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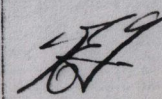
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MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	1 Nov 45		<p>OF THE PERTH REGIMENT, C.A.O. for the month ending 30 Nov 45</p> <p>This month started out quite similarly to the month of Oct in that the Regiment again promoted good relations between the Sneek civilians and ourselves. Four 60-cwts were laid on to transport some students from this town to an Arial Navigators Demonstration in Amsterdam; our Regiment has been most co-operative in this way and when possible an honest attempt is made to make transport available to the civilians whenever our trucks are going on journeys and are not completely filled. In return for this we have received every co-operation from them and there has at no time been hard feeling here as there has been elsewhere. The CBN came in for some help from us as well. We provided one 60-cwt to carry a guard from the CBN Regt to Appeldoorn to act as a CBN Guard there. Meantime our Regimental Soccer Team went to Leeuwarden this morning to prepare for the afternoon game with the G.G.H.G.s in the first game of the Divisional Finals. It had been predicted that their opponents would be the 8 Fd Regt but this proved to be wrong. The play in the afternoon went favorably for us and the Perths came away victorious by a score of 2-1. Lieut V.E. Fryer also went to Leeuwarden to act as Administration Officer at 11 CIB School for one week. Our Adjutant, Capt D.L.Thompson, suffered an injured shoulder in the Rugby Game between the 5 Div Team and the Atoms played at Utrecht and was given sick leave in consequence. A/Capt H.Cree is pinch-hitting for him until he returns. It has been necessary to include in Lt I Orders a reminder about dress--the first time this has occurred in a long time. There were no scheduled sports for the afternoon as the weather and recent reduction in companies has made a schedule prohibitive. Normal company parades were carried out in the morning. Since this was Tuesday there was no dance for the men in the evening and they either went to the Avon Theatre, the Perth Plaza or into Leeuwarden to the Granite Club via the Colonial Coaches.</p> <p>Weather: fog and rain all day Strength: 21 Offrs, 539 C.R.s</p>	

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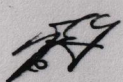
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MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	2 Nov 45		<p>This morning was not particularly pleasant owing to the fog and rain which one could see by means of a quick glance out the window. Despite this the companies held their parades and made certain each person was where he should be and doing his job. B and C Coys had their morning filled with Bath Parades which the men look forward to regardless of the cold spell we have had lately. The Mobile Bath Sec has been working constantly and without breakdowns since we arrived in Sneek. The Bde Commander called a meeting of all C.O.s this afternoon and outlined the course and plan for the movement home of this Division. It was indicated that our Regiment would be moving on or about 2 Dec. Good news. Our unit Dental Officer, Capt S. Harrison, left this afternoon on privilege leave for Paris and left word that Dental Parades had been arranged with the Irish Regt and that transport had been laid on daily to take care of same. Nothing of importance otherwise occurred throughout the afternoon. The O.R.s had their regular dance at the Amicitia in the evening. No postings and no leaves. Administration quiet which is as well for the end of the month promises to be rich in possible confusion prior to moving.</p> <p>Weather: fog and rain continued Strength: 21 Cffrs, 539 O.R.s</p>	

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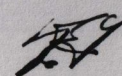
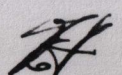
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LR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	3 Nov 45		Leaves came through with a bang to-day when the unit sent 14 O.R.s away to Amsterdam for 72 hrs; these are about the only leaves outside of those to Brussels that the men seem interested in. For the most part they seem to consider they will be in the U.K. soon enough to spend what money they have. HQ and A Coys had the benefit of the Bath Parades this morning consequent to the parades. This puts them one step ahead for the race for feminine companions at the Granite Club in Leeuwarden this evening. Saturday is usually a big night for the Perth there. One or two members of the Hockey Team returned from Amsterdam, where they are staying, to get a little money and collect overdue mail. It is reported that our team has not yet lost one of the exhibition games it has played. This is in true Perth fashion and they appear to be following in the footsteps of the Baseball and Soccer Teams. The main trouble seems to be in getting substitutes as there are only nine men so far. Weather: fog but no rain; cold Strength: 21 Offrs, 537 O.R.s	
LR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	4 Nov 45		Although the new Padre, Hon Capt Alex Rapson, arrived yesterday afternoon there was no Church Parade for the Protestant personnel this morning. The R.O.s were not, however, deprived of the privilege of attending Mass as they paraded to St. Boniface Institution as is usual on Sunday. The unit again provided transport for civilian Soccer teams to Bolsward and Leeuwarden this morning. The afternoon was quiet as is to be expected on Sunday although arrangements were made by the B.O.R. to send one O.R. forward on accelerated release. Weather: fog continued with intermittent rain Strength: 21 Offrs, 537 O.R.s	

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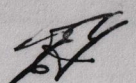
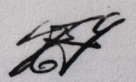
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MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	5 Nov 45		<p>To-day was the last day of the Bond Drive and the unit turned in an excellent return having subscribed to 273 per cent of their original objective of \$17,500. A Coy led the Regiment with a subscription of 343 per cent of their own quota. Most of these sales were taken out on the gratuity system although the outright purchases werenot too far behind. Lt-Col M.W.Andrew, our C.O., went to Aurich, Germany to begin formulating his defence for Kurt Meyer, Canada's No.1 War Criminal as he has been given the job of acting as Defence Counsel. This means we will see him but intermittently for some time in the future. This morning the Regiment provided a vehicle for Civilian Aid to the Dutch and one truck was despatched to the South of Holland with the purpose in view of delivering glass to Arnhem from Sneek. On the return journey shoes will be brought back from some town in the South of Holland to our own town of Sneek. A truck was also detailed to take 3 O.R.s to Groningen to 5 Div Transit Camp on their first leg of the journey to the U.K. in the case of two and to Brussels for the other three.</p> <p>Weather: fog with rain; cold Strength: 21 Offrs, 536 O.R.s</p>	
MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	6 Nov 45		<p>This was a great day for Regimental Sports. For the first time in a long while our Soccer Team had a home game and they played the second game of their Div Finals against the G.G.H.G.s at our own Sports Field this afternoon. The Perth team was victorious by a score of 3-1. The Hockey Team likewise played the opening game of the League Schedule at the Hague against the Irish Regt and won by 3-1 also; predictions previously made seem to be bearing fruit. Next game is against the CBH and should be a good one as the boys from the Bay are noted for their fighting spirit. Three of the officers went on leave to Paris to-day in the persons of Capt Tompkins, Lieut J.P.Fleming and Lieut W.C.Flemming. There were no scheduled leaves for the O.R.s.</p> <p>Weather: cold but clear Strength: 21 Offrs, 533 O.R.s</p>	

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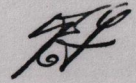
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LR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	7 Nov 45		<p>Although this was Wednesday there was no Battalion Parade as is the usual case; instead the parade is scheduled for Thursday. This was due to the Rugby Game played at Groningen between the 5 Div Team and the Army Troops "Blue Bombers" and cancellation of the parade gave every opportunity for a good turn out on the part of the Perths. The unit takes particular interest in the 5 Div entry as it has two officer members playing. Capt D.L.Thompson is a strong threat as a half-back while Capt "Duffy" Dent never fails to create an impression at centre. The men saw a good game both from the standpoint of both the score and the score with the 5 Divvers coming out on top 5-3. After the game the officers trooped into Groningen and took advantage of the Hotel Hoffman there and then proceeded over to the Mass Hotel for the evening dance. This is perhaps the first time since we left Groningen for Sneek that the "corps" has been seen in the Mass at one time. There were leaves granted to 8 O.R.s during the course of the day and they left from the Transit Camp at Groningen for the U.K. Lieut G.G.Getty to the U.K. and Lieut V.E.Fryer back to Sneek.</p> <p>Weather: overcast and threatening but no rain; cold Strength: 21 Offrs, 531 O.R.s</p>	

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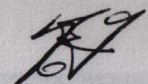
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MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	8 Nov 45		<p>Battalion Parade was held this morning at the Sports Park at 1000 hrs. in lieu of the one which should have been held yesterday. The parade was not enhanced by the cold and it was with relief that the men returned to warmer places although they did not show any uneasiness during the ceremony. Administratively the battalion was quiet but there was sufficient sport to make up for this. In Groningen the Regimental Soccer Team played and defeated the G.G.H.G.s 3-1 in the second game of the Divisional Finals. One more win and they will have succeeded in gaining the Championship. Meantime the Hockey Team was turning in a victory over the CBH at Amsterdam; a victory that placed them on top of the league. The final score of 7-0 is not to be taken as criterion of the play we are informed as the game was hard fought all the way. Our Teams seem to be carrying the torch handed them by the Baseball Team in a very worthy fashion. The Regimental Basketball Team held a practice in Mangover Hall in Leeuwarden in preparation for their coming game against the Irish Regt to-morrow evening at the same place. This game will be the first of the series for them. During the day 16 O.R.s were despatched to Amsterdam on leave. Weather: cool with some rain Strength: 21 Offrs, 486 O.R.s</p>	

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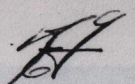
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LR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	9 Nov 45		<p>Our town of Sneek was to-day honored with a visit from Princess Juliana of the Netherlands. Our unit did not turn out a guard of honor or prepare any reception as all these things were well in hand under the aegis of the local officials. We did, however, provide some traffic control through the medium of our Regimental Provost but in the face of the tremendous turn-out of civilians they were helpless. Both the Officers' and Sgts' Messes were inaccessible because of the crowds and once inside there was little chance of getting out. It was, accordingly, necessary to cancel the Battalion Guard Mount. Normal parades were held in the morning to the dismay of some of the men they were warned for CAO draft and thus we had the first indication that the unit was preparing for the long journey home. A second one was forthcoming in the afternoon when it was learned that the last beer-run to Belgium was slated to move off in the early morning of the 10th. In the afternoon the Soccer Team again met and defeated the G.G.H.G.s this time by a score of 2-1. A meeting of the Entertainment Committees, both Military and Civilian was held in the Officers' Mess to lay plans for the forthcoming Sneek-Army week. This is to be held from the 19-24 of Nov and will officially be known as Canada-Holland Week although it amounts in essence to a Sneek-Army Week insofar as we are concerned. Capts Pattison and Dooley and Supervisor Ulley are representing the unit on the committee. In the evening the Basketball Team played and defeated the Irish Regt in their first game of the series by a score of 55 - 39 thus intimating that they are capable of holding their own with the other Regimental Teams. A good turn-out of spectators was present to see the game which was played at Hangover Hall, Leeuwarden and the fine brand of Basketball witnessed should encourage even more for the next game. Leaves were slack although 1 O.R. took privilege leave to Belgium in lieu of U.K. and the 51 O.R.s warned for CAO draft in the morning prepared to depart. The balance of the men turned out to their dance at the Amicitia or went to the show at the Avon Theater.</p> <p>Weather: intermittent and slight showers; cold</p> <p>Strength: 21 Offrs, 487 O.R.s</p>	

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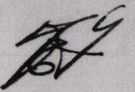
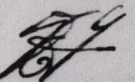
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MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	10 Nov 45		<p>While the companies were holding their morning parades the 51 O.R.s who are posted to CMOF were busy at the BOR getting final clearances prior to their actual departure and the Orderly Room was busy in consequence. C and B Coys held Bath Parades which kept them engaged for the balance of the morning. At the Appolo Rink in Amsterdam, meantime, the Regimental Hockey team played its third game of the series and defeated the 11 CIB entry by a score of 4-1 to maintain their unbeaten streak and hold their lead of the league. The Bde Championship seems within our grasp if the Team keeps on as at present. The day was otherwise quiet with the men going in to Leeuwarden for the Saturday evening activities or enjoying the facilities of the Pert Plaza. 1 O.R. was sent home on accelerated release.</p> <p>Weather: cold and damp but no rain Strength: 21 Offrs, 485 O.R.s</p>	
MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	11 Nov 45		<p>A very special Church Parade was held this day in the Service of Remembrance as appointed by His Majesty the King. Companies paraded independantly to the Clock Tower Church and were all seated by 1045 hrs in order that there would be no confliction with the 2 minute silence scheduled for 1100 hrs. A bugler from B Coy was detailed to sound "Last Post" and "Revielle" at the beginning and end of the silence. On this occasion there were no civilians in the Church, as is usual, as it was a closed service. They were nonetheless gathered outside and were thus able to hear the first bugle call played by the Regiment since its arrival in Sneek. Following the Church Service all the officers and ten men from each Coy in attendance with the Burgomaster and selected town dignitaries proceeded to the cemetary to lay a wreath on the Canadian graves of the QOR's who fell during the towns liberation. The ceremony was somewhat marred by the presence of slight rain but was duly conducted and ran smoothly despite this. Later in the day Major P.F.Fisher, Major J. Cowie and Major P.J.F.Baker returned from Paris leave. A truck had been lain on to transport the local soccer team to a nearby town in furtherance of our progressive aid-the-civilian policy.</p> <p>Weather: cold with wind and rain Strength: 21 Offrs, 485 O.R.s</p>	<p>Appendix # 2</p> 

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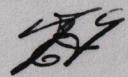
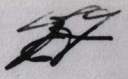
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MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	12 Nov 45		<p>This new week started off with a rather good day. Cross-postings in the case of 41 O.R.s was carried out in the course of the morning and started the unit on another phase of its repatriation proceedings. Word came through of the announcements of additional awards to some members of the unit, namely Major P.F.Fisher was awarded the Military Cross, RSM G.F.Curtis was awarded the M.M.; All178 Sgt W.J.Hansford was awarded the M.M. and B 132671 Pte (A/Cpl) D.C.Dorschner was also awarded the Military Medal. These awards have been published in Canada Gazette No. 45, Vol. LXXX dated 10 Nov 45. During the afternoon the officers proceeded into Hangover Hall, Leeuwarden, for badminton and entered the names for the forthcoming Badminton Tournament versus 11 CIB. The Basketball Team also availed itself of the opportunity to hold a practice. In the evening transport was laid on to take the men into Leeuwarden to see "Commando Performance"; those who did not do so remained behind to attend the dance or the show. The Dental Officer, Capt S.Harrison, returned late at night from leave in England.</p> <p>Weather: cold, slight drizzle Strength: 21 Offrs, 403 O.R.s</p>	
MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	13 Nov 45		<p>This day was spent quietly on the whole although there is an increased undercurrent of activity noticeable as the day of departure comes closer. Particularly is this so in the Quarter Stores and in the Canteens and Messes. A general clean-up is in progress, the most blatant evidence lying in the packing away in bundles of 10 of the rifles. Likewise, in the preparation for the visit of Lt-Gen Simonds tomorrow morning, a Guard of Honor was selected and drilled. Dental parades in pursuit of gingivitis were resumed for to-day and parades for this were scheduled. Lieuts J.P.Flemming and W.C.Fleming returned from Paris in time to go into Leeuwarden and watch our Basketball Team trim the combines 74 - 59. Some men also went to see "Commando Performance" at Harmony Hall.</p> <p>Weather: cold with an all-day rain Strength: 21 Offrs, 455 O.R.s</p>	

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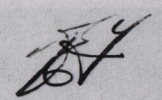
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MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	14 Nov 45		<p>In lieu of the regular Wednesday morning Battalion Parade companies paraded independently to the Amicitia Theatre, which had been taken over expressly for this purpose, to await the arrival of Lt-Gen Simonds at 1030 hrs. Prior to his arrival a series of educational films was run off and after a short delay the command "Present Arms" came ringing through the air to announce the arrival of the General. Once having taken his position on the stage he outlined to the unit the latest developments in the repatriation scheme and concluded with a good-bye message to us. Brigadier I.S. Johnston accompanied him afterwards to a room in the building where all the officers and N.C.O.s of the Perth and CBH Regiments had been assembled. The GOC personally shook hands with each present, inquired about each individuals post-war intentions and point of origin and said good bye and good luck. Major E.M. Shelgrove acted on behalf of Lt Col M.W. Andrew as Commander of the unit and in company with Brigadier Johnston, the GOC, was present at each of these interviews. When all was over they proceeded back to Bde in company with the Commanding Officer of the CBH. At 1830 hrs this evening a Farewell Dinner was held at the Amicitia Hotel, Leeuwarden for all the officers of 11 CIB and at which Lt Col Somerville as Bde Cdr presided. The affair was a great success in all respects from the point of view of spirit, food and drink. During the course of the evening entertainment was provided by various officers and climaxed by a specially chosen floor show as Lt Col Somerville had intimated in his opening address. The Sgts and senior N.C.O.s had likewise journeyed to Leeuwarden to hold a farewell party at the Roma Club and from all reports the activities there eclipsed that of the officers. One might truthfully remark that activity for the Perth Regiment was rampant on a grand scale as there was some special affair for all ranks to attend throughout the day as an extra special dance had been laid on for the O.R.s together with a rum ration. Morale was high and everyone was happy for the occasion was, after all, in celebration of our not too far removed departure for home.</p> <p>Weather: cold, slightly foggy; no rain Strength: 21 offrs, 443 O.R.s</p>	

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Mr. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	15 Nov 45		<p>Since it is fairly well established that our unit will be moving on or around Nov 28 the various offices have been casting a wary eye at the masses of paper in their files. The Educational Office was included in this and started to sort the various information. Among these papers were one or two copies of nominal rolls and announcement of courses that were thought to be worthy of an appendix in the War Diary. In all cases men from our unit attended. Included, also, is one list showing how men were employed in civilian work in our town of Sneek. Such men it is learned really profited from this work and made much progress in their chosen field. One, indeed, was so expert that he was employed to such an extent that he was responsible for the closing of the shop in which he was working when called away on parade for a one or two day period. The proprietor approached the C.O. for his return. Also, attached as an appendix is the nominal roll as of Nov 14 showing the personnel who will return home on repat representing the unit. The remainder of the present strength are to be cross-posted or proceed on CAOOF or repat draft as in the case of 3 O.R.s posted to CAOOF and 3 O.R.s posted CDA draft this morning.</p> <p>Weather: continued cold Strength: 21 Offrs, 445 O.R.s</p>	Appendix # 6 Appendix # 7 AF

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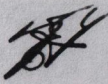
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LR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	16 Nov 45		<p>The continued cold and dampness severely interferes with outside activity on the part of the men. They are quite happy knowing that we are scheduled to move in the near future and are quite content to dismiss the poor weather with a shrug and continue about their own business of preparing to go home. Parades are regularly held both for morning roll calls and Bath Parades. It is expected, indeed, that the mobile bath unit will soon be moving and all are anxious to make as much use of it as possible now. Major H.A.Snelgrove has begun to be an over busy officer. He has all the Messes to instruct as to closing procedure re Mess funds and inventories as well as acting as C.O. The Perth Plaza has all ready begun to act on his advice as notice has been posted that all library books are to be returned; this is but one sign of the activity to come. Generally speaking there is a slight rise in the morale of the unit, although at no time could morale have been said to have been low. This is due in no mean part to the vigorous activity on the part of our 2 i/c Major H.A.Snelgrove who has shown considerable enterprise in his arrangements for the welfare of the men. Nothing has been overlooked, not even the spirit issue, which for the large part is difficult to obtain for O.R.s. Through his foresight our unit has avoided the cases of drunkenness through poor spirits which have led to grief in other areas. Perusal of the unit newspaper, "The Perthonian", will show the various enterprises established under his direction and once listed will form a worthy testimonial to his enterprise. This evening there was a dance for the men at the Amicitia Dance Hall and a show at the Avon Theatre for those otherwise inclined. The Sgts Mess had nothing scheduled although report would have it that the Sgts went to Leeuwarden for entertainment at the Roma Club.</p> <p>Weather: overcast; cold; slight frost</p> <p>Strength: 21 Offrs, 446 O.R.s</p>	

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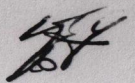
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LR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	17 Nov 45		<p>A quiet day on the surface although the subdued hum of preparations for departure was evident in the various Orderly Rooms. The B.O.R. in particular had a very busy time on the telephone as the calls from higher formations were coming in to give last minute instructions before the week-end commenced. Since Educational Classes have closed down there is little aside from the morning parades and fatigue details for the men to occupy themselves with. There are, of course, the parades to hand in equipment such as webbing and rifles but for the most part they are busy towards their own ends. The M.O. and D.O. are taking advantage of these lulls to call parades and make certain all is well from the health stand-point. This evening some former members of the Regt who are now serving CNOF paid a visit and were the guest of the Sgts Mess. They included RSM (former CSM of D Coy) S.J.M. Halliday, CSM W.J. Hall and CSM D. Fisher, now with the 3/MLI. The Sgts had these former members to dinner and then entertained them royally at the Roma Club, Leeuwarden. A large number of the officers were at the Princenhof Hotel, Eernewoude, for its last official week-end. For some it will be as a foreclosure on the old homestead as the Princenhof did not lack for the presence of Berth Officers at any time since its opening.</p> <p>Weather: restricted sunlight, cool Strength: 21 Offrs, 442 O.R.s</p>	

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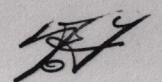
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LR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	18 Nov 45		<p>Sunday brought no Protestant Church Parade although the R.C.s had a parade at St. Boniface Institution, Leeuwarden Rd Sneek. This signifies that an R.C. padre must have joined the CBH as we have always looked to them for our R.C. Padres. Coys paraded independantly to the service and paraded well as it has been some time since an official parade has been feasible for them in this respect. Posters announcing the Canada-Holland Week have been posted and some inkling of the festivities forthcoming are available. We learn that there is to be one week of tournaments, shows, games and competitions in which our lads are to participate in conjunction with the civilians. Cpts W.Pattison and D.J.Dooley along with Supervisor E.J.J.Ulley promise to have a full week ahead of them as they are on the committee representing the unit in this enterprise. It would not be at all surprising, if at the end of this week the Dutch were to stage a party in our honor to show their appreciation of our co-operation with them throughout these months of our stay here. The forthcoming week should help to cement relationships. These people have never been backward in showing appreciation for favors and aid even though they have not a great deal to give. Our unit has been received on an extremely friendly basis by them.</p> <p>Weather: slightly warmer, some sun Strength: 21 Offrs, 447 O.R.s</p>	

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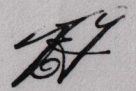
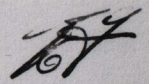
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MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	19 Nov 45		<p>Following the morning parades and roll call the CSMs of the companies had to revise their rolls again as the men the unit had sent forward as Bde Guard returned at 1030 hrs. They had been kept a day later than was necessary owing to an oversight at Bde wherein the next unit was not warned to provide substitutes. They were just in time, too, to take advantage of the last parade for Blood Test that the M.O. has been conducting regularly for the past while and to which there has been a hearty response. The D.O. was not to be out done and he called Dental Parade in his ceaseless toil to cut down the Trench Mouth prevalent in the army at present. Leaves have been cut off, even 72 hr ones, but the repat drafts continue and 1 O.R. was despatched on CDA draft this morning. In the evening the first of the Canada-Holland Week events commenced. The Avon Theatre presented a special picture of unusually long length for the Dutch civilians and a tremendous number turned out. In consequence our regular movie was late in starting and the men had a chance to take their lady friends to the Amicitia for one or two waltzes before the show started. Weather: cold with slight rain at night Strength: 21 Offrs, 445 O.R.s</p>	
MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	20 Nov 45		<p>A further sign that final preparations for the move are in progress came with the announcement by the Transport Officer that vehicles would be sent into Leeuwarden for classification. A good step had been taken earlier in the month when some of the vehicles had all ready been classified and the motorcycles turned in en masse. All 406's are to be completed by Nov 23 for all vehicles. We are, indeed, on the move. Continuing the Canada-Holland celebrations the Plaza was thrown open for the conduction of Bridge and ping-pong tournaments as well as a Dutch card game in which our men took an active part; some even did so well as to win some of the prizes which were donated jointly by the YMCA and the civilians. Judging from the enthusiasm thus far our final week should be one to remember for soldiers and civilians alike. Administratively the unit was quiet as there were no leaves and no cross-postings. Packing continues unabated. Weather: chilly and damp, frost overnight Strength: 21 Offrs, 444 O.R.s</p>	

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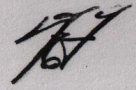
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MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	21 Nov 45		<p>To-day the men who had been on educational course at Leeuwarden (11 CIB School) returned. There was a slight reminder in the Intelligence Section that courses had been going on, if quietly, for the Adjutant sent in the November Orders for the various Educational Tours on which the unit personnel had either made application or participated for attachment as an appendix. Gathered in one pile the opportunities presented seem quite limitless when one considers they are only part of the vast program laid on. Of the set here included that dealing with the tour of Germany which A Coy embarked during September is perhaps, the most interesting although reports from other units intimate the ones to France run a close parallel. There was slight activity regimentally aside from Bath Larades as the Sports schedule on a Coy level has closed down. Regimentally, the Hockey Team continued its League games in Amsterdam and tied with the Irish 4-4. There was dancing in the evening at the Amicitia Dance Hall- a rather special affair as are most of them this week - a Regalia Dance as part of the weekly Canada - Holland festivities. This dance followed a Dutch Gymnastic Display of considerable talent featuring, as it intimates, gymnastic exhibitions and formations and club swinging. The week continues to meet with considerable success and both our men and the civilians are having a good time.</p> <p>Weather: extremely cold</p> <p>Strength: 21 Offrs, 446 O.R.s</p>	

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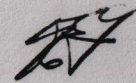
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MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	22 Nov 45		<p>Lt Col M.W.Andrew returned for a short visit from Aurich, Germany where he is acting as defence counsil for Lurt Meyer. The visit was indeed short as he was invited to a ceremony and dinner at Delfzyl, Holland celebrated in his honor. He attended in company with Major H.A.Snelgrove and Major P.J.F.Baker. Some very nice presents were given him by the Burgomaster of Delfzyl on behalf of the four towns he represents and which the unit under command of Lt Col Andrew liberated. One of these was a parchment investing our O.C. as First Citizen of Delfzyl. This is mounted very artistically in a polished mahogany cover with pure gold hinges. A cigarette box also of mahogany and mounted with gold plaques showing the coat-of-arms of Delfzyl, Bierum, and two other towns was also presented him. These presents will be dear to him for another reason, too, as they will serve to remind him that he was awarded the D.S.O. for the same campaign. Slight activity was in evidence on the part of the unit aside from the regular morning parades as all companies are packing and preparing for the move. The hockey team played and lost to the Irish Regt 1-0.</p> <p>Weather: cold Strength: 21 Offrs, 439 O.R.s</p>	

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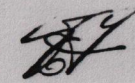
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MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	23 Nov 45		<p>While the unit left in Sneek continued preparations for the forthcoming move the Hockey Team concluded its participation in the present series at Amsterdam. Unfortunately, in this last game they came out second best, losing to the Irish by 5-4. The Team is preparing now to rejoin the unit on Sunday the 25th. Those who witnessed the game thought our team should have won but then any team cannot win forever. Some of our officers, namely, Majors R.S.Chamberlain, P.F.Fisher and J. Cowie returned from leave in Amsterdam and brought back word of the hockey results. Lieut G.G.Getty also returned late in the evening from his University Leave Course at the University of Glasgow. His enthusiasm for this course is high and he regrets that he did not partake of others. He is the only officer to have taken one since our arrival in Sneek. The applications previously sent in did not materialize. In Leeuwarden a Swimming Meet was held in which some of our men were entered. Transport was provided to take spectators and a goodly number went as the building was very warm and the weather lately has not been of the finest for warmth.</p> <p>Weather: extremely cold; ice Strength: 21 Offrs, 416</p>	

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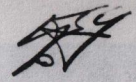
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MR. 606949 Sheet 10 East Sneek	24 Nov 45		<p>The Perth Plaza ceased operating to-day and a great hustle and bustle was in evidence on the premises as the process of cleaning up and packing stores went on. Somehow the civilians learned of the closure even though the supervisor was himself taken by surprise late last night when the warning was phoned in. At any rate a good number of people were standing outside in hopes of finding something useful in what was left behind. Although the Plaza itself is closed, Supervisor Ulley intends to keep the Avon Theatre open until Tuesday night which is cutting things pretty close as we are moving on Wednesday the 28th. Most of the companies are by this time prepared to close down completely as all their stores are packed and all that really remains to be done is to have the billeting forms signed. It is rather cold in the offices these days as the Quarter Stores has progressed to such an extent that the oil stoves have been called in for packing. Nobody minds particularly as it is all in a good cause. Late this afternoon 11 Bde called and informed us that we had an additional 6000 gulden to add to the Regimental funds as our share of the profits in the Leeuwarden recreational centre. Everything is good news these days barring, perhaps, the announcement that we must leave here at 0200 hrs Weds to start the trek to the transit camp at Nymegen. The Sgts and Cpls held a joint farewell party at the Corporals Canteen this night as a final gesture before closing. The last issue of the Perthonian, our unit newspaper, came of the press and was distributed this morning. This newspaper has been a boon to everyone and served its purpose fully in helping to add a little enjoyment to our prolonged stay here in Sneek. This paper represents a great deal of work on the part of its staff. Particular praise should go to Capt J.M.Dent, the editor, who did a fine job and is certainly to be congratulated for each top-notch issue. The R.A.P. officially closed up to-day. However, everyone will be going through a Medical Parade on Monday morning in preparation for the move.</p> <p>Weather: sunny but very cold Strength: 21 Offrs, 408 O.R.s</p>	

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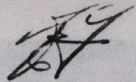
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MR 606949 Sheet 10; East Sneek.	25 Nov 45		<p>Although this was the last Sunday the unit would spend in Sneek there was no Protestant Church Parade as Padre Alex Rapson was preparing to leave. He is not to go home with the unit and has; accordingly, been cross-posted. The R.C.'s had a parade, however, at the usual site, St. Boniface Institution. Generally speaking the day was extremely quiet and presaged the lull before the storm as the coming week should be full of activity. Lieut. R.M. Storey was to-day detailed as Baggage Officer for the coming move on 28 Nov. and Capt. H.C.Pattison was detailed as O.C. Advance Party. Capt. D.J.Doolley was given the appointment of Rear Party Officer and spent a good part of the day inspecting billets and establishments we have occupied for damage. Thus far there has been little. A letter of thanks was received from the Sneeker Luchtvaart Club, Sneek, for aid we had given them earlier in November and this was posted for all to see in the Officers' Mess. An announcement regarding the Sinterklass-eve arranged by the C.C.C.S. was also received this afternoon. We are once again reaping the profits of the formation of the C.C.C.S. and its various committees designed for the welfare of soldier and civilian alike.</p> <p>Weather: slight intermittent showers; continued cold.</p> <p>Strength: 21 Offrs, 399 O.R.'s.</p>		Appendix #10 Appendix #11 

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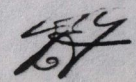
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MR 606949 Sheet 10, East, Sneek.	26 Nov 45		<p>The Regiment presented a gift to the town of Sneek this morning in the form of a beautiful hand-carved wooden replica of the unit badge mounted and under-scribed with a brass plate stating that the present was from the Officers and men of the Perth Regiment to the citizens of Sneek. The entire battalion was drawn up on the street before the Town Hall and heard the Burgomaster receive the plaque from Major H.A.Snelgrove on behalf of the Regiment in the absence of Lt-Col. H.W. Andrew. The Burgomaster gave a short but appealing speech in which he expressed the feelings of the whole community in thanks for the manner in which our men had behaved themselves during their period in Sneek. He wished all a pleasant journey home and expressed a desire that we should return in later years as many of us had formed deep friendships in the town and would be sorely missed. Major H.A.Snelgrove then took the opportunity to present the Regimental Softball and Soccer Teams with the medals made up for them and which they had earned by their excellent showings in the Army competitions. A plaque was also presented to Mr. Smit, the trainer. Each man was called forward and thanked for his contribution to the good name of the Regiment and presented with his medal. No sooner had these presentations been made than Lt-Col Andrew arrived. He regretted not having been able to be on hand at the beginning but had been unavoidably detained. Having made apology for his lateness he made a short speech on behalf of the Regiment to the people of Sneek and thanked them for all the cordiality they had extended to us. Like as they had extended the hand of welcome to our Regiment the C.O. stated that our home town of Stratford in Ontario would welcome visitors from its adopted town of Stratford in Sneek. The Burgomaster then presented to the Regiment through the medium of the C.O. an "Album of Sneek". Leatherbound and embossed with gold lettering the album contains many pictures of the town, gives a short history and includes many amusing anecdotes of our regimental life while billeted there. In later years the album will give many of our members a fine chance to recall incidents and places and people in this town. When this final presentation had been made the parade was called to attention and dismissed. Later, in the Mess, the C.O. was presented with a portrait painted by a local artist and this is to remain in the Hotel de Wijnberg as a memento of our stay there. The plaque presented by the Regiment to the town is to have an honoured place there in the Town Hall. Certainly the day could be considered as one of extreme importance to the Regiment as it symbolized the capacity it has for being able to make the best of its position whether</p>		

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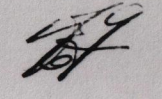
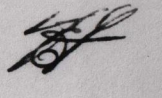
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NR 606949 Sheet 10, East, Sneek.	27 Nov 45		<p>that be in a foreign country or at home. Many fine friendships have been formed and all the statements made this morning had the ring of true sincerity. The Perth Regiment will be missed in Sneek. In the evening the Officers and men were invited to a Sinterklaas-eve (the Dutch equivalent of a Christmas Party) sponsored by the C.C.C.S. Promptly at 2000 hrs the party commenced with the singing of two Sinterklaas songs and a talk by Dr. H. de Vos who took the part of Santa Claus. The C.C.C.S. went to considerable trouble arranging the evening even to the point of giving a present to each member of the Regiment and providing large quantities of gingerbread men. Refreshments also included tea and beer in limited quantities. All told the evening was a great success and the program ran very smoothly throughout its four hours. One cannot help but feel that our Regiment was truly well-regarded by the people of Sneek and had, indeed, won a warm spot in their hearts. The formation of the C.C.C.S. in the early stages of our arrival in the town paid dividends and reflects credit on the C.O. and the 2 i/c for much foresight and discretion. Weather: rain throughout the day; cold. Strength: 21 Cffrs; 399 O.R.'s</p> <p>All ranks put in a busy day as final preparations had to be made for the departure of the unit. All baggage, kit bags and office equipment had to be ready for shipment by 1700 hrs and this necessarily entailed a last minute hustle. It had been decided that A and B companies were to ride down to Neijmegan in transport while HQ and C companies were to go by train via Groningen. Our forces were accordingly split and promptly at midnight Reveille was sounded and the men prepared to embuss at 0200 hrs for the trip to Groningen by transport. A large number of civilians were present to see the men away, bid farewell to those who had spent so many months under their roofs and whom they had come to consider as members of their own families. It was plain to see that many of these civilians were reluctant to see us leave as most of the difficulties pertinent to the calling of the Roll at 0100 hrs were engendered by over-long farewells. At 0200 hrs sharp HQ and C companies were embussed and the vehicles pulled out for Groningen Station there to await the train at 0630 hrs on 28 Nov. Two companies had commenced the long trek homewards.</p>		Appendix #11  

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In Transit	28 Nov 45		<p>In the early morning an officer had been despatched to Appeldoorn to draw the last EFI Issue for the unit. Some trouble had occurred the day previous in relation to forms and for a time the outlook did not look very good insofar as spirits were concerned. However, the venture was successful and the spirits arrived at the door of the Officers' Mess in time to be distributed. The truck had been loaned us by the Irish Regiment for this purpose as all our vehicles had been turned in in the morning. Coupled with the EFI issue the rum ration doled out to the O.R.'s ensured that all ranks started the journey to Neijmegen in good spirits and warmed for the trip. Weather: cold with some rain. Strength: 21 Offrs, 399 O.R.'s</p> <p>This day could be officially recognized as the final day of existence of the Regiment as a unit in the field, for it witnessed the arrival of the entire unit at 4 CBR Battalion, Neijmegen. Here all administration is handled by the 4CBR organization excepting discipline which is still invested in our C.O., in this case Major H.A.Snelgrove, as Lt-Col M.W. Andrew remains in Germany. Those who had come down by train (HQ and C Coys) arrived at 1600 hrs after a long and somewhat uncomfortable journey. The other companies, A and B, left Sneek by transport at 0715 hrs and arrived at 1145 hrs. Everything had been well-prepared for the arrivals and within 20 mins all ranks had been established in huts and were ready for the noon meal. Those who came later in the afternoon by train had no inconvenience other than the walk from the siding to the camp itself and were likewise quickly accommodated. Capt. H. Pattison, in charge of the Advance Party, was on hand to guide the unit when it arrived and to put Lieut. R.M. Storey, the Baggage Officer, in the picture regarding his detail. From here onwards the unit can be regarded as part and parcel of the intricate machinery connected with 4CBR Battalion and will exist only as Repat Draft # CU 741. To-morrow the various parades commence and the final details such as money exchange and the buying of cigarettes will be done. All ranks will be ready for the trip to the U.K. within the next 48 hrs. There will, naturally, be work for the HQ clerks who have been set up in an office of their own but in the main the details of administration are removed from our hands. Weather; rain throughout the day; fog. Strength: 21 Offrs; 398 O.R.'s</p> <p><i>H.A.Snelgrove</i> (H.A.Snelgrove) Major, Cmdr, The Perth Regt.</p>		