

Soignies—Nivelles—Gembloux—Andenne—Huy—Modave—Trois Ponts—Grand Halleux—Petit Thier—and then across the frontier at a tiny village called Poteau.

The first troops of the Division entered Germany on December 4th, led by the Corps Commander and General Macdonell. The 3rd Battalion was the first unit in the Division to cross the frontier, all the 1st Brigade being on German soil by that evening.

The march through the country to the Rhine was uneventful. The route followed was Amel—Bullingen—Hellenthal—Wallenthal—Euskirchen—Brühl and Cologne.

Early in the morning of December 9th troops of the 3rd Battalion reached the western banks of the Rhine, being the 1st Canadian unit on that river.

On Friday, December 13th, the entire Division marched through Cologne and crossed the Rhine, marching over the Neue Brücke, where they passed in review before the famous commander of the famous Second Army, General Sir H. Plumer.

The 3rd Brigade Group led the march, followed by the 1st and 2nd Brigade Groups. Then came the Brigade of Engineers, the Machine Gun Battalion, and the Divisional Train.

By the night of the 16th December the Division was in position on the perimeter of the bridgehead—the outpost line being 30 kilometres due east of Cologne, with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Brigades in line from right to left and Divisional Headquarters in Cologne itself.

The relief of the Division in the bridgehead area began on January 5th and ended two weeks later, Divisional Headquarters moving to Huy on January 12th. The Division remained in the Huy area until the 1st of March, when the move to England began.