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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 1st Bn The Middlesex Regt (D C O)

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

(Erase heading not required).

Month and Year January 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. J.P. Hall

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PANNINGEN 773045	1st	0230 0900 0950 1144	13 pl D Coy are warned of an enemy patrol in their area and stand to until first light. Unusually large amount of enemy air activity directed on airfields in our area. Enemy fighters are coming in very low and disappearing over the roof-tops. Five are shot down by A.A. in the Div area. 6 pl B Coy capture one of the pilots. 9 pl C Coy relieve 11 pl. A Group of enemy are observed in the area of the gasometer at 910107. Target is engaged at scale 4 and the group is dispersed. Observed enemy are engaged at houses at 903123.	Sitrep. (J 55) O.P. Report (J 75-77)
	2nd	1730	12 pl D Coy remain at rest, 13 pl remain in sp of 227 Bde whilst 14 pl are in sp of 44 Bde. 15 pl, in the southern sector, are in sp of 46 Bde. In the main it is quiet along the front. C Coy report enemy shelling. A Coy remain in same locations. B Coy observe enemy crossing the MAAS at (it is thought) 900115. A temporary stonck is put down and nothing more is seen or heard of the enemy.	Sitrep (J 57)
	3rd	2100	C Coys locations remain the same. A Coy revises D.F. tasks with 2 G.H. 8 pl B Coy dig alternative posns at 882110 and put out trip flares against surprise by enemy patrols. Harassing shoots are carried out by mortar pls and various targets are engaged. Enemy patrol reported in 3 pls (A Coy) area.	O.P. Report. (J78/79/80)
	4th		Slight increase of shelling in A Coys area but no harassing shoots are carried out. Relief of B Coys pls postponed owing to thaw. 8 pl report having seen a flying bomb heading towards Germany. C Coy spend the day in taking precautions against the severe frost.	Sitrep. (J 58)

		1350	13 pl D Coy engage harassing tasks and retaliate on an enemy mortar at 81449870 14 and 15 pls D Coy carry out harassing shoots.	O.P. Report. (J81/82)
	5th		A Coy Comd carries out preliminary recce for pl posns and visits sp Coy of 159 Bde 11 Armd Div. 7 pl B Coy relieve 6 pl. C Coy experience enemy patrol activity D Coy mortars are fairly active	Sitrep. (J 60) Sitrep. (J 59) O.P. Report. (J83/84/85)
	6th	1100	7 and 8 pls - Coy fired on various tasks. A/Q 15 (S) Inf Div visited C Coy and inspected billets and Gun posns. 1 Mx MMG Inter-Bde Task Table issued. Div Comd visits 12 pl D Coy. 13 pl in sp of 227 Bde carry out harassing shoot on area of BEESEL - 15 pl carry out harassing shoots.	Sitrep. (J 61) O.P. Report. (J86/87/88)
	7th		O.C. A Coy takes O.C. 5 pl on recce of new posns. 5 pl is taking over from R N Fs. 7 pl B Coy fired on retaliation targets. Owing to the absence of personnel on leave C Coy decides to construct more dug-outs in the right hand pl area so that the house, at present used for sleeping quarters can be evacuated at night and a 'tighter' defence attained.	Sitrep. (J 62)
	8th		5 pl A Coy relieve R N Fs at 751935 - relief complete by 1800 hrs. 6 pl B Coy relieve 8 pl and take up posns at 882110. D Coys pls are kept busy with counter mortar tasks.	Sitrep (J63) and O.P. Report. (J91/92/93)
	9th		5 pls posn is lit up at night by a searchlight in their area. The pl is now under comd 7 Seaforths. 7 pl B Coy fire on retaliation targets. 11 pl C Coy commence digging new pl HQ posns. All pls D Coy active.	Trace MMG Tasks (J.53) O.P. Report. (J94/5/6)
	10th		4 and 5 pls A Coy carry out harassing shoots. 11½ degrees of frost recorded - necessary precautions are taken. 9 pl C Coy expend 12 belts of amn on harassing fire. O.P. Reports received from D Coy.	O.P. Report. (J.97/98)
	11th		1 Mx Inter-Bde Task Table issued. The Commander-in-Chiefs Certificate for Gallantry is awarded to 14414070 Cpl R French of B Coy. 3 pl A Coy carry out harassing shoots. 6 pl B Coy engage certain tasks. 10 pl C Coy relieve 9 pl. Div Comd visits 11 pl C Coy. Pl fires 12 Belts. D Coy locations unchanged.	Sitrep (J 64) Sitrep (J 65) O.P. Report. (J99/100/101)

	12th		Camouflage Officer visits pls of A Coy and is quite satisfied with the standard of camouflage, especially 4 pl whose guns are surrounded by a stickle fence and made to appear part of the garden lay-out of the adjacent farmhouse. 8 pl B Coy relieve 7 pl.	Sitrep Sitrep (J 66)
	13th	1600	10 pl C Coy report shelling. D Coy report slight activity. A Coy experience slightly increased enemy shelling and mortaring and carries out harassing tasks. 3 pl is on immediate call of fwd OP of 2 GH and are to fire in area E of BIJKIEL 759971. B Coy report intermittent shelling in 6 pl's area. Since visibility is not very good it is considered that this is harassing shooting and not observed.	Sitrep (J 67) O.P. Report (J 103)
	14th		B Coy engages various tasks. A Coy carries out harassing tasks. 14 pl D Coy relieve 15 pl in sp of 46 Bde. C Coy bring down very effective fire on enemy posns at 824996 and 824994 where considerable activity is occasioned by dummy beating expedition by our own infantry.	Sitrep (J.70) Sitrep (J 68) (J 69) O.P. Report (J104-105)
	15th	1500 2300	O.P. Reports received from D Coy. 5 pl B Coy relieve 6 pl A Coy comd proceeds to 9 Cams HQ with Rover Set and calls for fire by RT to all pls - object being to cover a patrol sent across R MAAS by 9 Cams.	O.P. Reports. (J106/107)
	16th		8 pl B Coy fires on retaliation targets. D Coy report poor visibility and a very quiet day.	O.P. Reports (J108/109/110/111)
	17th		8 Corps Camouflage Officer visits C Coy and inspects R hand pl posns. 12, 13 and 14 pls O.P. reports received. 2nd attempt on the part of 9 Cams to send a patrol across the R MAAS and A Coy play the same role as before. However no fire support is required. Corps Camouflage Officer visits B Coy.	O.P. Reports. (J112/113) Sitrep. (J.71)
	18th		A Coy Comd carries out recce with O.C. 2 GH for fire sp programme for crossing of the R MAAS. Corps Camouflage Officer visits D Coy HQ and 13 pl.	O.P. Reports. (J114/115)
	19th	1500	Regtl Band arrives at Bn HQ to entertain. D Coy fwd O.P Reports. 6 pl B Coy relieve 8 pl.	O.P Reports. (J116/117)
	20th	2200	Enemy patrol crosses R MAAS. O.C. 4 pl A Coy recce with Coy Comd for posns for the sp of 2 GH patrol. At request of OC 6 RSF 12 pl D Coy fire on targets in their arc. 1st Commando Bde takes over from 227 Bde.	Sitrep B. (J 72) O.P. Report. (J118/119)

			1 Mx Movement Instruction No 2 issued. 2 ic C Coy proceeds to recce new area. 15 pl D Coy relieve 13 pl.	(D.9)
	21st	0830	A Coy receives warning order for relief of Bde. Advance party and 2 ic of A Coy proceed to new area. 46 Bde OO No 17 received by A Coy. 1 Mx 0803 of 211725 issued. 1 Mx 0807 of 211800 issued.	(E.18)
	22nd		8 pl B Coy relieve 7 pl. Major General Savery (Inspector General of Infantry India Command) visits D Coy and watched a mortar pl in action. 8 pl B Coy relieve 7 pl. 46 (H) Inf Bde Adm O No 16 received by A Coy. 15 pl D Coy relieve 13 pl.	O.P. Report. (J120/121/122/123-124) SITREP (J.73) (G.39) O.P. Report (J125)
	23rd		1 Mx Move Order No 3 issued. O.P. Reports received from D Coy. O.C. C Coy visits 6 Para Bde HQ and is informed that MMG pls of 6 Para Bde will not be taking over. A Coy is relieved and concs in DE HEIBLOEM 7101. 46 (H) Inf Bde Movement Order No 21 received by A Coy. Sitrep from B Coy.	(D.10) O.P. Reports. (J126) (E.19) Sitrep. (J.74)
	24th	0715	C Coy concs in Coy HQ area at HELDON. A Coy move in Bde column to TILBURG - Move completed by 1700 hrs. Mortar Pls less 12 pl conc at D Coy HQ. 12 pl come under comd B Coy.	
	25th	0745 0930	D Coy less 12 pl move off to join Bn convoy. Bn HQ, HQ and D Coys move to MOERGESTEL 226306 - D Coy continue to RIEL 1128.	
	26th		B Coy move to TILBURG.	
MOERGESTEL 226306	26th - 31st		The Bn is now at rest in billets in the following areas :- Bn HQ and HQ Coy - MOERGESTEL 226306 A Coy - TILBURG 158312 B Coy - TILBURG 165316 C Coy - GOIRLE 150280 D Coy - RIEL 118285	27 JAN 45 1MX OO No4 (D11) 28 JAN 45 1MX S/2/O)/2 DATED 28 JAN 45 (D.12) (J.54) 28 JAN 45 1MX PAD SCHEME (D.14)