

O R D E R of the D A Y

of Brigadier J.M. CALVERT, DSO  
assuming Command of SAS Troops.

I am glad and proud to take over such a fine command as that of all S.A.S. Troops. I will try and do justice to this appointment. You are very special troops and I expect that you do special things in this last heave against the Hun.

There will be plenty of worthwhile jobs to do.

My best wishes to all.

J.M. CALVERT  
Brigadier  
Commander  
SAs Troops

ENGLAND  
21st March 1945.

ANNEXE VII

Headquarters  
2nd Canadian Corps  
16 April 1945

To: GOC in C  
1st Canadian Corps  
Opération ARMHEST.

- 1- I would like to convey through you my appreciation of the help given to 2nd Canadian Corps by the 2nd and 3rd French Para Battalions S.A.S. during our recent operations in North-East Holland.
- 2- These two Units dropped into the area south of GRONINGEN on the night 7/8 April, when our leading units were still some miles from that area. While full reports on their accomplishments are not yet available, and in fact some of them have not yet been over-run and are still at work, it is evident that they made a real contribution to the advances of the 2nd Canadian Corps in that area.
- 3- In addition to their killing or capturing a number of Germans and preventing the destruction of certain bridges their activities caused considerable confusion and consequent changes of plan by the local German Commanders. Also it was largely through their help that we were able to capture STEENWLICH Airfield intact.
- 4- If there should be an occasion for the employment of such units on our front in future, I would welcome the selection of 2nd and 3rd French Para Battalions for the task.

/s/ G.C. SIMONDS.

Headquarters  
1st Canadian Army  
17 Avril 1945

Dear Calvert,

I have much pleasure in forwarding to you the attached copy of a communication from GOC 2nd Canadian Corps, on the subject of the valuable and important part played by the 2nd and 3rd French Para Battalions during recent operations of First Canadian Army in North-East Holland.

I should be glad if you would add my own congratulations and my appreciation of the contribution made by

these two French Units.

/s/ H.D.G. CRERAR  
General Officer  
1st Canadian Army

MESSAGE from MAJOR-GENERAL R.N. GALE  
Commander 1st British Airborne Troops.  
to Brigadier G.M. CALVERT  
Commander S.A.S. Troops.

Very heartiest congratulations in you and two gallant  
French Battalions for their splendid work in ARMHEST.

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by Brig. J.M. CALVERT, D.S.O.  
Commander S.A.S. Troops.

To: Deputy Comd. Allied Tps  
and 2nd and 3rd R.C.P.

I have received the attached letter from General CRERA  
Commander in Chief First Canadian Army with its enclosure from  
GOC 2nd Canadian Corps and also the attached message from our  
own Commander.

I also add my congratulations on the fine achievements  
of 2nd and 3rd R.C.P. and the magnificent way they carried out  
their difficult role with such enthusiasm and success which  
overcame all obstacles.

You have good reason to be proud of the Regiments to  
which you belong.

Brigadier  
Commander  
S.A.S. Troops

HALSTEAD, Essex  
23 April 1945.

