Comd this afternoon. 3 Cdn Armd Recce Regt (GGHG) remain under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde. The Bde Comd and each unit comd are to get a Honey tank for a comd veh. hrs. ARNHEM was dive bombed again. The Bde Comd went to the Perth for dinner this evening.	CHAS
"	13 Apr		Weather is fair and warm. This afternoon 11 Cdn Inf Bde Gp less the IRC moved to area of DIDAM (8972) NW of EMMERICH. The Bde was complete in this area shortly after last light. The Bde Gp took over a holding role along the IJssel river. Our area was from incl ZUTPHEN (9494) to railway br over the IJssel at 7776. CBH were right Perth and a Bty of 4 Cdn A Tk Regt left, GGHG still under comd supported both. Bde HQ was set up in a building near a church between DIDAM and WEHL. The move was through CLEVE and EMMERICH which took the Bde into GERMANY for the first time.	CHAS

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HOLLAND MR 8972 Sheet 2A&3A 1/250,000 "	14 Apr		Weather windy and cool. This morning the Bde Comd went to 5 Cdn Armd Div HQ at DIDAM (8972) to obtain infm on 49 Div (WR) attack across the NEDER RHINE to ARNHEM. 11 Cdn Inf Bde was ordered to move tomorrow to pass through ARNHEM behind 5 C A Bde.	CHAS
	15 Apr	1400	Weather is cloudy and cool. At 0900 hrs the Bde Gp moved off for ARNHEM. The IRC joined the Bde at the bridge over the NEDER RHINE built by 49 Div (WR). The Bde Comd met the unit comds at the Br at 0900 hrs and gave further orders. The Bde was complete in ARNHEM. Bde HQ set up in the town. The town was completely looted, nearly all the houses were smashed up. Bde HQ remained in ARNHEM for the night. (See report on Ops att)	CHAS
HOLLAND MR 7578 Sheet 2A&3A 1/250,000	16 Apr		Weather is fair and cool. At 1000 hrs Bde HQ moved North from ARNHEM to TERLET (7686) and arrived there at 1200 hrs. The Bde Comd and IO went fwd to HQ 5 Cdn Armd Bde near DEELEN (7387) to meet the GOC. At 1330 hrs the HQ moved again through DEELEN (7387) north to OTTERLOO (6591) arriving there at 1700 hrs. The Bde Comd spent most of the afternoon with the GOC and Comd of 5 Cdn Armd Bde as 11 Cdn Inf Bde was still following the Armd Bde. At 1930 hrs Bde HQ moved again to near VALK (5993) (for details of activities for this period see report on ops att as appx)	CHAS
HOLLAND, Valk MR 5993 Sheet 2A&3A 1/250,000	17 Apr		A fine day. Bde HQ remained same locn today. Early this morning an LO went to Div HQ at OTTERLOO (6591) to establish contact which was put out due to a heavy enemy counter attack at OTTERLOO during the night. The Bde Comd went to BARNEVELD (5295) this afternoon to visit the CBH.	CHAS
"	18 Apr		Weather fair and warm. Bde HQ remained in same locn today.	CHAS
"	19 Apr		This morning the Bde Comd went to Div HQ at BARNEVELD (5295) and went fwd with the GOC to HQ 5 Cdn Armd Bde at PUTTEN (5401). At 1000 hrs Main Bde HQ moved fwd through BARNEVELD to new locn near VOORTHUIZEN (5401). There was very little opposition during the day and the unit convoys melled on. At 2000 hrs Perth, under comd 5 Cdn Armd Bde was in HARDERWIJK (5519). CBH were in VELDWIJK (5419) and IRC in ERMELO. At 2030 hrs the Bde Comd was in HARDEWIJK with the CO of the Perth. In every town our tps received a tremendous welcome from the civilians. Bde HQ moved during the afternoon and set up at VELDWIJK (5419)	CHAS

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HOLLAND MR VELDWIJK (5419) Sheet 2A&3A 1/250,000 "	20 Apr		Weather is fair and warm. At 0800 hrs the Bde Comd and a LO left to go to HQ 2 Corps and then to HQ 3 Cdn Inf Div because 11 Cdn Inf Bde will be relieving 3 Cdn Inf Div. A recce party from the HQ and one from each unit left this morning to go to new area. Perth remains under comd 5 Cdn Armd Bde. for the move.	CAAS
	21 Apr		Weather rainy and cold in the morning, cleared in afternoon with strong wind. At 0930 hrs Bde HQ moved from VELDWIJK. The Bde Comd Lt Heubach met the convoy at MEPPHEL (9556). The HQ arrived at new locn HEERENVEEN (783860) at 1800 hrs. At 2100 hrs the Bde Comd held a briefing conference with his staff. The Bde Gp now occupied an area over 60 miles long from incl ZWOLLE (8937) north to the North Sea. Bde Gp consisted of CBH, IRC, PLF, 4 A Tk Regt, 41 Bty LAA, 17 Fd Regt RCA, 10 Fd Sqn RCE, 24 Fd Amb, 11 CIB Coy RCASC and AWD.	CAAS
HOLLAND Heerenveen MR 783860 Sheet 1/250,000 "	22 Apr		A fine day with fresh wind. The Bde Comd with the GOC visited the CBH in DOKKUM (8427). A german boat landed on the coast in the CBH area and the crew was captured by the CBH.	CAAS
	23 Apr		Weather fine but cool this morning. The Camp Comd went on recce for new HQ locn in area of LEEUWARDEN. 3 Cdn Armd Recce Regt (GGHG) arrived in the Bde Area. One sqn went to CBH one to IRC and one in reserve. Tonight there was a movie shown in the town theatre by the YMCA.	CAAS
	24 Apr		Weather fair and warm. At 0900 hrs the Bde Comd and the CO of GGHG and IO went to HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div at GRONINGEN. At 1000 hrs Bde HQ moved from HEERENVEEN to LEEUWARDEN. The Bde Comd met GOC at Div HQ and got new plan and then went back to LEEUWARDEN and held an 'O' Group at 1330 hrs. The New plan was that 11 Bde will take over comd of sector in area DELFZIJL from 5 Cdn Armd Bde. Perth to revert to under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde. Lt Col Jordan (GGHG) will take comd of sector area LEEUWARDEN. which 11 Bde will vacate. GGHG to have CBH under comd. At 1430 hrs Bde HQ moved from LEEUWARDEN through GRONINGEN to TEN BOER (303208). The Bde Comd went to HQ 5 Cdn Armd Bde at BEDDUM. (2323)	CAAS

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HOLLAND Ten Boer MR 303208 Sheet K54 1/250,000	25 Apr		Weather fair and warm. At 0900 the comd of sector passed to 11 Cdn Inf Bde. For details see report on ops att as appx. This afternoon the Bde Comd visited Tac HQ of the Perth. A naval LO came to work with the HQ.	CHAS
"	26 Apr		Weather fair and warm. At 0900 the Bde Comd held an ops conference. An officer rep from each unit in Bde Gp attended.	CHAS
"	27 Apr		Weather cloudy with occasional rain. At 0900 hrs Bde Comd held an ops conference. At 0945 the GOC came to see the Bde Comd re the Perth attack for tonight. This afternoon the Bde Comd went to see the IRC and Westmr who were facing up to DELFZIJL from the SW.	CHAS
"	28 Apr		Weather fair and warm. At 0900 hrs Ops Conference was held. At 0930 the GOC came to see the Bde Comd. The battle for DELFZIJL begins in earnest.	CHAS
"	29 Apr		Weather cold and rainy all day. The Battle for DELFZIJL continues. See report on ops.	CHAS
"	30 Apr		Weather cold and rainy. At 0900 hrs Ops conference was held. At 0930 the GOC came to give the Bde Comd the plan of ops after the fall of DELFZIJL. The Camp Comd went on a recce for a new locn for Bde HQ. DELFZIJL battle continues.	CHAS

L.B. Johnston
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Comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde

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HEADQUARTERS 11 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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PART 1 ORDERS

Capt C D McQuarrie

Camp Commandant

Last Order No. 3

Dated 20 Mar 45

Order No. 4

10 Apr 45

1. LEAVE PASSES

Personnel returning from leave will turn in leave passes to Bde O.R. immediately on arriving at A Ech. Personnel failing to do so will be counted as absent until such time as the pass is turned in.

2. CARRIAGE OF PERSONAL WEAPONS

(a) The following orders concerning the carriage of personal weapons are in addition to those published in Cdn ARO 864 dated 10 Jan, and will take effect immediately.

(b) In GERMANY, personal weapons will always be carried by all ranks entitled to do so when outside their HQ, unit locations or other premises under gd, except in para below.

(c) Arms and amm will NOT be carried on leave either to the UK or to leave centres on the Continent. Leave parties proceeding from locations in GERMANY will be provided with armed escorts up to the frontier under fm arrangements.

(First Cdn Army RO d/31 Mar 45)

R. A. McQuarrie Capt
(C D McQuarrie) Capt
Camp Comd
HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

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HQ 11th Cdn Inf Bde - 5 Cdn Armd Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.) For Week Ending

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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Brig	1	1		
Lieut.-Colonels				
Majors	2	2		
Captains	14	13		
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Quartermasters				
District Officers				
TOTALS	19	19		

* Insert details of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Unit from which joined.
Major	J. O. Willard	C.I.C.	8/4/45	H-3 CBAG

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Cause or Unit to which proceeded.
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(i) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Personal Number.	Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Parent Corps or Regiment.	Date taken on Strength.	Whether present with Unit.	Appointment held.	Date Assumed present Appointment.	Remarks including how employed if absent from unit.
1		Lieut	Brig	I S Johnston	C.I.C.	24/6/44	Yes	Comd	26/6/44	
2		Lieut		D N Clark	C.I.C.	24/3/45	Yes	BM	24/3/45	
3		Lieut		J O Willard	C.I.C.	8/4/45	Yes	DAAQMS	8/4/45	
4		Capt		R M Mitchell	C.I.C.	13/6/44	Yes	SC	27/12/44	
5		Capt		J R Hanley	C.I.C.	5/2/45	Yes	SL	5/2/45	
6		Capt		M L McIntyre	C.I.C.	30/11/44	Yes	G111	12/11/44	
7		Lieut	A/Capt	C D McQuarrie	C.I.C.	12/11/44	Yes	Camp	12/11/44	
8		Capt		J B McBride	RCAPG	21/10/44	Yes	Par	21/10/44	
9		Capt		C H A Spencer	C.I.C.	22/4/44	Yes	IO	22/4/44	
10		Capt		T A J Moll	RCASC	10/5/44	Yes	BRASS	10/5/44	
11		Capt		T J Reith	C.I.C.	12/7/43	Yes	TO	12/7/43	
12		Lieut	A/Capt	C O C Phillips	C.I.C.	9/7/44	Yes	LO 1	29/9/44	
13		Lieut		F A Reubach	C.I.C.	27/12/44	Yes	LO 1	127/12/44	
14		Lieut		T Cooper	C.I.C.	26/3/45	Yes	LO 1	126/3/45	
15		Lieut		M L Sambrooke	RCMBE	29/12/44	Yes	BOMB	17/3/44	
16		H/Capt		A D MacDonald	C.C.S.		NO	Fadre		CBH
17		H/Capt		T L Hipp	C.C.S.		NO	Fadre		CBH
18		H/Capt		D G Smith	C.C.S.		NO	Fadre		Porth
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Supr		G F Flewman	YACA		Aux Services
Lieut		A A Acker	CFSS		(no auth fwd)

14 Apr 45

(Date of Despatch.)

R. H. Mitchell
(Signature of Commander.)

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde (Bde, Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 21 Apr 45

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

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Unit HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

For Week Ending 21 Apr 45

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1	LtCol	Brig		I S Johnston	C I C	24/3/44	Yes	Comd	20/3/44	
2	Major			D M Clark	C I C	24/3/45	Yes	BN	24/3/45	
3	Major			J O Willard	C I C	8/4/45	Yes	DRAGOON	8/4/45	
4	Capt			R W Mitchell	C I C	13/3/44	Yes	CO	27/12/44	
5	Capt			J B Hanley	C I C	5/2/45	Yes	SL	5/2/45	
6	Capt			M L McIntyre	C I C	10/11/44	Yes	Chill	12/11/44	
7	Capt			C D McQuarrie	C I C	12/11/44	Yes	Camp	12/11/44	
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9	Capt			C H A Spencer	C I C	22/4/44	Yes	TO	22/4/44	
10	Capt			P A J Woll	RCA3C	10/3/44	Yes	WRASCO	10/3/44	
11	Capt			T J Reith	C I C	12/7/43	Yes	TO	12/7/43	
12	Lieut	A/Capt		P O G Phillips	C I C	27/4/44	Yes	TO	1/20/3/44	
13	Lieut			P A Reubach	C I C	27/12/44	Yes	TO	11/27/12/44	
14	Lieut			T Cooper	C I C	28/3/45	Yes	LO11	28/3/45	
15	Lieut			W L Sambrooke	RCME	29/12/44	Yes	BN	17/3/44	
16	Lieut			A D MacDonald	C C S		No	Padre		CBH
17	Lieut			T L Hipp	C C S		No	Padre		CBH
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Suppr		G P Flewman	YMCA		Aux Services
Lieut		H N Acker	37SS		(no auth rec'd).

21 Apr 45

(Date of Despatch.)

R. W. Mitchell Capt

(Signature of Commander.)

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde - 5 Cdn Armd Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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District Officers				
TOTALS	19	19		

* Insert details of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Unit from which joined.
Lt	S. A. Harper	C.I.C.	24/4/45	CRH

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Cause or Unit to which proceeded.
Lt	P. A. Houbach	C.I.C.	23/4/45	CRH

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(i) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Personal Number.	Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Parent Corps or Regiment.	Date taken on Strength.	Whether present with Unit.	Appointment held.	Date Assumed present Appointment.	Remarks including how employed if absent from unit.
1		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	20/6/44	
2		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
3		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
4		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
5		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
6		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
7		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
8		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
9		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
10		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
11		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
12		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
13		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
14		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
15		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
16		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
17		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
18		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
19		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
20		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
21		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
22		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
23		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
24		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
25		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
26		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
27		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
28		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
29		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
30		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
31		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
32		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
33		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
34		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
35		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
36		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
37		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	
38		Brig		J. B. Johnston	C.I.C.	24/4/45	Yes	Capt	24/4/45	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Brig		G. B. Newman	YMSA		Aux Services
Brig		H. M. Adair	CRH		to auth regt.

R. B. Hutchings Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)

20 Apr 45

(Date of Despatch.)

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

STRENGTH COUNTING TOTAL W.E. LESS 1st RHTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A).

TO BE MADE UP TO MIDDAY ON SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

FIELD RETURN OF

(Units) For Week Ending

(H) Officers JOINED during week.

(b) Officers QUITTED during week.

Appx 'A' to 11 Can Inf Bde
1-0-0-3(4), dated 28 May 45

Consolidated list of enemy equipment captured by 5 Can Armd Div
----- in DELFZIJL pocket -----

WEAPONS

Rifles	699
LMGs	219
MMGs	71
EMGs	12
Machine Pistols	11
37 mm Atk gun	10
Bazookas	50
Panzerfaust	2
SP Gun	1
Hy Coastal guns	5
105 mm guns	3
47 mm Naval gun	1
7.5 cm Inf guns	4
Lt Flak guns 20mm	38
Med Flak gun 5 cm	3
Hy Flak gun 12.8 cm	5
SP/AA guns	1
8.1 cm Mortars	6
2" Mocker projectors	2 btys.

TECH EQUIPMENT

Range Finders	7
Predictors	1
Searchlights	13
Searchlight Generators	5
Sound Detectors	2
Miscellaneous Signal eqpt	

VEHS AND ROLLING STOCK

Locomotive engines	12
Freight Cars	170
Automobiles	13
Trucks 60 cwt	1
Trucks 30 cwt	1
Trucks 5 cwt	1
Motorcycles	5
Bicycles	20
Horses and wagons	8
Ambulances (MS)	1
Field Kitchens	2
Water Pump Trailers	2

Report on Operations of 11 Cdn Inf Bde for period 28 Mar - 5 May 45, dealing with the Bde's activities on the "ISLAND" north of NIJMEGEN, the thrust from ARNHEM to the ZUIDER ZEE. Report prepared by Hist Offr 5 Cdn Armd Div from information obtained at the bde and later submitted to Brig I.E. Johnston, DSO, ED, for revision and approval.

Maps used - HOLLAND 1/100,000 Sheets 1 A, 2A, 2, 5, CENTRAL EUROPE P-1(W).

1. On 28 Mar 45 11 Cdn Inf Bde passed under comd 49(WR) Div and took over 56 Br Inf Bde's positions on the "ISLAND". Our boundaries were: right, the line of the railway from ELST (707) north to the NEDER RHINE, and left, from DODEWAARD (5670) north to 5674. We had under comd, and protecting our left flank, a sqn of 49 Recce Regt. We took over permanent positions from 56 Bde and had all three bns up.
2. The first few days in this sector were very quiet, the only activity being patrolling by units to their front to familiarize themselves with the ground. On 31 Mar comd of the sector passed to 5 Cdn Armd Div and 49(WR) Div pushed farther east to clear the right sector of the "ISLAND" south of ARNHEM with a possible view to putting in an attack on that city from the south. It was also planned at this time that we would clear up the NEDER RHINE on our original front and that 49 (WR) Div would pass through us and establish a bridgehead between RENKUM (6276) and OOSTERBEEK (6977).
3. An "O" Op was held at 1330 hrs 2 May 45 and the plan was outlined for this operation. 11 Cdn Inf Bde was to advance in present grouping: right to left, Perth R, CB Highrs, Ir R of C, each with u/c a sqn of 3 Cdn Armd Recce Regt (GGHG). Start time for the advance was last light 2 Apr. This got under way as planned and opposition proved to be negligible. By first light on the 3rd all three units were just short of the NEDER RHINE. 147 Bde, working on our right had conformed by last light.
4. We held the south bank of the river until 12 Apr. The period was uneventful. On 5 Apr the Westmr R (Mot) relieved the left bn of 146 Bde and passed u/c ourselves. On the 11th the Perth R and the CB Highrs were relieved by a composite force of 5 Cdn LAA Regt RCA and 4th Cdn ATK Regt RCA. At 0900 hrs 12 Apr comd of the sector passed to 1 Cdn Armd Bde. The Westmr R (Mot) reverted to u/c

5 Cdn Armd Bde while the Ir R of C remained in position and passed to u/c 1 Cdn Armd Bde.

5. On the afternoon of 13 Apr 11 Cdn Inf Bde, less the Irish R of C, moved up to area of DIDAM (8972) NW of EMMERICH. We were complete in this area shortly after last light. We now took over a holding role along the IJSSSEL River. Our area was from incl ZUTPHEN (9494) to railway bridge over the IJSSSEL at 7776. We had u/c 3 Cdn Armd Recce Regt (GCHG) and a bty of 4 Cdn ATK Regt RCA acting as inf. Nothing occurred in this area except that the Perths took into custody 89 Russian deserters from this side of the river. Perth cleaned up two pockets here.

6. At this time two alternatives were open to 5 Cdn Armd Div. We were either, (1) to pass through a bridgehead to be formed over the IJSSSEL by 1 Cdn Inf Div at ZUTPHEN or (2), pass through 49 (WR) Div after their capture of ARNHEM. On 14 Apr it was learned that the latter alternative was to be adopted (see Operation Order for Op "CLEANSE" 14 Apr 45.). 49 (WR) Div put in an attack across the IJSSSEL night of 12/13 Apr and by last light on the 13th were firmly established in ARNHEM. 5 Cdn Armd Bde passed through 49 (WR) Div at first light on the 15th. At 0900 hrs on the 15th we moved off for ARNHEM and were joined en-route by the Ir R of C who had just moved over from the "ISLAND". The Bde was complete in ARNHEM by 1600 hrs. The armour had by now made excellent progress and our task was to clear and consolidate behind their advance. They had to bypassed considerable opposition and our first task was to clear the wood bounded by squares 7280, 7680, 7683 and 7084 and consolidate TERLET (7686) and DELEN (7387). We moved off at 1800 hrs 15 Apr with the CB Highrs right Perth R left. Light opposition was met and both units were on their objectives by 2100 hrs.

7. The plan for the 16th was for the CB Highrs to be relieved by 49 Recce Regt and to occupy BARNEVELD (5295) as soon as it fell to the armour. The Ir R of C were to occupy OTTERLOO (6591): The Perth R to pass through them and proceed to area 6289 where they were to liaise with 5 Cdn Armd Regt (8 NBH) and assist them in the clearing of that area.

The Ir R of C occupied OTTERLOO about 0900 hrs and the Perth R moved to their new location in the afternoon. The plan was now altered and the CBH were ordered to a concentration area 7595 from which, supported by their sqn of 3 Cdn Armd Recce Regt and by a bty of 8 Cdn Fd Regt RCA, they were to attack and capture BARNEVELD the night of 16/17 Apr. The CB Highrs were complete in their concentration area by 2100 hrs. They sent one coy with flamethrowers into BARNEVELD, met little opposition and by 0330 hrs 17 Apr they had consolidated the town. Meanwhile, at 2000 hrs on the 16th the Perth R, supported by 5 Cdn Armd Regt, had entered LUNTEREN (5589). By midnight the Perths had consolidated the area together with their sqn of 3 Cdn Armd Recce Regt.

8. Also during the night 16/17 a serious counter-attack came in on the Ir R of C in the area of OTTERLOO. Some 600 to 900 enemy were involved in this, which was an all out effort to capture OTTERLOO, to cut our lines of communication and to allow 361 Volksgrenadier Div to escape to the west. This counter-attack was beaten off by the Ir R of C, the 17th Fd Regt RCA and various other elements who were in the area. Very heavy cas were inflicted on the enemy. Everything was reported quiet in this area at 0801 hrs the 17th although numbers of PW were still being rounded up.

9. All three bns retained their positions on 17 Apr and had no further contact with the enemy. During the night 17/18 advance elements of 1 Cdn Div arrived in the area. The next day the Perth R joined 9 Cdn Armd Regt at VOORTHUIZEN (5401). They arrived in this area at 1430 hrs and pushed on with 9 Cdn Armd Regt through PUTTEN (5409) which had already been taken by 5 Cdn Armd Regt, passed through ERMELO (5619), which was not held and by 2000 hrs were in HARDERWIJK (5519). During the afternoon the CB Highrs had moved up to VELDWIJK (5419) and the Ir R of C to ERMELO. The operation was now at an end. Units patrolled and mopped up their areas, but nothing of importance occurred.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS

11 CDN INF BDE

APPENDIX NO. 6

(for period 20 Apr 45 till 2 May 45)

"THE BATTLE FOR DELFZIJL"

Ref Maps: 1/25,000: Sheets 2A and 3A, 3B, K54.
1/25,000. Sheets 2606, 2607, 2608
2706, 2707, 2708

MR Q4526

On 20 April 1945 5 Cdn Armd Div was ordered to relieve 3 Cdn Inf Div in the Provinces FRIESLAND, GRONINGEN and DRENTE. This portion of HOLLAND had all been cleared with the exception of the FRIESLAND ISLANDS and a pocket around DELFZIJL extending to the GERMAN border.

MR Z8937

MR U4511

11 Cdn Inf Bde Gp moved on 21 April to the FRIESLAND area. 3 Cdn Inf Div was already on the move and there was no direct take over. 11 Cdn Inf Bde area was roughly to the WEST of OO NORTHING from the North Sea to inclusive ZWOLLE. In this area there was no contact with the enemy except at the EAST end of the Causeway SW of HARLINGEN.

The FRIESLAND ISLANDS were known to be occupied by the enemy and one of our chief tasks was to prevent raids on the coast or an effort by the troops on the island to evacuate through FRIESLAND.

The move up was very long and was made difficult by lack of sufficient bridges over the IJSSEL and by changes in the routes made necessary at the last moment. The area allotted to the Brigade was changed after the move had begun. However, recon parties were in hand and COs were briefed at the Dis P.

MR U8427

MR U5312

MR Z6095

MR Z4398

MR Z6374

MR Z9167

CBH were centred on DOKKUM, 4 Atk Regiment under comd were centred on FRANEKER and were responsible for the port of HARLINGEN and the Causeway. IRC were centred on SNEEK and were responsible for the coast from MAKKUM to LEMMER. PERTH were centred on STEENWIJK and, were responsible for the area from LEMMER to the MEPPLE, DIEP, and a battery of Light Anti Aircraft

Perth were under command

5 Cdn Armd Bde at this time

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under command were centred on ZWOLLE with the task of contact- ing 1 Cdn Inf Div across the IJSSEL. No fighting took place in this area.

GOC 5 Cdn Armd Div was then ordered to clear the DELFZIJL pocket. 5 Cdn Armd Bde had been given the task of holding the coast on our right and to the NORTH of DELFZIJL, but he appreciated that this was an infantry task. The PERTH were placed under command 5 Cdn Armd Bde on the 22 April and the IRC were placed under command 5 Cdn Armd Bde on 23 April. GGHG took over the 11 Cdn Inf Bde area prior to hand over to 31 H.A.A. Brigade and the CBH and 4 Atk Regiment went under their command.

It appears that Perth R came under command 5 Cdn Armd Bde on 21 - See - Perth W.D.

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MR Q3020

Brigade Headquarters moved to area TEN BOER on the night 24 April and for the first time in its history it had no one under command.

On 24 April 11 Cdn Inf Bde took command of the DELFZIJL area and CBH reverted to under command and moved into reserve in area LOPPERSUM. 5 Cdn Armd Bde, less BCD, WESTMR and 8 NBH were still responsible for the coast NORTH of BIERUM.

At this time the Brigade Group was situated as follows: RIGHT - Westmr (535121) with responsibility from the SPIT at 5623 to OTTERDUM 5024. IRC with responsibility OTTERDUM to FARMSUM 4625. BCD in APPINGEDAM 4125. PERTH HQ 386316 "D" Coy 386310 "C" Coy 416325. 8 NBH then situated SOUTH of GRONINGEN were placed under command. 8 Field Regiment deployed in the area LOPPERSUM was in support. 17 Field Regiment still supporting the GGHG was ordered to move as soon as relieved by 31 HAA Brigade. 10 Field Squadron was in support.

MR Q2114

"THE PROBLEM"

GROUND

The Brigade had a very large frontage of some 16,000 yards on its objective, the total perimeter being some 25,000 yards. The ground was extremely flat with very little cover, small villages and towns being dispersed over the area. A complicated network of ditches and canals made cross country movement impossible. The weather was wet and the whole area subject to flooding, which meant all vehicles were confined to roads. There were no dykes of importance except directly along the coast. Roads were slightly raised and the railway line to

DELFIJL through the IRC area was raised about four feet giving some cover. The area SOUTH of the EAST-WEST road into APPINGEDAM was known to be flooded, but the limits of the flooded area were not yet known.

ENEMY

The garrison of DELFIJL was estimated at 1500 fighting troops plus an unestimated number of maintenance troops. Fighting troops consisted of a battalion of Naval Marines plus various battle groups; average strength 200.

Air photographs disclosed batteries of 105mm guns dug in on the dyle at the neck of the SPIT in 5523 at TERMUNTERZIJL, in the NE corner of DELFIJL and in NANSUM. Various other emplacements were dug in along the dyke. Various concrete emplacements were detected in all battery area, particularly in the DELFIJL - FARMSUM area, and other gun positions were detected on the low ground around DELFIJL and FARMSUM of which only two 4 gun positions appeared to be occupied. There was also an outer perimeter of wire and a continuous trench system about 2,000 yards from the coast stretching from NANSUM to the SPIT and each main position was surrounded by wire with trench system. There were heavy naval guns in the area EMDEN and the ISLAND of BORKUM, within range of our own troops.

OWN TROOPS

The infantry were spread very thinly on the ground, the armour was confined to roads and could only move after the bridges had been constructed over demolitions. The artillery outnumbered enemy guns but were outranged by the guns at EMDEN and BORKUM and appeared to have little effect on the concrete positions of the enemy 105's. The air was limited by weather and priorities were given to 2 Corps.

TIME FACTOR

There was no limit fixed for the action other than that the assault on DELFIJL should take place not later than immediately after the fall of EMDEN, possibly two weeks ahead. It was appreciated that during this time the complete German army might collapse, but only if constant pressure were kept up

everywhere. In view of the large number of enemy involved and the tremendous frontage it would be necessary to have at least three battalions deployed throughout the whole period. There was little cover, the weather was miserable and the enemy shelling was taking it's toll of casualties. It was accordingly decided to push forward to at least reduce the pocket immediately with the reservation that as the picture developed a pause could be made later when more troops could be rested.

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PHASE I - To reduce the perimeter.

PHASE II - To assault the town of DELFZIJL, to be determined after further developments.

PHASE I

Westmr Regiment with under command one troop 8 NBH to move NORTH to TERMUNTERZIJL and the SPIT with their left boundary on the TERMUNTER canal. IRC with under command one troop 8 NBH to determine the limits of the flooded area SOUTH of APPINGEDAM, to move NORTH to the river between TERMUNTERZIJL and OTTERDUM and when relieved in this area by the Westmr to assault FARMSUM with their right flank on the river, behind the outer perimeter of defences. The BCD to face up to the enemy at APPINGEDAM. The PERTH with under command one squadron 8 NBH to hold on the canal at HOLDWIJERDE and swing at BIERUM around the NORTH end of the BEIRUMER - MAAR and with the left flank on the river to capture NANSUM and proceed SOUTH to DELFZIJL. CBH and one squadron of 8 NBH in reserve. 8 Field Regiment supporting the PERTH and BCD, 17 Field Regiment supporting the Westmr and the IRC.

Division made first priority for sappers construction of a class 40 route APPINGEDAM - DELFZIJL. Brigade gave other tasks in priority: Construction of route TEN POST - SCHILDWOLDE, construction of bridge between the IRC and WESTMR at 480185 and construction of bridge at HOLWIJERDE when NANSUM was captured. First Field Squadron was immediately put in support and supported WESTMR and IRC while 10 Field Squadron supported

MR Q5024

MR Q4229
MR Q4427

MR Q3223
MR Q3815

PERTH and BCD. CBH remained in Brigade reserve at LOPPERSUM.

COURSE OF THE BATTLE

MR Q5220 On the Right the WESTMR advanced at night towards WALDENDORP and on the right of the WINTER DYKE towards KERKHOVEN. They met some opposition on the way and soon realized that even though movement on the POLDER on the right was possible at night it was impossible to stay there in daylight. Accordingly the company on the right moved over to the main WALDENDORP axis. On the night of 26 April WESTMR entered WALDENDORP and the leading company passed right through the town. The following company were in position by daylight on the SOUTH edge of the town prepared to mop up during the day. Mopping up proceedings continued all day and were not completed before night fall. During that night the town was so heavily shelled that they could not move forward, and on the following day movement was impossible owing to observation. On the night of the 28/29 one company moved forward to the canal at 516210 and by 0600 hours leading elements had reached 525224. They continued the advance during the day and by first light on the 30 April two companies had consolidated in TERMUNTEN. The enemy was still holding the SPIT in force and causing considerable trouble with his guns in concrete emplacements.

MR Q5322 By first light on the 1 May all the WESTMR area had been cleared with the exception of the SPIT. At about 1400 hours that afternoon a civilian reported that the enemy had evacuated the SPIT by sea, and this report proved to be correct. As DELFZIJL had by now been captured the WESTMR took no further part in the action. They had had considerable fighting, particularly in the WALDENDORP area; the main difficulty being observation by the enemy of our movement over the flat ground and the fact that our troops could be engaged over open sights from the enemy gun emplacements. They cleared a very large area, captured over 700 prisoners and a very large quantity of equipment both in TERMUNTEN and on the SPIT, and their movement on the right flank enabled the IRC to get forward for the final assault.

MR Q4618

The IRC felt forward with deep patrols from WAGENBORGEN

and soon established that all the area to the NORTH and WEST of the AFWATERINGS - KANAAL was flooded and that all crossings of the canal were demolished. This left a deep wedge in the Brigade front over which our troops could not be supported, but it was decided the flooded area could safely be ignored, thus reducing the very large frontage of the Brigade. Small patrols only, consisting in one case of the pipe band, were left to hold the canal. The battalion still had a very wide front and found itself with three companies up. One moving up the canal on the left flank of the WESTMR, one moving up the road to HEVESKES and one on the bend in the canal NORTH of SCHAAPBULTEN. On the night 27 April the right company reached 523227. They lost contact, and arrangements were made to drop a 48-set by parachute. However, a small patrol was able to get forward with spare parts and this was not necessary. The company had been counter-attacked at first light and again at last light and they ran out of ammunition and they accordingly withdrew, but before first light another company had taken over that position. The company moving towards HEVESKES were working on very open ground where movement by night was only possible. The going was slow as they had to deal with mines and road demolitions before they could get any supporting arms forward. The left company was also working on very open ground, moving over to the rail junction at 477229 where they found some cover behind the line of the railway and although heavily shelled were able to maintain the position. By the morning of the 30 April the right company had cleared BORGESWEER and the WEST bank of the canal up to TERMUNTERZIJL. By noon another company had entered OTTERDUM and the third company was in contact with the enemy at HEVESKES. During the previous night DELFZIJL had fallen to the CBH and it was possible for our tanks to fire directly into FARMSUM from the NORTH. It was known that the remaining enemy in the pocket now facing the IRC were very strong and contained at least a complete battalion of naval marines, strength over 300 with comparatively high morale. Consideration was given to delaying the final assault on FARMSUM for 24 hours while the complete

MR Q4829

MR Q4621

MR Q5122

weight of our artillery was brought to bear on this area. However, the Commanding Officer decided that owing to the condition of his troops and the possibility of taking further casualties while waiting, he would assault on that night. At 0001 hours 2 May the assault was launched. One company moved from OTTERDUM along the dyke where it was delayed by anti-person mines and the pioneer section all made casualties. However, the lead platoon commander was a trained sapper and he personally cleared a gap single-handed and enabled the company to advance. A second company cleared HEVESKES and entered WEIWERD and a third company passed right through and seized the bridge at 473245 before first light. At first light all opposition collapsed and the Commandant of DELFZIJL pocket came out to surrender. The Commanding Officer went forward and met the Commandant in his underground concrete HQ and accepted unconditional surrender of all the troops remaining in the pocket. On that day some 1400 enemy prisoners surrendered to the IRC. The Commandant supplied full information concerning minefields, and supplied German sappers to lift the anti-person mines.

When the BCD came under command 11 Cdn Inf Brigade they had taken up a position on foot with a few supporting tanks in APPINGEDAM. The demolitions in front of APPINGEDAM prevented any further forward movement; on their right was the canal which prevented their entry into the SOUTH portion of APPINGEDAM which was occupied by the enemy. They were under heavy shellfire as the enemy was destroying APPINGEDAM house by house. As they were not trained in river crossing or street fighting they were ordered to ignore the area SOUTH of the canal and were given a holding role facing DELFZIJL with various patrol tasks to contact the PERTH on their left.

On the night 29 April they were ordered to capture MARSUM in conjunction with the CBH attack on UITWIERDE. The Commanding Officer chose to attack in daylight and succeeded in occupying the town after meeting a little opposition by 2105 hours. On the following day they patrolled NORTH from MARSUM

MR Q4724

MR Q4427

and EAST toward DELFZIJL, cleaning up various factories on the way. That afternoon they succeeded in crossing the canal and reported the SOUTH portion of APPINGEDAM evacuated by the enemy.

MR Q4229

The PERTH company in HOLWIERDE had to face up to the canal where the bridge had been destroyed. The enemy were occupying the EASTERN portion of the town and movement there was very difficult. The company in BIERUM were making contact by patrol only. The PERTH first objective was to capture the line NANSUM - HOLWIERDE from the NORTH. The morning of 28 April the leading company of the PERTH had reached the SPIT at 439039 where they encountered mines and some opposition. On the night 28/29 April they had reached the area of Light House at 440300 where they were in behind the enemy outer perimeter and had had a pretty stiff fight for an enemy machine gun position. By 1800 hours on the 29 April they had captured the line NANSUM - HOLWIERDE after some heavy fighting for a very strong enemy position in NANSUM. On 27 April it had been decided to commit the reserve bn, the CBH, on the NORTH for the final assault on DELFZIJL, and they accordingly passed through the PERTH in daylight. The PERTH regiment came into reserve, moving on the 1 May to a position behind the IRC in Brigade reserve. The PERTH regiment had relieved a unit of 3 Cdn Inf Div in contact with the enemy and had been in contact and under heavy shell fire throughout. Their casualties were the heaviest in the Brigade and they had some very heavy fighting in the NANSUM area as they were the first to enter the outer perimeter of the pocket and enemy morale was still high.

CBH remained in LOPPERSUM in reserve until 29 April and then moved into the BIERUM area preparatory to passing through the PERTH. It had been hoped that they could launch the attack on DELFZIJL on that night but the weather had remained very bad and the track running from BIERUM through 423319 had been washed out. They were therefore ordered to capture UITWIERDE on the 29/30 April and wait for the construction of a bridge at HOLWIERDE. The BCD having protected

their right flank by the capture of MARSUM. The sappers had delcared the BIERUM track impassible. However, during daylight 29 April the CBH filled in the road and managed to get all necessary supporting arms through by dark. First light of the

30 April they had captured UITWEIRDE after encountering comparatively light opposition. On the night 30 April/1 May they launched the assault on DELFZIJL. They moved off with one company leading on the left to capture the enemy position at 463271. This company moved down the dyke, through a mine-field, through wire, and captured various enemy positions dug in along the dyke. First light found the leading elemtns within 50 yards of the enemy heavy guns which were firing direct over open sights. Ammunition was running low and further forward movement in daylight was well nigh impossible. The Commanding Officer then despatched the second company under cover of a heavy smoke screen to attack the station at 460270. This company gained the objective after overcoming some opposition. Ammunition was sent to the left company and tanks with the right company were able to engage the enemy heavy guns, and the whole opposition suddenly collapsed. Throughout the rest of the day BIERUM was cleared and the town of DELFZIJL was mopped up. Many prisoners were captured and great quantities of enemy equipment. On entering the town it was found that all locks and port installations were prepared for demolition. Charges were removed and the port was captured virtually intact with a large number of barges, fishing craft, etc.

8 NBH. Initial plan provided for a half squadron to support each of the Westmr and IRC. One squadron to support the PERTH and one squadron in reserve. On the right one troop was able to support the Westmr throughout. The half squadron with the IRC moving to SCHAAPBULTEN to support the left company met with bad luck as the road collapsed under the rear tank and they could not move until the road forward was cleared through FARMSUN. However, they were able to support the advance of the IRC with fire. The reserve squadron was therefore committed to support the IRC in their final assault. On the left, one

squadron supported first the PERTH and subsequently the CBH throughout the whole battle. Very close and intimate support was given at all times under the most difficult ground conditions.

ARTY. 8 Field Regiment was able to support the BCD, PERTH and IRC throughout without moving. The 17 Field Regiment after some preliminary short move and was able to support the WESTMR and IRC throughout the whole battle, but having a very wide frontage. Until the last phase of the battle it was not possible for more than one regiment to support any one unit. At first 25 pounders were thought to have little effect on the enemy's concrete positions and so far as is known no guns were put out of action. However, prisoner interrogation indicated that the 25 pounders caused very heavy casualties to enemy personnel manning the guns.

A battery of H.A.A. were placed in support for long-range counter battery purposes. The effect on the guns at BORKUM and EMDEN is not known, but prisoner interrogation indicates that the effect on the closer positions had very definite morale value, but small killing value. In the final assault on FARMSUM by the IRC, the GGHG were deployed and fired in the fire plan as an Arty Regiment.

A battery of "heavies" were also in support and engaged the guns in the EMDEN area and the guns in the "pocket". Counter-battery from the "heavies" apparently caused enemy batteries to close down temporarily, but so far as is known no enemy guns were permanently put out of action.

RCE. The Engineers found the task of constructing a road from TEN POST to SCHILWOLDE very difficult, and at best a Class 5 route was constructed which was partially under water. This meant that nearly all lateral traffic had to go around through GRONINGEN. Class 40 routes in the NORTHERN area were very difficult to find as most of the existing bridges were of light construction. However, bridges were strengthened and satisfactory routes eventually obtained. Reconnaissance in the forward area was most difficult and the craters NORTH of

HOLWIERDE were very difficult to fill as the movement of a bulldozer invariably drew very heavy fire. Eventually, when the EAST portion of HOLWIERDE was captured the bridge there was constructed without difficulty. The Sappers had a very heavy commitment, being required to construct many bridges, fill many demolitions and lift many mines. By having a representative constantly attached to each unit with the CRE working close to Brigade they were able to keep constantly in touch with the situation and switch their main effort when necessary.

AIR. The weather was very unfortunate for air support and priorities were given elsewhere. The two efforts that were made available were not satisfactory. On one occasion all bombs landed in the target area, but no direct hits were made and on the second occasion the aircraft were early, the arty smoke was not down and no hits were scored.

During their action the Bde Gp took over 3,800 prisoners and killed many others. German wounded were evacuated to EMDEN and their numbers are unknown. Our own casualties were as follows, by units:-

UNIT	<u>KILLED</u>		<u>WOUNDED</u>		<u>MISSING</u>	
	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs
PERTH	2	19	2	51	-	-
CBH	2	17	4	50	-	-
IRC	1	15	2	29	-	13
WESTMR	-	4	-	19	-	-
BCD	-	2	2	9	-	-
8 NBH	-	-	2	10	-	-

Appx 'A' gives a list of captured enemy equipment. For details of unit battles reference should be made to unit reports.

ISJ/d.

MAIN HQ 11 CDN INF BDE
1-0-0-3(G), d/ 28 May 45.

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(Ian S Johnston) Brig
Comd 11 Can Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

(Unit). For week ending 7th pr 45

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Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4	5
Rank or Appointment.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts).
W.Os. Class I.	1	1		
W.Os. Class II	2	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1	1		
Staff Serjeants	1	1		
Serjeants	4	4		
Corporals	7	6		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	43	43	4	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.				
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TOTALS	59	63	4	*

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2.

PART B. Other Ranks attached in excess of W.E. less 1st Rfts.

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HQ 11 Can Inf Bdo

UNIT. Week ending 7 Apr 45 19..... A.F.W.3009H (H.Q. Units).

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

[illegible]

HQ 11 Can Inf Bde

.....(Unit). For week ending 7 Apr 45.....

Part D.—Detail of Trades and Duties of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A.

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Totals (to agree with Columns
4 and 5 of Part A) ...

7 Apr 45

Date of Despatch.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde - 5 Cdn Armd Div

Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

(Unit). For week ending 14 Apr 45

TO BE MADE UP TO MIDDAY ON SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK by all Headquarter Units and one Copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon and one Copy to Reinforcement Section, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (until instructed by G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to discontinue rendering).

1	2	3	4	5
Rank or Appointment.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts).
W.Os. Class I.	1	1		
W.Os. Class II	2	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1	1		
Staff Serjeants	1	1		
Serjeants	4	4		
Corporals	7	6		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	43	48	4	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.				
TOTALS	59	63	4	*

PART B. Other Ranks attached in excess of W.E. less 1st Rfts.

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79-11 Cdn Inf Bde UA

UNIT. Week ending 14 Apr 45 19..... A.F.W.3009H (H.Q. Units).

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

.....(Unit). For week ending 14 Apr 45

Part D.—Detail of Trades and Duties of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc. (To be inserted by Unit preparing form.)		SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS	
		W.O. I.	W.O. II.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S. or C/Sjts.	S/Sjts.	Sjts.	Cpls.	Troopers, Ptes., Gdsm., Fus., etc.	Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	TOTAL.	W.O. I.	W.O. II.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S. or C/Sjts.	S/Sjts.	Sjts.	Cpls.	Troopers, Ptes., Gdsm., Fus., etc.		Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.
Armourers	3	3																	
Cooks	4	4																	
Clarks	5	5																	
Dvr i/c	6	6																	
Ritters M/V	2	2																	
Gen Duty	39	43																	

R. W. Hutchely, Capt.
Signature of _____

14 Apr 45

Date of Despatch.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde - 5 Cdn Armd Div
Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W 0 11 Cdn Inf Bde.....(Unit). For week ending 27 Apr 45

TO BE MADE UP TO MIDDAY ON SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK by all Headquarter Units and one Copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon and one Copy to Reinforcement Section, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (until instructed by G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to discontinue rendering).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4	5
Rank or Appointment.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts).
W.Os. Class I.	1	1		
W.Os. Class II	2	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1	1		
Staff Serjeants	1	1		
Serjeants	4	4		
Corporals	7	7		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	43	43	4	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.				
TOTALS	59	63	*	*

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2.

PART B. Other Ranks attached in excess of W.E. less 1st Rfts.

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HQ 11 Cdo Inf Bde UNIT. Week ending 21 Apr 45 19 A.F.W.3009H (H.Q. Units).

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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HO 11 Cdn Inf Rde.....(Unit). For week ending 21 Apr 45.....

Part D.—Detail of Trades and Duties of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc. (To be inserted by Unit preparing form.)		SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS	
		W.O. I.	W.O. II.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S. or C/Sjts.	S/Sjts.	Sjts.	Cpls.	Troopers, Pies., Gdsm., Fus., etc.	Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	TOTAL.	W.O. I.	W.O. II.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S. or C/Sjts.	S/Sjts.	Sjts.	Cpls.	Troopers, Pies., Gdsm., Fus., etc.		Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.
Ammoniers	3	3																	
Cooks	4	4																	
Clarks	5	5																	
Dyn i/o	6	6																	
Fitters M/V	2	2																	
Gen Duty	39	43																	
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R. W. Patchell Capt.
Signature of Commander.

21 Apr 45 Date of Despatch.

Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

TO BE MADE UP TO MIDDAY ON SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK by all Headquarter Units and one Copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon and one Copy to Reinforcement Section, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (until instructed by G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to discontinue rendering).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4	5
Rank or Appointment.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts).
W.Os. Class I.	1	1		
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Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1	1		
Staff Serjeants	1	1		
Serjeants	4	4		
Corporals	7	7		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	43	43	5	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.				
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TOTALS	59	64	*	*

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2.

PART B. Other Ranks attached in excess of W.E. less 1st Rfts.

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UNIT. Week ending.....19..... A.F.W.3009H (H.Q. Units).

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

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HO 11 Can Inc Pkg.....(Unit). For week ending 29 Apr 45.....

Part D.—Detail of Trades and Duties of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A.

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Totals (to agree with Columns
4 and 5 of Part A) ...

Rutitschel, Capt.
Signature of Commander.

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Date of Despatch.

Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Part D - Detail of Items, Amount of Surplus or Reimbursements required as shown in Part A.

Appx 4

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3. 1155 GIII Ops HQ 11 Can Inf Bde 694146. PTD

4. 1230 4Atk Bde During night flares and search-lights on island at 0100. Patrols to check for flare N.T.R. Underground picked up three soldiers and two civilians.

5. 1230 CBH Bde SITREP - N.T.R. PTD

6. 1345 4Atk Bde We have five PW. Can we send them to you? Reply: "IO will call you back re identification and PW cage. PTD

7. 1821 Bde Div Our HQ TENBOOR 301207 PTD

8. 1310 Div Bde GO 272 (.) following boundary between 3 Can Inf Div and 5 Can Armd Div becoming effective forthwith(.) all inclusive 5 Can Armd Div DUTCH - GERMAN FRONTIER from Corps forward Boundary at COEVORDEN V3353 to EEME - DOLLARD 3 Can Inf Div to have running rights and accommodation rights where necessary within 5 Can Armd Div area (.) all infm.

9. 2000 5Bde 11 Bde Locations HQ 5 Can Armd Bde 243233.
 Westar R HQ 535121
 'A' and 'C' Coys 530120
 'B' Coy 455110
 IRC HQ 426172
 'A' coy and one Pl 464183
 Pl 466185
 Pl 468184
 'B' Coy 465176
 Pl 459176
 Pl 462180
 Pl 462183
 'C' Coy 483175
 Pl 480184
 Pl 480181
 Pl 477183
 'D' Coy 437183
 Pl 438174
 Pl 438174
 Pl 436172
 Pl 444170
 Sp Coy with one half son 8 NBH 415175
 Outposts at 421183
 of carriers with Anti tank guns.
 BCD HQ 398255
 A Son 415257 Tank and dismounted tps
 411255 Dismounted tps
 417255 " "
 418255 " "

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BCD Locns:

B Sqn 419261 Tks and dismounted tp
 418260 Dismounted tps
 418258 " "
 416260 " "

C Sqn less one tp with two sections
 Recce Tp 385275.

PERTH RHQ 386316
 'A' and 'B' Coys HOLWIERDE
 'C' Coy 416325
 Pls 424314
 432318
 419321
 'D' Coy 386310
 Pls 418328
 403333
 414304
 Sp Coy 387311
 Scout Pl and Carriers 408294

88 LAA Bty under comd Perth

Guns 385315
 388328
 LSH HQ and 'B' Sqn 217337
 'A' Sqn 184273
 'C' Sqn 288355 HQ & 2 Tps
 2 Tps 361364

Four 105mm guns in concrete emplacements
 at 440302 and from naval guns at 462272
 harrassing fwd tps today.

10. 2050 11 Bde 5 Bde

May following maps be distributed to
 the IRC Scale 1/25,000, 25 copies of
 each sheet: 2606 - 2607 - 2706 -
 2707 - 2608, 2708.

11. 2300 5 Bde 11 Bde

Patrols for tonight:

IRC: 'A' Coy Recce. One and 5. to
 463201 object to inspect road and
 search for enemy. Much movement re-
 ported in area by cive today.
 'B' Coy. 1 and 5. to inspect road
 and search area cross-roads 489201.
 'D' Coy. 1 and 10. to bridge at
 403203, fighting patrol. Will occupy
 posn if not held by enemy.

BCD. Patrol to JUKWERD to check
 supposed enemy post at 415279.

Perth: D Coy 1 NCO and 3 men. Recce
 to check strength and position of
 enemy area 433335.

Tank hunting patrol of 1 and 12 out
 at 2300. Object to knock out enemy
 tks or SPs which were reported shelling
 tps from area 423323.

Protective patrol from D Coy of 1 NCO
 and 6 men. Out 0100 in 0400. Object
 to cover area along road to NORTH of
 SPIR.

All units normal protective patrolling.
 Locns of Perth tks. All recce as it is

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11. CONTINUED....

not possible yet to get cruisers up.

Two at LLA DORP.

One at Perth RHQ

Three at BRERUM (4132)

BCD Tac HQ now

372251

All units by shelling during day.

12. 2305

Div Bde

INTENTIONS: GO 278. Continue mopping up area WEST of German- Dutch border.

13. 2330

5 Bde 11 Bde

Westmr posns Two coys on lateral road in square 4515 ('A' and 'C') Both in contact. 'A' Coy 544150. 'C' Coy 544152.

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1. 0730

5 Bde 11 Bde

Morning Sitrep: Westmr R - TAC HQ 534138.

Main 535122. 'A' Coy 2 pls 543169 (Ob-

jectives 5518 5318) 'B' Coy in town at

4917 with Standing patrol at 483187.

Have 105 Bty and one half sqn of tks at

533121. C Coy firm at 561155. Two pls

reached 567168 but withdrew 500 yds to obtain cover.

IRC:- 'A' Coy patrol to 463210 reports road narrow but has good surface and will

take tanks. No mines. Slit trenches in

canal banks. Trenches in village, but

no sign of enemy. B Coy - Patrol to

bridge 476192 reports it blown. Gap 40

Ft. Road in good shape, Enemy in houses

478195 estimated pl strength. C Coy -

C Coy has been relieved and are preparing to go to 403203.

D coy. Patrol to 403203 from rd junc

411176 rd good. Houses checked from 413189

to Bridge. No sign of enemy. Centre span

of bridge blown. Gap 20 feet.

BCD. Tac HQ 387251. Patrol through

JUKWERD 4027 to houses 415278. Report of

enemy seen there during day. None found

by patrol. Four enemy on opposite bank

expressed desire to surrender but no boat

available for them to come over so deal uncompleted.

Perth TAC HQ

386716

'A' coy HQ and one pl

413304

Pl

409293

'B' Coy conc

421297

'C' Coy HQ and pl

412319

421316

'D' Coy HQ and pl

385314

Pl

403333

419326

LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.

1. CONTINUED....

Patrol of one and six from 432319.
Went out about 400 yds saw guns
firing 434315 and heard enemy
movement rd junc 433313.

Patrol one NCO and three ORs from
SPIJK to 426340 saw four SPs.
433337 - 434332 - 428328 - 432323
firing at SPIJK (4033) BIERRUM (4132)
and UTEINDE (4231) BUND in area 15 Ft
high. Slit trenches on top. Patrol thought
there might be a tunnel in the BUND
through which SP passed.

Cas:	1 Offr	7 ORs	Killed.
	23		Wounded

PW total for Bde Group 50

Perth	24
IRC	14
BCD	12

2. 0800 L O G

CBH will be leaving old area approx
0900 today. Arriving LOPPERSUM 3427
1130 this morning.

3. 0910 BM Ops

Bde intention: To decrease perimeter of
DELFZIL position.

LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.

4 0910 BM ACV 1 11 Bde takes over command as of 0900 this AM.

5 0920 5 Bde 11 Bde Yesterday Air OP saw Hosp ship in harbour at DELFAZIL. Today has seen ship which is now in Square 3345. off shore. Air OP engaging some shipping in harbour. Sank one vessel. Engaging guns at 440302 and trying to take on what appears to be an ammo dump to rear of guns.

6 0940 GLDiv 11 Bde BM to call G1 when he returns from 5 Bde.

6 0945 Div LO 11 Bde Leading elements of 3 Div.
7 Bde
Regina Rifles - on coast at 625160.
Royal Winnipeg Rifles 579135
reporting by shelling and mortaring.
8 Bde
NSR 785146
QOR 698176

7 0945 Div LO 11 Bde Estimated str of DELFAZIL pocket fifteen hundred. All types.

8 0945 Div 11 Bde Ref 13-7/(Ops), dated 24 Apr 45.
Effective 1200 hrs 25 Apr all previous passwords are cancelled and effective 1200 hrs on dates shown until 1159 hrs on the following day, the following passwords will be used throughout 5 Cdn Armd Div.

Wed 25 Apr - ROBINSON / CRUSOE
Thu 26 Apr - TREASURE / ISLAND
Fri 27 Apr - ANTHONY / ADVERSE
Sat 28 Apr - MOBY / DICK
Sun 29 Apr - PICKWICK / PAPERS
Mon 30 Apr - CAPTAIN / BLOOD

9 0945 MC Div Bde MC 4. SECRET. shortest route at present open to main HQ 2 Cdn Corps as follows -
rd junc Q259049 - ZUIDLAREN Q298003 -
ANNEN V322957 - rd junc V323899 - rd junc V348902 - rd junc V368369 - rd junc V461898 - rd junc V5181 - rd junc V538755
PEARL route to rd junc V533755 - IRON route to rd junc V7165 - TIN route to BORKEN V6959 - all infm

10. 1000 5 Bde 11 Bde This morning at 5032 enemy shipping engaged by air. One vessel sinking and burning. Guns at 462272. One D/H on gun. At 440302 two large fired observed burning.

11. 1000 IO Ops No ETA on tgt submitted by BM.

12. 1030 Perth Bde Have picked up three deserters in HOLWEIRDE from 2 FALLSCHEN March Bn 7 Coy.

PT
PERTH
CBH
IRC
PLF
REAR BDE
CAMP.

LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.

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MEMORANDUM III

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13. 1100 Brig ACV 1 TBC have coy moving to 403203. B coy going to 464211. Right bdy at present is 56 Grid. Tomorrow it will be altered to be DUTCH - GERMAN border. Major Shortreed's Combat Group will be relieving the Regina Rifles. Raucé parties probably arriving tomorrow. Will be liaising direct with Reginas and coaling under comd Westar R.
14. 1130 AFOS Bde BWO to report to AFOS office at 0930 hrs 26 Apr. PT 80
15. 1155 5 Bde 11 Bde GWH had raiding party in on them last night. What do you know about it? Reply: "Nothing". Div to call back info on subject.
16. 1220 Div Bde Raiding party was wounded, sick etc civilians under Red Cross brought by some Jerrye from one of the islands. None were allowed to return since they had seen PDLs. PT 5 CABLE.
17. 1225 Bde INO 6 Aslt boats can be picked up at 1500 hrs today at GOWH 4 PM. Dump at BR 229147 - The High 42.
18. 1245 Gair 11 Bde 5 Div Six pits at 1445 on guns at 439203. PT PERTH Arty providing smoke.

LAST ENTRY THIS WEEK.

19. 1505 Brig ACVI At PERTH The came here via TEN POST PT 1
LOPPERBUN and ZERRIJP. At Ten Post there Pd 8cm
is a Class 5 bridge which I believe can
be bypassed. In ZERRIJP are two bridges of
unclassified capacity. Have engineers classify
and if they are not Cl 40 let us know if
they will pass a 17 pr Sherman over. Also
check on possibility of bypassing Cl 5 at
Ten Post.
20. 1500 L O G Enemy info: Regime Rifles are reported to
have captured some 88mm guns.
Our Tps: Westar and IRC are out of contact.
BCD are being shelled by SP. Perth principal
task at the moment is to get tanks up. When
this has been done they will come down along
the coast to NAWWI. SMNH have a gun moving
now to AN INOAN who will move over later to
join the Perth when a route has been opened.
IRC have patrolled to corner of lake in square
4020 with no contact. They are to push along
further then move over to the right to contact
Westar. Westar when ATK force take over are to
push up to FERNUNTERZIAL 5324. Boundary at present
time is 56 Grid. Tomorrow it will be changed
to Dutch-German border. 52 Anti Tank Bty group
will come under command Westar on relief of
Reginas. Bty of 17 Pd moving to NAWENBORCK
area. One Bty AAA will be coming in so tomorrow,
also one bty heavy arty (155 mm).
Sappers: Tasks to open Cl 40 route to Perth
and to open a road from our HQ to IRC. Naval
LG will be visiting our HQ today in connection
with setting up an RCF station this area.
22. 1530 L O G A morning conference will be held each morn-
ing at 0900 in the mess. Int will be responsible
for providing up to date map. Reps from 'G'
'O' 'Arty' - 'Sign' to attend.
Command List Support
PERTH one bty 155mm
CBH 5 WNH less one gun
IRC 1 Pd 8cm RCE
BCD 17 Pd Hapt
Bgn SMNH one bty NAA
Westar 24 Pd Amb
52 Atk Bty (coming)
49 " " "
PLF (coming)
53 LAA Bty
23. 1535 Div 11 Bde We would like opinions from our units as
to whether or not they like Limbooy Flame
Throwers.
25. 1540 Fro 11 Bde He Brigs query on bridges on route to Perth.
There is now a Cl 40 route to Perth NW at
GODLINZE.
26. 1600 BM 11 Bde PLF will be rejoining us shortly.
- 27.

26. CONTINUED.....

Rep reporting here today. Will probably be here tomorrow - to come in Bde HQ area.
 Ref Air tgt engaged at 440302. Aircraft were 20 mins early. Bombing ineffective as bombs fell three hundred yards short. Guns were observed to point upward when planes attacked. Have requested a repeat attack. Have also asked for air on 462272 (guns) and 464269 (area target)

27. 1600 Div II Bde 6140. NEUTRAL SHIP WANKING: broad white band painted around hull with name of country in large white letters on both port and starboard sides. Name of country also appears in large white letters on deck usually both fore and aft. Ship is NOT blacked out at night. all infm.

28. 1605 LGII Bde Road block will be set up at 307205. Will be manned by F Sec 5 Pro Coy.

29. 1605 5Bde II Bde Following unofficial code words being used by Westar:

ROBERTS	-	tit of land 5623
CRESCENT	-	town 538228
MISSION	-	hairpin in rd 5324
LANGLEY	-	village 518230
ROYAL OAK	-	buildings 547198
LADNER	-	WOLDENDORF 5220
COLUMBIA	-	short lateral rd 5318
GEORGIA	-	T-junc 543169.
PENDER	-	Dyke and track June 567168
GRANVILLE	-	lateral in square 5415
HASTINGS	-	Track and Dike King. 561155
Report Line-	FRASER - Canal from 533233 to 481184.	

30. 1605 Perth II Bde Location 85 Bty (5LAA) HQ 357365.
 Guns area 391329.

31. 1615 4Atk Bde Bdr STEELE and recon party of five now in visitor's car park. (all pers from 82 Atk Bty).

32. 1625 BCD II Bde 22A has contacted Perth at (SHWUNF) 498293.
 22A (are recon troops).

33. LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.

33. 1720 Div 11 Bde Is enemy clear of S IJK? PERTH
Ans: "Yes, it is clear"
34. 1720 Westmr Bde Locns:
'B' and 'D' Coys 546172
Sub units 550178
553177
'A' Coy 545170.
Short lateral rd Square 5318 mined,
now cleared.
35. 1740 BM Bde Aircraft will be taking on 462272 PT Perth
at 1745.
- 36.

LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.

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37. 1820 Westmr 11 Bde Is br at 345207 OK and how is route?
Ans: "Route not open but sappers work-
ing on it.
38. 1825 Westmr 11 Bde Location 17 Fd WAGENBORGEN 466182.
39. 1830 1 Fd Sqn Bde Br at TENPOST is class 24 - Emergency 30. PT
40. 1830 BM ACV1 Re aircraft attack on 462272. Due to flak PERTH
and poor visibility tgt was not taken on.
it will be engaged tomorrow morning also
attacking 440302 and 464269. ETAs to be
notified then.
41. 1900 IO ACV1 Patrol intentions for Pert (1) 1 and
3 out 2300. Route from SPIJK to 422336
N.E. along road to BUND. (2) 1 NCO and 2
ORs. Recce. Out 2200. Route along track
from 419321 NORTH to BUND. (3) 1 NCO 2 ORs.
Recce out 2200. Route patrol. commander's
choice. Object to findout if enemy at
428312.
42. 1945 BM ACV1 RCE reps going to Perth now re arranging
suitable tank route to Perth. Sqn of
6 NBH tanks are concentrating in the area
of ZANTD 3640.

LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.

43. 1930 IRC Bde C Coy locn 407199. Br at 427208 passable for inf, but not veh. Br at 42952095 is blown. Patrol proceeded to station at 448209 and found no enemy. Civilians report dyke and rd-crossing mined at 465218. 'B' Coy on move to 463211. 'D' Coy clearing rd from 440173 to 445207. 'A' Coy still WAGENBARGEN.
44. 1930 IRC Bde Patrol report (written) for serials 1, 2 and 3 for 25 Apr 45 may be seen at the Int branch.
45. 2030 Westmr Bde Bdy with IRC set by Brig today is line of canal 533233 to 480185. We can't raise IRC. Would you pass to IRC.
46. 2030 IRC Bde Patrol intentions night 25/26 Apr 45. Serial 4. Type- Recce. Strength: 1 Offr and 15 m3n. Object: - To recce rd from 403203 to bridge at 411238 for vehs passage and enemy. ('C' Coy). Time out 1700 hrs. Time in 2000 hrs. Serial No. 5. Type: Recce. Strength. 1 offr and 1 section "B" Coy. Object: To recce area from 463210 to bridge at 44952190 for enemy. Time out 2200 hrs Time in 0200 hrs. Serial No. 3. Type: Recce. Strength. 1 offr and 5 men. 'A' Coy. Object: To recce road from 369185 to rd junc 483201 for enemy. Time Out 2200 hrs. Time in 0200 Hrs. PTD
47. 2045 Westmr Bde C Coy HQ 546172
Pl 550178
553176
562156
A Coy HQ 545170
Pls within 200 yds of coy HQ.
('A' Coy pushing ahead tonight).
48. 2100 BM ACVL FOO with Perth definitely states he observed a Dornier taking off from 440298. Civilians report 100 enemy in NANSUM and 1000 reinforcements arriving in DELFZIL today. (GIII Air believes plane came in at water height and zoomed up into the air giving the impression of taking off. There is no air strip that area. Dornier likely on recce re A HQ, troop locn or preparations for sea attack on islands).
49. 2100 Perth Bde RCE rep here wants locn 8 NBH Tac. Ans: 8 NBH Sunray here at Bde. Main RHQ at ASSEN.
50. 2100 L O G From Div to Bde. TOO 252015B. GO 283. INTENTION. complete take over from GERMAN - DUTCH border to IJSSSEL river. continue ops against DELPEIJL pocket. all infm.
51. 2000 BM ACVL Naval rep at Bde is Lt-comdr BOLTON-KING and is here to carry out liaison within bde and any units concerned with action of ships entering or leaving EMS estuary. All ship movements, action on them or results must be reported to him.

51. CONTINUED....

52. 2010 BM ACVL

He is responsible for navigational plots via RDF to check swept channels.

Bde intention tonight given to IRC & Westmr by Brig.

G Coy of Westmr is to push on to area X-rds 552194.

A Coy is to push forward till it makes contact and to occupy rd in area 533186 PTD and if it is unoccupied to push on to WELDENDORP 5520 and if that is unoccupied push on to coast. B Coy remains fast.

IRC - A coy push to rly junc 478228. B Coy to rly area 4621. "D" Coy to rd junc 432210. C coy to patrol to x-ing at 410239. New IRC and Westmr bdy given to both regts by Brig.

53. 2010 L O G

Log to be taken to Brig each morning at 0630 hrs by ACV 1 Duty Offr. Attn G Staf

54. 2130 Bde Perth

Tps on your left are 88 Bty as in serial 30 and LSH area 3636.

55. 2025 Perth Bde

Ref serial 41. 27 Apr Patrol (3). to 428312. Patrol is off. OP can see one dug in Atk gun and approx enemy strength one coy. PTD

56. 2035 BM Bde

Six of GCHQ's 105's are coming under comd and will be with 8 Fd Regt.

57. 2050 BM Bde

8 NBH sending one troop to SPIJK (4033) and one troop to BIERUM (4132) who will be in sp to Perth. They are moving tonight. PTD

58. 2305 BCD Bde

Locns:

A Sqn 414254) Each sqn on foot with 1

B Sqn 418259) Tp of tanks in support.

B Sqn have one tp of tks as mobile sp to both A and B.

C Sqn less three tps at 385275 and with them two sections recce. Other two sec with Perth.

Tac RHQ 373251 Main 341271. Fairly continuous shelling in town all day. Occasional very heavy stuff. Arty took on port area during day. Three PW taken (Marines).

59. 2310 Westmr Bde

Locns: B Coy (coy remaining firm tonight)

B Coy HQ 487168

Pls 492170

Pl 480184

Pl (477183)

Pl (480181)

Pl 483173

3" Mortar at 488168.

60. 2320 Bde Westmr

Any infm re some SCHMEISER fire area 4917?

Reply: "No, but we have a patrol to 487187 re some RCE infm and it was expected a little fire fight would take place."

61. 2320 Div Bde

You asked for 12,000 rds 105. Army only have 6,000 rds. 1000 rds will be released immediately and 4,000 more within 48 hours.

62. 2335 Westmr Bde

We require two 9 man aslt boats soonest. Referred Br ETC blown so many places we need them. to 1 Fd Sqn. (Major Smith)

63. 2350 Perth Bde Intermittent shelling at 2100 hrs on C Coy. "B" Coy 1845 hrs enemy patrol of approximately 17 strong attacked pl posn 423296 and were engaged by SA, mortar and arty, and driven off. Estimated enemy killed 7. Own casualties nil. PW taken in last 24 hrs. Total 14, and 1 via medical channels. Own casualties, 3 ORs wounded.

64. 2355 Bde Westmr No 9 man aslt boats available. Have arranged for you to pick up two 13 or 14 man aslt boats at 0320 hrs (loos as in serial 17). If you need them sooner arrangements might be made to borrow two from IRC Reply: 0230 is soon enough.

65. 2359 Perth Bde Perth want NO Lifebouys.

LAST ENTRY AT 2359.

66. 2400 Div Bde GO 281. Secret. 31 LAA Bde with under comd one tp 98 Atk bty RCA (SP) and in sp 342 Bty 109 HAA Regt will take over left sector of 5 Cdn Armd Div front 26 Apr. Bdy between 31 LAA Bde and 5 Cdn Armd Bde all incl 5 Cdn Armd Bde - 949259 - thence line of rd COLLUM - rd junc 954195 - BUITENPOST 9318 - line of rd SE to rd junc 962135.

67. LAST ENTRY 25th APRIL 1945.

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1. 0010 Westmr Bde Coy comdr now say he doesn't need two aslt boats till tomorrow. Can we pick them to 1 up later? Reply: "OK, call for them at 1000 hrs. Referred Fd Son
2. 0025 Westmr Bde SITREP: "C" Coy has returned on finding all bridges out and is now going up other side of canal. A coy is awaiting "C" Coy move prior to its moving. Intermittent shelling in bn area all day, but not the very heavy stuff.
3. 0030 CBH Bde SITREP: N.T.R.

LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.

4. 0055 Westmr 11 Bde A and C coy report Bren, mortar and mortar flares Georgia (held by us) plus 1500 yds which we believe to be area Columbia (T-rd 5318) Are IRC in that area? Reply: "Unlikely, but will check." IRC have not got these codenames. IRC state they have no body in area 5318.
PTD
5. 0230 IRC Bde SITREP: Coys at:
B Coy 461216
C Coy 403203
D Coy 449210
Patrol to 411239 - No enemy.
Patrol to 478228 - occupied by enemy light S.A. fire. Patrol report no enemy 449219 to 455218. Bridge blown 449219. PTD
6. 0245 IRC Bde House burning 442217. PTD
7. 0300 IRC Bde Patrol report NO enemy - 484201 and 482201. Crater 15 by 20 feet at junc 475193. PTD
8. 0600 Perth Bde Recce patrol (D Coy) to 422336 and North along rd to Dyke. No report as comm out.
Recce patrol along track from 419321 north to dyke - recce dyke to NORTH. Called off because fires too bright. Recce patrol to 428312 to by-pass if enemy there. Patrol called off because infm received before. Enemy at 428312. One coy with Atk gun dug in. PTD
9. 0610 Westmr Bde C coy captured two PW who think we are Poles. Elements at 557184 passing sub unit North of that. A coy leading elements at 537184. IO coming to bde with full report. PTD
10. 0615 BCD Bde Call down fire on house 431264 ing PTD
11. 0615 CBH Bde Nothing to report. PTD
- 12.

LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.

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| 13. | 0615 | BCD | Bde | Calling down fire on house 431264. | |
| 14. | 0615 | GBH | Bde | N.T.R. | |
| 15. | 0715 | BCD | Bde | Patrol last night had no contact HECKT canal from 418285 to railway. Quite strong SA fire from EAST bank. | PTD |
| 16. | 0725 | Perth | Bde | 12 Very heavy shells in VIENUM this morning between 6 and 7 AM. | PT Arty |
| 17. | 0800 | GAir | Bde | Guns at 439302 will be attacked by 12 Spits at 0830. | PT Perth |
| 18. | 0830 | BN | Bde | 462272 at 0825. Air attack. | PT BCD |
| 19. | 0845 | | | 3 Typhoons are attacking HQ in DELFZIJL port area MR464269 at 0930 hrs. | PT BCD |
| 20. | 0855 | IRC | Bde | Ref Log Serial 46 of 26 Apr 45. Results:-
Recce Patrol Serial 4.
Patrol went right up road to Ems canal-bridge blown there, water knee deep across road in three places - 410235, 410236, 410237; paved road and tanks could use it, but would be rebound. Turned left at bridge to dyke at 407237 and came back down dyke for half a mile. Noticed German positions on both sides of canal but unoccupied. Checked all houses, no enemy. Civs reported a few Germans in area in civilian clothes. Checked all civilians. WTR.
Recce patrol Serial 5.
Out from 462216 - followed SOUTH side of canal to bridge at 449219. Bridge blown and there is a 15 ft gap. No enemy seen or heard in area including church and cemetery 452218. Returned by same route - no casualties.
Recce patrol Serial 6.
Out from 469185 to 476192 crater 15 ft deep and 20 ft wide. No water in crater. Not passable but may be repaired easily. Across country to houses at 422200. Searched houses. No enemy. Back along road to 484201. Many barking dogs. While patrol was at 485201 area at 467195 was being mortared. Two phosphorous bombs and six rapid HE, a pause and then 12 more rapid HE. No casualties.
Recce patrol Serial 7.
Out through B coy at 462217 along SOUTH side of railway to crossing at 477225. Many slit trenches dug along embankment. Cave at 470222. Telephone cable leads NE along RR towards house at 476226. This house is occupied, enemy heard MG position on dyke at 478226. Saw relief of sentry and watched movements of two Germans. Dyke SOUTH of 478226 is occupied for several hundred yards. There are three barbed wire entanglements running out from RR embankment at 467218, 469219 and 474223. Route in:- Junction 46952215 down to 47202175 straight to fork at 467193. The road is a chopped up cart track passable for jeeps and carriers. Road is dry and there is a small crater at 470194. It might be possible for tanks to move up road if it is dry but there is no cover. RR embankment offers only | |

20. 0855 IRC Bde Continued.....
RR embankment offers only three feet of cover. No casualties.
21. 251820 Div Bde Msg: GO 282. Secret. comd right sector 5 Cdn Armd Div area passed from 5 Cdn Armd Bde to 11 Cdn Inf Bde 250900B hrs. grouping as of 2359 hrs this date as follows: 11 Cdn Inf Bde Gp. under comd CBH PERTH IRC WESTMR R BCD MG Coy PLF 88 LAA Bty 42 and 16 Atk Btys one scn 8 NBH. left sector 5 cdn armd div area now under comd 5 Cdn Armd Bde with under comd LASH GCHG 4 Atk REGT less two btys, one bty 17 Cdn Fd Regt. List 'A' infm.
FOO with B coy of IRC has spotted enemy along rd line 46652392 to 47152400. He is engaging them.
22. 0950 Fire Control Bde
23. 1030 Perth Bde (1) Patrol proceeded to 425335 and left to BOURSTERDIGK, and proceeded left to farm MR 429349 and remained there two hours. They saw nothing and returned by way of VOORHUIZEN (419350) to SPIJK.
24. 1100 Bde Div May we have some FS people set- up a post down here to check on civs movements.
25. 1020 LOG ENTRY Morning Conference.
Enemy: According to civilian reports the DELFZIL garrison was reinforced with 1000 men yesterday. The garrison at NANSUM is 100 men. German garrison at DELFZIL consists of Paratroops, GAF, Marines, and Fortress Bn - morale poor, but officers keeping spirit up.
Own Tps: C coy Westmr moved from 553176 to 557184. One pl to 554184 encountered strong party of enemy and B coy reported strong patrol coming in at 492171. Both successfully taken on.
Perth report estimated coy of enemy with dug in Atk gun at 428318.
AA Bde relieving in our old area today releasing GCHG and Atk force. LSH holding position on left flank. 7 Cdn Inf Bde being relieved today and 3 Cdn Div will be crossing the EMS and assaulting towards RMDEN commencing 28.
8 NBH. Now have troops as follows:
2 tps with IRC
2 " " WESTMR
105mm " WESTMR
Scn in sp PERTH
Scn Bde Reserve.
IRC. - have coy 4/9210. A coy had a patrol to rly June 478229. No contact.
GCHG. We may have six 105mm coming from GCHG today. to go under comd arty and fire hollow charges at concrete gun emplacements.
17 Fd. Now in position less one bty which will be arriving today.
HAA and Hy Arty - bty of each expected today.
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25. 1020. LOG ENTRY . Morning Conference. (continued).
Sappers - to improve bridge at TENPOST.
NAVY - Lt-comdr BOLTON-KING(RN) Naval
LO is now at our HQ and all shipping news
should be sent here for him.
Air:- Limited assault of air support
available till 28th.
Adm:- Mob Bath at TENPOST.
Intention for today:- Perth are to bring
fire to bear on dug in ooy 428318 with HAA.
Enemy posn at 435339 to be assaulted tonight.
Gun positions in DELFZIL area to be clobbered
by arty. Tomorrow night advance on NANSUM.
BCD to contain enemy in front of DELFZIL and
on island. IRC to sweep along canal bank on
Bn boundaries till contact made. To report
on flooding on their left flank. Westmr are
to push on till contact is made and will
patrol or hold WOLDENDORP tonight.
26. 1020 BM ACV1 109 HAA Regt less one bty are now in sp 11
Cdn Inf Bde. Their tasks are mainly shipping
(via OK of naval officer L.O.) which they
will shoot up. They will also take on other
tgtts we request.
27. 1110 BM ACV1 Arty report air effort this morning on 440302
bombs all tgt area but no direct hits. 462272
no hits observed. 464268 some on docks in sea.
28. 1140 Fire ACV1 We have just bombarded 55552300. Bty, Scale 3.
Control Description of tgt: "Enemy guns firing causing
casualties". No results observed owing to
distance involved.
29. 1135 Fire ACV1 Guides meeting 60 Bty 17 Fa At GRONINEGEN
Control today. ETA there 1500 hrs. Bty should be in
action this evening.

LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.

30. 1205 Perth Bde SITREP: C coy being shelled a bit. 12 Heavy shells fell in BIERUM (4232) up to 0700 hrs. Otherwise N.T.R. PTD

31. 1215 Westmr Bde SITREP: N.T.R. PTD

32. 1220 BGD Bde SITREP: N.T.R. PTD

33. 1220 CBH Bde SITREP: N.T.R. PTD

34. 1300 IRC Bde SITREP: N.T.R. PTD

35. 1300 PLF Bde HQ TEZING 275199. ETA 1500 less one pl MMG to IRC and to Perth. One pl with IRC now has been there since IRC move up.

36. 1330 ADC Bde Inform Westmr that GOG will be visiting them at 1445 today. PT

37. 1355 LOG ENTRY A Son 8 NBH is Son with Perth. Remainder of 8 NBH in PATERSONOLD MR 2000. PTD

38. 1355 Div Bde Air OP states that bridges over canal emptying into sea MR Sq 5323 are all blown that area except for bridges at 527229 and 530232. Floating br believed at 525227.

LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.

39. 1415 Westmr Bde Air tgt gun at 548199.)
40. 1420. LOG ENTRY Brig has gone to Perth.)
41. 1425 Perth Bde Air tgts 459302 enemy strong) PM laying
440309 points and) air onto
435339 guns.) these.
42. 1430 LOG ENTRY Ref Serial 37. Two tps 8 NBN with
IRC and two tps with Westmr R.
43. 1432 LOG ENTRY PW cage likely to move into this area. IO attend-
ing.
44. 1440 LOG ENTRY Six 105mm guns of GCHQ will be at 8
Pd approx 1800 hrs today. 8 Pd guides
taking care of them.
45. 1445 Westmr Bde Air tgts (guns) 548198 and 5520. PTD
Our ables 536185 and 558184 ITC (inter-
46. 1 continuation.... JROTJZ JYVGSF cept).
47.

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48. 1525 Westmr 11 Bde Ref air tgt 548198. Visual recognition enemy) BM
gun emplacement.) looking
Ref air tgts 5420, it is 546202 and is gun) after
emplacements and enemy inf dug in.) air on
them;
49. 1525 CDH 11 Bde Names for Pro asked for by DAQ. F65914 Attn: DAQ.
Cpl McNatt, J.H. and F95571 Pte BLINKHORN,
R.B.
50. 1600 BM Ops Tonight there will be some RCE activity in PTD
area 480184. 10 Fd Sqn likely to put in a PT IRC
br there and will likely contact the IRCop PT Westmr
Westmr re protection.
51. 1600 IRC 11 Bde One subunit moving now. Further infm to PTD.
follow.
52. 1613 IRC 11 Bde Location our B moving to 465184. D-1 moving
to 492200. D-2 same location. D-3 moving
to 486214. D-4 moving to 478228. D-5 same PTD.
location.
53. 1620 BM 11 Bde All infm regarding mines, roadblocks, and bridges
to be passed immediately to 1 Fd Sqn RCE. PT Units.
54. westmr air tgts not visible to Air OP and
have been refused. PT Westmr
55. 1645 Fire 11 Bde Red verex light sent up from house at 448225 -
Control reported by OP at 463270. Being engaged by 2
tps in a link shoot.
56. 1700 IRC 11 Bde GOC is here. We have a Dutchman who says he is Fd Sec
chief man of underground in DELFZIJL. GOC despatch-
wants Div to send a field security man to ing a man
IRC soonest to check this man. immediatel
to IRC RHQ.
PTD "G".
57. 1720 AGMOI Ops Seven enemy guns reported by civilians as PT BM
and being along rly 449255 to 451252. Four of PTD
Fire Control seven are knocked out.
58. 1735 IRC Bde Underground chief here has pointed out area PT G3Air
enemy HQ at 46302539. 20 meters NORTH of a Accepted
school and is bunker in appearance built up and ETZ to
above ground - 15 ft or so deep with phone follow
lines and electricity into it. Can be seen PT EM.
on photos. GOC wants air on it soonest.
59. 1945 11 Bde Units until further notice all units in 11 Can Inf Bde
area and those under comd 11 can inf bde will en-
force a curfew on all civs and soldiers at 2100
hrs daily. all infm.
LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.

60. 1820 IRC. Bde. C coy have moved to old 'A' coy locn in WAGENBORGEN and awaiting "A" coy reaching objective prior to moving. D coy still present locn. A coy are approx 800 yds short of objective and being heavily shelled there in area Xrds and are pinned down. Enemy (number not known) fled on their approach and have retired to area house 483225 which we are lacing with arty.
61. 1830 Fire Control Bde. We have engaged 50102416 for them.
62. 1840 " Bde Ref Perth silent attack tonight. HAA will fire on gun posns in NANSUM area and between 2200 and 0200 hrs. 3 Fd engaging all previously recorded known tgts 4331 to 4333 - on call.
63. 1910 Brig Ops Two pls via canal on objective. Other pl not pinned and moving. A coy. C coy moving. D coy moving.
64. 1910 Brig Ops CRA laying on shoot coming down 4624, 4724, 4723.
65. 1910 Brig Ops A coy of IRC swept their side of canal. No contact.

66. 1925 TRC Bde Loons:
 'A' Coy 492201
 'B' Coy 462216
 'C' Coy 463201 advancing now. PTB
 'D' Coy 449210 advancing now.
 Five Pz. Road clear and passable to 476193.

67. 1930 CIII Bde Naval AA Bty HQ 462257 will be attacked 2015 H hrs.
 Air Defence Hq for DELFZIVL will be attacked approx PT
 Div 2015 hrs. Further ETA later. No infm on Perth
 composition of attacking force. ENNH.

68. 1940 RM Cps 6000 6 x 105mm are in 8 Ed Regt area and
 under command. 75mm Guns billeting on WEST
 side of GROWER for night. Tomorrow will PT Westar
 move to area vicinity PTMB. Will be used
 as arty fire will co-ordinate by Col Hankin.

LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.

69.	2000	Westmr	Bde	Located enemy HQ at 5219 bringong down arty PT BM & Div in dest.* shoot. Our B coy now at 519175.	
70.	2010	GIII	Bde	Air attacks cancelled due to weather. Promised PT BM & to attack as soon as weather clears tomorrow.	GIII
71.	2015	IRC	Bde	C coy consolidating.	
72.	2020	PERTH	Bde	Mortars falling at 432319. GARRBENDEWEER.	ACMO
73.	2037	BM	Ops	Extra copy of log to be picked up by Engrs daily.	
74.	2045	BM	Ops	Air attack previously cancelled went in.	PT Arty.
75.	2055	Arty	Bde	Pinned down with HE from four field guns at 504252. Returning fire.	
		OP			
		w/IRC			
76.	2100	Engrs	Bde	Route to APPINGEDAM now open with no di-versions (class 40).	PT Brig & BM
77.	2105	IRC	Bde	A coy firm 492201 498203) Platoons. 487199)	PTD
				C coy on objective with five cas(shellfire). 24 Fd	
				D coy 1 pl at 471221 pinned down by shellfire, Amb.	
				other pls pinned down with shellfire along canal bank.	
78.	2050	DMA	Bde	1 Offr 12 ORs CBH) Waiting to be picked up. Attn:SC 2 ORs IRC)	
79.	2200	BM	Ops	Engineers are bridging at 478184. Have made recce, will do job either tomorrow morning or night, depending on situation.	
80.	2210	IRC	Bde	Tac HQ 462180.	PT BM
81.	2345	BCD	Bde	SITREP: Spasmodic heavy shelling all day. Patrol searched every house on SOUTH side of canal for a distance of 2,000 yds from Tac HQ forward. NO ENEMY.	
83.	2350	CBH	Bde	SITREP. N.T.R.	
24.	2400	IRC	Bde	SITREP: Tac 462180 'A' Coy 487200 492201 498203 'B' Coy 461216 458210 465210 'C' Coy 475215 487213 'D' Coy 470221 477224	

Five prisoners. Five cas.

LAST ENTRY FOR 26th APRIL 1945

FIRST ENTRY FOR 27th APRIL 1945

1. 0005 Div Bde GCHG tanks now in Bivouac near GRONINGEN, will NOT move until ordered by Div.
2. 0003 Perth Bde SITREP. Shelling bn area. Artillery engaged enemy fwd troops posns effectively. Casualties one killed and seven wounded.

CLEANSER III

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3. 0005 CBH Bde
4. 0010 Westmr Bde

SITEP - N.T.R.

A coy HQ scout Pl 541179. Fwd elements 534187. Intention for A coy: proceed through WOLDENSDORF. One to tanks to move to A coy to support attack.

C coy conc 553176 to consolidate with A coy on objective.

B coy last report moving EAST, having reached 519175. moving on to objective at 505195.

There has been heavy shelling of both short and long range guns in squares 5518, 5517, 5417, 5318. Some being from city of EMDEN and also mort ring. A coy encountered a lot of SA fire during movement this morning. They have spotted enemy movement. Enemy thickened up around dyke junc at 552185. Enemy HQ spotted at 527192 which was shelled, with good results.

A coy moving within hour.

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5. 0100 Div Bde GO 286. Intentions. Maintain present positions. Continue ops against DELFZIJL pocket.
6. 0205 Perth Bde Our people almost on first objective. If all PTD
CQ goes well we will be pushing on to second. No report of shelling cas.
7. 0220 Perth Bde On first objective 428334. PTD
8. 0250 IRC Bde D coy locations: HQ 470221. Remainder of coy less one sec along BUND 478228. Section 476223. All dug in. No cas. Enemy ran four or five horses toward our lines in an effort to draw fire, but had no luck. PTD
9. 0320 Perth Bde Going well - within about 1800 yds of final objective. Tanks ready to move down as soon as coy consolidated. PTD
10. 0340 Westmr Bde Have temporarily lost contact with our left coy. Right coy still going strong. Have taken P.W.
11. 0405 Perth Bde One pl has seized lighthouse at 437316. Balance of coy coming along and will be passing through down to road junc 428312. Tanks ready to go. PTD
12. 0525 Westmr Bde A coy reports PRINTER Plus (WOLDENDORP) have not cleared town. C coy moving up to clear it. PT IRC
B Coy HQ 506194. PTD
1 pl 504194
2 pls 512194.
They have been ordered to sit tight there.
13. 0555 IRC Bde Quiet night.
14. 0600 Perth Bde Nothing further to report.

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15. 0715 BCD Bde: Patrol to 416241 heard movement at Towel works but did not draw fire. Shelling of B Son area sporadic but heavy throughout night. A Son sporadic shelling. Road unchanged. Enemy still dug in on our front. PTD
16. 0720 Perth Bde: Our D Coy in LODGE (426311) with tanks. Some opposition from MGs. Not quite firm yet. 435319 PTD cleared.
17. 0720 Arty Bde: RUC 8 Pz VINDUBI 3625. Western locations: PTD & IBC
 1st Coy 525204
 2nd Coy 513194
18. 0900 Perth Bde POW: one off and 40 GR. Still ribbling in. 17 BN & Div
 3 Coy Trans Flotilla.
19. 0900 LON MARY:

MORNING COMMENT: MUE:

Enemy Info:-

Nothing new except reports via underground chief. Enemy have evidently pulled back behind wire.

Own Troop:-

As located.

Intention:-

Perth will capture line of MAMMUS (4329) HOLWIND (4229) after which GWR will pass through, assault and capture MAMMUS. Left flank on sea and right boundary to GWR line and MAMMUS (4227) to incl. FIEBEN (4227). On GWR moving northward GWR will capture MAMMUS (4227). Timings subject to conditions. (GWR attack on MAMMUS likely at same time GWR will capture MAMMUS).

Perth to capture line MAMMUS (4329) HOLWIND (4229) tonight. GWR will pass through Perth at last light tomorrow (24 Apr 45), and be in a position to move up MAMMUS in daylight.

Westers will attack and clean up area to East of present boundary (i.e. tunnel) and to be done soonest. DHC next objective OFEREN (5024) and when Westers ready will attack up on to coast.

Timings generally:-

The sooner done fewer will be the cas. GWR not being attacked for four or five days, but has no effect on 11 Can Inf Bde operation. 3 Div attacking over river DHC at 1800 hrs 24 Apr.

Notes Generally:

Air is likely nil. two Btys heavies likely to arrive today. GWR 75mm sp not clear yet. 105s to move today to positions such as they can take on the RIT. MGs did not construct or last night, but will tonight. Some TAP-OSF lateral of 5 expected in morning or noon weather permitting. Bridge maybe needed at HOLWIND (4227). One pl M-3 (M-3) to remain with IBC and one with PERTH. DHC survey to report regarding roadline near the. (3 Can can join DHC and present two return to reg.

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MORNING CONFERENCE NOTES:

Notes Generally:-

Westmrs need no more tks.
 1 Pl Bqn RCE to arrange one - way routes.
 shoulders of all roads soft due to weather.
 Minimum by tr file requested.
 Early indent for explosives requested to
 facilitate soonest delivery.

20. 0920	Bde	Perth	Arrange with your 'A' Ech re transport of prisoners.
21. 1055	Perth	Bde	29 more PW.
22. 0920	Bde	Perth	82 Bty with 16 Bty under comd, the whole go under comd Westmr. Their locn is Tac HQ WR622133
23. 1120	BM	Ops	8 MBH 105s with Westmrs are recceing 534163 One other tp with Perth at 432319. One tp in SIERUM(422292) remainder of son are moving to that posn. Recce tp is at 417359.

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24. 1215 BCD Ops SITER H.T.R. PTD
 25. 1215 Perth Ops D coy heavy shelling 1000 hrs. otherwise PTD
 H.T.R.
 Loan of Atk Force.

62H133

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26 1220 Atk Bde Engineers for mines on rd running NW PTD
 Force 595156. PT 1 RD
 Sen (Major Smith).

27. 1230 CBH Bde H.T.R. PTD

28. 1240 Westar Bde A coy - near NORTH end of PRINCE with a lot of enemy behind them. A coy has 30 PWS. Enemy still in town. B coy HQ PTD
 537174 20 ftd posns 505195 and 514195.

C coy 538146. Intention: B coy to proceed to ARABIA and FITTER. C coy to mop area of WOLBENDORF and move to ARABIA. Then A Coy in reserve. Still a lot of enemy on ENGINEER and DENTIST. Lot of mortaring. Shelling all morning. No movement likely until after dark. Five or six can.

29. 1315 Col Eaton Ops Ack your GO 35.

30. 1345 Fire Can. Ops We have just fired a rest (17 ft) scale 4 on same firing from 47822437. 3 more to be pulling out so are now firing scale 2 on it again.

PTD.

31. 1405 CBH Ops Six Bangalore torpedoes that were turned over to IRC are now required. PT DAAAGMG
32. 1500 IRC Bde Considerable shelling area of A, D and G coys from 1335 to 1400. Enemy blanketed town WITWERD and HAVESKES with smoke and shellfire came from these towns. Engaged by our arty. PTD
Enemy activity at 495224. Engaged with 4.2 and 7AA.
33. 1515 BM Ops 75mm of 6002 are joining 11 Bde and are to recon areas in IRC loon. They will likely join us tomorrow.
34. 1630 BM Ops Bridges now in. PT CRH
35. 1645 BM Ops 105mm tanks of 8 ABN at 534163.
36. 1650 Westar Bde Four Bangalore torpedoes for tonight's op. PT DAAAGMG
37. 1720 Westar Bde Veh and tp move observed moving at 514290. IRC who said it was German movement.
Veh believed SP and over by IRC territory. Not sure whether IRC or not.
38. 1910 Westar Bde 16/32 Atk 1800 hrs SIT SP. 27 Apr 45.
The unchanged, 600157. one tp SP one tp on foot 647156. 2 SP and 12 men going in tomorrow morning. 644136 one tp SP, tp on foot. 644136 one tp SP tp on foot. 619158 two SPs and twelve men going in tomorrow morning. Patrols went to the border on the right flank. On left patrol to 561167 contacted troop of 8 ABN at that point.
Bde are blown in the following places. 55160 640144 638143 597151. Mines were found in the following locations. Type HOLZ at 594156 they are uncovered but not lifted. About 200 Teller mines at 536167. Half are loose on the ground and half uncovered. Unknown mine at 597151.
Eight prisoners taken during the afternoon. Four in civ clothes at 651135. They stated their unit was 276 Staff Bty two more taken at 610157. Unit:- 267 Naval Flak Bty. Two PW were taken one of which was a naval cadet. the prisoner stated no enemy on right flank until the town of DIJKSTERHUSEN in square 6722. PTD
39. 1925 IRC Bde Considerable shelling A coy area 1530 hrs 1750 hrs. Considerable veh movement along road 514211 and along road to 512212. Believe we have knocked out SP at 512212. Cas. 1 Jfr and 4 ORs wounded.
40. 1950 IRC Bde We will not require 22 sqn of 8ABN at present. PT IM
41. 1951 Westar Bde Ack GO 35.
42. 2000 Arty Ops Ack GO 35.

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43. 2045 5 Bde. Ops. May we send rep to your morning conference. Ans: "Yes, it is at 0900 hrs."
44. 2055 Westmr Bde Our A coy is being counter attacked on all sides. No serious threat yet. Believe right coy of IRC involved too. Strong body of enemy in area 527204 are counter attacking A coy. Another large body are moving towards C coy which is at 534186 and our Anti Tank troop which is at 541179. Another body reported moving WEST from 527304 in the general direction of our B coy. DFs have been fired, believed effectively, and at present counter attack seems to have subsided. Some tracked vehs thought to be SP mixed up in the do. PTD & IRC
45. 2120 IRC Bde Bn area heavy shelling 1945.
46. 2100 5 Bde Bde Ref 75mm guns of GCHG. Area suggested cannot be reached by guns. Can you suggest another area for them? Ans: "Checked with Arty Rep who suggest putting them in any area where they can shoot on Westmr or IRC front. PT 5 Bde
46. 2120 Div Bde GO 293. Intention. Hold present positions. Continue ops against DELFZIJL pocket.
47. 2150 Westmr Bde Our Tac moving forward. Counter attacks seems to have subsided.

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48. 2230 Westmr Bde Everything seems to have quietened down. Own PT Brig
arty fired area 530205 appears to have stopped BM
things. C coy now moving into town to mop up. Div
No sign of party which was moving towards B
coy or C coy. No report of PW taken.
49. 2230 IRC Bde Does situation on Westmr front warrant our adv-
ancing tonight. Ans: "Westmr are now getting on."
50. 2235 CBH Bde We now want six BANGALORE torpedoes extra, mak- PT BM
ing a total of twelve. Can you arrange? Would
like them at same time as original order. May
want three Lifebuoy flame throwers tomorrow.
51. 2245 Bde IRC Your Op for tonight will go ahead as planned.
52. 2255 Arty Ops 72 Bty going into Battle posn at 357261. One
7.2 being taken out for CB work to 352267. Air
OP will be going up first thing in AM to look
at following HBg - 4393010 - 46222718 -
46402520 - 50482428. As these posns should be
fairly close to our own tps if tonight op goes
as planned may we be advised soonest of any
change in fwd position. Pass to ACOMO.
53. 2317 Bde Arty Cancel HF on MARSUM 4227. PT ACOMO
54. 2350 BCD Rep Bde Shelling in both fwd sen areas during day.
Patrol out tonight to MARSUM area has just returned
and reports place held by enemy so you may do PT ARTY
as you wish with it. Our people are well clear. PTD
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1. 0005 Westmr Bde C coy now clearing WOLDENDORP seems to be a
fair size job involved and a fire fight now PT IRC
but getting on. Show may be delayed due to this.
A Coy still firm in present positions. B coy still
sitting tight awaiting completion of C coy job. PTD
2. 0020 Perth Bde Considerable shelling fwd tps from guns 440304.
50 enemy at 440301 engaged by arty. Gas 2 ORs PTD
wounded.
3. 0215 ACOMO Ops Have you anyone at 440301. Would like to engage Checke
it. Reply: "Perth say they have no people there." with
Perth
4. 0115 IRC Bde Sitrep. all coys have been shelled periodically
during day. C coy had heavy shelling at 0545 hrs
and again at 0950 hrs. B coy had 2- shelling for
15 mins at 0945 hrs. At approx 1200 the enemy
smoked his front and shelled under cover of his
smoke. C coy reported a lot of activity in area
405224. Arty was brought on this area and very
little activity was reported. Smoke disappeared at
approx 1420 hrs and no activity could be seen. At
1647 hrs ambulance seen moving NORTH from 512211
where DF 43 came down - assume casualties. 2 Offr
wounded. 4 ORs wounded. One of the offr and two
of ORs evacuated. A and C coys are LIGHTENING. No
further posns yet.
5. 0135 CBH Bde Have here a couple of German prisoners. Will des-
patch in the morning. Brought in to us by an Arty Sgt.
6. 0140 Arty Op Re Westmr. Sub sub unit not PRINTER. Second CBH one
entering after fire fight. All now quiet. Other sub
unit will move later to ARABIA.

7. 0220 IRC Bde A coy at 520221. C coy at 488227 also enemy mortar PT WEST firing from near A coy area but not on them and they PTD hope to take it intact. Area flooded but pushing on. Also a along rd at approx 488227 a crater about 15 ft across.
8. 0225 Westmr Bde Message from our Sunray: Impossible to complete task - PT he said he's do it tonight - Reason is two coys needed and one of the two coys now clearing up WOLDENDORP and south of it. We will probably be able to carry out that plan PT tomorrow. IRC
9. 0235 Perth Bde Perth attack going well. No opposition to speak of and no hostile arty fire. Out tps almost at 439201 PTD
10. 0305 Sunray Bde We are at objective and trying to get through mine field. Time needed to get through it. No activity in area yet and doubt enemy have heard us.
11. 0315 BM Bde It is being suggested to IRC that their A coy on reaching the area of the sea EAST of OTERDUM (5024) not attempt to attack to and into the town.
12. 0445 IRC Bde A coy engaged in SA fight and enemy using Bren- LMG PTD Have taken 2 PW and coy now moving on dyke by sea. C & coy reported through 487225 after breaching wire and Westmr overcoming S₂ resistance. One cas. Reply: "Give locn A coy. Ans: Do not know yet.
13. 0500 Bde Westmr Any report on your people? Reply: B coy in old locn PT (Area 5019) A and C coy in WOLDENDORP. A coy at NORTH Westmr end and C coy working NORTH to it and having some PTD trouble due to Jerry infiltrating into areas cleared after coy passed forward.
14. 0520 Westmr Bde At 0600 B coy moving to ARABIA by by-passing PRINTER PTD on the WEST. At about same time tanks and flame & throwers are going into action in the town. Westmr
15. 0520 BM Bde Perth now report they are only at 435317. Their Sunray has a patrol out to find passage through minefield PTD after which the attack will proceed. Have suffered mine casualties.
16. 0530 RCE Ops Br at 400317 (LOSDORP) has been raised to Cl 30 from PTD. Rep Cl 9. Pe rth
17. 0545 Bde Perth Can you give any changes in your locns: Reply: C coy ran into minefield and are trying to get around it. Locn unknown due to trying to get around it. Their Sunray seriously wounded. Other Coy locns PTD unchanged. Locn C coy locn will be reported as soon as known.
18. 0550 Bde IRC State locn changes: Reply: A coy locn uncertain. They have encountered heavy opposition and are in squares 5122, 5222 and 5121. We are now questioning a coy offr on the situation. Enemy using Brens and Stens and dug in behind wire obstacles not shown on air photos. Casualties known one killed and one wounded.
19. 0615 Westmr Bde A and C coys have linked up. B coy still firm in old PTD locn.
20. 0635 Perth Bde C coy are now in area sq 4132 and encountering minefield which they are hoping to find a passage PTD through. Patrol out to find gap has met by fire.

30. 0900 LOG ENTRY Morning Conference.

CONFERENCE NOTES:

Last night's activities:

C coy of the Perth got to point below lighthouse at 439309 and ran into minefield. Had gas and pulled back. Sent patrol to recon minefield.
 IRC - C coy hit wire got through and on to objective.

A coy along canal to 523227 ran into wire then went forward and got two pls on objective EGYPT.

WESTER - A coy being formed up by B coy then B coy onto ARABIA.

INTENTION:

Perth - C coy to make gap in wire. D coy to go through and capture objective in daylight using smoke. Expected time 1400 - 1500 hrs 28 Apr 45.

IRC - to get assistance to their A coy and get them firm, also organize a reserve.

WESTER - No change in plan, expect to get a coy linked up with A coy of the IRC.

GBH - same intention, pass through PERTH tonight.

ARTY - 7.2s to pound points opposing Perth as first priority, then gun down on remainder of front.

ROUTES - To GBH see trace in Int office.

31. 0905 LOG ENTRY

32. 1017 BCD Ede

There is a good supply of Bangalore torpedoes. Div 5 CTR Coy No. 2. Coy. (no brit coat 11248.1) Suspect MG and mortars in that area.

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33. 1015 INC Bde Ask GO 35 dated 27 Apr 45.
34. 1030 LOG ENTRY Locn 5 Can Arm'd Bde Coy RCASC 235110
for Bangalore Torpedoes.
35. 1125 SC Ops Smoke generators not available until 1600 hrs. PT Perth
and BM
36. 1130 DAY Bde Locn of 3 Div HQ 714090.
Two men patrol to contact A coy with repairs for PT BM
their 38 set.
38. 1145 BM Ops Owing to scarcity of ambbs any captured ambbs will To all
be turned in to 24 PG Amb. write.
They ill be used primarily for evac of enemy
wounded.
39. 1143 5Bde 11Bde Is Sunray of S NEM with you? Ans: "Yes, he is".
40. 1145 Perth 11Bde SITREP. A Coy - NTR. B Coy NTR. C coy activities
for morning already in to you. From C coy, Cas
one officer KILLED, one officer and 4 ORs WOUNDED.
B coy. Enemy patrol 0030 hrs. Patrol driven away
MR 430313. Can 1 offr WOUNDED 1 KILLED. 2 ORs PTD
WOUNDED. 30 Coy - NTR.

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1250 IRC Bde SITREP: Medical carrier proceeding to C coy held up by crater at 487225. Crater is width of road, 5 feet across and 5 feet deep. Our pioneers will bridge. This road is paved and 18 feet wide. Went back to junction 486214 turned right and up road to HEVESKES, ran down wire barrier 484234. This road is gravel surfaced and can be two way in places. It will carry tanks. A carrier turned right at 488243 on a wide paved highway. German sentry at 48632424 guarding doorway of third house southeast corner. Carrier turned about and returned. Saw 18 Germans in town. Evacuated cas through lane 484233. Two killed four wounded, and evacuated three remained in action from C coy. Wounded PW states schu mines at crater 487225 and enemy still occupying house 488224. (We shall see). Patrol out trying to contact A coy. Directed enemy shelling on our positions all morning. Major McEwen arrived this HQ. PTD

42. 1320 Westmr Bde Town is now clear. Shelling has died down. PW still coming in. So far have taken 35. Two wounded. PTD
43. 1321 CBH Bde Would like 18 pdr charges. Can you have our veh which was picking up Bangalore bring them along?
44. 1321 BCD Bde SITREP: NTR
45. 1330 Bde Westmr May we borrow three lifebous in working order for PTD to call back CBH.
46. 1350 Div Bde Have PERTH and WESTMR turn in Lifebous (flame throwers) to O.F.P. GRONGINGEN. PT Perth Westmr

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47. 1350 BM. Bde Wireless comm now with A coy IRC Regt. PTD
48. 1410 Perth Bde Our lifebouys not in working order.
49. 1410 Bde Westmr Send three flame throwers (lifebouys) in good working order to our HQ.
50. 1415 LOG ENTRY Perth Plan.
 Intention: To capture line of defs NANSUM to HOLWEIRDE.
 Phase I
 D coy with pioneers to take 440310 and houses 435306. MG to take up posn along BUND and shoot up enemy rear.
 Phase II
 As soon as D coy reach objective C coy to follow line of sea wall SOUTH and attack enemy post at 440300 from NORTH.
 Phase III
 As soon as C coy is on objective A coy take NANSUM and extend right to C coy at HOLWEIRDE.
 Probable H-hour 1600 hrs. Arty are arranging smoke.
 Would like to get some fire sp from BCD on NANSUM Will try and arrange.
- Road from BIRNUM at 433319 has a tank bogged down on it.
51. 1417 GBH Bde Tac HQ will be moving in ten minutes-will call when we reach new area.
52. 1419 BCD Bde Approx six veh (enemy) just left MARSUM going N.E. PT BM
 This appears to be the direct result of our shell- & ing. Div
53. 1425 Div Bde Message GO 295. op to eliminate the DELFZIJL pocket PT Brig Q 24 will be known as op CANADA. all info.
54. 1540 FLASH! BBC NEWS DISCLOSES THAT HIMMLER HAS SUEED FOR PEACE. PTD
 TERMS UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER REQUEST DIRECTED TO BRITAIN AND USA ONLY. THE OVERTURE HAS BEEN DECLINED
 TILL RUSSIA IS INCLUDED.

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73.	2130	Bde	Westmr Perth CBH IRC	Let us know if you want any 25-lb smoke generators?.	
74.	2020	Div	Bde	Msg. GO 300. Secret. Intention. Hold present posn. Continue ops against DELFZIJL pocket.	
75.	2000	Div	Bde	Msg. GO 301. Secret. 5 cdn armd regt comes under command 11 cdn inf bde forthwith. all infm.	
76.	2000	Div	Bde	200 x 24 smoke generators. (1 x 3-ton lorry load) at NR 219049 (EELDE) dumped by road. You can pick them up.	
77.	2130	CBH	Bde	Explosions also heard from DELFZIJL.	PT-I-BM
78.	2130	Perth	Bde	13 PW - 3 coy 368 Fortress Bn remnants formed under this bn. They are on way to you now. D coy loon to follow in MAPLAY.	PTD
79.	2145	Westmr	Bde	Want RCE rep and small bulldozer if possible tonight. Br needs checking re preparations for demolition, also craters.	PT BM CRE office sending re up tonite.
80.	2245	IRC	Bde	B coy starting to move now. Want 100 smoke generators. Reply: Pick up (as per serial 76).	PTD
81.	2250	Brig	Bde	Perth report G coy firm on objective. (see Serial 50, phase II). A coy on move towards NANSUM. G coy took some PW.	PTD
82.	2325	BCD	Bde	SITREP: one tp of G Sqn went out to scout up OPs at MARSUM (4227) and UITWIERDE (4427) 13 direct hits on tower at former and 8 on latter. Covered by arty on route out which started several fires in BIESUM (4427). Completed by 1630 hrs. Several very heavy calibre shells fell in forward area during PM. One shell made big crater EAST of last Br into APPINGDAM. Givs report Jerrys in increased numbers are wearing civilian clothes but seem determined to make a firm stand.	PTD
83.	2345	BM (IRC PATROL REPORT)	Ops	1 & 2 OR - left 470221 and followed dyke & rd to Xing 479231. Then crossed rd to rd junc 480239. No movement seen and area well illuminated by fire at 490233. Returned down rd to D coy. Rd in fair condition and has a hard gravel surface. IRC B Coy set about 2315 hrs for it's start line at 491200. Westmr have not moved yet.	PTD
84.	2355	CBH	Bde	SITREP: Bn moved at 1430 hrs and were in new area complete at 1630 hrs. Our A coy on move now to area LADLE. Otherwise N.T.R.	PTD
85.	2359	Westmr	Bde	B coy started moving approx 2330 hrs. Steady shelling all night on WALDENORP. Enemy guns seem to be firing from spit. 105s have engaged them.	PTD PT IRC Brig.
86.	290010	IRC	Bde	Sitrep to follow. A coy heavily counter attacked at 2200 hrs and driven back, no details. Coy P Westm comd coming here now. Will give you infm soonest.	PTD L-8
1.	0040	Perth	Bde	Phase II complete. Some PW. A coy carrying out Phase III now.	PTD EM
2.	0050	IRC	Bde	A coy comd has not arrived at BHQ yet, but has sent word on that he had to destroy his slidex, maps and codes, but believes code names CHINA and PERSIA may not have been destroyed.	PTD Brig Westmr EM
3.	0055	Bde	All Stns.	Code names CHINA and PERSIA will not be used Menceforth.	Div ask for replacement.

4. 0100 Fire Control Bde Firing DF 43 and 44. (ie 51262145 and 5152200) also MR 51722900 due to infm now received (via IRC) of enemy being that area.
5. 0130 Westmr Bde Loen B coy as of 20 minutes ago is 516210. They have had one tk, 1 flame-thrower and one carrier bog down on them. We have sent a pl out to do work on the rd to get route in better shape. PTD
6. 0200 IRC Bde A Coy attacked at 2145 hrs in area 523226 by about fifteen Jerry. This was PT Brig beaten off. At about 2200 hrs attacked Westmr again by about fifty Jerry and had to BM withdraw due to amn shortage to old area PTD. (491200) Br at 524226 still intact. Used by enemy supply area on our right. Br at 528230 raised but not destroyed. House at 524226 occupied during today by about 40 or 50 Jerry. House at 524224 and 523218 suspected enemy HQ because MC tracks in and out. Estimated 200 Jerry in area EGYPT.
7. 0135 Perth Bde Plan for tonight two coy attack. B leading to take area 524226. A coy to relieve D Coy now in area 470221. D coy to follow through behind B coy and take area 518233. Four or five large calibre guns in concrete and steel emplacements. Shelter along side quite large and now holds 113 PW (await confirmation) Guns electric operated and in working condition. Calibre not yet known but shells 4 feet in length (AA). 1 offr and 9 OR PW on way to you now. PTD
8. Others coming in due time. PW from same 368 Fortress Bn. C coy HQ and 13 pl at 439303 with pls at 439299 and 438299. D Coy HQ 432310 with pls at 440310, 433308 and 433308. Houses 436307.
9. 0230 Westmr Bde B coy at 0105 hrs were at 516210. At 0132 hrs A coy moved on their task right of B heading for sea. PTD PT IRC
10. 0305 CBH Bde Tracing tape. For CBH 2,000 yds. PTD
11. 0315 Perth Bde Over 200 PW. Can you arrange to take them off our hands in the morning? PTD
12. 0300 Westmr Bde Our B coy at 100 yds from 519213. A coy cannot get out of village due to intense shelling from right (on Spit) We have been attempting to counter this fire with 105, but with no apparent effect so far. We have fixed rd to WOLDENDORP but can only be considered temporary. Arty Rep. GC's fire at 558231 5568229 55230 528230 PT Westmr.
13. 0330 Engrs Ops Br MR 398314 class 40. Capes can pick up tape. Send them here and will give them order for field park.
14. 0340 IRC Bde Loen. C Coy HQ 489234 plus two pls stretched out. and 489232. 491234)
15. 0400 Perth Bde 2nd bty ABT 256 Flak rest Nemburg. 3rd bty in Defesivl Schwalbe. 4th bty Tumunden Teplitz.
16. 0405 Perth CO Bde Can you send someone up here to operate captured guns. They have plenty of amn. PT Col Rankin.

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17. 0410 Westmr Bde Our B coy passed through wire obstacle PTD.
at 518213.
18. 0435 Perth Bde Prisoner count, officers - 5 Other Ranks :
172. We will march them down with an escort PTD.
at first light.
19. 0455 Westmr Bde A coy have not been able to get out of town.
They have tried several times and been caught
in open with arty and are suffering cas. Un-
til further orders they will remain where they
are.
B coy getting orders to firm up at 525212. CO
having trouble with comm, and if he can't PTD
get them they will firm up where they are now.
Because of all this CO will form new plan.
20. 0530 Col Angle Col Angle cannot get guns up without NANSUM
BCD Ops being taken. Can put troop KIEWERD where Perth PT BM
carriers are.
21. 0545 BM Ops Tanks of BCD can't play on Perth request to shell.
PTD
22. 0600 Perth Bde A coy 300 yds short of NANSUM 438283 being PTD
counter attacked.
23. 0615 Westmr Bde B coy 2 pls firm on 525224. one pl and coy
HQ firm 525212. 3" mor and one MG sec and one PTD
tp of tanks 512195.

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24.	0625	Westmr	Bde	No engra rep reported to Westmr yet.	PT CRE
25.	0628	Perth	Bde	Any infm on attack at MARSUM?	
26.	0630	Westmr	Bde	Our left pl at 524229 has contacted IRC. They report enemy at 532216.	PTD & Brig
27.	0640	IRC	Bde	B coy HQ at 519217. 1 pl moving to 522224.	PT Brig & BM
28.	0645	Perth	Bde	A coy beat of counter attack and are moving into NANSUM as soon as they get amn.	PTD & Brig
29.	0740	CBH	Bde	Is br at 398318 in? Ans: No bridge at 398318 but bridge is in at 398314.	
30.	0755	Westmr	Bde	Engr offr has not arrived yet.	CRE say they are despatching soonest
31.	0805	Perth	Bde	Perth say they have 244 prisoners on way down to Div PW cage. Total: 6 Offrs and 278 OR so far.	PTD
32.	0835	Westmr	Bde	B coy report 38 PW 1 x 81cc mort, 1 x light flak gun, 3 x MG 42.	PT Brig
33.	0845	ADC	Bde	GOC will visit Brig after morning conf.	PT CRE Office
34.	0900	Westmr	Bde	Pass this message to the CRE and 10 Fd Sqn from 2 Tp 10 Fd Sqn. "Am at Tac 54 now. Immediate forward-work (a) blow at 527188 (b) br prepared for ing to CRE & demolition at 529204 (c) blow at 527205 (d) 10 Fd Sqn. mines at 528197 (e) br cut at Scheenda 483090. This was put out by the crossing CL 18 br off tank route. This is on the 54 CL and must be put in soonest. Width of gap 60 feet.	at Div

34. 0900 Westmr Bde Continued from sheet 3.
(f) tp will move to 537125. Sunray at Tac 54.
Signed AD Hellens, Lt.
35. 0915 Div Bde Replacement for compromised codewords:- PT all reps
For "PERSIA" now read "MECHANIC" at 0900 conf.
For "CHINA" now read "TYPIST" Msg to all
bde gp.
36. 0900 LOG ENTRY Morning Conference Notes.
IRC B Coy 522224 518217
A Coy Back in original position
between LATVIA and KOREA.
INTENTION: Perth to continue to capture line
of NANSUM - HOLWEIRDE. CBH are to relieve
Perth in daylight if possible, troops to
march by NORTH route. Recce parties from CBH
report as soon as line is taken. CBH to attack
tonight to capture PROVINCE (440279) BCD to
attack tonight to capture. TILE works and
MARSUM objective limited tonight to allow
sappers to bridge at HOLWEIRDE tomorrow night.
Following night CBH bring up their Sp arms
and capture DELFZIJL. Timings are dependant
on Perth taking line. IRC to continue ad-
vance to sea then swing left to capture OTERDUM.
Westmr to continue advance to sea and mop up
in area.
SP ARMS - Tanks (8NBH) one sgn now sp Perth
to go in sp CBH when they take over. One sgn
Sp IRC. One half sgn in sp Westmr. One half
sgn in Bde Reserve.
ARTY- GGHG 105mm to clobber guns on SPIT.
3 Can Inf Div
Good progress made in attack on LEER. 9 Bde
on first objectives. NNS Highrs three coys
in centre of LEER. SDG Highrs in Western
sector of town. HLI now passing through to
north east sector of town. Bridge at 803134
will be complete at 1200 today. 7 Bde to cross
at 1230 followed by F Ech 9 Bde.
37. 1010 GIII Air Bde Air tgts on 200 enemy and spit are refused.
No flying today.
38. 1045 IRC Bde Position of A coy and one pl at 492201 1 pl PTD & BM
at 488199 and one pl 498203.
39. 1050 IRC Bde D coy OP reported movement on road from PTD & BM
WEIWARD to HEVESKES about 300 enemy in full
marching order and one horse drawn veh. It
has been engaged by arty and MG fire with
some effect.
40. 1115 Bde Ops CRE will visit Bde this afternoon.
41. 1120 Bde IRC Can we be certain that the enemy only could
have gotten codeplace names CHINA & PERSIA
and that no other items such as slidex, code-
signs etc were left behind. Reply "Yes."
42. 1120 IRC Bde We understand that B coy Westmr have moved on Westmr sq
and left snipers and MGs uncleared which are their B co;
on our B coy flank and shooting our coy up. has not
moved from
posn next
to IRC.
PT IRC.

55. 1650 Perth Ops Our fwd coy on the strongly defended line and are moving forward against fairly by opposition in square 4330. PT HM & Div
56. 1705 Westar Bde 40 and one offr to wage (Div) 35 prisoners this morning and 8 wounded. PT HM & I.C.
57. 1720 CBH Bde Our Tac at MR 41853250. PT HM & Div
58. 1800 Div Bde Ship in sea in square 4040. PT HM
59. 1850 IRC Bde G coy counter attacked at 1700 hrs. Beaten off by mortar and some arty and MG fire by 1820 hrs. Enemy digging in in front of G coy. Some casualties. Patrol to A coy today unable to get through due to heavy MG fire from 510211. PTD
60. 1905 DivCB Bde Can we engage MR 440280? Reply "Yes." Checked w/Perth
61. 1910 Bde Perth Any loose? Reply "G coy - area 435306 and 2 pls putting in an attack on strong point near light house 440310." PTD BSAWRIE
62. 1915 Bde IRC Give tonight's detailed intentions soonest. Perth.
63. 1915 Bde IRC Have you come with your A coy? Reply "Yes, but only every hour or so, due to their batteries being very weak and patrol unable to deliver batteries to them today due to heavy MG fire." G coy have just asked for a tank on the church in their area. G coy reported at 1815 hrs that things had slackened off. Believe a route for the G coy has been discovered. Two tks now preparing to join them. Other tks with us will attempt to shoot them up into G coy area.
64. 1955 Westar Bde INTENTIONS: G coy at last light is heading for TERNUNTER 5423. Depending on what takes place they may end up in area 522 or 5221. PT Brig Westar PTD
A coy moving forward on their right headed for sea.
G coy will stay in WOLBENDORP.
65. 2000 CBH Bde Very dense smoke coming from DELFZIJL.
66. 2005 Brig Ops Perth now have reached Lighthouse 440310 PTD & HM
67. 2005 Brig Ops Report is that there are 110 enemy killed in WOLBENDORP plus 75 prisoners. " " "
68. 2005 CBH Bde Smoke definitely coming from DELFZIJL and big fire has started there. PT HM PTD
69. 2005 IRC Bde G coy will pass through A coy to WOLBENDORP (519233) A coy will remain in present posn. 3rd Pl of A coy will join "B" Coy in moving forward and will rejoin "A" Coy. "D" Coy will send patrol to 479232 (XSPZUZ) Rd and routes to be improved.
70. 2100 HM Ops Loan IRC A coy still at area 522225 as reported at noon PT Westar
71. 2045 CBH Bde Sunray says DELFZIJL is either on fire or being blown up. PTD PT HM
72. 2100 Div Bde G NWH will be coming under command at 2000 hrs today. Message following.
73. SEE FOLLOWING SHEET.

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43. 1130 109 HAA Bde D1. Following targets have today been registered.
M2 - 43833025 4 en guns HE
M4 - 46152709 4 x 105cm HE
44. 1200 BGD Bde SITREP. Town of APFINGDAM mortared from 441263 this AM. Visibility too poor for arty to engage yet. Civilians and enemy were stringing wire around general area 413267. Engaged by MGs but on stopping enemy work proceeded. Arty now engaging. Quiet night. PTD
- 1210 hrs Westmr Bde SITREP. Nothing further to report except by shelling in forward area. RCE fixing rd forward for tanks and 3 more PW taken making 41 this AM. PTD
45. 1215 Fire Control Bde 1230 hrs 17 Fd firing propaganda at OTERDAM HEVESKES, FARMSUM WEIRWERD and MR 466240 479237 481253 467247 461262.
46. 1225 IRC Bde Our B coy are firm and are being fired on by snipers. They are getting tank fire support from C and A coys area. Not possible to get tanks or Atk guns up B coy. A coy has moved off to relieve D coy for switch over. B coy one wounded and have taken 11 PW. PTD.
47. 1235 Perth Bde Our people GRATER minus 300 yds. Otherwise NTR.
48. 1240 CBH Bde A coy in posn at location previously reported. Route to A coy temporarily passable. Some shelling in A coy area. Otherwise N.T.R.
49. 1240 G1Div Bde Give 300 enemy reported by IRC the full treatment. Fire contro. have fired scale 8 by 17 Fd and HAA. Now firing on them area HEVESKES.
50. 1240 LOG ENTRY Brig on way to Perth.

51.	1240	Fire Control	Bde	Pamphlets propaganda down, going nicely.	Wait.
52.	1425	Fire Control	Bde	Report via IRC from civs from HEVESKES. Jerrys have left OTERDAM and gone towards TERMUNTERZIJL. Two guns at OTERDAM blown before leaving. 50 small boats awaiting them at TERMUNTERZIJL. Expect to be picked up by larger boats in estuary. Destination EMDEN, 508243. Br blown - 30 to 40 meters gap. A number of civilians wounded in HEVESKES. Can we engage OTERDAM and TERMUNTER zyl.	PT BM PTD
53.	1530	Fire Control		Reply Yes. OK we are giving them a few short sharp smashes of 1 rd gun fire - also some HAA	IRC & West say OK
54.	1510	West MR		Would like IRC to contact our left forward Coy	IRC doing so
55.	1515	BM		Perth have pl in HOLWIERDE and being followed by another pl of B Coy. Enemy strong pt 428298. Novel Lt-Comdr PW at our COP near Perth. He is wounded. BGD report mines in rd at 420268.	PTD
56.	1520	Fire Control		Guns at 50432428 being engaged via Air OP with Hy Arty (198 lb shells)	PTD
57.	1545	BGD		Enemy patrol reported by civilians being in JUKWERD 4027 BGD sending patrol out to investigate.	PTD
58.	1605	IRC	Bde	Our Coy has made contact with 2 or 3 of the Westminster forward left Coy across the river on canal which is the boundary.	Passed to West MR
59.	1620	BM	LOG	B Coy of Irish is moving to EGYPT (MR518229) C Coy sending patrol to OTERDAM.	PTD PT(Arty)
60.	1630	Bde	Div	One platoon of B Coy of Perth one in HOLWIERDE another is crossing river into HOLWIERDE Now. Enemy in hiding in fields to NE of town. D Coy are moving down to clear out of HOLWIERDE.	PTD
61.	IRC			B Coy says West MR are in EGYPT. How Come? Reply- West MR in sameloon you have them reported as being in and are not in EGYPT	Checked with West MR
62.			LOG	Big guns taken by Perth can not be ready for any firing for 2 or 3 days. The breech is messed up a bit. CBH have no opportunity of getting fire sp from them due to not being ready for action for a couple of days at least. This comes from Div Arty	PT CBH
63.	IRC			Have patrol now ging to recce OTERDAM. Pl of D Coy going to B Coy and will be used on Egypt if required. B Coy Now report enemy stonk on EGYPT.	Fire Control (ACMO) say it is NOT ou fire unless GG fire ordered by IRC
64.	1740.	Fire Control		Do you wish searchlights. Reply - CBH Say NO. Are CBH likely to move their TAC HQ Reply CBH says NOT likely till at least Province is captured	Referred to CBH
65.	1810	Brig		Perth have one Coy firm on HOLWIERDE and one coy firm on NANSUM. CBH have been ordered to commence relief. Perth to leave one Coy in HOLWIERDE to protect RCE con- BGDuttkngybtowhich asftetbapdrnx 2000light and CBH approx 2200 hrs	PTD

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66.	1900	EM	Sappers for BCD will report in an hour	BCD
67.		BCD	399256 new location of TA C - moving now	PTD
68.		EM	BCD attack postponed to 2015	PTD
69.	2100	Perth	C and A Coy being relieved tonight. D Coy staying to protect Engineers building Bridge at HOLWIERDE.	
70	2105	Brig	BCD took MARSUN with light opposition. The road is clear to 419275 pushing on to factory 417282 tonight. Perth and BCD sending contact patrol after BCD take factory	
71.	2130	BCD	MARSUN being heavily shelled are pulling back until it subsides.	
72.		Perth	PW account 2 offrs 58 OR's. D Coy positions 17 pl 424294 18 pl 429296 16 pl 427296 Coy HQ 426297.	

73.	2140	Brig	Ops	BCD have to SOUTH edge of HOLWEIDE. Perth to get out and meet them.	PT Perth PTD
74.	2210	BCD	Bde	Perth and our tanks have made contact SOUTH of HOLWIERDE. What do we do now?	PTD PT BM
75.	2215	BM	Ops	One tp of BCD to stay with Perth and Perth to give them protection. If any trouble Perth to be prepared to counter attack with tanks.	PT Perth
76.	2230	BM	Ops	Capes will not be leaving before midnight.	
77.	2315	CRE	Ops	Bridge at 475100 - 70 feet gl 40, completed at 2215.	PT Westmr PTD
78.	2320	BCD	Bde	C Sqn less one tp with under comd recce tp firm at MARSUM. one tp "C" Sqn staying with perth at HOLWIERDE. A and B Sqn posns unchanged. Tac 599255. Light opposition during attack, heavy mortaring and shelling after village taken. Heavy shelling in B Sqn and during afternoon.	PTD
79.	2325	Perth	Bde	A and C coy have been relieved by CBH. A coy LOSDORT. B Coy SPIJK. C coy BIERUM.	PTD
80.	2330	Fire Control	Ops	Have CBH passed line NANSUM - HOLWIERDE yet? Ans: "No".	PT CBH
81.	2400	IRC	Ops	SITREP: D coy started to move at 2230. Engrs report rd and verges swept and prodded from MAGENBORGEN to 478193. Rd only swept from 478143 to junc 489233. All craters filled. Civil sources say coastal guns at 559231 and 53953740 have been firing considerably today. They are in cement emplacements.	PTD
82.	2400	Westmr	Bde	SITREP: A coy passed through B coy headed for ARABIA by left flanking. Forward areas under shellfire from 539231, 55802305. Arty returning; troop movement observed in FITTER, using ambulances as transport. Enemy seen digging in around town. Enemy HQ at 539228. From its obs and civilian reports enemy in barn at 525228. Intention for tomorrow: to clear island. ENGINEER, DENTIST and also GREECE.	PTD

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1.	0020	4atk	Bde	Tac HQ 523133. Two SP and Sec 656154. Twp SP and Sec 618157. One Tp SP and One Tp on foot at 600158. One tp SP and one tp on foot at 560166.	PTD
2.	0045	Engrs	Ops	Bridge at HOLWIERDE. Crater passable at 2300 hrs one way. Road cleared to bridge site ETC 0800.	PTD
3.	0050	IRC	Bde	We are out of comm with D coy, otherwise quiet. Casualties in past 24 hours. one offr wounded and still in action. 3 ORs evacuated.	PTD
4.	0055	CBH	Bde	Leaving now - 13 PW at 434294.	PTD Fire Cor
5.	0125	Fire Control	Bde	We are softening up TERMUNTENZIEL with 864 rds arty fire from 0130 - 0200.	PT Westmr PTD
6.	0150	CO CBH	Bde	Have made contact at 42289.	
7.	0111	CBH	Bde	Gap in minefd at 431319 cleared by own tps and engrs, complete 1800 hrs. One coy completed change at TIBET by 2145 hrs. Another coy complete at CRATER at 2250 hrs and two other coys on move. One tp of tks at LADLE and one at CRATER.	PTD
8.	0205	IRC	Bde	N.T.R.	PTD
9.	0215	CBH	Bde	Estimated 215 PW taken up to this moment. Approx area MONACO.	PTD

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10.	0235	CBH	Bde	A coy 445283 left forward position is at that MR (445283) Additional 40 PW taken.	PTD
11.	0250	CBH	Bde	PROVINCE now.	PTD
12.	0325	IRC	Bde	N.T.R.	PTD
13.	0350	CBH	Bde	MARINE is the identification of PW taken tonight.	PTD.
14.	0410	CBH	Bde	Estimate 200hrs to complete bridge	PTD
15.	0500	BM	Ops	Br at HOLWIERDE NOW open.	PTD
16.	0510	IRC	Bde	B coy attacking final objective at 0500 hrs. Today's intentions: When B coy consolidate D coy pass on to 507243. C coy then take MECHANIC and A coy then take TYPIST. D coy now 516215. Enemy strong point with cement emplacement located 52722306.	PTD PT Westmr
17.	0515	1 Fd	Ops	Br completed but road is not done on far side at HOLWIERDE.	PTD PT BCD
18.	0530	Westmr	Bde	C Coy still in WOLDENDORP A coy now on ARABIA B coy approaching FITTER, NOT in FITTER.	PTD
19.	0534	Westmr	Bde	B coy 537227 and we are trying to get tks up to them.	PTD
20.	0545	IRC	Bde	B Coy advancing. No resistance reported yet.	PTD
21.	0555	Div	Bde	Msg. GO 305. Secret. Intentions. hold present posns. Continue ops against DELFZIJL pocket. all infm.	
22.	0615	BM	Ops	CBH sent patrols to MR 455278 and to 448278 without contact. They are sending a patrol to DELFZIJL.	
23.	0620	Westmr	Bde	B coy report there are four big guns in vicinity. 539231. We have engaged them with Arty.. As a confirmation of report sent in to Bde night of 28/29, our B coy captured 1 x 8.1cm mortar. 2(?) x 2cm flek guns and 2 x MG 42.	
24.	0630	Westmr	Bde	Br at 535217 is intact.	

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25.	0615	BM Bde	CBH sent patrols to MR 455278 & to 448 278 without contact. They are sending patrol to DELFZIL.	PTD
26.	0620	West Bde	B Coy report there 4 big guns in vicinity 539231. We have engaged them with arty. As a confirmation of report sent in to Bde on night 28-29 own B Coy captured (1) 8.1 cm mortar (2) 2cm flak gun (2) MG 42	PTD
27.	0630	West Bde	Bridge at 535217 is intact.	PTD
28.	0650	IRC Bde	B Coy have reached objective and is consolidating D Coy is moving to IRAN now. Exact locn later.	PTD
29.	0700	West Bde	B Coy report crews of German Guns already mentioned are demolishing said guns.	PTD
30.	0720	CBH Bde	There have just been three big explosions in DELFZIJL. It would appear that they are either demolitions or that he is shelling DELFZIJL himself.	PTD
31.	0725	West Bde	At figures 0705 leading element A Coy at 540228. 1 troop tanks are are on other end of town and report seeing many Red Cross flags and many white flags - are going to investigate but it is too early to clarify the situation. Sit re bridges will be passed soonest.	PTD PT Irish
32.	0730	West Bde	All indications point to quite a few possible PW coming in to us.	PTD
33.	0745	IRC Bde	B Coy 519232, 519228, 515231. D Coy approaching objective.	PTD
34.	0850	West Bde	Own A Coy requests air sup on big gun at 558230	PTD
35.	0910	IRC Bde	Advise and get ack of friends on right us to our posn.	West
36.	0910	ADC Bde	GOC will visit Brig after conference	
37.	0920	West Bde	Definitely no fire on IRC from our coys. 8 NBH going to right of fitter to take on guns with direct fire	IRC
38.	0950	West Bde	Enemy move 552213 can we get fire from there along line of canal. 350 prisoners.	Div Arty Rep
39.	0900	LOG ENTRY	Morning Conference Notes. OWN TPS Bridge now in at Holwierde & passable to jeeps. It is expected to be cl 40 by 1100 hrs. CBH Sp Arms now forward. No shelling & no cas last night. 250 PW. BCD Some shelling casualties. Tile factory reported yesterday being wired by enemy and engaged produced only civilians. IRC "A" Coy on rly in old "D" Coy locn. "B" Coy firm area 518234 on dyke. Egypt clear. "D" passed through "B" heading for Otterdam (believed clear) last reported on 51 Grid. Some PW taken. "C" Coy moving on Heveskes when Otterdam is taken. Tanks with "C" Coy. 1 tp of tanks rebound at 484201. All lateral routes east of C Coy reported impassable.	

40. 1110 Westmr Bde Westmr say they have 450 PW whom they are despatching direct to Div cage, by own tpt. Majority of PW came from TERMUNTEN (5422) NO accurate count yet, but will inform us as they are despatched. PTD
41. 1115 Westmr Bde We have sent 158 OR and 2 Offr PW to Div cage. PT IO We will send you official count as they go.
42. 1120 IRC Bde Last report - our people on way to OTERDUM, going well. PTD
43. 1125 BM Bde Inter bn bdy canal incl to Westmr Regt ie, Westmr will have to clear island into TER- MUNTERTIEL. IRC and Westmr informed.
44. 1125 LOG ENTRY Two 'weasels' now with the CBH are to be picked up IRC. One 'Weasel' which was with J informed. To sigs is now at IRC. Giving the IRC three to TO for infm.
45. 1125 Div Bde 7 Bde hold approx three quarters of LEER. R Wpg Rifles up to corner of wood in sq 8216. Cdn Sect B are in Sq 8315. Regina Rifles in sq 8215. WNS Highrs sq 8183 - 8283. 1 Polish armd div not yet across on right of 3 Div, pushing up.
46. 1125 Perth Bde Would like to see Provost Sgt up here re signing route for CBH from our HQ forward. Sgt Davis informed.
47. 1130 BM Ops Future Intention: When DELFZIJL pocket has been cleared, the Bde left boundary will move down to HOLWIERDE. CBH will occupy from there to DELFZIJL. IRC from DELFZIJL down to and incl the SPIT. The GCHG from SPIT to the Dutch-German border. Arty on foot from border to a point in Germany. Bde HQ will probably move to NIEUWOLDA (4817) Perth will be pulled back for a rest and later will probably relieve IRC.
48. 1220 IRC Bde SITREP: Our "D" Coy consolidating in OTERDUM. "B" Coy waiting for flame throwers to clean up canal. PTD
49. 1220 IRC Bde Major Aikens (engr rep) reports rd to MECHANIC clear. PTD
50. 1225 BM Bde Unless PW count is confirmed it will go on the log marked as 'unconfirmed'.
51. 1240 Westmr Bde SITREP: "C" Coy in process of cleaning up. "A" and "G" in FITTER - collecting prisoners.
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WESTMR "A" & "B" Coys in Termonden. Indications are evident of a general collapse of enemy in area. "G" Coy in Printer. General area being cleaned & mopped up. (350 PW reported 0950 hrs).
PERTH WTR
RCE reps to remain with CBH, IRC & Westmr.

INTENTIONS

CBH to carry on & capture DELFZIJL in own time. May be done during daylight to-day.
IRC To continue on & capture FARMSUM, OTTERDUM, HEVESKES, WEIWARD.

WESTMR Mop up general area. Arrange maximum holding role for 4 A/Tk. Arrangements to be made for Sp Coy to relieve a rifle coy which will come in behind IRC right hand coys.

BCD To move out of town & forward of APPINGDAM & MARSUM.

One half Sqn tanks with IRC available. Westmr to request via Brig if required.
All fire N of canal under control arty rep with CBH.
No harassing tasks to be done by higher formation without Brig's OK.
By Arty guns to get in position to take on Spit & cross estuary tgts.
As each village is taken tps are to move out of towns.

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52. 1330 CBH Bde Our A and B coys were firm at 0300 hrs. Light opposition was met but overcome and approximately two hundred PW were taken. Br at 423297 was completed at 0500. Enemy reported by our A coy to be working, thought to be laying mines in area 458255. A coy also report enemy and vehs at 456270, both engaged by arty. Our pioneer platoon were pinned down by snipers. One man killed and two wounded. They took 23 PW. Enemy movement reported at 451282 engaged by arty. Patrol to DELFZIJL cancelled. PTD.
53. 1400 Fire Ops Hy gun to take on enemy bty at 5582310
Control PT D &
54. 1435 Arty Ops Hy gun will take on enemy bty 55822310.
Rep Westmr
55. 1435 Westmr Bde FITTER now secure. Mopping up toward 558280. PTD
56. 1505 Westmr Bde Doctors - nurses PRINTER (WOLDENDOMP) area in a hospital taking care of wounded Germans. PT ADMS
57. 1530 Westmr Bde 152 prisoners. 150 males and 2 females. 7 Offrs. PTD
58. 1550 CO CBH Bde Moving tac to 412309. PTD
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59. 1600 Westmr Bde. B coy posn HQ 537227 1 Pl
536834
531232

PTD.

A coy mopping up around FITTER. Will likely
firm up at 535214.

60. C coy 555220 are engaged now in mopping up and
then will clear SPIT.

The enemy is dug in line of dyke 558232 to 559227.
There is an '88' at 559231 which is shelling
FITTER.

61. 1705 Westmr Bde. Personnel from German hosp. One Doctor, Two
nurses and ten Stretcher Bearers now at our GCP. PT 24
Our people have been warned that the place is Pd Amb
not to be damaged in any way.

62. 1705 GBH Bde Our HQ now 41202087.

PTD

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63. 1800 IRC Bde C coy in MECHANIC.
H coy cleared NORTH and EAST of EGYPT,
to bdy between us and WESTMR. PT Brig
A coy preparing to move to TPIST. PTD
D Coy 509244
507243
505242.

64. 1830 LOG ENTRY DENTE SERIAL NO. 62 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

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65.	1900	LOG ENTRY		There is a fair sized hosp in DELFZIJL. Med people ask if situation permits that Capes post guard to stop pilfering by Dutch civilians.	PT CBH
66.	1905	Brig	Ops	Get Parth locations!	
67.	1915	IRC	Bde	The main defences of DELFZIJL; one in area of the station. The Commanding staff in houses at 457272. There are a couple of companies this area. The naval staff is in a block house 463268. There are four batteries there, some are flak, and some are 15cm. By the river at 456264 there are troops FZ FAUSTE. There are two steamboats in the harbour waiting to take enemy troops. Near junc of two canals there are about thirty fishing boats converted to flak ships. There are block houses at 465260 and 464245 and 458256. No troops have been seen in that area lately. All of the bridges except the railroad have been blown. The road from 466248 to 472247 is mined.	PTD 1 Pz Sqn
68.	1920	IRC	Bde	There is a cement barricade at 472246 and one of log and wire 483243. In large open space at 471255 there are many mines. There is a mine-field SOUTH of the road between WEIVERD and HEVESKES. The road by dyke 481255 to 484253 may be mined. There is a sentry post with three men just EAST of here. Their duty is to signal battery on far shore. From top of dyke at 492252 you can see directly into harbour. Bridge is out at OTERDUM but civilians will fill.	PTD
69.	1930	Perth	Bde	Tac unchanged. A coy 412316. B coy 413334. C coy at 417325. D coy 425297.	PTD
70.	1940	IRC	Bde	Big guns from 544274 are shelling C coy HEVESKES heavily. Can aircraft engage? Ans: No, they are being engaged by heavy arty.	PT Fir control PTD
71.	2005	BCD	Bde	B Sqn 407272. A and C Bde unchanged. A Sqn tps moving now, position later. Tac and Main unchanged. C Sqn same location last night. C Sqn HQ 419272. 1 to 425292. 2 tps at MARMAN.	PTD
72.	2010	Div	Bde	Mag 80 313. Secret. intention. hold present posns. continue ops against DELFZIJL pocket. all infm.	
73.	2100	Div	Bde	"C" Coy now normal again. A coy one moving in to aid C Coy. (rs IRC).	
74.	2115	BR	Ops	Air OP engaged large gun 1930 - 2030 hrs. a few direct hits. One large explosion was seen. Several very close hits on gun at 544274.	
75.	2120	Arty Rep.	Ops	Rd junc at 49252425 is blown - impossible for tanks, will be repaired soonest.	1
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76. 2130 BM Bde Westmrs are being bothered by guns at MR 559231. PTD
8 NBH lost three tanks from guns at possibly 487244, and 491234.

77. 2140 1 Fd Sqn Bde Mines in rd from APPINGDAM to HALWIERDE, the PT CEH
ref 420267. We are sending out a sweeping party BCD
to check rd from rly track NORTH to HALWIERDE.

78. 2205 BM Ops Check with CEH to see if they received flame PT CBH
throwers. Inform BCD if they have. Inform CEH
that BCD saw a white flag in a window in BIESUM
this afternoon. For whatever action you wish
to take.

79. 2230 CBH Bde G coy have passed through A coy to 455278. Pas- PTD
sed through A coy enroute to that MR.

80. 2245 CBH Bde Re: White flags in BIRSUM, followed by small PT BM
arms fire.

81. 2315 Brig IRC If you can give sheldreps we can fire on guns PT IRC
across the river.

82. 2320 CBH Bde We are attempting to clean gap in minefield PT BM
at 447278.

83. 2320 Perth Bde Tac at 386315 - A coy LOSDORP 399318. B Coy
413333. C coy 418324. D coy 424296 HOLWIERDE.
(Cancel: Log entry No. 69 re locations).

84. 2330 BCD Bde SITREP: Intermittent shelling all day. Posns PTD
as given earlier this evening. Patrol cleaned
buildings SOUTH of canal in APPINGEDAM, nothing
found. Last night's show yielded us two MGs
and two dead.

85. 2350 IRC Bde Location. A coy MECHANIC. B 517234 and 516232
519232 519228 C Coy MECHANIC. D 505242
and 506243 and 509242. Two sec coming 470221
to 478227 and 506243.

86. 2350 IRC Bde Standing patrols 404203 and 432310. 2 tps
tanks at 463210. 1 tp tanks at 486244 and 1
tp tanks at 490233. Our Alle now at 453276 PTD

87. 2355 Westmr Bde Re: German CCP overrun in FITTER this morning.
The Jerry MO states his transport consisted
of one ambulance, one carrier with red crosses
on it and one carrier painted white. We have
a 1936 Chevrolet which has very minor things
wrong with it. It has been converted into an
ambulance by the Germans. It will be be evac-
uated through proper channels.

88. 2357 CBH Bde SITREP: Tac HQ moved to 413308, by 1620 hrs
C coy crossed Start Line at 2200 hrs encountered
minefield area MR 448276 is being gapped by own PTD
pioneers. Enemy contacted at MR 453276 at 2305
hrs. 49 PW taken so far. C coy at present time
in area of MR 452276. Still moving.

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