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## WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	1 Cdn Armd C Regt (RCD)	Summary of Events and Information	FOLIO 12.	Remarks, refer to Appendices initials
MR 222987 Sheet M1 GRONINGEN 1/100000	17	Apr	45	The Regt less "A" Sqn concentrated in a Regtl area 8 miles south of GRONINGEN for a well earned rest of 48 hours. The regt had been continuously on the move since the 9 Apr and vehs and equipment were in need of a thorough check. R H Q harboured at VRIES MR 222987 - "B" Sqn at MR 221992 - "C" Sqn in area DONDEREN MR 202008 "D" Sqn at IDE MR 228025. The move was completed vide marked map att as appx 6A by 1300 hrs. "A" Sqn reported demolitions on the enemy side of the IJSSEL River throughout the night. At 1000 hrs a German was sighted walking about on the far side of the river. When fired on he threw up his hands and the patrol crossed the river and brought him in. During the day foot patrols crossed at several points and penetrated as deep as two miles without incident. Two more PW's reported that their coys had gone back as far as the Sea, during the night. The Sqn received orders to hold posns already occupied. Morale good. Weather bright and clear.		[Handwritten initials]
MR 222987	18	Apr	45	The Regt less "A" Sqn was well on with veh and equipment check. Many vehs were already painted by the end of the day. "A" Sqn was under comd 103 and 74 Bty 6 A/Tk Regt was placed on 3 hours notice to move. Civilian traffic on the enemy side of the IJSSEL river had started with a close check by the DUTCH UNDERGROUND. Morale high. Weather bright and clear.		[Handwritten initials]
MR 222987	19	Apr	45	A Regtl "C" Gp was held and the Regt less "A" Sqn was warned to move to conc area MR 0386 GERMANY, on the 20th Apr 45 vide Regtl Movement Order att as appx 8. The Sqn spent the remainder of the day finishing off vehs preparatory to move. "A" Sqn less 103 and 74 Bty 6 A/Tk Regt moved at 0900 hrs to SAUWERD MR 195228 vide marked map att as appx 6B. The Sqn came under comd 7 CIB. The task given the Sqn was to clear the remaining enemy elements along the coast from LAUWERS ZEE in the West to the East tip of the peninsula. The movement was completed by 1630 hrs and the Sqn went into harbour at MR 195228. Morale high. Weather bright and clear.		[Handwritten initials]

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Place	Date	Hour	1 Cdn Armd C Regt (RCD)	Summary of Events and Information	FOLIO 13.	Remarks, refer to Appendices initials
MR 127905 Sheet M3 GERMANY 1/100000	20 Apr 45			MAJ J G SAVARD assumed comd of the Regt vice LT COL K D LANDELL on leave 20 Apr 45. The Regt less "A" Sqn moved to GERMANY in accordance with Movement Order issued 19 Apr 45 att as appx 8. The move was made by a very indirect route vide marked map att as appx 6A, to a Regtl conc area at PRIESOYTHE MR 080918. Harbour areas RHQ MR 126904 - "B" Sqn MR 109923 - "C" Sqn MR 088889 - "D" Sqn MR 095935. The movement was completed by approximately 1800 hrs. "A" Sqn patrolled to LAUWERS ZEE on the left and to the 30 Easting on the right. UITHUIZEN MR 295355 was reached by 1000 hrs and no enemy encountered. On the outskirts of ZANDEWEER MR 2933 25 enemy were encountered in prepared entrenchments. After a little persuasion with MG fire and SP 75mm they surrendered. The HOW Tp engaged enemy in UITHUIZEN MR 295355 killing 15 and capturing 1. All objectives were reached by 1500 hrs vide marked map att as appx 6B. The Sqn broke contact and returned to harbour area at SAUWERD. PW taken by the Sqn included 1 Lt Col, 2 Capts and 57 O R's. 25 were killed. Morale high. Weather - showers during the day with a cold drizzle throughout the night.		<i>HMS</i>
MR 127905	21 Apr 45			The Regt less "A" Sqn began to settle in and carry out maintenance after the long trip from Holland. There was a fair amount of work to be done on vehs and equipment. Most of the tps were housed in old farm buildings but some canvas was pitched. The weather was cool with showers. Morale was high with the prospect of a few days rest and time for letter writing and clean up. "A" Sqn objective for the day was recce of the rds Northwest of MIDDLESTUM MR 270286 to interrupt enemy movement toward the evacuation port of DELFZIJL MR 4626. No contact was made until the afternoon when 17 PW's were taken without resistance. Furthest point reached was SPIJK MR 400331. The town was under shell fire from coastal batteries in general area MR 440298. The Sqn returned to harbour at SAUWERD.		<i>HMS</i>
MR 127905	22 Apr 45			The Regt came under command of 2 Cdn Armd Bde with effect 2359 hrs as of 2 Cdn Corps order d/22 1345 hrs att as appx 9. The Regt remained in the same area and continued with work on the vehs. A small quantity of mail from Canada was received in the evening. The weather continued cool. Morale good. "A" Sqn had completed its role		<i>HMS</i>

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	22 Apr 45	(cont'd)		in the area and spent the day on maintenance of vehs awaiting a movement order to join the regt in GERMANY. In the evening a picture was shown.		
MR 127905	23 Apr 45			The Regt returned to maintenance and painting of vehs. "C" Sqn picked up a German deserter who had wandered from the front during the night. "A" Sqn were still awaiting orders to rejoin the Regt. A dance was held in the schoolhouse at SAUWERD in the evening. Pt I Orders were issued. Weather cool with showers.		<i>Handwritten initials</i>
MR 127905	24 Apr 45			The Regt continued maintenance of vehs, kit and equipment. Some Sqns held sports in the afternoon. The tps were still enjoying the relaxation of the rest period and morale was high. Weather cool with sporadic showers. "A" Sqn spent the day cleaning personal kit. Preparations were made for the long trip to GERMANY the next day.		<i>Handwritten initials</i>
MR 127905	25 Apr 45			The Regt was very happy to welcome back our old Padre, Capt H D CLEVERDON, who had been taken from us in ITALY. The Regt remained in the same location. The Regtl Mobile Showers made a tour of the Sqns and the M O checked the men for skin diseases. The Sqns held a volleyball, softball, and football games during the afternoon. "A" Sqn moved from SAUWERD at 0800 hrs via marked map att as appx 6B and arrived at regtl conc area at 1530 hrs. The trip was uneventful. The Sqn was billeted in a school at BOSEL MR 148302 previously reced by R H G. Weather cool with showers. Morale good.		<i>Handwritten initials</i>
MR 127905	26 Apr 45			The Regt spent the morning on the usual routine and in the afternoon Sqns engaged in sports. "C" Sqn had a movie in the evening. "A" Sqn had a day of veh maintenance. Weather cool and clear. Morale good.		<i>Handwritten initials</i>
MR 127905	27 Apr 45			The Regt remained in the same location waiting for the front to break. The Regtl task as outlined by 2 Cdn Armd Bde was to exploit North to WILHEMSHAVEN. It seemed that the front would remain static indefinitely due to wet weather and boggy terrain. The roads in the area were continuing to get worse. The Sqns continued to rest having completely refitted. A movie was shown to "B" and "D" Sqns in the evening.		<i>Handwritten initials</i>