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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events and information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
IKKUN-NI	2 April		<p>MR 664989. The battalion moved off again this morning. In completing phase two A Coy moved forward to hill 1267, C Coy moved up pass from CHUKTAE and then on to hill 1014, MR 643003. D Coy is to remain in its present location on hill 974 as is B Coy on hill 1250. Tac Main moved around to IKKUN-NI, MR 664989, as soon as C Coy secured hill 1014. Tac HQ reached IKKUN-NI by 1450 hrs and the battalion went firm on their objective at 1535 hrs.</p> <p>The remaining battalions of the Bds are to pass through us tomorrow and 2 PPCLI are to go into Bde reserve, in the vicinity of the village of SORAKKAE, MR 636023. At 1900 hrs 27 th Bde HQ passed down instructions for tomorrows operation. We are to have a limited role, 1 platoon on hill 473, MR 641026 and 1 platoon on hill 583, MR 629029, the remainder to go into test in the vicinity of village of SORAKKAE.</p> <p>While 81 MM Mortars were ranging in their DF tasks one bomb fell into C Coy HQ and killed three men at approximately 1800 hrs.</p> <p>The IO is to recce a route to SORAKKAE and areas for the coys tomorrow morning.</p>	<p>These are the initials of the author of the diary.</p> <p><i>A. J. Mink</i></p>

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SORAKKAE Korea	3 Apr		<p>MR 636023. The battalion went into Bde reserve to-day. B Coy moved down to the vicinity of IKKUN-NI at 0600 hrs and embussed for their move to road and track junction at MR 647028 where it debussed and moved to Hill 473 with one platoon on top and the remainder of the coy around the base of the hill. D Coy also moved down from Hill 974 and proceeded to the vicinity of Hill 583, MR 629029 with one platoon up on top and the remainder in the vicinity of Tac HQ.</p> <p>The move was completed by 1730 hrs when A and C Coy moving forward from their hill positions arrived at Tac HQ and were guided to their Coy areas by the IO.</p> <p>The field kitchens were moved into coy areas and the battalion mounted a 30% guard at 1930 hrs.</p>	
SORAKKAE	4 Apr		<p>The battalion went into Bde reserve this morning and the day was spent in cleaning equipment and taking stock of shortages preparatory to re-equipping the battalion.</p> <p>Hot meals were served for the first time in weeks and were a welcome change after a steady diet of C rations.</p> <p>A 30% guard was mounted again tonight though this may be reduced tomorrow when the platoons come down from their outpost positions.</p> <p>The 3 RAR and 1 A & SH have encountered limited opposition just North of the 38th parallel, but there is little likelihood of the battalion's being committed for a few days yet.</p>	<p>AAHuek</p> <p>AAHuek</p>

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SORAKKAE	5 April		<p>The battalion is still in reserve and primarily concerned with equipment and rest.</p> <p>To-day 37 OR's reinforcements arrived to bring the battalion almost up to strength.</p> <p>Permission has been granted for the battalion to withdraw it's platoons from their hill positions for a welcome rest.</p>	
SORAKKAE	6 April		<p>Still no sign of a move. The whole Bde is stationary to-day waiting for the 6th ROK Division to come up on the right.</p> <p>Battalion activities were confined to care of equipment and refitting of the coys and coy personnel. The CO has urged a strong effort to smarten the men's appearance by at least replacing torn and worn uniforms and rearranging their kit.</p> <p>Large packs are still being carried as weather is still cold, especially on the hills. Any further move forward in this area from line KANSAS will mean increasingly difficult supply problems.</p> <p>There is to be an "O" group at Bde tomorrow at 0930 hrs.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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SORAKMAE Korea	7 Apr		<p>There was an "O" Group at Bde at 0930 hrs. The CO and IO returned at 1230 hrs after receiving a route across the 38th parallel for allocation for Tac HQ. Major H.D.P. Tighe, MC, and Lt A.P.P. McKenzie were the first Canadians to cross the 38th in this sector.</p> <p>A Battalion "O" Group was held at 1500 hrs and the CO gave the Coy Comds the present situation and outlined the battalion objective which is to secure the line of hills extending North from the forward positions of the 1 A & SH at MR 660070 to PIKE, Hill 719 at MR 643107 on line KANSAS. (Trace "P").</p> <p>On the left the 3 RAR already have occupied positions extending from Hill 523, MR 632061 to DAISY, Hill 970 at MR 620097.</p> <p>The "O" Group ended at 1545 hrs and the coys prepared to move off the next morning. Due to congested traffic conditions on the single lane road in the Bde sector the move tomorrow will be made entirely on foot.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Tac HQ Korea	8 Apr		<p>MR 631064 sheet 6628 2. The battalion moved off at 0700 hrs and crossed the 38th parallel at 1000 hrs with D Coy leading followed by Tac HQ, C, A, and B Coys in that order.</p> <p>At 1100 hrs D Coy was at MR 635084 and starting to move up towards objective POPPY, Hill 989 at MR 646090. Advance Tac HQ set up at MR 635085 and C Coy passed through Tac HQ and took up a position in the vicinity of MR 636087 by 1130 hrs. At 1200 hrs A Coy passed the vicinity of Tac HQ and began it's climb towards POPPY preparatory to it's attack on GLADIOLA.</p> <p>By 1300 hrs D Coy reached POPPY without opposition and firmed up there. The way was now clear for A Coy to pass through D Coy and attack GLADIOLA MR 644100. At 1415 hrs A Coy reported that they were in position and were moving toward GLADIOLA.</p> <p>A Coy came under SA and AW fire at MR 645096 at 1600 hrs and immediately pushed forward a patrol to determine the strength and location of the enemy position. They reported the enemy to be in platoon strength on GLADIOLA and Capt Owen Brown organized a coy attack which successfully secured the objective by 1700 hrs. A Coy suffered two casualties and a stretcher party was despatched to bring them in.</p> <p>In the meantime Tac Main had moved to vicinity of village of MINONGDAE MR 631064, B Coy had moved up to a supporting position South of C Coy and C Coy went firm at MR 636090. Advance Tac HQ moved back to Tac Main position and the battalion went firm at 1830 hrs.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
MINONGDAE Korea	9 Apr		<p>There was no significant enemy activity during the day. At 1300 hrs A Coy casualties were evacuated by helicopter. The lack of activity is again due to the slow progress of the 6th ROK Div on our right. Our immediate flank unit is the 2 Bn RCT 6 ROK Div.</p> <p>At 2025 hrs an enemy patrol of approximately 20 men approached A Coy area on GLADIOLA. Their presence was discovered when they set off a trip flare DF tasks fired by 16 NZ Fd Regt, the 81 MM Mortars forced the enemy patrol to withdraw with undetermined casualties. A Coy suffered no casualties and the attack was finished by 2104 hrs.</p> <p>For the first time the battalion has a relatively short supply route and considerable relief has been made possible for the rice burners. Capt Mills has been placed in charge of the supply point and supplies are moving smoothly to the coys.</p> <p>There has been no move by the battalion to-day. Again the 6th ROK seems to have little interest in moving forward to judge by it's present lack of activity.</p> <p>The weather is remaining relatively warm, at least during the daytime. The nights are still cold and most of the men are still wearing their parkas and with cause.</p> <p>The Engineers are working hard to improve the Bde road in order to facilitate the Bde supply movement forward.</p>	<p>Attack</p> <p>Attack</p>

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events and information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
MINONGDAE Korea	11 April		<p>To-day B Coy moved from its reserve position and passed through A Coy and succeeded in occupying PIKE, MR 643107 without opposition by 1230 hrs. A enemy group moving towards PIKE was forced to withdraw by supporting fire. Forward elements came briefly under Mortar fire and one man was wounded. Tac HQ which had been with A Coy and later B Coy returned to Tac Main by 1400 hrs.</p> <p>"Rest and Recuperation" leave started to-day with Captain A. Foulds, battalion MMG officer taking the first party of 12 OR's for five days leave to Japan.</p> <p>No activity took place during the night.</p> <p>On the left the 1 Middlesex moved into an assembly area ahead of C Coy and prepared to move forward to DAB, "see trace "Q" in conjunction with the move forward of the 3 RAR on the left and the 2 PPCLI to KIPPER on the right.</p>	
MINONGDAE	12 April		<p>Tac HQ moved to B Coy HQ at 0700 hrs and at 0730 hrs C Coy moved from their (Trace "Q") position behind the 1 Middlesex to B Coy's position preparatory to their attack on KIPPER, MR 643116.</p> <p>Immediately following two air strikes on DAB and KIPPER C Coy moved forward and secured KIPPER by 1145 hrs.</p> <p>On the left the 1 Middlesex encountered considerable enemy opposition and at 1830 hrs had failed to get to DAB. The three RAR Coy moving forward from DAISY, hill 970, also encountered stiff enemy resistance and were unable to advance more than 2000 yards. Brigade positions at last light as shown on trace "Q"</p> <p>Little activity during the night. D Coy was warned to move down at first light in order to give them as much rest as possible.</p>	

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MINONGDAE Korea	13 April		<p>No activity to-day for the battalion. D Coy moved down from POPPY into a reserve coy position.</p> <p>The 1 Middlesex and 3 RAR again moved towards DAB and by 1730 hrs after a fairly stiff battle succeeded in securing DAB and the ridge leading to it.</p> <p>27 Bde insisted that we continue to advance, this time in a North-east direction toward hill 826 at MR 656134, code name TROUT. D Coy was warned to be ready to move at 0700 hrs the next morning.</p> <p>No activity that night took place and all coys passed a quiet night.</p>	<p>THH Mack</p>
MINONGDAE	14 April		<p>Tac HQ consisting of CO, IO and sigs personnel moved to C Coy position on KIPPER. The MMG were placed in position in a saddle on KIPPER where they could cover D Coy's advance to TROUT.</p> <p>D Coy moved off at 0700 hrs and reached KIPPER at 1245 hrs. They moved off along ridge towards TROUT and at 1510 hrs there leading elements came under SA and AW fire from an intermediate feature, hill 795 (TURBOT). ZA 3846 Lt. L. Hill was wounded in a platoon attack which immediately followed the initial contact. At 1655 hrs the coy attack went in with artillery support on TROUT and MMG and 81 MM mortar fire on TURBOT. This attack was successful in reaching TURBOT, but the position was untenable due to the proximity of the dominating hill on the same ridge line and the vulnerable position of the coy on a ridge having easy flank approaches. Lt. M.G. Levy led the attack with great spirit and succeeded in reaching the well held Chinese bunker on TURBOT with his platoon. However the coy withdrew on the CO's orders and firmed up on KIPPER at 1835 hrs. D Coy casualties were 5 wounded including Lt L. Hill and Sgt Gray who became acting platoon commander when Lt Hill was wounded.</p>	<p>THH Mack</p>

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Place	Date	Time	Summary of events and information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
MINONGDAE Korea	15 April		<p>Tac HQ spent the night at B Coy HQ. No activity during the night.</p> <p>At 0700 hrs Lt J. Pearson led his platoon forward to TURBOT, hill 795 to determine whether or not the enemy had withdrawn during the night. At 0900 hrs Lt Pearson reported TURBOT clear and Major R.K. Swinton MC, moved his Coy forward to TURBOT. Lt Pearson was then sent on another patrol toward TROUT, hill 826 MR 658136. He was to determine whether or not the enemy were occupying TROUT. At 1400 hrs Lt Pearson took his patrol onto the forward slopes of TROUT and came under fire from enemy positions on TROUT itself. His patrol was withdrawn and D Coy firmed up for the night on TURBOT. Harassing fire was maintained for the remainder of the day and night in order to induce the enemy to retire during the night.</p> <p>Only enemy activity was periodic mortar fire on TURBOT. Tac HQ returned to Tac Main at 1630 hrs. One pioneer lost his hand when a hand grenade exploded near Tac Main.</p>	
MINONGDAE	16 April		<p>At 0700 hrs D Coy with Lt Levy's platoon leading moved to attack TROUT. No opposition was encountered until top of hill 826 was reached at which time leading elements of D Coy came under light SA and AW fire from small hill feature MR 660136. No further opposition was encountered and TROUT was secured by 1400 hrs. At 1500 hrs a few rounds of scattered enemy mortar fire fell into D Coy's forward area without causing any casualties or damages.</p> <p>On the left A Coy of the 3 RAR passed through 1 Middlesex position on the forward slopes of SARDINE, MR 639138 and by 1430 hrs had secured SARDINE against stiff enemy resistance.</p> <p>27th Bde HQ notified all battalions at 1900 hrs to-day that they were due to be relieved by 19th RCT, 6th ROK Div on or about 17 April 51.</p>	

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MINONGDAE Korea	17 Apr		<p>No significant activity by the battalion to-day the day was spent in improving coy positions and speculating on the date of our relief by the 19th RCT's.</p> <p>Delay in the relief has been occasioned by the slow advance of the 6th ROK Division on our immediate right. 27 Bde now occupies strong positions on line UTAH as previously agreed. It now remains for the 6th ROK Div to complete their advance in order that the Bde may be relieved.</p>	AAAnex
MINONGDAE Korea	18 Apr		<p>The battalion's activity was confined to light patrolling in the valleys to the East of the ridge line now held by D Coy. No enemy have been observed in the area and as yet there are no signs of the leading elements of the 2 Bn 19 RCT.</p> <p>In preparation for the relief of the Bde, representatives of the relieving battalions came to Bde area. The IO conducted officers of the 1 Bn 19 RCT on a tour of our battalion positions.</p> <p>At the CO's "O" Group at 1630 hrs Coy Comds were warned of the proposed relief tomorrow, the relief is to start at 0900 hrs and the battalion is to move to it's Corps reserve area near the town of CHUNGCHON-NI, MR 688886. Sheet 6727 4. The relief to be complete by 1830 hrs.</p> <p>No enemy activity took place during the night.</p>	AAAnex

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
MINONGDAE Korea	19 Apr		<p>Relief started with the arrival of 1 Bn representatives at 1100 hrs, by 1830 hrs elements of the 1 Bn 19 RCT had reached our battalion positions at GLADIOLA, PIKE, and KIPPER but made no attempt to occupy TROUT.</p> <p>Major Swinton was relieved at 1730 hrs by representatives of the 1 Bn 19 RCT and moved down to embuss. At 2330 hrs D Coy, the last of our coys to be relieved, arrived in the battalion rest area and moved into their coy area.</p> <p>The camp area chosen is excellent and the hot meal provided by the coy kitchens was the first that the men of the battalion had eaten for over a week. Tentage was in short supply and for the first time the battalion was issued with shelter halves which will be arranged neatly in coy areas to accomodate the troops tomorrow.</p>	<p>AAAmek</p>
Corps Reserve Area Korea	20 Apr		<p>MR 685885. To-day the battalion's activities were confined to laying out the camp, cleaning equipment, servicing weapons, and kit inspection. Lists of shortages were submitted to the battalion Quartermaster Capt P.M. Pine and every effort is to be made to bring the battalion up to scratch in regard to it's equipment. Shortage of uniforms has made it necessary to issue British battle dress in place of our own.</p> <p>The battalion will mount a ceremonial guard each night by coys. The guard will consist of 60 men who will be drawn from each coy in turn and paraded before the Adjutant by a junior officer of the coy.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>AAAmek</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and information	Remarks, references to appendices and initials
Corps reserve area Korea	21 Apr		<p>Battalion activities were confined to a continued processing of equipment and uniforms, the afternoon was spent in sports under the supervision of Lt Levy.</p> <p>The IO was sent on a recce on the route to CHUNCHON, square 8892 and up the PUKHAN River to vicinity SAPIYONG-NI square 8303. The recce returned at 1530 hrs. Muster parades were held by all coys for the first time since the battalion was last in Corps reserve at CHIPYONG-NI, the muster was held in order to obtain an accurate count and nominal roll of the battalion.</p> <p>A vehicle inspection was started in the battalion in order to make as many vehicles as possible serviceable. Lack of maintenance and extremely rough road condition have led to serious deterioration of all the vehicles in the battalion.</p> <p>Due to the outbreak of several cases of malaria in the battalion Paludrine tablets are to be issued henceforth on a scale of one per man per day.</p>	
Corps reserve area	22 Apr		<p>To-day the battalion continued to check it's equipment and rest it's personnel.</p> <p>At 0930 hrs the IO left on a further recce to CHIAN-NI square 7804 and to SOPA square CS 4889, returned from this recce at 1830 hrs. The purpose of these recces was to determine the practicability of the use of the roads to the various places named as avenues of approach to critical areas on the front. Lt-Col J.R. Stone DSO-, MC, returned to the battalion to-day after recovering from an attack of smallpox which he contracted on or about the 20 Mar 51.</p>	<p>AAAnk</p> <p>AAAnk</p>

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Corps reserve area Korea	23 Apr		<p>Battalion activities still confined to interior economy despite disturbing reports of enemy activity on the front.</p> <p>Last night at 2100 hrs a strong enemy force launched an attack against elements of the 2nd ROK Regt in the vicinity square 7118 and 7418 and by 2215 hrs had penetrated to the 15 East-West grid line causing a withdrawal throughout the entire sector. By midnight HQ 6 ROK Div could no longer give locations of their units and in the opinion of the US 9 Corps Commander the situation had collapsed beyond control of the 6 ROK Div.</p> <p>At 0800 hrs Lt-Col J.R. Stone and the IO left for Bde and upon returning at 0900 hrs a Bn "R" Group was called for 1100 hrs and the Coy Commanders, MMG Officer, Mortar Officer, Sigs Officer and Arty Officer left for a recce of the position the battalion was to occupy tonight.</p> <p>Due to taking the wrong road at the start the "R" Group did not return from it's recce of Hill 677 MR 685935 until 1730 hrs.</p> <p>The Bn "O" Group was called at 1800 hrs and the CO outlined the situation and passed his final orders.</p> <p>The Bde position will be as follows 1 Middlesex are to occupy the high ground vicinity Hill 794 in square 6996 with 3 coys, 1 coy of the 1 Middlesex is to be detached to support 1 troop of the 16 NZ Fd Regt which will be in the vicinity of TODAE-RI in support of 19 Regt 6 ROK Div. 2 PPCLI will occupy the high ground extending from the MSR West to Hill 677 square 6893. 3 RAR plus the 72nd Tank Coy will occupy high ground in squares 7293 and 7393.</p>	

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Corps reserve area	23 Apr	(Cont'd)	<p>The 1 KOSB will relieve the 1 A & SH vicinity Hill 225 at MR 717290. At 1900 hrs the battalion moved off and with the exception of Tac HQ and the mortars was in position at 2200 hrs. Due to narrowness of the road, the half tracks of the mortars were unable to move quickly and Tac HQ was not in position at MR 699926 until 0400 hrs 24 Apr. A Coy went firm on high ground at MR 700935, B Coy at MR 682947, C Coy at MR 692938, D Coy at MR 682933.</p> <p>At 2000 hrs the 3 RAR were in position in squares 7293 and 7393, their Tac HQ was in the village of SOKCHANG-NI at MR 724927, the 72nd tank coy was deployed in the valley and on the high ground just East of their Tac HQ. At 2100 hrs the 1 Middlesex, influenced by the rapid withdrawal of the 6th ROK Div, and fearing for the safety of their detached coy withdrew from their assigned area to the high ground dominating a bend of the KAPYONG River in squares 6991 and 7091. By 2200 hrs leading elements of the 118th CCF Div were heavily engaging the 2 Australian coys on the low ridge line extending North-East from the village of SOMOK-TONG MR 725940. Failing to dislodge the Australians at this point the attacking Chinese force which now constituted nearly 2 full Regts diverted their main attack to the Australian coys holding the high ground leading to Hill 504 square 7493. The attack continued without letup throughout the night, and by 0900 hrs with his communications disrupted, his CP continually over-run by small forces of Chinese, and without the support of the 4.2 inch mortars, or of the 1 Middlesex coy assigned to protect his left flank, Lt-Col Ferguson MC, Commanding the 3 RAR was forced to relinquish command to his coy comdrs to bring their coys out as best they might.</p> <p>The 72nd tank coy made 11 trips to the 3 RAR positions to evacuate wounded to the 3 RAR HQ now in position at MR 702914.</p>	<p>Battle of Kapyong</p> <p>AAAmex</p>

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Corps reserve area	23 Apr (Cont'd)		The evacuation of wounded was completed by 1400 hrs 24 April 51 and it was shortly to be the turn of the 2 PPCLI to bear the brunt of the Chinese attack. Australian casualties numbered 155 killed and wounded for the period of 2100 hrs 23 Apr to 1400 hrs 24 Apr 51.	AAmck
Tac Hq	24 Apr		<p>MR 699926. Tac Hq and the mortars were in position by 0400 hrs. Coys dug in as rapidly as possible in preparation for heavy attacks that were expected that night. Throughout the day reports continued to come in from the forward coys of an enemy build-up all along the battalion front.</p> <p>By 0730 hrs elements of the 118 CCF Div had infiltrated the Bde area at least as far as the village of TUNG MUDAE MR 703922 and to meet this threat Lt-Col Stone moved B Coy from its extended position ahead of D Coy on to the hill feature protecting the back door to the battalion area. B Coy was in position on the hill feature at MR 706927 by 1100 hrs.</p> <p>Tanks of 72 tank coy by this time engaged in supporting the withdrawal of the 3 RAR and evacuating their wounded opened fire on B Coy as they occupied the hill feature, wounding one man slightly. By 1300 hrs continual reports were coming in from B Coy of increasing enemy activity in the area of the village of NAECHON at MR 708928. B Coy continue to prepare its newly occupied position as rapidly as possible in anticipation of an attack that night.</p> <p>At approximately 2130 hrs Major C.V. Lilley MC, OC B Coy reported a concentration of 400 Chinese on the flat ground below his forward platoon position and asked for arty and mortar concentrations on this area by 2200 hrs the forward platoon commanded by Lt H. Ross was being engaged with increasing ferocity and by 2230 hrs Major Lilley reported that his forward platoon had been partially over-run and was pulling back into the main coy defense area vicinity MR 700927.</p>	AAmck

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Tac HQ	1951 Apr 24	Cont	<p>By 2300 hrs the greater part of the over-run platoon had managed to return to the coy defense perimeter. Due to the fierce nature of the fighting, the darkness, and confusion of the withdrawal exact casualty figures were difficult to obtain.</p> <p>At the same time as the attack was in progress on B Coy positions a small body of Chinese attempted to infiltrate the battalion area by approaching up the valley behind Tac HQ. The machine guns of the mortar platoon engaged this enemy and succeeded in beating off this threat, with unknown results. Shortly afterwards a large body of Chinese were seen fording the KAPYONG River MR 702919. The bright moonlight silhouetted the Chinese and gave the 50 calibre machine guns on the half tracks a good target.</p> <p>At 0130 hrs D Coy reported considerable movement in their Coy area, particularly in the 10 platoon area, and called for arty and 81mm Mortar DF fire. By 0200 hrs it was apparent that a considerable force, later estimated at 200 men, was moving against D Coy. The axis of their attack lay along the ridge line leading to Hill 677 from the WEST. 10 platoon commanded by Lt MG LEVY was the western-most platoon of the Coy and by 0230 hrs was heavily engaged from 3 sides by an overwhelming number of Chinese. The attack developed so rapidly and attained such a momentum that the MMG section supporting 10 platoon from 12 platoon was over-run and the gun temporarily lost to the enemy. In this brief action both members of the MMG crew were killed at their gun which was later recovered was found to have an unexpended portion of the belt still in position. Without the support of this MMG section the position of 10 platoon would have been even more desperate than it was.</p> <p>By 0300 hrs 10 platoon was cut off and 12 platoon was completely over-run and had withdrawn to Coy HQ. Lt MG LEVY asked for close in mortar and arty support. The acting Coy Commander, Capt JGW MILLS, realizing that his outnumbered Coy must have some relief called for the support requested by Lt LEVY bringing fire to bear very close to his own Coy positions. Most of this fire was concentrated on the most heavily engaged platoon of the Coy. This stragem was successful in driving off the attacking Chinese however, the Chinese continued to engage D Coy until 0700 hrs.</p> <p>The Chinese continued to attempt an infiltration of the battalion area through D Coy despite the arty and mortar fire. Each time arty engaged them they were</p>	<p>AAAMEK</p> <p>AAAMEK</p>

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	Apr 25		<p>forced to withdraw, but continued to engage D Coy with accurately sighted MMG and Mortar fire. With the approach of day light the Chinese withdrew and 12 platoon reestablished its position between Coy HQ and 10 platoon.</p> <p>Throughout the day the Chinese continued to maintain their harassing fire on 10 platoon and the remainder of D Coy. Supplies were brought up under fire and at one time it was thought that 10 platoon would have to be withdrawn from its exposed position, but at last light 10 platoon was still on its lonely hill well out from the rest of the Company. Chinese long range AW fire made the Coy position uncomfortable throughout the day and night, but by the next morning Chinese pressure was completely removed and remained so until the battalion was relieved.</p> <p>MR 699926. Pte BARWISE risked his life leading Lt WHITTAKER's platoon from C Coy in a successful attempt to recapture the MMG lost the previous night.</p> <p>With the battalion surrounded and in need of supplies and ammunition Lt Col STONE called for an air drop the air drop took place at 1030 hrs and was very successful. Supply trains were organized and deliveries were made to the Coys as rapidly as possible.</p> <p>By 1400 hrs patrols from B Coy reported the road at the base of the battalion position clear of the enemy and Lt Col JR STONE requested that further supplies and reinforcements be brought up by vehicle as rapidly as possible.</p> <p>The coys continued to improve their positions in case of a delay of the battalion's relief and in anticipation of continued Chinese attack.</p> <p>Elements of the 1st Cav Div were to move up the valley and counter-attack briefly in the area NORTH of our present position. Probable date of the 28th Brigade relief is the 26 Apr 51.</p> <p>Enemy activity on the battalion front was limited to light patrolling without and penetration of the battalion perimeter.</p> <p>With the relief of the 1 A and SH by the 1 KOSB to-day the changeover from</p>	

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	1951 Apr 25		<p>the 27th BCB to the 28th BCB is complete. In a special order of the day, Brigadier BA BURKE turned over to 28 Brigade and commended the traditions of 27 Brigade and of those units of the Commonwealth Forces remaining with 28 Brigade in Korea.</p> <p>At 1900 hrs warning order was recieved from 28 Brigade for the proposed withdrawal on the 26 Apr 51.</p> <p>Capt DR HARRISON promoted to Major, Coy Commander of C Coy.</p>	<p>AAAmek</p>

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	Apr 26		<p>MR 699926. At 0700 hrs CO received definite orders to the effect that the relief would take place and that it was to be complete by 1630 hrs. The relieving battalion is to be 1 Bn, 5 RCT, 1 Cav Div. The order of the move in the Brigade will be KOSB, 1 Middlesex, 2 PPCLI, and 3 RAR. The battalion order of move C, B, A, Tac HQ and D Coy, 81mm and 4.2 inch mortar. The area to which that battalion moved was vicinity village of NONGOL at MR 623793 sheet 6627 II,. Tac HQ was established in the village of NONGOL. C Coy went on to Hill 260 at MR 627804, B Coy to high ground vicinity MR 623805, A Coy went on high ground vicinity MR 615796 and D Coy arrived at 2000 hrs took up a position on the hill feature at MR 624793. 81mm Mortars and F Echelon went into position at MR 624795. D Coy arrived late due to the slowness of the relieving force in arriving D Coy's area.</p> <p>The anticipated axis of the Chinese advance was down the CHOJONG River valley from the NORTH-WEST. This was the axis of withdrawal of the badly mauled elements of the 21st RCT, 24 Div. The 19 RCT, 24 Div held the high ground due West from the town of CHANGGONG-NI, MR 610772. 28 Brigade was to form the rear guard to cover the withdrawal of the elements of 24 Div retreating from the vicinity of HYON-NI, MR 548864.</p> <p>No activity throughout the night and a continued and orderly withdrawal is scheduled for tomorrow.</p>	

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NANGOL Korea	27 Apr		MR 623794. To-day the battalion moved further back to vicinity NAE-BONG sheet 6626 1 and occupied another rear guard position on the high ground in squares MR 5370, 5470. The battalion arrived in it's new area at 1830 hrs and occupied previously un-recced areas in the dark and driving rain. The coys spent the night digging in. The night passed without activity.	-21 AAAmek
NAE-DONG Korea	28 Apr		At 0700 hrs a message was recieved from 28 Bde HQ in forming the CO that the Bde was being withdrawn to a Corps reserve position in the vicinity of YNGPYONG MR CS 6947 sheet CHUNCHON 1/250,000. At 0900 hrs the battalion moved off accompanied by our 4.2 inch mortar support coy and arrive in the Bde rest area at approximately 1530 hrs. The men extremely tired by this time, and very much in need of an opportunity to rest, clean their equipment and dry out their uniforms.	AAAmek
Corps reserve area	29 Apr		MR CS 6947. Battalion activities confined to interior economy and rest throughout the day. At 1300 hrs the CO was informed of an impending move into an area East of our present location which the battalion had previously occupied. At 1430 hrs the CO left for an air recce of the area to which we were scheduled to move. At 1600 hrs he returned to camp and called for an "O" Group at 1630 hrs at which he gave preliminary orders for a move sometime tomorrow, or the day after. Major Tighe 2 i/c battalion took Coy Comdrs on a recce of battalion defensive positions in the YANGPONG area.	AAAmek

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Corps reserve area Korea	30 Apr		<p>MR CS 6947. Another day spent on interior economy and resting the battalion. The move to the CHIPYONG-NI area is still scheduled for tomorrow. A recce party was despatched under Major H.D.P. Tighe for a preliminary recce of the new area.</p> <p>At 2345 hrs the orders for the battalion move tomorrow were changed and the battalion is now to take up defensive positions on the HAN River vicinity square MR 4360 on the TUETO sheet near the village of TOKSI-EI, they will relieve 1 Bn 19 RCT 24 Div.</p>	AAAmek

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