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Unit 7th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders

Month and Year JUNE, 1944

Commanding Officer Lt.Col E.H.G. GRANT M.C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HOVE.	1-6-44	1200	O Gp personnel at Bn HQ Conference	
HOVE.	2-6-44	1800	Pipes and Drums played RETREAT.	
HOVE.	3-6-44	All day	Routine.	
HOVE.	4-6-44	All day	Routine and I.O. at Bde Conference.	
HOVE.	5-6-44		Routine Normal.	
HOVE.	6-6-44		C.O. held Coy Comds Conference.	
HOVE.	7-6-44		Bde River Crossing Ex. Bde Pipes and Drums played RETREAT.	
HOVE.	8-6-44		Routine Normal.	
HOVE.	9-6-44		Corps Commander at Bn HQ. Div Comd at Bn HQ. Bde Comd at Bn HQ.	
HOVE.	10-6-44		Routine Normal.	
HOVE.	11-6-44		Vehicle Party left for Marshalling Area. Bde Church Parade.	
	12-6-44	1140	Vehicle Party arrived Marshalling Area.	
HOVE.	12-6-44	1000	Marching Party left for Marshalling Area. Marching Party arrived at Marshalling Area 1300 hrs at FALMAR.	
	13-6-44		Vehicle Party at 30 minutes notice to move to London.	
FALMAR.	14-6-44	All day	Marching Party of Bn in Marshalling Area.	
	15-6-44		Vehicle Party left London for embarkation area. Marching Party at Marshalling Area.	
SHOEBURYNESS	16-6-44		Veh Party sailed for France 1400 hrs. C.O. held conference on ship. Marching Troops sailed from Newhaven at 2330 hrs.	
FRANCE.	17-6-44	1800	Marching Party of Bn disembarked and marched to Concentration Area at St Gabriele.	
St.GABRIELE	18-6-44	All day	Marching Troops of Bn in Concentration Area.	
St.GABRIELE	19-6-44	All day	Marching Troops of Bn in Concentration Area.	
St.GABRIELE	20-6-44	All day	Marching Troops of Bn in Concentration Area.	

St.GABRIELE	21-6-44	All day	Marching Troops of Bn in Concentration Area.	
St.GABRIELE	22-6-44	All day	Marching Troops of Bn in Concentration Area. C.O. left ship for Conc. Area.	
St.GABRIELE	23-6-44	0225	C.O. arrived at Bn HQ. Veh Party commenced disembarkation.	
St.GABRIELE	24-6-44	1100	Vehicle Party arrived at Bn Area.	
St.GABRIELE	25-6-44	2230	C.O. held O Gp on Operation Gaunt. Bn left Concentration Area for night march up to front line.	
	26-6-44	0730	Bn went into action near Secqueville en Bessin and advanced during day to Cheux. Main objective not reached. Casualties: <u>Killed</u> 1 Offr, 6 ORs. <u>Wounded</u> : 3 Offr, 40 ORs.	See Appdx 'A'
CHEUX	27-6-44		'D' Coy attacked main objective successfully.	See Appdx 'B'
"	"	1900	Bn relieved and moved to rear of Cheux to reorganise. At 2300 hrs Bn received orders to advance at 0500 hrs on 28-6-44. Casualties: <u>Killed</u> 2 O.Rs. <u>Wounded</u> : 14 O.Rs.	
CHEUX	28-6-44	0500	Bn moved up into action. 1100 hrs 'A' Coy gained their objective. 2 Offrs 1 Offr Casualties: <u>Killed</u> : 10 ORs. <u>Wounded</u> : 61 ORs. <u>Missing</u> : 2 ORs.	See Appdx 'C'
	29-6-44	1230	Enemy attacked strength approx 1 Coy supported by 4 Mark IV Tanks. Three of the tanks were knocked out of action with P.I.A.T. fire and the fourth was destroyed by 6 Pdr A/Tk Gun. Enemy Infantry were driven off successfully. C.O. and 2 i/c wounded. Major C. Blair, M.C. took over Command. 4 Offrs. 2 Offrs. Casualties: <u>Wounded</u> : 10 ORs. <u>Missing</u> : 4 ORs.	See Appdx 'D'
	30-6-44		Enemy section seen but did not attack also 1 enemy tank seen about 700 yards distant. The type of tank could not be identified. Enemy Inf strength approx. 2 sections attacked Bn position but were driven off and casualties inflicted. Casualties: <u>Killed</u> : 9 ORs. <u>Wounded</u> : 14 ORs. <u>Missing</u> : 14 ORs. C Blair Lt-Col. Comd., 7 Seaforth.	See Appdx 'E'

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Month and Year JULY, 1944

Commanding Officer D. Robertson Lieut Col.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
PUTOT EN BESSIN	1 Jul	2140	Bn arrived in reorganisation area. C.O. held O Group.	
-do-	2 Jul	1200	Bn Memorial Service. C.O. and Coy Comds inspected defence posns.	
-do-	3 Jul	1100 1400	A,B,C & D Coys digging defence posns. Div Comd inspected Bn HQ and spoke to troops. C.O. held conference at Bn HQ.	
-do-	4 Jul	1800	Rest and Maintenance of Vehs and Equipt. Retreat played by Pipes and Drums (Div Comd and Brigadier present).	
-do-	5-8 Jul		Bn reorganised. Lt Col D. Robertson took over Command of the Bn on 6 Jul 44. Drafts received. All our 1st Line Reinforcements Offrs rejoined. On 8 Jul Warning Order given to Bn for Active Operations on the 9 Jul 44.	Appendix 'C'
MOUEN	9-11 Jul		See Appendix 'B' / Putot en Bessin	Appendix 'B'.
	12 Jul		Bn moved to Rest Area and arrived 1800 hrs.	
PUTOT EN BESSIN	13 Jul	1800	Div Comd visited Bn HQ.	
-do-	14 Jul	1100 1145	Bde Comd visited Bn HQ. C.O. addressed Bn explaining previous operations.	
-do-	15 Jul	2130 2300	Bn moved out of reorganisation area to go into action. Bn arrived at MOUEN as reserve Bn.	Appendix 'D'
MOUEN.	16 Jul	2000 2030	Bde Comd visited Bn HQ. C.O. held O Group.	
-do-	17 Jul	1300	Bn left MOUEN and moved up to static defensive posn at MONDRAVILLE. Bn arrived at MONDRAVILLE at 1400 hrs.	
MONDRAVILLE	18 Jul	All day	Bn Static Defensive Posn. Standing Patrols and Night Patrols. At 2359 hrs 'D' Coy sent out fighting patrol. 'A' Coy sent out searching patrol.	Appendix 'A'
MONDRAVILLE	19 Jul	0345	'D' Coys Patrol returned having made no contact with the enemy.	

		0350 2030 2230	'A' Coys patrol returned. Recce patrol went out. Suspected enemy in white house. Recce patrol returned.	See Appendix 'A'
MONDRAVILLE	20 Jul	0830	Bn Static Defensive Posn. Standing patrols and night patrols. 'D' Coy attacked chateau E of MISSY which had previously been reced and reported clear of enemy. Attack found chateau held by 2 Coys of enemy. 'D' Coy withdrew and returned to static posns.	
-do-	21 Jul	All day	Bn static defensive posn. Standing Patrols and Night Patrols. 15 (S) Div Recce Regt took over standing patrols at 0700 hrs.	
-do-	22 Jul	"	Bn static defensive posn. Standing Patrols and Night Patrols.	
-do-	23 Jul	1000 2000	Bn marching tps moved out of posn. Bn clear of posn at 1330 hrs. Posn taken over by South Staffords. Bn arrived in reorganisation area.	
ST PAUL DU VERNAY	24 Jul	1830	Bde Comd visited Bn HQ. Instructed new draft and lectured to all Officers, WOs and NCOs.	
-do-	25 Jul		In Routine. Kit checking, baths and entertainment.	
-do-	26 Jul	1800	Bde Comd visited Bn HQ. Pipes and Drums played RETREAT.	
-do-	27 Jul	1400	Bn left St Paul Du Vernay. Bn arrived at BEZZIERS at 1530 hrs and took up static defensive posns.	
BEZZIERS	28 Jul	All day	Bde Comd visited Bn HQ 1030 hrs. Bn static defensive posns. Very quiet front.	
BEZZIERS LA BSE MARTINVIERE	29 Jul	0030 0200 0830 1230 1400 1700 2200 2230	C.O. attended Bde O Group. C.O. returned from Bde O Group. C.O. held O Group. Bn left BEZZIERS. Bn arrived location. C.O. went on recce to CAUMONT. C.O. attended Bde Conference. C.O. held O Group. Div Comd visited Bn HQ and read letter from G.O.C. in C to O Group. Letter appraised Div as being finest in NORMANDY. Div Comd wished Bn best of luck in future operations.	
En Route.	30 Jul	1030	Bn left La Bse Martinviere and moved up to take part in Operation BLUECOAT. Bn took objective Hill 309 at approx 2359 hrs after advancing in DUSK.	
HILL 309	31 Jul	1200	Bn HQ arrived on objective. Bn has reasonably quiet day. Suffered few cas from shelling. The Hun was active at some distance from our left flank and there was signs of a probable counter attack in the near future from that area.	

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Month and Year AUGUST, 1944

Commanding Officer Lieut Col. P.M. HUNT.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
Hill 309.	1 Aug	1130	Bn held objective, heavily shelled and mortared during morning. In afternoon enemy counter attack dispersed. Bde Comd visited Bn HQ.	See Appdx 'A'
Hill 309.	2 Aug		Quiet day, men rested. Bde Comd visited Bn HQ. Several of the enemy gave themselves up.	See Appdx 'A'
	3 Aug	0800 1130	Bn left Hill 309 to take up posn as reserve Bn. Bn under Comd 44 Bde. Bn arrives at new location 681465. C.O. attended conference at 44 Bde HQ.	
	4 Aug	1245 1400 1715 1910	Bn near LA POULANICE as reserve Bn to ward off counter attack. C.O. to Bde for 'O' Group. C.O. held 'O' Group. Bn left LA POULANICE. Bn arrived at LA BUJERE.	
LA BUJURE	5 Aug		Bde Comd visited Bn HQ. C.O. to Bde and Recce. Bn ordered to move - time unspecified.	
	6 Aug	0600 0845 1200	Bn left LA BUJURE to F.A.A. for an attack on LASSY. C.O. held 'O' Group. Bn left for attack on LASSY. C.O. badly wounded, enemy much stronger than expected. Objective not reached and Bn took up defensive posns. Major JHG Black took over command of Bn.	See Appdx 'C'
CAVERIE.	7 Aug	0130 2130	Bn took up defensive posn at CAVERIE. Bde Comd visited Bn HQ. 21 Rfts arrived at Bn HQ. Enemy shelled area of 'D' Coy who suffered no casualties.	
CAVERIE.	8 Aug	1130 1945	Bn in defensive posn. 2 Mk. IV tanks attacked forward posns and were destroyed by 17 Pdr A/Tk. One wounded PW of tank crew. Bde Comd visited Bn HQ.	
CAVERIE.	9 Aug		C.O. attended conference at Bde HQ. Area heavily shelled and Bn suffered a few casualties.	

CAVERIE.	10 Aug	0500 1045 1430 2030	'B' Coy sent out patrol to LASSY which was found to be held by enemy. 1 PW brought back. Div Comd visited Bn HQ. Fighting Patrol went out and took 1 PW. This patrol was undoubtedly a great success and the best carried out by the Bn since it went into action. Recce Patrol returned with infm.	See Appdx 'B' Patrol Reports.
CAVERIE.	11 Aug	0310 0300 1115	Smoke seen in Bn area but no sign of enemy. Recce Patrol returned after contacting enemy. C.O. left for 'O' Group at Bde HQ.	
CAVERIE.	12 Aug	0730 1030 2000	5 PWs captured by 'D' Coy. Bde Comd visited Bn HQ. C.O. held 'O' Group. Lt Col P.M. Hunt arrived to take over command of the Bn.	
	13 Aug	0515 0715 1430 1500 1900 1930 2030	Bn left CAVERIE for harbour area. 4 PWs captured by Carriers in area just before moving off. Bn arrives at CATHEOLLES Harbour Area. C.O. held 'O' Group. Bn left CATHEOLLES. Bn arrives at FEUGUEROLLES-SUR-ORNE. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. C.O. held 'O' Group.	
FEUGUEROLLES	14 Aug	1830	Div Comd visited Bn HQ and spoke to all ranks.	
	15 Aug	0715 1030	Bn left FEUGUEROLLES-SUR-ORNE. Bn arrives at FRESNEY-LE-VIEUX.	
FRESNEY-LE-VIEUX	16 Aug	1845	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Bn resting.	
	17 Aug		Bn resting.	
	18 Aug		Bn resting.	
	19 Aug	0630 1030 1430 1500	Bn left FRESNEY-LE-VIEUX. Bn arrives at ST MARTIN-DE-MIEUX. C.O. held 'O' Group. Recce Patrol went out but contacted no enemy opposition, brought in 7 PWs. Carrier Sec patrolling village of CORDEY brought in 12 PWs.	
ST MARTIN-DE-MIEUX	20 Aug		Carrier Sec Patrol bring in 3 PW.	
	21 Aug	0830 0900	Bn leaves ST MARTIN-DE-MIEUX. Bn arrives at concentration W of FALAISE.	
	22 Aug		Bn at concentration area W of FALAISE.	
	23 Aug		Bn at concentration area W of FALAISE.	

		1530	Bn left Concentration Area.	
		1615	Bn arrives at previous concentration area at ST MARTIN-DE-MIEUX.	
		1930	C.O. held 'O' Group for advance to River SEINE.	
ST MARTIN-DE-MIEUX	24 Aug	1550	Bn leaves ST MARTIN-DE-MIEUX.	
		1740	Bn arrives at GUPREI, Harbour Area.	
GUPREI.	25 Aug	0715	C.O. leaves for 'O' Group at Bde HQ.	
		0900	C.O. held 'O' Group.	
		1045	Bn leaves GUPREI.	
		2000	Bn arrives at L'ORAILLE.	
L'ORAILLE	26 Aug	0630	C.O. held 'O' Group.	
		0800	Bn leaves L'ORAILLE.	
		0930	Bn arrives at LE AUTHIEUX F.A.A.	
		1215	Bn leaves LE AUTHIEUX.	
		1315	Bn arrives at EMANVILLE defensive posn.	
EMANVILLE	27 Aug	0900	C.O. proceeds on recce of R. SEINE.	
		1100	C.O. held 'O' Group.	
		1330	Bn leaves EMANVILLE.	
		1830	Bn arrives at VIEUX VILLEX.	
		1900	C.O. held 'O' Group.	
		1940	Coy Comds proceed on recce of R. SEINE.	
		2130	Bn leaves VIEUX VILLEX.	
RUE-DE-VOIE.	28 Aug	0030	Bn arrives at VENABLES.	
		1030	Marching Tps crossed R. SEINE between LA MARE and MUIOS [MUIDS].	
		1130	" " arrive at RUE-DE-VOIE harbour area.	
		1245	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
		1700	Bn 'F' transport arrives in harbour area.	
		1800	Bn leaves RUE-DE-VOIE.	
		1930	Bn arrives at F.A.A. in WOOD, EAST of LA ROQUETTE.	
		1930	C.O. held 'O' Group. Occupied Gd Roucherolles.	
	29 Aug		C.O. went on recce to Pt 149 overlooking Les Andelys. Contacted 9 Cameronians at Noyers and La Vacherie.	
		1515	Bn left Gd Roucherolles for Les Andelys via Le Thuit and La Vacherie. Bn entered Les Andelys at 1830 hrs. Met no opposition. 4 POWs.	
LES ANDELYS	30 Aug	1130	Div Comd visited Bn HQ. 5 POWs.	
LES ANDELYS	31 Aug	1030	Bde Comd visited Bn HQ.	
			PM Hunt Lt Col	
			<u>Casualties during August, 1944.</u>	

				<u>Killed.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Missing.</u>	
			Offrs.	1	9	-	
			O.Rs.	11	81	3	

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Month and Year SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col P.M. HUNT.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LES ANDELYS	1 Sep		Routine normal.	
LES ANDELYS	2 Sep		Routine normal.	
LE PAVILLON	3 Sep	0715 0945 2030	Bn leaves LES ANDELYS. - Start of 12 Corps drive through France. Bn arrives at LE PAVILLON. C.O. held conference.	
FOUILLOY.	4 Sep	0730 1045 1430 1500	Bn leaves LE PAVILLON - Move by M.T. Bn arrives at FOUILLOY. Bde Comd visits Bn H.Q. C.O. held 'O' Gp.	
	5 Sep	0915 1815 1930 2115 2145	Bn leaves FOUILLOY. Bn arrives at HAUTECLOQUE. Bn leaves HAUTECLOQUE. Bn arrives at VILLERS CHATEL. C.O. leaves for 'O' Gp at Bde H.Q.	
VILLERS CHATEL	6 Sep	0830 1310	Bn left Villers Chatel for COURTRAI (BELGIUM). Route was through ARRAS, CARVIN, SELLIN, LESQUIN, HEM, TOUFFLES and PECQ. Bn crossed BELGIUM Frontier. Bn entered COURTRAI. Took up posns at Canal Brs. Coys detached on mopping up ops with 15 (S) Div Recce and ROYALS. Casualties - 3 Killed, 5 Wounded.	See App 'A'
COURTRAI BERCHEM	7 Sep	0900 1145 1230 1345 1410 1445	Bn left COURTRAI. Bn arrives at BERCHEM 0251. C.O. held 'O' Group. Bn left BERCHEM. Weather conditions bad - heavy rain. Bn at KERKHOVE F.U.P. 3 Coys attack CASTER and TIEGHEM X Rds. 'A' Coy centre, 'B' Coy left & 'D' Coy right. 'C' Coy reserve Coy. Carrier Pl on recce to ELSEBEM contacted no enemy. 'D' Coy completed task, passed through objective to high ground N of CASTER. 'B' Coy pinned to ground by heavy M.G. fire from	

			<p>area X rds TIEGHEM. Opposition overcome and Coy gained objective.</p> <p>Coys positions right to left on consolidating - 'D' Coy high gd 0154: 'A' Coy BASSEGHEM 0054 - 'B' Coy area X rds TIEGHEM. Bn takes up firm base guarding canal and crossings. 'A' Coy VIERCHAAR 0152; 'B' Coy KERKHOVE 0152; 'C' Coy VOSSENHOER 0153; 'D' Coy VARENT 0253. Bn HQ. at VOSSENHOEK 0153.</p> <p>P.O.W. taken - 31.</p> <p>Bn casualties - 8 killed and 15 wounded.</p>	
VOSSENHOEK.	8 Sep	<p>0200 Bn in defensive posns.</p> <p>0300 'D' Coy patrol to CASTER.</p> <p>0330 " " " returns.</p> <p>0430 'C' Coy Patrol to CASTER X rds.</p> <p>0130 " " " returns.</p> <p>0130 'A' Coy patrolling area from VIERSCHAAR 0152 to TIEGHEM. Patrols during the day from all Coys brought in 82 P.W. incl 2 Offrs.</p>		
VOSSENHOEK.		<p>0930 C.O. left for recce.</p> <p>1030 Carrier Pl moves off.</p> <p>1930 Bn left VOSSENHOEK by M.T.</p>		
	9 Sep	0200	Bn arrives at QUENENBOSCH posns along ESCAULT Canal. 'A' Coy Rly Br 2076; 'B' Coy along rd 1974; 'C' Coy Canal Br and Rd June 1771; 'D' Coy TIERLINCK 1569.	
QUENENBOSCH	10 Sep	<p>1400 C.O. leaves for 'O' Gp at Bde H.Q.</p> <p>1615 Bn leaves QUENENBOSCH.</p> <p>2215 Bn arrives at MALDEREN conc area.</p>		
MALDEREN	11 Sep	<p>0900 C.O. held 'O' Group.</p> <p>1230 C.O. leaves for Brig. recce party of ALBERT CANAL Br Head area GHEEL.</p> <p>1400 Coy Comds leave for recce as above.</p>		
	12 Sep	<p>1130 Bn leaves MALDEREN.</p> <p>1600 Bn arrives at PADDENHOEK F.A.A.</p> <p>1645 C.O. held 'O' Gp.</p> <p>1715 Bn leaves PADDENHOEK.</p> <p>1755 Bn crosses ALBERT CANAL.</p> <p>1805 Bn arrives at HEEZE and takes over posns from 5 E.YORKS, 50 Div. 'A' Coy along track and astride rd and track junc 0386. 'B' Coy along main rd running N.E. 0486. 'C' Coy rd and track junc 0486. 'D' Coy along track 0487.</p>		
HEEZE	13 Sep	1315	<p>Bn at HEEZE. Defensive posns on ALBERT CANAL Br head.</p> <p>Bn moves fwd to broaden br head, meets no opposition - 1 P.W.</p>	

		1830 2220	Defensive posns taken up as follows:- 'A' Coy NEDREBUUL 0088; 'B' Coy N.W. of WOOD and astride Rly line 0087; 'C' Coy astride main rd and along edge of WOOD 0287; 'D' Coy BOEKEL 0187. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Bn HQ at X rds 0189 NEDERBUUL Area.	
NEDERBUUL	14 Sep	1430	Bn in defensive posns on ALBERT CANAL Br head. Mortars shelled enemy posns N of Canal Wood 904913. Recce Patrol by 'A' Coy. Enemy shelled Lock area 092884 - Major Currant, 'B' Coy Comd killed and 2 other ranks wounded.	See Appdx 'B'
NEDERBUUL	15 Sep	0100	Bn in defensive posns on ALBERT CANAL Br head. Contact Patrol B,D Coys to GERHUDE. Contact Carrier Sec and return by BOCKEL. Contact made.	
NEDERBUUL	16 Sep	1800 1815 0200 1530	Bn in defensive posns on ALBERT CANAL Br head. C.O. held 'O' Group. Coy of Queens Regt take over 'B' Coys posn area Canal Lock. Contact Patrol from 'B' Coy to Queens at Lock. Return by Canal Bank. Contact made. Snipers Report see Appendix. Bn Mortar shoot on enemy posn NORTH of Canal.	See Appdx 'C'
NEDERBUUL	17 Sep	1445 1700	Bn in defensive posns on ALBERT CANAL Br head. C.O. leaves for 'O' Gp at Bde H.Q. C.O. goes on recce of new area.	
	18 Sep	1345 1415 1830	Bn leaves NEDERBUUL area - posns taken over by 1/7 Queens, 7 Armd Div. Bn arrives at KRAAIE BOSSCHEN to take over posns from 10 HLI, 227 Bde. 'A' Coy edge of Wood and along track 105917. 'B' Coy N.E. of track 108913. 'C' Coy area of WOOD and track 088923. 'D' Coy WOOD 094914. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Quiet day.	
KRAAIE BOSSCHEN	19 Sep		Bn in defensive posns. Quiet day.	
KRAAIE BOSSCHEN	20 Sep	1010 1815 1830	Bn in defensive posns. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. C.O. leaves for 'O' Gp at Bde HQ. 1 Coy and Carrier Pl of KOSB, 44 Bde, take over fwd posns.	
	21 Sep	0650 1045 1230 1240 1300	Bn leaves KRAAIE BOSSCHEN. - M.T. move. Bn crossed DUTCH Frontier at LOMMELSCHE. C.O. leaves for 'O' Group at Bde H.Q. Bn arrives at VELDHOVEN. C.O. held 'O' Group.	

		1410 C.O. and Coy Comds leave for recce of WILHELMINA CANAL. 1430 Bn leaves VELDHOVEN. 1830 Bn arrives at 394244 FAA. 2115 Bn crosses WILHELMINA CANAL. Bn Pioneer Pl built raft for carrying A Tk Guns. R.E. built class 9 raft for transport. 'A' Coy encountered stiff opposition from MMG area Canal and Rly crossing 380245 before enemy were pushed back over Rly. 2 ORs wounded. MG fire from well sited posns on Rly. 2230 Br head over WILHELMINA CANAL est. Right 'D' Coy area LOCK and across tracks 393253; Centre 'B' Coy area houses and Wood 385255. Left 'A' Coy area Rly Br to track 380246. 'C' Coy between A & D 384249. Bn HQ at 388252. During night Patrols to BEST, one along Rly, one along rd. Object to find out if BEST was held by the enemy and in what str. Patrols reported BEST held, str unknown. Lt Millar wounded on this patrol.	
	22 Sep	0800 'D' Coy went fwd to occupy BEST as it was then believed village was practically unoccupied. However, Coy came under hy MG and mortar fire while clearing houses and streets. The enemy were strongly entrenched, and 'D' Coy had to withdraw to its original posn, having suffered fairly hy cas. 4 P.W. were captured. Lt Pyrah and 17 Pl missing during street fighting phase. 2 G.H. later failed to capture same village. Casualties: 9 wounded, 21 missing. 0730 Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
	23 Sep	Bn holding posns on WILHELMINA Br head. 1000 Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. 1400 C.O. held 'O' Group. Two Bns attack. 2 G.H. RIGHT - 7 SEAFORTH LEFT. Boundary lines rd crossing Rly 373257. Sup arms, 2 Fd Regt, 1 Med Regt; 1 Pl 4.2 Mortars; 2 Pl MMG. 7 Seaforth to attack and capture Rly from crossing 373257 to 377251. 'B' Coy right Factory 374257; 'C' Coy line of Rly from hedge to track 375256 to excl track and Rly Junc 376253. 'A' Coy incl Rly and track junc 376253 to shrubbery and Rly 377251. 'D' Coy in reserve. Attack went in. Heavy MG fire from Rly waggons and factory. Enemy posns along Rly dug well into embankment. Progress slow under heavy M.G. fire. At 1845 hrs, posns of Bn were - 'B' Coy area 376257; 'C' Coy area tracks 378256; 'A' Coy area 378254; 'D' Coy 382256; Bn HQ at 384257. Objectives were not taken and Coys consolidated where they were. Casualties: 6 ORs Killed; 1 Offr and 32 ORs wounded.	

	24 Sep	2100	Bn holding posns on WILHELMINA CANAL Br head. Recce Patrol from 'C' Coy to Rly. Enemy posts occupied. Contact patrols between Coys.	
	25 Sep	1445	Bn holding dug in posns covering Rly. Contact Patrols during night. Typhoons attacked enemy posns around factory area. Intermittent mortaring of factory area. 2 ORs wounded. 227 Bde attempted attack left flank on to rd NAASTEBEST and failed. 2 Gordons came under very heavy MG fire on W side of Rly. They were unable to adv and suffered cas. The attack failed.	
	26 Sep	0715 0945 1600 1815	C.O. held 'O' Group. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Two Bns attack. 1st phase 9 Cams to clear rly level crossing 371263 to crossing incl small house 373257. 2nd phase, 7 Seaforth to capture factory area 374257 to incl track and rly crossing 375253. 'B' Coy to capture and hold factory E of rly and gain firm base for 'C' Coy to pass through and capture building W of rly. 'D' Coy to clear rly to crossing 375253. 'A' Coy to remain and give flank protection. In support all Div arty and 1 troop of S.P. A/Tk Guns. Attack goes in under heavy enemy MG and mortar fire. 'B' Coy reached factory. 'C' Coy reached rly and one Pl crossed, then coming under enemy cross fire from houses on right suffering cas. 'D' Coy moving through towards rly were shelled and mortared, and were held up also by MG fire from area waggons S of factory. All enemy were cleared from factory and embankment E of Rly. Position of Coys 'B' and 'C' combined to form one Coy in factory commanding good observation and fire on rly. 'D' Coy in area 377256. 'A' Coy in area 377253. Bn HQ. at 379259. Casualties: 4 ORs Killed, 3 Offrs & 27 ORs wounded; 1 Offr & 7 ORs missing. C.O. leaves for 'O' Group at Bde H.Q. Contact patrols with 9 Cams.	
	27 Sep	0715 1430 2000 2100 0300	C.O. held 'O' Group. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. 'A' Coy relieved 'C' Coy in factory - 'C' Coy taking over 'A' Coys posn. Fighting patrol went out to rly waggons 374255. No enemy contacted. " " returns.	
	28 Sep		Bn still holding same posns containing enemy W of Rly - 1 P.W.	

		1430	Carrier Pl recce patrol.	
	29 Sep	1155 21- 2300	Bn still holding same posns containing enemy W of Rly. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. 2 P.W. Carrier Pl - Recce Patrol. Intermittent shelling throughout day.	
	30 Sep		Bn still holding same posns containing enemy W of Rly. - 2 P.W. Recce Patrol - 1 Sgt & 3 ORs from Pnr Assault Sec.	See Appdx 'D'

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Unit 7th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders

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Month and Year OCTOBER, 1944

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. P.M. HUNT.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	Oct 1		Bn holding dug in posns on WILHELMINA CANAL holding line of Rly-Canal to X Tracks BEST.	
	Oct 2	1200	Bn holding dug in posns on WILHELMINA CANAL. Div Comd visits Bn HQ.	
	Oct 3	1645 1815	Bn holding dug in posns on WILHELMINA CANAL. Bn leaves WILHELMINA CANAL posns - taken over by 2 Seaforth, 51st Div. Bn arrives at HELMOND trg area. Move by MT.	
	Oct 4	1000 1415	Bn at HELMOND trg area. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ and inspects billets. COs Conference.	
	Oct 5		Bn at HELMOND Trg area. Trg to incl:- Coys trg in wood clearing and street fighting. Juniors' ldrs cadre - Sec and Pl Battle Drills - Wireless Procedure. Use of grenades, PIAT and Sten for close combat fighting. Recreational trg periods.	
	Oct 6		Bn at HELMOND trg area.	
	Oct 7	0800	Bn at HELMOND trg area. CO leaves for recce area MOLENHOEK 7254.	
	Oct 8		Bn at HELMOND trg area.	
	Oct 9	1000 2200	Bn at HELMOND trg area. Div Comd visits Bn and spoke to the Bn and took the march past led by the Bn Pipe Band. All ranks Dance.	
	Oct 10		Bn at HELMOND trg area.	
	Oct 11		Bn at HELMOND trg area.	
	Oct 12		Bn at HELMOND trg area.	
	Oct 13		Bn at HELMOND trg area.	
	Oct 14		Bn at HELMOND trg area.	
	Oct 15		Bn at HELMOND trg area.	

			Bn on Ex 'COCKSHY' to exercise the tps in embussing and debussing from RAMS. and going into attack on RAMS supported by Tanks. Area GELDROF Ref. 5016.	
	Oct 17		Bn at HELMOND trg area. Bn Football team played 9 Cameronians. Won 6 - 2.	
	Oct 18		Bn at HELMOND trg area. All Ranks Dance 1930 hrs.	
	Oct 19		Bn at HELMPOND trg area. Snipers Cadre under Bde for four days. "I" Sec Course " " " " " "	
	Oct 20		Bn at HELMOND trg area.	
	Oct 21		Bn at HELMOND trg area.	
	Oct 22		Bn at HELMOND trg area. Bde Cloth Model Ex for CO, Coy Comds and Specialist Offrs.	
	Oct 23		Bn at HELMOND trg area. Cloth Model - Arty Inf Co-op W/T 18 set.	
	Oct 24	1430 1730 1930 2030 2300	Bn at HELMOND trg area. CO held 'O' Group. Bn leaves HELMOND. Bn arrives at ACHT Conc area. Move from HELMOND in TCVs. CO leaves for 'O' Gp at Bde. CO held 'O' Gp. Bde to adv tomorrow on axis BEST, OIRSCHOT, MOIRGESTEL. Bn embussed on RAMS.	
	Oct 25	0945 1245 1430 1730 2000 2200	Bn leaves ACHT. Advance to Contact. Marching personnel embussed in RAMS 389257 Sheet 5 HOLLAND 1/100000 - Advance through OIRSCHOT, SPOORDONK. Bn conc GROOT, HEIBLOEM 2727. Bn moves to OISTERWIJK 2334. Bn contacts enemy SOUTH of STREAM 230337. Enemy holding line NORTH of STREAM and in OISTERWIJK. Bridge on main axis blown but crossing possible on foot. Br over stream 234343 intact. Tanks engage targets in OISTERWIJK. Coys take up posns. 'C' Coy area X rds 231336 - 'A' Coy 235339 - 'D' Coy 226333 - Bn HQ 231330. Bde Comd's Conference. COs 'O' Gp. Two Bns attack to capture OISTERWIJK and establish limited Br head to line of rly as close protection for RES building bridge. Bn casualties: One O.R. wounded.	App 'A'
	Oct 26	0700	Attack on OISTERWIJK begins. 7 Seaforth to make limited Br Head over river SOUTH of OISTERWIJK - 'A' Coy RIGHT - 'D' Coy LEFT - 'C' Coy in RESERVE. 2 Glashow Hrs to go through 7 Seaforth over Rly and extend Br Head. Heavy enemy shelling and mortaring area of fwd posns.	

		<p>0705 Major RWG Robertson McIsaac, OC 'D' Coy, wounded as Coy moves fwd - Died of wounds same day.</p> <p>0710 Lieut AEM Dickie, 'C' Coy, wounded.</p> <p>0725 Both 'A' and 'D' Coys across stream. Start house clearing in town.</p> <p>0735 Coys contacted each other in town. Lieut WA Gunn killed by shelling.</p> <p>0750 'C' Coy - Reserve Coy moving up and crosses stream.</p> <p>0805 'A' Coy on objective and digging in.</p> <p>0810 Lieut H. Holden, Bn Medical Offr, wounded.</p> <p>0815 'D' Coy consolidates on objective.</p> <p>0830 Tac HQ cross river to area CHURCH 232342.</p> <p>0835 All Coys across and in posn. Digging in.</p> <p>0840 Carrier Pl on extreme right to engage any threat from right flank.</p> <p>0900 2 G.H. passing through area. Enemy shelling and mortaring area.</p> <p>0900 Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.</p> <p>1100 Bn HQ estd 232342.</p> <p>1215 Local Comd of FFI of Netherland contacts HQ. Sent to Bde HQ.</p> <p>1230 Bde Comd at Bn HQ. Coy posns 'A' Coy area 232344 - 'C' Coy area 226338 - 'D' Coy area 226341 - Carrier Pl 235344. P.O.W. taken 44. <u>Bn Casualties:-</u> 1 Offr Killed, 2 Officers Wounded. 3 ORs Killed, 35 ORs Wounded.</p> <p>1235 All Bn 'F' Vehs across stream.</p>	
	Oct 27	<p>Bn in OISTERWIJK.</p> <p>1030 'A' Coy moves fwd to line of track 227348 - 'D' Coy to DONBER STEEG line of Track 224346. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.</p> <p>1100 COs 'O' Group. Enemy reported withdrawing towards River MAAS. Bde ordered to close up on WILHELMINA CANAL. 7 Seaforth to HEIKANT - 2 G.H. to area WOOD 1834. 7 Seaforth to adv on HEIKANT 1636 then close on Canal line incl Br 163345 to incl Br 173339 and join up with 9 Cameronians. Coys to adv mounted on tanks of 2 Scots Gds to debus short of HEIKANT. Carrier Pl well ahead to act as screen.</p> <p>1230 Bn moves off on tanks.</p> <p>1445 Bn enters HEIKANT. No opposition met. All Coys in posn.</p> <p>1705 CO orders Coys to cross Canal into TILBURG.</p> <p>1730 Coys cross WILHELMINA CANAL on Assault Boats. Bn Pnrs build raft for ferrying of vehs.</p>	

		1900	Coys across WILHELMINA CANAL into TILBURG - 'A' Coy 161338 - 'C' Coy 168339 - 'D' Coy 167333 - Bn HQ 171335. 8 P.O.W. taken. <u>Bn Casualties:</u> 1 OR wounded.	
	Oct 28	0845 1015 1200	Bn at TILBURG. CO held 'O' Gp. Bn moves to W. TILBURG. 'A' Coy area of HUSSELL 148343 - 'C' Coy area astride Rd Junc 147335 - 'D' Coy area BIJLANER Street 154334. Bn HQ School 156337. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. P.O.W. taken 2. <u>Bn Casualties:</u> 1 OR drowned when raft capsized.	
	Oct 29	1000 1225 1700	Bn at TILBURG 156337. Bn Church Parade with 15 (S) Inf Div Massed Pipe Bands. Recce Party under 2 i/c to DEURNE to meet Bde Comd. Bn leaves TILBURG (M.T. Move). Bn arrives Area DEURNE (6520) took over posns from 6 R.S.F. Bn HQ 642187 - 'A' Coy area 641181 - 'C' Coy area 048183 - 'D' Coy VLOEIEIND 635184 Carrier Pl. 643183 - Mortar Pl 639185. Bn dug-in Defensive posns.	
	Oct 30	1100 1150 1230 1440 2100	Bn in Def Posn (6520). Bn moves fwd to new posn along rd DEURNE - LEISEL to new posn at LOON. Capt LM Smith killed by shell. Bn posns - Bn HQ 664158 - 'A' Coy 664153 - 'C' Coy 668154 - 'D' Coy 664153. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Bn Dug in in defensive posns. COs 'O' Gp. Bde to launch limited attack - two Bns up: one in res. RIGHT 7 Seaforth - LEFT 9 CAMS - KOSB res. In sp- one sqn Cold Gds - One Pl MMG - one Tp A/Tk RA - Four Fd Regts - One Med Regt - one Pl 4.2" Mortars. 7 Seaforth to capture and hold SOUTH half of LIESEL.	
	Oct 31	0830 0840 0850 0925	Bn formed up for attack on LIESEL - two Coys up - 'A' Coy RIGHT - 'C' Coy LEFT - 'D' Coy RESERVE, Carriers to be called when required. Bn goes into attack under fairly heavy enemy shelling and mortaring. Weather bad - visibility 80-100 yds. 'A' Coy clearing houses along road into LIESEL - progressing slowly. 9 Cams report nearing obj on our left.	

		0930	'C' Coy find little opposition on left and are on obj. Enemy shelling and mortaring posn. 'A' Coy's right pl in centre of LIESEL near Church clearing houses.	
		0940	Still in area Church. Street fighting - advancing from house to house.	
		0945	Left flank under hy mortar and shell fire.	
		0950	Tac HQ under shell fire. Rd blocked by wrecked vehs and felled trees. Area of rd block mined (Box Mines).	
		1000	'A' Coy progressing slowly - visibility very poor and every house has to be searched from top to bottom.	
		1005	Cross fire on 'A' Coys front holding up tps, but fwd tps nearing obj.	
		1020	'C' Coy report enemy cleared from their front. Coy consolidating - digging in.	
		1022	'A' Coy moving up on to obj - hy enemy mortaring.	
		1025	Rd block cleared - Bn Pnrs cleared rd and verges of mines (Box Type).	
		1030	Mines reported in 'C' Coys posn and on rds leading to centre of LIESEL.	
		1100	'A' Coy being shelled but making good progress.	
		1130	'D' Coy moving up on COs orders.	
		1200	'A' Coy consolidating on gd captured.	
		1230	'D' Coy clearing houses SOUTH and WEST of 'A' Coy. During the whole of the morning the enemy shelled and mortared LIESEL consistently. Progress was slow as every house and cellar had to be searched. Enemy MG posts were well concealed and covered. This made progress on the right slow, but cas were light and prisoners were taken incl 1 Offr and 37 other ranks. At 1530 hrs the Coys were consolidating having cleared the village of enemy. By 1610 hrs the coys were digging in and posns were Bn HQ 667147 - 'A' Coy area 669144 - 'C' Coy area 673145 - 'D' Coy 671142.	
		1830	CO attends Conference at Bde HQ. During the night 18 more POW were brought in making a total of 1 Offr & 55 ORs. Bn casualties: 2 Offrs wounded. 7 ORs Killed - 18 ORs Wounded.	

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Month and Year NOVEMBER, 1944.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. P.M. HUNT.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
LIESEL	Nov 1	0800 0930 1315 1700	Bn holding dug-in positions at LIESEL 6614. C.O. held 'O' Group. Bn to attack and clear area SNOERTS 6814 to CANAL. Two Coys up - 'C' Coy Right, 'D' Coy Left, 'A' Coy reserve. Advance started supported by arty and 4.2" Mortars. No enemy were encountered and Coys reached their objectives and started digging in. Spasmodic shelling by the enemy continued during the adv and some mines and booby traps were encountered. These were dealt with by the Bn Pioneers. Bn HQ at SNOERTS 668144, 'A' Coy 683138, 'C' Coy 692143, 'D' Coy 691137. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. During night recce patrols went to Canal and to X Tracks 694131. Carrier Sec Patrol to Foot bridge 706131. Enemy posts were located at 698126-685112. 75 m.m. gun at 692118. Bn Casualties: 4 ORs wounded.	
SNOERTS	Nov 2	0200 1200	Bn holding positions area SNOERTS 668144 - to stop any infiltration of enemy WEST of Canal. 'A' Coy - Fighting Patrol to destroy all enemy in area Track 705130 and Houses 706128. 'D' Coy Standing Patrol to prevent any Enemy using Footbridge 697144. Div Comd visits Bn HQ. Enemy shelling Bn Area at intervals, otherwise quiet.	
SNOERTS	3 Nov	1030	Bn holding positions area SNOERTS 668144 to prevent any enemy infiltration this side of Canal. 'D' Coy - Standing Patrol - To deny use of footbridge 697144 to enemy. Contact Patrols: 'D' Coy to contact Carrier Pl - 'C' Coy to contact 'D' Coy. 'C' Coy Standing Patrol - To watch and give warning of any enemy coming from area Track and Canal Junc 706131. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	

SNOERTS		1915	Occasional Enemy Shelling throughout the day - Casualties 1 OR wounded. Bn holding positions area SNOERTS 668144. C.O. held 'O' Group.	
SNOERTS	Nov 4		A quiet day. There were Standing and Contact Patrols as for last night. No enemy were contacted.	
SNOERTS	Nov 5	1300 2200	Bn holding positions area SNOERTS 668144. Bn relieved by 'A' Sqn Recce Regt 15 (S) Div. Bn moved to reserve positions 691112 for the night. C.O. held 'O' Group. Bn comes under Comd of 44 Bde for clearing OPs tomorrow. Bn to clear area 7009 and Eastwards to Canal and clear marsh area. On clearing area Coys to send forward strong Patrols of fighting strength. Occasional enemy shelling today. Bn casualties: 1 OR Killed, 2 ORs Wounded.	
	Nov 6	0800 0900 1200	Bn starts adv to clear area 7009 to Canal. 'A' Coy Right, 'C' Coy Left, 'D' Coy reserve in firm base. Advance made under Arty Cover. One small post only was encountered this side of the Canal and some small arms fire came from East bank of Canal with occasional shelling. Advance was successfully made and positions consolidated and dug in. A patrol from 'C' Coy under 2/Lt Creighton suffered some casualties. Bn A/Tk guns engaged the posts located with good effect. Coy positions - 'A' Coy 707091, 'C' Coy 708095, 'D' Coy 703094. Bn HQ at NEERKANT 703093. Sgt Bennett, Pioneer Pl Sgt killed whilst removing Teller Mines. Bn Casualties: 4 ORs Killed, 4 ORs wounded.	
	Nov 7	1900	Bn holding positions area NEERKANT 703093 to stop any infiltration of enemy WEST of Canal. Anti personnel mines found at Track 711089, Tellermines 711088. Pioneer Pl clearing area. C.O. held 'O' Group. Contact Patrols and Standing Patrols during night. Occasional enemy shelling but no enemy were contacted. Bn Casualties: 1 OR killed, 1 OR Wounded.	
	Nov 8	1100 2100 2330	Bn holding positions area NEERKANT 703093. Recce parties from 2 Gordons, 227 Bde, 15 (S) Div, look over area. Bn relieved by 2 Gordons. Bn proceeds to Camp SOUTH of DEURNE 655170. Bn arrives at Camp DEURNE 655170 (M.T. Move).	
	Nov 9	1145	Bn at Camp DEURNE 655170. Bde Comd visits Bn and inspects billets.	

			Bn reverted to under Comd 46 (H) Inf Bde, 15 (S) Inf Div.	
	Nov 10	1130 1600 1800	Bn at Camp DEURNE 655170. Div Comd visits Bn and inspects Camp. Bn leaves Camp for FAA prior to taking over from 9 Cameronians. Bn takes over from 9 Cams. Bn HQ HUTTEN 682129, 'A' Coy 694113, 'C' Coy area 694126, 'D' Coy area 695122. Standing Patrol in area of Bridge 708123. O.P. 698119.	
	Nov 11	1530	Bn holding positions area HUTTEN 682129 to prevent any infiltration of enemy WEST of Canal. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ and proceeded on recce of Bridge 708123. <u>Patrols</u> : Standing Patrol area Br 708123 to prevent any enemy crossing and to detach recce patrols NORTH and SOUTH along Canal Bank to find out if enemy is still holding positions on EAST Bank. Standing Patrols by day to relieve Night Patrol. No enemy were observed on Bn front.	
	Nov 12		Bn holding positions area of HUTTEN 682129. <u>Patrols</u> : 'C' Coy Standing Patrol: 1 Offr, 12 ORs to lie up area Br 708123 and prevent any enemy crossing br. 'C' Coy Recce Patrol 1 NCO & 2 ORs to find out if enemy are in area 711116. Carrier Standing Patrol at Cross Tracks 694131. No enemy patrols were reported this side of Canal but our Recce Patrol reported enemy occupying posts on EAST side of Canal at 705128 with M.G. Enemy sentries seen at Br. 708122.	
	Nov 13	1230 1300	Bn holding positions are of HUTTEN 682129. Div Comd visits Bn HQ. C.O. held conference on future Ops and training. Standing and Recce Patrols as per previous night. Some enemy were encountered at 708124 and were engaged. Two enemy were wounded.	
	Nov 14	1000 1230 1700 1815	Bn holding positions area of HUTTEN 682129. C.O. went on recce of HORIK 6302 with 'D' Coy Comd. 'D' Coy to move to HORIK on 15 Nov and will come under command of 2 Gordons, 227 Bde, 15 (S) Div. Under Comd 'D' Coy one Recce Assault Troop. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Bn relieved by 2 Glasgow H. Bn moves to Camp SOUTH of DEURNE 655170. Bn arrives at Camp S of DEURNE 655170.	
	Nov 15		Bn at Camp S of DEURNE 655170.	

		0845	D Coy leaves for area of HORIK 6302, comes under comd of 2 Gordons, 227 Bde.	
		1130	8 Corps Comd visits Bn HQ and inspects Camp.	
	Nov 16		Bn at Camp S of DEURNE 655170.	
		1300	Bn leaves Camp.	
		1530	Bn takes over positions from 9 Cameronians. Bn HQ at 695101 SOUTH of HEITRAK, 'A' Coy area 697107, 'C' Coy area 698099.	
		1930	C.O. leaves for 'O' Group at Bde H.Q.	
		1945	D Coy returns to Camp S of DEURNE 655170.	
		2130	C.O. held 'O' Group.	
			Patrols: Standing Patrol; 1 Offr & 11 ORs to lie up area 711105 from 1800 hrs to 0630 hrs. No enemy reported in Bn Area. Quiet day - weather terrible.	
	17 Nov		Bn holding positions S of HEITRAK 695101 to prevent any enemy crossing Canal.	
		1130	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
			Patrols: Standing Patrol 1 Offr & 11 ORs to destroy any enemy crossing Canal. To send out small det of 1 NCO and 2 ORs to look for any enemy this side of Canal and to visit area of Br. 715100 to try and draw enemy fire and gain information of enemy's strength and positions.	
			MG fire was drawn from posts at 715107 and 717100. Small calibre mortars fired from area 717100. An SP Gun 77 m.m. fired from 725109. Flares observed area 706108.	
	18 Nov		Bn holding positions S of HEITRAK 695101 to prevent any enemy infiltration West of Canal.	
		1400	C.O. to 'O' Group at Bde H.Q.	
		1600	Div Comd visits Bn HQ.	
			Patrols: Standing Patrol - to lie up area 710104 and to destroy any enemy patrols crossing Canal.	
			Recce Patrol - to be detached from Standing Patrol and move NORTH and SOUTH along Canal Bank.	
			Fighting Patrol: on information from Recce Patrol to go forward and destroy or capture any enemy area 715100.	
			A quiet day. Very little shelling on Bn area. Enemy still on EAST of Canal.	
	19 Nov		Bn holding positions S of HEITRAK 695101.	
		1045	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
		1145	46 (H) Inf Bde crossed Canal. 9 Cams one Coy Bridgehead 711116, 713123, 707128, and one Coy area 720120. One Pl of C Coy crossed canal at 713103 to protect footbridge at 715100. Recce Patrol from 'C' Coy located enemy posts 731114 and 728121. Enemy	

			Mortars firing on to Br Head. Rds and tracks in very bad condition with mud and craters.	
	20 Nov	0830 0900 1000 2300	Bn holding positions at HEITRAK 695101. Pl of 'C' Coy withdrawn from area footbridge 715100. A Coy take up positions to protect bridges over Canal at HOOGEBRUG 7012 and relieve Coy of 9 Cameronians. D Coy move into positions vacated by 'A' Coy. C Coy maintain Standing Patrol on EAST Bank of Canal at 715100. Recce Patrol went to area of HELENAVEEN to get infm on state of bridges 737107 and 736105. Recce Patrol bumped enemy near canal bund 736105. Bridges at 737107 and 736105 blown.	
	21 Nov	1345 1645	Bn holding positions at HEITRAK 695101. Bn leaves HEITRAK to follow up after 2 Glas H who are passing through 9 Cams. Roads are in a very bad state. Bn reaches area 786123 and assembles for night. F Echelon vehicles managed to get through marshes with difficulty owing to mud. "Weasels" were used to convey up some stores after tracks became impassable to wheeled vehicles. Occasional enemy shelling.	
	Nov 22	0700 0930 1100 1255	Bn in area Woods 786123. D Coy moves NORTH to give right flank protection to Bn of 11 Armd Div advancing towards AMERIKA. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Bn advances to area VOORSTE HEESE 8014. Roads and tracks in very bad condition - weather conditions appalling - only limited number of vehs managed to get through. Bn in area VOORSTE HEESE 8014, Bn HQ at FARM 805144, 'A' Coy area 808142, 'C' Coy area 802147, 'D' Coy area houses 809146. Road Recce Patrol reports Rds SEVENUM-HORST clear of mines and in fairly good condition. Church in SEVENUM blown and road blocked. 4 Allied airmen - 2 RAF and 2 USAAF met in VOORSTE HEESE. They had escaped from Germany after being shot down and had been in hiding for almost two months.	
	23 Nov	1045	Bn in area of VOORSTE HEESE 8014. Div Comd visits Bn HQ. Platoon 'B' to area Br 8214. Br blown and mines on Rd. Rly cratered. Weather conditions still very bad. Main Admin routes have had to be changed to enable stores and vehs to get through to Bn. Weasels and Lloyd Carriers only vehs to manage through rd in Peile.	

		1845	Bn moves to conc area SCHADIJK 8020 for the night. Weather conditions terrible. Heavy rain. Tracks almost impassable to wheeled vehicles.	
		2100	C.O. holds 'O' Group.	
	Nov 29		Bn at conc area SCHADIJK 8020.	
		1100	Bn leaves conc area SCHADIJK 8020.	
		1600	Bn arrives at ROOTH 8409 WEST of the R MAAS. Took over posns from 4 Lincolns Regt 49 Div. Bn HQ at ROOTH 850092 WEST of the R. MAAS. 'A' Coy N.W. of HOUT BLERICK 878081, 'B' Coy area of Wood 864086, 'C' Coy area of tracks and houses 875087, 'D' Coy area of road and tracks 868094. 1 Coy of 9 Cams under Command at BOEKEND 874100. Carrier Pl edge of WOOD 870084. Area the Bn is now in has been mined by the enemy and paths cleared can only be used. Patrols confirm that enemy are still strongly entrenched opposite us in BLERICK and that he is patrolling "No Mans Land" by night. Contact patrols made during night with 9 Cams Coy. Occasional shelling by enemy in Bn areas. Coys have standing patrols in Coy areas. Capt R.N.C. Hills, Carrier Pl, wounded by shoe mine.	
	Nov 30		Bn holding posns WEST of the R. MAAS at ROOTH 850092.	
		1700	Bn relieved by 9 Cams. During relief enemy shelled area inflicting cas on 'A' Coy.	
		1830	Bn arrives at rest area NORTH of ACHTERSTE HEES 7914. Bn HQ at 797150. Bn Casualties: 1 OR Killed and 3 wounded.	

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Month and Year DECEMBER 1944

Commanding Officer P.M. HUNT Lt.Col.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
HORST	Dec 1		Bn in rest area. The plan for Operation "GUILDFORD" received.))
HORST	Dec 2		C.O. held briefing conference for all officers and Pl Sgts.) See Appendix 'A'
HORST	Dec 3		Operation "GUILDFORD")
MEIJEL	Dec 4		Bn at MEIJEL 7106 Rest Area. Ceases to come under Comd 44 Bde	
MEIJEL	Dec 5	1000 1215	Commenced Trg Bde Comdr 46 (H) Inf Bde visits Bn HQ. Div Comdr visits Bn HQ.	
MEIJEL	Dec 6		Carrying out Trg. Overhauling of Equipment and Weapons.	
MEIJEL	Dec 7	1430 1600	Bn left MEIJEL 7106 by march route, Coy pipers playing. Bn arrives at ASTEN 6013.	
ASTEN	Dec 8	1550	Training. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
ASTEN	Dec 9		Training. Film shows for troops.	
ASTEN	Dec 10		Training. Dance organised by Mortar Pl.	
ASTEN	Dec 11		Training. Film and ENSA Show.	
ASTEN	Dec 12	1000 1800	Training. Commanding Officer left for recce of BLERICK. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
ASTEN	Dec 13		Guard of Honour for Field Marshal Montgomery at ZOMEREN. The Bn provided Guard of Honour under Capt Keary. Div Comd expressed his satisfaction with the Guard by a complimentary letter.	
ASTEN	Dec 14		Training.	
ASTEN	Dec 15	1315 1400	Training. C.O. left for recce of ROGDEL 7397. Bde Comd R Gp HUIJTHUESIN.	
ASTEN	Dec 16	1400	Training. C.O's 'O' Group.	
ASTEN	Dec 17	0900 1045	Bn leaves ASTEN 6013 M.T. Move. Takes over from 6 R Welsh Fusiliers. Bn arrives at ROGDEL 7397. Bn HQ 738977. On arrival at Bn area were bombed by 4 M.E. 262. No casualties. Enemy planes flew over area at intervals during morning.	

ROGGEL	Dec 18		Bn at ROGGEL 738977 Training. Res Bn but supplying ANTI-PARATROOP PICQUETS and also carrying out Trg Programmes. Training areas reced with suitable PIAT and MORTAR ranges.	
ROGGEL	Dec 19		Training. Res Bn. Coy and Specialist Platoon Training.	
ROGGEL	Dec 20		Training. Res Bn. Coy and Specialist Platoon Training.	
ROGGEL	Dec 21	1600	Training. Res Bn. Pipe Band beat Retreat.	
ROGGEL	Dec 22	1255 1400 1500	Bde Comdr visits Bn HQ. Bn leaves ROGGEL 738977. Bn arrives at NEER 7797. Take over posns from 9 Cameronians. Bn HQ 772978. 'A' Coy 775969. 'B' Coy 781976. 'C' Coy 783971. 'D' Coy 795988. Bn takes over without incident. <u>Patrols</u> out during the night made no contact with enemy in Bn Area. Enemy movement on East side of R MAAS, sounds of horses and motor transport.	
NEER	Dec 23	0030	Bn same area. At about 0800 hrs an enemy Patrol penetrated to area of 781965 near sec position of 'A' Coy. When challenged they replied "Patrol!!" and immediately opened fire with automatic small arms. Fire was returned immediately and enemy patrol withdrew. Two of 'A' Coy's men were wounded. The enemy made off in a South Westerly direction into thick fog and darkness.	
NEER		0845	Five enemy approached Houses 790955 where section of 'A' Coy was situated along with two I Sec men on OP Duties. The enemy managed to get up close to house under cover of very thick fog. They captured two of our men as they were going towards slit. Cpl Price, one of the captured, made an attempt to escape, and was shot and killed. The other captive was slightly wounded in leg, but made good his getaway. When fired upon the enemy made off, but one, a Cpl in the G.A.F. was shot and killed. One other was wounded but managed with the others to get away. The area was under enemy observation from East Bank of R MAAS, and pursuit of enemy was held up by heavy M.G. fire from that side. Cas. Own 3 Wounded 1 Killed Enemy 1 Killed 1 Wounded. <u>Patrols</u> . Contact Patrols of fighting strength between Pl Posn 790956 and Pl Posn 779967 and 775964. Contact Patrols between fwd posn and fwd posn of 2 GLASGOW H along R MAAS. Contact Patrols of fighting strength to move along River MAAS from WAIJE to Pl Posn 787972. Fighting Patrol to destroy any enemy in 3 Houses at 789967.	

		0540	Patrol made contact with enemy, strength 15 to 25 men, in area of Red Roofed House at FERRY 792972.	
NEER	Dec 24		Some enemy shells landed near Bn Area, and South 4 salvos of Nebelwerfer landed near 2 GLASGOW H area. Shell Repts were immediately sent through.	
		1130	Divisional Commander visited Bn HQ and went to fwd O.P.	
		1200	Brig Comd visited Bn HQ. One Pl of 'C' Coy to attack and clear area of FERRY HOUSE 792971 and capture or destroy any enemy there. After capture to occupy area as Standing Patrol.	
		1630	Pl of 'D' Coy occupy area FERRY HOUSE 792971. No enemy were encountered. Snipers on observation patrol along Bank of R MAAS area of small gullies 790975. Wire and Mine signs observed on EAST Bank of MAAS at bend of River 795975.	
NEER		1630	<u>Patrols</u> - Four Standing Patrols have been detailed to take up posns - one at 791955 with Bren section up to bank of River MAAS. - At FERRY HOUSE area 792971 - At Houses 790966 - At Houses WAIJE 794979 with L.M.G. Section on River Bank.	
NEER	Dec 25		Christmas Day. The Padre is holding services to-day in the cellar of Houses at Bn HQ. As many men as could be spared by fwd Coys attended his services.	
		1200	Brigade Comd visited Bn HQ. All was quiet in fwd areas. O.Ps report no enemy movement seen on EAST Bank of MAAS. Standing Patrols as on previous night kept watch on Bn front. Nothing to report.	
NEER	Dec 26		Bn holding positions WEST of River MAAS. Bn HQ 773978.	
		1030	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
		1148	Three bombs dropped near 'D' Coys area thought to be from Jet Propelled plane. No damage. Patrols reported a quiet night. No enemy patrols in Bn area. OPs observed some enemy movement and sounds of both horse and motor vehicles EAST of the MAAS.	
NEER	Dec 27		Bn holding positions WEST of River MAAS. Bn HQ 773978.	
		1200	Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. No enemy patrols reported in Bn Area during night. Some shells landed in village of NEER. Standing Patrols report no movement of enemy heard or seen this side. OPs had little to report as there was heavy ground fog. Weather: Thick white frost.	
NEER	Dec 28		Bn holding positions WEST of River MAAS. Bn HQ 773978.	

			<p>Another quiet day except for some shells in and near village of NEER. No enemy reported in Bn Area. Standing Patrols and OPs report all quiet.</p> <p>Weather: Heavy white frost - Sprinkling of Snow.</p>	
NEER	Dec 29		<p>Bn holding positions WEST of River MAAS. Bn HQ 773978.</p> <p>An enemy Patrol of 4 men approached 'D' Coy during night and were engaged by them. They immediately scattered and went in direction of 10 H.L.I.</p> <p>Propaganda leaflets were found nearby and telephone lines cut. There was thick fog at time and nothing more was seen of enemy.</p>	
NEER	Dec 30		<p>Bn holding positions WEST of River MAAS. Bn HQ 773978.</p> <p>'D' Coy moves its Pls forward. Coy HQ remains in same location. One Pl of Coy moved into area of Factory with section taking up Standing Patrol posn at 797980. One Pl took up posn at 793971 covering the river in a SE direction. Wiring in of posns was started and line communication joined with Coy of 10 H.L.I. No enemy reported in Area.</p>	
NEER	Dec 31	1100	<p>Bn holding positions WEST of River MAAS. Bn HQ 773978.</p> <p>Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.</p> <p>A quiet day. Some enemy shells landed near Bn Area but did no damage. At 2400 hrs two minutes fire from Arty, 4.2M, 3" M and MMG was put down on known enemy posns across the MAAS as a New Year Greeting. Immediately flares of many colours were lighted up the EAST side of the MAAS. No counter fire was returned. Standing Patrols report no enemy movement this side of MAAS during night. Weather: Heavy frost.</p>	

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Unit 7th Bn The Seaforth Highlanders

Month and Year JANUARY, 1945.

Commanding Officer Lt.Col P.M. HUNT

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1 Jan		Bn still at NEER 7778 - nothing eventful during day.	
	2 Jan		Bn still at NEER 7778 during morning, but were relieved by 2 G.H. during the afternoon - relief completed by 2000 hrs - Bn then proceeded to Reserve Area ROGGEL 7397 after 12 days in the line.	
	3 Jan		Bn at ROGGEL 7397 - Div Comd visits Bn HQ. Toady Bn held New Year's Celebrations - each man drew an extra bottle of beer on top of his normal monthly ration. The main feature of the day was the excellent dinner the cook's served up. The old custom of Offrs, WOs and Sgts serving the meals was carried out. The C.O. drank a toast and wished the men Good Luck for 1945.	
	4 Jan		Bn still at ROGGEL 7394. Normal Trg was carried out. Bn Snipers Course commenced and lasted 4 days.	
	5 Jan	1515	Bn still at ROGGEL 7394. Normal Trg being carried out. 8 Corps Comd visits Bn HQ.	
	6 Jan	1000 1100 1700	Bn still at ROGGEL 7394. Normal trg being carried out. CO proceeds on recce of new location at HORN 7591 in preparation for taking over from 4 K.S.L.I. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. CO holds 'O' Gp re taking over new location.	
	7 Jan		Bn still at ROGGEL 7394. Normal trg being carried out. Coy Comds visit area of new location.	
	8 Jan		Bn still at ROGGEL 7394 but preparing to take over new location in the afternoon. Leading tps pass start line en route for new posn. Take over completed by 2110 hrs. Bn HQ est at Pt 745916 - 1 Bty 339 A/Tk under Comd as Infantry. Bn now under command 159 Bde - 11 Armd Div. During the night a number of civilians crossed the R. MAAS and were picked up by our fwd tps.	See Appendix 'A'
	9 Jan		Bn at HORN 7591 - All quiet; nothing to report.	
	10 Jan	1030	Bn at HORN 7591 - Wiring and strengthening of defences in area. Div Comd 11 Armd Div and Bde Comd 159 Bde visit Bn HQ.	

			During the night a small German patrol dressed in White Camouflage suits were completely surprised by one of our fwd Pls - results one enemy killed and two believed wounded - No further trace of the patrol could be found.	
	11 Jan	1130	Bn still at HORN 7591. Wiring and strengthening of defences still carrying on. Div Comd, 11 Armd Div, visits Bn HQ - Bn now under direct comd 11 Armd Div. Slight patrol activity on the front but nothing in our area.	
	12 Jan	1000	Bn still at HORN 7591. Wiring and strengthening of defences still goes on. Div Comd visits Bn HQ - 1415 hrs Bde Comd 46 Bde visits Bn HQ. During the night more civilians crossed the R MAAS and passed on some infm about enemy. Slight patrol activity.	
	13 Jan		Bn still at HORN 7591. Wiring and strengthening of defences still goes on. Slight patrol activity but nothing seen in our area.	
	14 Jan		Bn still at HORN 7591. Wiring and strengthening of defences completed. During the night Bosche patrol 3 strong approaches one of our own fwd Pl posns. Sentry opened fire - the Bosche retaliated with hand grenades and disappeared. As a result one of our Offrs was killed - Lt R.F. THORESEN, 'D' Coy.	
	15 Jan		Bn still at HORN 7591. Slight patrol activity but none in our area.	
	16 Jan		Bn still at HORN 7591. Slight patrol activity but none in our area.	
	17 Jan	1000	Bn still at HORN 7591. Slight patrol activity but none in our area. Bde Comd, 46 Bde visits Bn HQ.	
	18 Jan	1000	Bn still at HORN 7591. 11 Armd Div Comd visits Bn HQ.	
	19 Jan		Bn still at HORN 7591. Reverts back to Comd of 159 Bde.	
	20 Jan	1400	Bn still at HORN 7591. CO, IO and SO proceed on recce of 9 Cams area BUGGENUM 7696 - CO then goes to 46 Bde.	
	21 Jan	1730	Bn still at HORN 7591 - Recce party under comd 2 i/c leave for unknown destination, orders to be collected from Bde HQ. Advance party from 9 Paratp Bn, 6 Para Div arrive - under comd of their 2 i/c.	
	22 Jan		Bn still at HORN 7591. Orders are received that 9 Para Bn is relieving us.	

		1100	CO held 'O' Gp re handing over and moving to new location. 2 i/c 9 Para Bn checks over Bn area.	
		1800	CO, 9 Para Bn arrives. Enemy shelled B Coy area - no casualties.	
	23 Jan		Bn relieved by 9 Para Bn - commencing at 1200 hrs and was completed with the exception of Fwd Pls by 1600 hrs - Fwd Pls handing over after last light. Bn stayed the night at HEIJTHUIJZEN 7196.	
	24 Jan		Bn leave HEIJTHUIJZEN 7196 at 0845 hrs in TCVs and proceed to TILBURG 1632 where they were met by 2 i/c.	See Appendix 8
	25 Jan		Bn at TILBURG 1632. Adm Day - checking and cleaning of stores. Baths for the men.	
	26 Jan		As above.	
	27 Jan		Bn still at TILBURG 1632. Intensive outdoor and assault trg begins.	
	28 Jan		Bn still at TILBURG 1632 - Intensive Trg - Church Parade - Baths.	
	29 Jan		Bn still at TILBURG 1632 - 1115 hrs Div Comd visits Bn HQ. CO attends Bde Comds Conference and Sand Model.	
	30 Jan		Bn still at TILBURG 1632 - CO proceeds on recce.	
	31 Jan		Bn still at TILBURG 1632.	

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Month and Year February 1945.

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	Feb 1		Bn at TILBURG, HOLLAND. Bn training - Assault on strongly defended localities. Getting personnel and equipment fit to fight offensive battles under hard conditions.	
	Feb 2		Bn at TILBURG. Training as above.	
	Feb 3		Bn at TILBURG. Training as above. Bde Op Order No.18 for Op "Veritable" issued.	See Appendix 'E' No.7.
	Feb 4	0930 1600 2345	Bn at TILBURG. Adv Parties leave for Conc Area. Bn leaves TILBURG for NIJMEGEN embussed in TCVs. Bn at NIJMEGEN Barracks 716612. Bde Op Order No.19 - Op "LAYTON" attached with traces.	See Appendix 'D' No.3. See Appendix 'D' No.4. See Appendix 'E' No.10. See Appendix 'E' No.8.
	Feb 5		Bn at NIJMEGEN Barracks (Conc Area) preparing for battle.	
	Feb 6		Bn at NIJMEGEN Barracks (Conc Area) preparing for battle. Amendment to Op "Veritable" No.18. - Amend No.1.	See Appendix 'E' No.9.
	Feb 7		Bn at NIJMEGEN Barracks (Conc Area) preparing for battle. 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No.23, dated 6 Feb 45.	See Appendix 'E' No.11.
	Feb 8	0900 1145 1315 1330	CO's 'O' Group. Bn Bde Reserve. Marching troops leave NIJMEGEN for assembly Area. Order of March 'B' Coy, 'D' Coy, 'C' Coy & 'A' Coy. 'F' Ech leaves NIJMEGEN. Marching troops in Marshalling Area 765553, Sheet 12 NW. Owing to conditions of roads vehs unable to join Bn. Bn to stay put in Marshalling Area until the morning.	
	Feb 9	0520 0900 1430	Marching troops move off to area Gr DRULL 799548, Tac HQ & 'D' Coy 799548, 'A' Coy 800546, 'B' Coy 805544, 'C' Coy 803543. 'F' Ech move to GROSBEEK Rd Junc 757553 to await orders for move via 227 Bde Axis to Join Bn. Rd found impassable owing to mud, mines and flooding. Bn to stay put. 43 Div passing through. All roads to be kept clear from 1800 hrs onwards.	
	Feb 10	0900	Bn area Gr DRULL. Bde OO No 25 "CALCAR" received. No move likely before evening.	

		1130	'F' Ech to move to area FRASSELT.	
		2300	'F' Ech moves to FRASSELT.	
	Feb 11	0300	'F' Ech reaches area North of FRASSELT.	
		0700	Bn moving to MATTERBORN to take over from KOSB, 44 Bde. Position only temporary previous to move to CALCAR.	
		1030	M.T. Colm to move via TUTHEES 8254. Bn Marching Troops mounted on tanks to join colm.	
		1400	Bn arrives MATTERBORN feature.	
		1530	Take over from KOSB, 44 Bde, completed. Bn HQ 867548, 'A' Coy, 870550, 'B' Coy 865546, 'C' Coy 871546 & 'D' Coy 875552.	
		1630	'D' Coy sent out patrols and enemy contacted.	
		1800	Brig Comd visits Bn HQ. 'C' Coy patrols fwd of area MATTERBORN first light.	
		2030	CO to Brig Comd Conference	
		2330	Warning Order - Bn to move to Kangaroo Park at 0800, 12 Feb and move to main CLEVE Road by 1000 hrs 12 Feb.	See Appendix 'E' No.12.
	Feb 12	0700	Bn move to main rd and await orders to move. 46 Bde to seize and hold CALCAR. 7 Seaforth, Sqd Coldstream Gds, Sqn 15 (S) Div Recce, R.E. Pl & Recce Sec, 1 Pl S.P. Tks. Infantry to entank in Kangaroos. Delay was caused just after start by tank being put out of commission by mine.	
		0900/	Recce reports groups of enemy in factory 907552 and at level	
		1200	crossing 913547. Report clearing enemy from factory.	
		1400	'B' Coy (Vanguard Coy) contact Recce at crossing. 'B' Coy debuss from Kangaroos and attack area 500 yds beyond crossing. The houses in area were held in considerable strength and every house had to be cleared. Four Kangaroos were knocked-out by Bazooka fire. Enemy shelling and mortaring of area became heavy but 'B' Coy after a sticky time got the area cleared, killing 25 and capturing 65 P of W and wounding quite a few. 'B' Coy cas - 2 Officers and 23 ORs. Capt R.L. MacKinnon, 2 i/c 'B' Coy killed. 'D' Coy passed through 'B' Coy and in their Kangaroos reached HASSELT. Here they found the enemy in strength and were under heavy mortar and shell fire with the enemy determined to fight on this axis. Coys were withdrawn to more tactically held positions in area crossing. Bn HQ in factory 907552, 'A' Coy area houses 920544 - 'B' Coy area crossing 913547 - 'C' Coy 918543 - 'D' Coy 915546. Area North of Bn layout was flooded and the water was rising steadily making the left flank impassable to vehs. Total POW for day was 85 with 25 killed and many wounded. Own cas 3 Officers and 29 ORs.	See attached narrative by Major Binsted O.C. 'B' Coy. Appx J.35

			C.O. to Bde 'O' Group. Lt.Col. P.M. Hunt left for U.K. leave. Major Gilmour takes over command of Bn. Major Harvey 2 i/c Bn. LIEUT E.C. TISDALL 'D' Coy KILLED.	
	Feb 13	1000 1130 1630 1845 2330 2359	Bn to move on CLEVE - CALCAR Axis and occupy HASSELT and there relieve Recce Sqd. Order of March 'A', 'D', 'C' Bn HQ & 'B' Coy. Rd from 936535 - 934537 - 938534 mined. Cross rds HASSELT mined. COs Recce party goes forward. Coys start marching on HASSELT. Slight enemy shelling and mortaring of area around HASSELT. Enemy S.P. gun located at 949552. Arty dealing with it. All Coys reported in position. Bn HQ 928539, 'A' Coy 937539, 'B' Coy 937537, C 940535, 'D' Coy 943537. C.O. to Brig Comdr's 'O' Group. C.O. held 'O' Group on Op for 14th Feb. Patrols arranged for night 13/14 Feb.	See Appendix 'E' No.13.
	Feb 14	0100 0400 0600 0720 0730 0800 1225 1330 1415 2215	Fighting Patrol from 'C' Coy. Task to go to area 955533 & woods 953527. To use harassing fire and try to draw enemy fire and locate enemy positions. Patrol from 'C' Coy got to within 300 yds of woods but could not get further because of flooding which extends to within 70 yds of main road. Drew small arms fire from wood 953527. 'D' Coy Recce and Fighting Patrol to find out if enemy still in wood 953527. 'D' Coy Patrol report having found no enemy in woods. 'A' Coy Patrol report being fired at from wood 939531. Patrol reached houses ROSENDAHL 944527. Ops cancelled meantime due to floods. CO with Brig Comdr. Bn leaves HASSELT for BEDBURG. Floods have now completely cut off HASSELT - CLEVE Road. Bn at BEDBURG 926528. CO to Bde 'O' Group. Bn to attack MOYLAND astride main axis at 0930 hrs 15 Feb. 9 Cams to capture RING CONTOUR in long wood 9631.	See Appendix No.14.
	Feb 15	0030 0910 0930 0950	CO holds 'O' Group Forward Coys in F.U.P. ROSENDAHL 9452. 'A' Coy Right - 'D' Coy Left. Leading Coys and Tanks start forward. Tanks held up by mines 953526. Inf going on. Pioneer Sec to clear mines.	See Appendix No.15.

		<p>1015 'A' Coy under Spandau fire on their left. Being dealt with by 'D' Coy.</p> <p>1020 'A' Coy report Houses cleared 955521 on 1st Objective.</p> <p>1045 'D' Coy just short of Wood 959522 - not starting 2nd Phase until mines are cleared.</p> <p>1120 'A' Coy now 956521. 'D' Coy withdrawn to wood 953526. Enemy in wood 959524 (Coy Strength). Tanks not able to go fwd until mines cleared.</p> <p>1215 'B' Coy to go through 'D' Coy and capture wood 959522.</p> <p>1300 'D' Coy counter attacked. Attack driven off. 6 POW taken and MMG captured. MAJOR D.L. HENDERSON, O.C. 'D' COY KILLED.</p> <p>1350 'C' Coy to put in attack supported by tanks. Road now clear of mines.</p> <p>1430 'C' Coy not meeting with much success. Heavy shelling and MG fire from enemy.</p> <p>1515 'C' Coy ordered to go fwd to wood 959522.</p> <p>1605 'C' Coy in wood 959522 and are pressing on to clear same to forward edge.</p> <p>1700 9 Cams attacking RING CONTOUR 963514.</p> <p>1800 Bn in position astride Rd and Track Junc 959521. Floods still rising on left of axis.</p> <p>2100 Patrols to keep contact with the enemy during the night. Patrol to MOYLAND to find out in what strength the enemy hold MOYLAND (Patrol from Carrier Pl). 'B' Coy Patrol to area HOUSES 963519. All Patrols came under enemy MG fire and small mortar fire from posns around SCHLOSS 9651.</p>	
	Feb 16	<p>0800 Bn positions: Bn HQ 945528, 'A' Coy 956521, 'B' Coy 948528, 'C' Coy 958521, 'D' Coy 953527, Carrier Section 955525.</p> <p>1030 Div Comd visits Bn HQ.</p> <p>1130 Snipers report enemy 949528 crawling in ditch (Claim one killed).</p> <p>1130 9 Cams counter attacked on Ring Contour.</p> <p>1200 'D' Coy report enemy at 959525.</p> <p>1500 Enemy posts located 959523 and MG Post 960518 and 959526.</p> <p>1540 Snipers fired on by spandau from wood 959523. MMG Post at 960518.</p> <p>1800 CO's 'O' Group. 'B' Coy to put in Night Attack on woods and main road 959523. Start 0130 hrs, 17 Feb. 46 Bde Op Order No.22 attached.</p>	
	Feb 17	<p>0130 'B' Coy start fwd on Night Attack on wood 959523.</p> <p>0200 'B' Coy attacking wood from the Right through 'A' Coy.</p>	

		<p>0245 Attack successful. 'B' Coy consolidate and are patrolling forward. R.E. party clearing mines on main road.</p> <p>0430 Road now clear of mines. 'B' Coy ask permission to carry on to area Houses and Wood 963519.</p> <p>0500 'B' Coy Patrol reports area wood 962518 clear of enemy.</p> <p>0545 'B' Coy given permission to go fwd.</p> <p>0720 'B' Coy in area Wood and Houses 963519 and in contact with enemy only 150 yards away. Enemy surprised. Coy under MMG and Mortar Fire. MMG fire from area SCHLOSS 965519.</p> <p>0740 Carrier Section to move up to 'B' Coy and came under Comd. Enemy MMG and Spandau firing from many posns around area SCHLOSS. SCHLOSS probable HQ. 'B' Coy has platoon in area Houses 963519 facing enemy posns in Wood 964519. Pl will be relieved to-night.</p> <p>1600 Activity on Right. Counter attack on 9 Cams area.</p> <p>1700 CO orders 'C' Coy to relieve 'B' Coy at dusk.</p> <p>1920 'C' Coy relieving 'B' Coy.</p> <p>2030 'C' Coy take over 'B' Coy's posns except fwd Pl in Houses 963519.</p> <p>2100 Enemy Spandau Posts at 960524 - 964521 - 963522 - 965523. Being engaged by Arty. Enemy harassing fire along main Rd and in fwd Coy posns.</p>	
	Feb 18	<p>0030 'C' Coy Recce Patrol to 960524. Enemy post cleared.</p> <p>0100 'C' Coy Section occupy 960524.</p> <p>0400 Patrol from 'A' Coy along lake to wood 963518. Contacted small enemy party on edge of wood.</p> <p>0745 Small arms fire on left of 'D' Coy's posn. Fwd Pl taking up better posn for daylight.</p> <p>1130 'C' Coy report enemy trying to establish Spandau Post at X tracks 960524. 'C' Coy's fwd section surprise enemy post and take 7 PoW.</p> <p>1200 'C' Coy area heavily shelled and mortared. DF task brought down.</p> <p>1230 'B' Coy sent Patrol to contact 'C' Coy's left hand posn and clear enemy from posns at 960524. Enemy shelling and mortaring Bn area steadily throughout day.</p> <p>1515 Brig Comd visits Bn HQ.</p> <p>1800 Orders for relief of Bn given out. Recce Parties from incoming unit go over area.</p> <p>2330 Relief starts. 'D' Coy move out.</p>	See Appendix E No.17.
	Feb 19	<p>0050 'A' Coy relieved.</p> <p>0110 'B' Coy relieved.</p> <p>0125 'C' Coy relieved.</p> <p>0245 Relief completed by Bn MAISON NEAVE - 5 Cadn Inf Bde.</p>	

			Bn marches to area 887556 near CLEVE. Veh and Equipment checking and overhauling. Bathing and changes of clothing.	
	Feb 20	1030	Bn at area 887556. Near CLEVE. Div Comd visits Bn HQ. Veh and equipment maintenance.	
	Feb 21	1500	Bn area 887556. Near CLEVE. CO to Bde Comdr's 'O' Group. Bn prepares to move tomorrow A.M. CO holds 'O' Group.	See Appendix E No. 18. See Appendix D No. 5.
	Feb 22	1300 1500 1510 1610 1615 1645 1820 1830 1900 2100 2205 2300	Bn moves to F.U.P. area woods and cross tracks 939438 and await orders to Advance. R Scots Fus in square wood 940420. Still strong enemy opposition there. Bn area being shelled intermittently. New Orders issued as R.S.F. have not occupied completely square wood. 9 Cams to go through R.S.F. and secure preliminary ops. 7 Seaforth to carry out Phase 1 of original orders. H Hour 1615 hrs. Enemy reported in strength wood 940413. 9 Cams successful on their objective, having cleared wood to track junc 944416. Enemy reported area 948418. Orders to stick to objective no matter what happens on our Right. Bn on move fwd. Bn objectives: 'A' Coy Sausage Wood 947415, 'D' Coy SCHROERSHOF 947419 - 'C' Coy Reserve and to follow up and occupy area 946417 - 'B' Coy to wood 951415. 'A' Coy reported on Objective with little opposition except heavy shelling and mortaring. 'D' Coy in SCHROERSHOF clearing buildings. 'C' Coy to combine with 'D' Coy in area woods South of Canal and buildings SCHROERSHOF. Left flank secure with floods. 'A' Coy secure in woods 946415. 'B' Coy clearing triangular woods 949415. 'B' Coy report enemy Patrol in Triangular Wood. Enemy surprised and prisoners taken. LIEUT E.E. YOUNG 'B' COY KILLED. 'B' Coy report clearing enemy from wood. Three enemy killed and six PoW.	See Appendix D No. 6.
	Feb 23	0035 0130	Large numbers of enemy reported area 949411. Arty and 4.2" Mortar & MMG engage. 13 PoW incl one Lieut from 7 Para Regt taken area triangular wood.	

		0340	Coys report all quiet now after heavy enemy stonking of fwd posns.	
		0800	An enemy counter attack launched against 'B' Coy's posn, about 50 strong. This was driven off after about 20 minutes, the enemy suffering some cas. Attack was preceded by heavy shell and mortar fire.	
		0930	44 Bde attacking through 46 Bde. 9 Cams are to be in reserve. If 9 Cams are used 7 Seaforth to occupy bridgehead. Bn positions: Bn HQ (Main) 937439 - Tac HQ Tks Junc 943426 - 'A' Coy area 947415 - 'B' Coy area 951415 - 'C' Coy area 946417, 'D' Coy area 948419.	
		1300	44 Bde reported having reached 939412.	
		1640	44 Bde in wood 9440. Houses 949411 and wood 930413 cleared.	
		1730	Contact made between 'B' Coy and 44 Bde posn in Houses 949411. During the day communications were made difficult owing to enemy shelling and mortaring in the woods, but towards night and with the advance of 44 Bde to our South it lessened considerably. Occasionally SP guns fired from our left flank but these were counter-fired on by our Arty.	
	Feb 24	0700	Hot meals were taken fwd to Coys for first time. Also an issue of self heating soup.	See Appendix E No. 19.
		0945	All unessential vehs to be returned to 'B' Ech.	
		1000	Bn to be relieved tomorrow. Harbour and Guide Parties to be sent to R.V.	
		1730	Harbour Party leaves. Enemy shelling of Bn area much less today. Shells seem to be larger calibre and coming from good distance. Otherwise all quiet.	
	Feb 25		Recce Parties from 1st Bn Suffolks, 3(Br) Div look over Coy areas. Bn relieved by 1 Bn Suffolks. Relief completed by 2100 hrs. Bn concentrate area woods and houses 938438. Relief took place without incident. Enemy shelling had died down and area was comparatively quiet.	
	Feb 26	1300	Bn leaves conc area. M.T. Move.	See Appendix E No. 20.
		1830	Bn arrives back in TILBURG. Bn HQ 158315.	
	Feb 27		Bn at TILBURG (158315). Maintenance on Vehs and Equipment. Checking stores, etc.	
	Feb 28		Bn at TILBURG (158315). Maintenance on Vehs and Equipment. Checking stores, etc.	

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Month and Year MARCH, 1945

Commanding Officer Lt.Col. P.M. HUNT.

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	Mar 1	1730	Bn at TILBURG, HOLLAND. Trg and Maintenance of vehs and equipt. Bn Pipes and Drums play Retreat.	
	Mar 2		Bn at TILBURG. Training and Maintenance.	
	Mar 3	1145	Bn at TILBURG. Div Comd visits Bn and takes March Past. Bn March Past led by Pipe Band.	
	Mar 4		Bn at TILBURG. Div Mased Pipe Bands play in TILBURG.	
	Mar 5	1030	Bn at TILBURG. Trg; Entertainments; Band to TURNHOUT to play with Div Mased Bands. Harbour Party leaves for HUESDEN 2773.	
	Mar 6	1415 1930	Bn leaves TILBURG. Bn arrives at HUESDEN 2773 (M.T. Move). Bn HQ at 279733.	
	Mar 7	1000	Bn at HUESDEN. COs Conference. Training Programme and Adm Programme.	
	Mar 8		Bn at HUESDEN. Trg - Coy and Pl Trg.	
	Mar 9		Bn at HUESDEN. Coy Trg - Night Exercise.	
	Mar 10		Bn at HUESDEN. Coy Trg - Night Exercise.	
	Mar 11		Bn at HUESDEN. Training. L.C.T. for training - loading and unloading. Assault Boat Practice - loading and unloading.	
	Mar 12	1730	Bn at HUESDEN. Recce for Exercise BUFFALO area STEIN. Band plays Retreat outside Bn HQ. Assault Boat and Landing Craft practice. C.O. holds G.1098 Stores check.	
	Mar 13	1200 1720	Bn at HUESDEN. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Coys Training - Assault Boat. Landing Craft. Veh Loading. Band plays Retreat in 'A' Coys area. Adm Instr No. 1 issued.	See Appx No. G.17

			46 (H) Inf Bde Adm 9 Op TORCHLIGHT issued.	" " " H.20
	Mar 14		Bn at HUESDEN. CO; 2 i/c and Coy Comds on day Ex BUFFALO. IO and one sec man OPs area STEIN Ex BUFFALO.	
	Mar 15		Bn at HUESDEN. CO; 2 i/c and Coy Comds on Ex BUFFALO - Night Ex.	
	Mar 16		Bn at HUESDEN. Coy Trg. 46 (H) Inf Bde outline plan for Op TORCHLIGHT issued with trace	See Appx E. 7
	Mar 17		Bn at HUESDEN. Coy Trg. Appx 'A' veh priority list in conjunction with 46 (H) Inf Bde outline plan issued.	See Appx E. 8
	Mar 18		Bn at HUESDEN. Coy Trg. 46 Bde Adm Instr No. 10 issued.	See Appx H. 21
	Mar 19	1100 1130	Bn at HUESDEN. Harbour Party moves. COs Conference. Coy Comds briefed in plan Op TORCHLIGHT. Traces for Div lay-out Op TORCHLIGHT issued. Inter-Bn football match 7 Seaforth V 2 Seaforth at 5 Seaforth area. 7 Seaforth won 1-0. Three Bn Bands play Retreat.	See Appx J. 25.
	Mar 20		Bn at HUESDEN. 46 (H) Inf Bde Adm Order No. 20. 44 Bde RTR Op Instr No. 1 Op PLUNDER received. 9 Cams OO No. 4 received. 7 Seaforth Adm Instr No. 2 issued.	See Appx H. 22. See Appx E. 10. See Appx E. 9. See Appx G. 18.
	Mar 21	1900	Bn at HUESDEN. 7 Seaforth Adm Instr No. 3 issued. 7 Seaforth Mov Order No. 27 issued. Bn leaves HUESDEN (M.T. Move) for Marshalling Area. See Mov Table d/21 Mar 45. 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No. 28 Draft.	See Appx G. 19. See Appx D. 3. See Appx E.12. See Appx E. 11.
	Mar 22	0300 1430 1640	Bn arrives at Marshalling Area WOODS 035398. Bn under Bivouacs. Bde Comd talks to all Offrs on Op TORCHLIGHT. CO to Bde. 46 (H) Bde Mov Instr No. 21 and Op Instr No. 28 received.	See Appx D. 4. See Appx E. 13 & 14.
	Mar 23	1430	Bn in Marshalling Area preparing for forthcoming operations. Op TORCHLIGHT D-day brought forward 24 hours. COs co-ordinating Conference. 7 Seaforth Op Instr No. 1 issued.	See Appx D. 6 See appx D. 5
	Mar 24	0100 0600 0630	Marching Tps leave Marshalling Area and proceed to storm boat area near RHINE at LUTTINGEN. Marching Tps leave Marshalling Area and proceed to Storm Boat Waiting Area near River at LUTTINGEN. The march down was uneventful. Tps leave S.B.W.A. for River. First boat reaches far bank. The storm boats brought the troops across with unbroken regularity and by 0715 hrs the Coys	

			<p>reported "All Across" and were in posn along the Bund as follows:- Bn HQ 135435; A Coy 137437; B Coy 135433; C Coy 134437; D Coy 135434.</p> <p>1000 Vehs started arriving on East Bank crossing on Class 9 Rafts. A Coy adv along Bund towards Treudtekath - Enemy contacted and prisoners taken. Spandau posts along Bund cleared.</p> <p>1100 A Coy in Treudtekath. 46 PW, 2 Bn. 1052 Regt, 84 Div.</p> <p>1145 Bn moves fwd along Bund. A Coy now at Wolffskath. 4 PW, 21 Regt, 7 Para Div.</p> <p>1300 Coys mounted on tanks adv to MEHR against light opposition. Enemy now holding posns in front of Br. 135494. Br believed blown when airborne tps passed over.</p> <p>1620 Coys in MEHR and house clearing. Enemy shelling MEHR. Coys consolidating in MEHR. Patrols going fwd to investigate Br. Rd to Averforth covered by Spandau fire. Bn posns at last light were: Tac HQ Rd Junc 125486; A Coy 127493; B Coy 128488; C Coy 150488; D Coy 147487; Cas 3 Offrs; 18 ORs.</p>	
	25 Mar	<p>1200 Enemy reported infiltrating in 'C' Coy area from wooded area near Br.</p> <p>0100 Spandau and small arms fire at close range from right and fwd of 'C' Coy.</p> <p>0200 C Coy report Right Pl pinned - Left Pl partly surrounded, probably by parties of enemy who have infiltrated. B Coy fired on from their front. C Coy fwd Pl out of contact and HQ attacked by number of enemy with bazookas. Enemy approx two Pls strong coming down rd from house to house.</p> <p>0300/ D Coy report having withdrawn left Pl and that enemy had 0330 infiltrated that posn. DF task brought down on C Coys posn. Mediums engage woods.</p> <p>0500/ Position being restored. Enemy withdrawing. Cas inflicted on 0600 both sides.</p> <p>0700 Enemy cleared from village and Coys regroup taking up posn again. Carrier Section in Bldgs at 132487.</p> <p>0715 C.O. 9 Cams at Bn HQ.</p> <p>0810 Bde Comd; CO 2 G.H. and CO 190 Fd Regt at Bn HQ.</p> <p>0900/ OPs set up and report enemy MG 136485 - 4 men 137487 - enemy 1100 digging 140490.</p> <p>Two enemy posts area of embankment of lake. SP on Track 137494.</p> <p>1200 A Coy report many enemy in edge of wood 133493. During afternoon 2 Glas H cleared wood East of lake 1348.</p>		

		2100	D Coy report having contacted friends on right. Br blown. 9 PW taken.	
		2230	B Coy patrol going out to BELLINGHOVEN.	
		2250	Warning Order from Bde. Two Coys from 10 HLI will take over areas 130493 and AVERFROTH 126493. Total POW for day 55. <u>Cas</u> : 1 Offr; 21 ORs.	
	26 Mar	0230	COs 'O' Group. Bn to march to contact at 0600 hrs. Move off from Coy lines. Present posns taken over by 10 HLI. As br is blown only marching tps will move this way, but vehs under 2 i/c to take circuitous route via WOLFSKATH and on to 44 Bde route coming round SOUTH of lake and woods.	See Appx No. E. 15.
		0615	As leading Coy reach br enemy shelled area heavily for a time, but Coys crossed connecting stream by trees laid across. Enemy MG posts made movement difficult and for a time had our leading	
		1000	tps pinned but eventually fwd secs reached 139497 and B Coy into N tip of wood 144497. Brig Comd saw C.O.	
		1000	46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No. 29 issued.	
		1130	CO held O Group 139494. A Coy to take KOPRIANNSHOF 141503. B Coy area 146502; C Coy area Houses 150497; D Coy in res. During the adv of Coys WASP and CROC flame throwers were used to great effect on houses and woods; and prisoners soon began coming in, some of them having sampled the flame thrower. The Coys reached their objectives after some keen exchanges. Cas were inflicted on both sides and PW amounted to approx 60. PWs were all from 7 Para Div. At Dusk the Coys held the following posn; Bn HQ 139494; A Coy 140499; B Coy 144502; C Coy 150498; D Coy 149497. <u>Cas</u> : 2 Offrs; 38 ORs.	
	27 Mar	1000	CO on recce area 161502 and area of wood.	See Appx E. 16.
		1215	COs O Group wood 160503. Bn moves to area of wood 160503. HQ Tac 163501; A Coy 155505; B Coy 158503; C Coy 162503; D Coy 159507. Bn in Bde Res to Bde doing left flank protection.	
		1600	All Coys in posn. Area quiet except for occasional MG fire and shelling.	
		2030	CO to Bde O Gp. 46 Bde OO issued. <u>Cas</u> : 1 OR.	
	28 Mar	0600	CO makes recce of area of forthcoming op from corner of wood excl 169509. Bn to clear all enemy from woods 162514 and area WEST to CLASENHOF.	
		0800	Bn 'O' Gp in WOOD 169508.	
		0900	A & D Coys begin adv.	
		0915	A Coy going well and already are sending PW back.	
		0925	21 PW (Pnr Bn 7 Para Div).	

		0930 B Coy moving fwd. 0940 A Coy on objective WOODS 162514. 0945 D Coy clearing house and farm SPIKATH and progressing well. 11 POW. 1000 A & D Coys well in posn. 1015 B Coy consolidates. 1020 All objectives taken. C Coy were not used as B Coy went ahead and contacted 9 Cams at CHASENHOF. Bn posns HQ 158154; A Coy WOOD 163515; B Coy DICKHOF 155317; D Coy 157514. Total PW for Op - 51. Apart from the PW taken it seems as though the enemy had pulled out in a hurry leaving small rearguards who gave themselves up as we advanced with the crocodile flame throwers. 1400 Bn holding posns while 2 A & S.H. and 10 HLI pass through to clear Woods N of posns. 1530 Bn moves up to area Woods 1552. Bn HQ Area X Tracks 153419. Coys in wood, 1452. 1645 The area is quiet - no shelling - enemy pulled out. Cas: 6 ORs.	
	29 Mar	Bn in area Wood 1452. Nothing to report.	
	30 Mar	Bn in area Wood 1452. Recce party to area WERTHERBUCK 1455.	
	31 Mar	Bn moves to new area WERTHBUICK 167553. Clearing area of enemy equipt and general maintenance.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1 Apr		Bn at WERTHERBRUCK 167553. Gen maint of vehs and eqpt. Clearing area of enemy mines and eqpt.	
	2 Apr		Bn at WERTHERBRUCK 167553. Gen maint of vehs and eqpt. Clearing area of enemy mines and eqpt. 46 Bde Mov Order No. 28 received.	see Appx E.8.
	3 Apr		Bn at WERTHERBRUCK 167553. Routine as above. 7 SEAFORTH Mov Order No. 29 issued.	see Appx D.3.
	4 Apr	0745 1040 1500 1830	Bn to move to area NORDWALDE. 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No.29 received. Bn moves off in TCVs. A2 to stand fast. Bn in area NORDWALDE. Bn HQ 824888. COs Conference - now under 8 Corps.	see Appx E.9.
	5 Apr	1000 1120 1145 2100	COs 'O' Gp. Bn to adv entanked on Churchills of 4 Coldm Gds. Bn formed up ready to move off. 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No.30 received. Bn entanked moves off. Bn stops off rd for night. Uneventful journey.	see Appx E.10.
	6 Apr	0830 1800	Bn entanked on Churchills of 4 Coldm Gds and continues journey. After a long and dusty journey Bn reached area 765197 N of FRIEDEWALDE. Bn to check up on area for hidden arms, or any pockets of enemy still hiding in woods. 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No. 30 received.	see Appx E.11.
	7 Apr		Bn at 765197 area FRIEDEWALDE. Veh and eqpt maintenance - area searched for hidden enemy weapons.	
	8 Apr		Bn at 765197 area FRIEDEWALDE - routine as per 7 Apr.	
	9 Apr		Bn at 765197 area FRIEDEWALDE - routine as per 7 Apr. Mov Order from 46 Bde.	
	10 Apr	0900 1600 2000	Bn leaves area FRIEDEWALDE (Marching). 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order No. 31 Bn arrives at WIEDENSAHL 9421. Harboursing area for night. C.O. to Bde 'O' Gp. 7 Seaforth Op Instr No. 30 46 Bde Op Order No. 24	see Appx E.12. see Appx D.4. See Appx E.13.

	11 Apr	0800 1030 1630 1645 1940	CO moves with Bde 'O' Gp. Bn moves in Main body on TCVs Bn East of BISSENDORF 3738 Sh.N4 1/100,000 Bn concentrates wood near KL BURGWEDEL 4637 COs 'O' Group.	
	12 Apr	1330 1630 2030 2230	Bn conc in woods 4637 COs 'O' Gp - Enemy reported beyond River Aller and town of CELLE reported clear. Bn to adv on 227 Bde axis and enter CELLE. Bn in CELLE. Move by TCV. CO to Bde Comd's 'O' Gp. CO held 'O' Gp.	
	13 Apr	0830 1230 1235 1240 1520 1530 1630 1635 1640 1645 1650	Bn moved out of CELLE mounted on Churchills of Sqn 4 Coldm Gds. See 46 Bde Mov Table Recce reports pockets of enemy along route. 5 PW taken from woods 6160 Two escaped American Airmen picked up in woods. Had escaped from POW Camp. 2 PW taken from near Stackshorn 6665. Mines reported on rd at 660675 and being dealt with by Bn Pioneer Sec. Unterluss reported held by enemy and enemy infiltrating through woods. Carrier Pl on left flank moving towards Lutterloh 6773. Have killed 2 SS NCOs encountered enemy in woods SE Lutterloh 6772. Bn posn 700711 Tanks of Coldm Gds opening up on Unterluss where enemy seem willing to fight. Carriers now on main rd West of Unterluss - rd blocked. Carriers located about 20 enemy at 673729 are containing them. PW states Unterluss held by approx two Coys with a third at Lutterloh. 8 PW incl Major and Adjt taken. Major was Instructor at CELLE Gas School. Prisoners mostly SS. Small pockets of enemy armed with MMG and Bazooka encountered around Unterluss. These were overcome and the Bn less D Coy entered village. Spasmodic firing in and around village. Patrols of enemy mounted on cycles tried to infiltrate through paths in woods were being dealt with effectively. 'D' Coy ordered to stay at 700711 and keep route clear. PW for the day amounted to 7 Offrs; 50 ORs.	Appx No. E.14
	14 Apr	0830	Bn less D Coy resumes adv along left of axis. D Coy with one troop Fd Rgt and one Sec Carriers adv on Lutterloh. D Coy met stiff opposition on outskirts of Lutterloh	

			and were held up on open ground in front of village. However 2 platoons pushed into area of houses and killed and wounded quite a few and took 9 PW. Coy withdrew at last light to village of Unterluss and took up posns there preparatory to joining the Bn on the 15th. Bn less D Coy at Kl Sustedt 8485 Sh.M5 1/100,000 doing left flank protection. P.W. for day 5 Offrs; 15 ORs.	
	15 Apr	1500 1600	Under comd of 227 Bde CO to Bde Comd 227 Bde. Bn to remain at Kl. Sustedt and patrol forward to Hausen and woods to left. DF Tasks arranged with Shell Drake. Enemy patrol of five men came out of woods to West of posn. 4 of them were shot up and killed - the leader a S/Major was wounded and taken prisoner. A Coy sent fighting patrol to main rd Hausen. No enemy bumped. A quiet night. Enemy seems to have pulled back. 46 Bde Mov Order received.	see Appx No. E.15.
	16 Apr	2200	Under comd 46 (H) Inf Bde. CO to Bde Conference. New Op pending. Bn at Kl. Sustedt 8485 left flank protection. Quiet day. General maintenance of vehs and eqpt. COs 'O' Gp. 46 Bde Op Order No. 25 received.	see Appx No. E.16.
	17 Apr	0830 0930 1430 1500 1700	Bn at Kl. Sustedt. Bn to adv and capture Uelsen. Marching tps leave Kl. Sustedt for conc area. 15 (S) Div Recce take over. Bn tpt move to conc area 882858. Bn conc area 882858 for day. COs 'O' Gp. Coy Comds on recce of FUP and SL. Plans cancelled. Bn to stay in conc area until further orders issued. 9 Cams and 2 G.H. to adv. 9 Cams to take Veirson, village in front of Uelsen. 46 (H) Inf Bde Adm Order No. 21 received.	see Appx No. H.24
	18 Apr	0300 0445 0545 0600	COs 'O' Gp. 46 Bde to clear and capture Uelsen. Two Bns up - Right 2 G.H. Left 7 Seaforth. Bn moves fwd to FUP. Bn moves through 9 Cams to start clearing town. With 'C' Coy on the right and A Coy Left, house clearing started and soon PW start coming in. To thoroughly clear all houses meant that progress was slow but Coys kept working fwd and by 0730 hrs A & C Coys were on the first objectives.	

		1400	B Coy right and D Coy left passed through on to 2nd Phase and from house to house and block to block a thorough search was made. By mid-day most of the town was cleared and 140 PW taken incl 3 Offrs. Bn consolidating in Uelzen with HQ at 898895.	
19 Apr		1800 2130	Bn left Uelzen for Bevenson which had been previously entered by 15 (S) Div Recce. Bn HQ area 908019. 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Instr No. 30 received. 46 (H) Inf Bde Mov Order " 32 " 7 Seaforth Mov Order issued CO to Bde 'O' Gp. COs 'O' Gp.	See Appx E.17 " " E.18 " " D.5
20 Apr		1800	Bn in Bevenson 908019 prepares to move. Marching personnel to be carried on Bde vehs. Bde to adv on right of Div axis to River Elbe and recce and clear areas along axis of any enemy. A Coy on Sp Coys vehs and C Coy carried by 531 Bty RA and SP Troop, 288 A/tk. To keep out of view of far bank of R Elbe. To est OPs overlooking East side of River. Bn arrives at KARZE. C & A Coys deploy in village. D & B Coys go on to GARZE. Bn HQ 962285. Some enemy shelling of GARZE, otherwise area quiet. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ.	
21 Apr		1045 1400	Bn at KARZE 962285 and GARZE 976275. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Bn moves to area HITTBERGEN 905314; C Coy WENDEWISCH 9332; D & B Coys same area.	
22 Apr		1515	Bn at HITTBERGEN 905314. Bn O.P. at 924340 on bank of R. Elbe. Standing Patrol in 925340 to lie up and report all enemy or mov seen on far side of R. Elbe. To go out at 0415 hrs and return by 2100 hrs. Civilians to be evacuated from area and area searched daily. Div Comd visits Bn HQ.	
23 Apr			Bn at HITTBERGEN 905314. O.P. at 925340 reported considerable enemy mov of vehs and tps on the East to West rd on far side of Elbe. Slit trenches appear to be manned at regular intervals. LANZE 9136 seems to be some sort of an HQ as mov in and out of vehs has been observed regularly. Gun posns probably SP type noted at 899380 - 925383 - 960348 also N of LANZE. Standing Patrol to River Bank at Barforde from 1st light to last light.	

			Clearing of area 9132 - 9232 - 9231 to be carried out by A & D Coys. All civs to be cleared out.	
	24 Apr	1115 1415	Bn at HITTBERGEN - 905314. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. Bde Comd and CO visit Barforde on edge of R Elbe. During past 24 hrs considerable enemy and civ activity observed on our front moving East and West along the rd LAUENBURG - BOIZENBURG. Enemy posn - Pl Str in area between 968347 and 947387. Enemy seem to be unaware of our posn. Standing patrols on River.	
	25 Apr	1045 1615	Bn at HITTBERGEN 905314. Bde Comd's 'O' Gp. Op Enterprise - 46 (H) Inf Bde Outline Plan for crossing R. Elbe. Bde Comd visits Bn HQ. 46 (H) Inf Bde Outline Admin Plan. Two 6 Pdr A/Tk guns were positioned on Bund along River at Barforde. At 0700 hrs a staff car travelling on far bank was hit, also MMG joined in the sniping of enemy vehs and tps on far bank. D Coy relieved C Coy in Wendewish 9332.	see Appx No. E.19 see Appx No. H.25
	26 Apr	0730	Bn at HITTBERGEN. Mov opposite our front has reduced considerably after being shot up by MMG and 6 Pdrs. Even so a light car was knocked off the rd this morning and a petrol truck and trailer burned up from direct hits by 6 Pdr gun. Early this morning two Offrs and 3 ORs crossed the ELBE at Boisenburg by ferry and delivered themselves complete with car to our B Coy. They had come by car from BERLIN which they reported was being completely overrun by the Russians. Sent to Bde HQ. O.P. Enterprise - 46 (H) Inf Bde Veh Priority Tables received.	see Appx No. E.20
	27 Apr	1715	Bn at HITTBERGEN 905314. Recce Regt to relieve C & D Coys. OP to be manned until dusk then to be discontinued. COs 'O' Gp. Bn under comd 1 Commando Bde. 46 (H) Inf Bde Op Order No. 26	see Appx No. E.21
	28 Apr	1030 1500 2315	Bn at HITTBERGEN 905314. 46 (H) Inf Bde Order (Adm) No. 22 Bn preparing for crossing Elbe - Recce Sqn takes over Coy posns. 1 Commando Bde O.O. No. 1 received. C.O. to 1 Commando Bde HQ. See 7 Seaforth O.O. No. 33 Co-ordinating Conference Bn HQ. Bn ready to move fwd to River. 1 Commando Bde OO Marshalling & Control Instr Bn moves fwd to Boat Waiting Area at Bund 856339.	see Appx No. H 26. see Appx No. E 22 see Appx No. D 6. see Appx No. E 23

	29 Apr	0100 0320 0345 0500 0600 0730 0800 1730 1830	<p>Bn in Waiting Area Bund 856339.</p> <p>Leading tps start crossing Elbe in Buffaloes.</p> <p>Bn across Elbe - Bn organised on bank of R. Elbe. Some enemy shells were landing near but no cas. No. 6 Commando had route taped and Bn followed route to 878357 thence to objectives. D Coy to High Ground contour 60-876365 - B Coy to Contour 58-875359 - A Coy houses at Main Rd and X rds 877357 - C Coy res area Quarry 874357. No opposition was met so far and coys were on objectives before first light.</p> <p>All Coys in posn and dug-in. Enemy SP guns sent over some shells but there were no casualties.</p> <p>Patrols out fwd report enemy pulled back to area Basedow.</p> <p>A Coy knock out half-track with PIAT.</p> <p>D Coy knock out M/C and car which came into their area - occupants killed-2 Offrs. 9 Cams pass through Bn area enroute to Basedow 8939. Essential vehs coming over by ferry now and assembling in Bn area. Enemy shells passing overhead seem to be landing area where br is being built. Enemy aircraft coming in quite often to bomb and strafe river crossings and br site.</p> <p>Bn prepares to move fwd to new location.</p> <p>Bn in new location Wood 878373. No cas. Total PW for day - 54.</p>	
	30 Apr	0330 0530 0715 0800 1000 1245 1330 1500 1540	<p>COs 'O' Gp.</p> <p>Bn moving along main rd towards Basedow.</p> <p>Enemy reported in woods 906410 and area 905399 about 100 strong.</p> <p>Bn halted along main axis.</p> <p>Tac HQ and RAP move up to Farm Bldgs at 894397. Enemy shelled area frequently causing cas.</p> <p>Bn to clear woods on left of rd 8940. 'C' Coy to clear left of wood. 'A' Coy to clear right. 'D' Coy to take over posns of A Coy 9 Cams. B Coy in res.</p> <p>A & C Coys meet opposition in woods from MMG and Bazooka. A Coy under heavy MMG fire from right corner of wood. Shelldrake bringing down fire. C Coy reach far edge of wood and come under cross fire from top left corner. Our tanks going round top left side of wood to clear enemy. PW coming in. Enemy being cleared from North edge of wood where they are well dug in.</p> <p>Both Coys near far edge of wood and enemy almost completely cleared. Many dead and wounded enemy.</p> <p>Wood cleared. A & C Coys reorganising on objective.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Total P.W. 73 Own cas 2 Offrs, 15 ORs.</p>	

		1700	Bn posns HQ 885385; Tac HQ 895398; A & C Coys Wood 8940; B Coy 890398; D Coy 893396.	
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Commanding Officer Lt Col P.M. HUNT, D.S.O.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1 May	1200 1730 2030	Bn moves on foot to harbour area GULZOW 834424 - harbour area. Visit by Div Comd. COs 'O' Group. Preparation for tomorrow's large-scale wood-clearing. 1 prisoner.	
	2 May	0000	Bn moves off in TCVs to FUP at road and track junction 792478. Carriers recce tracks. A & D Coys leading, advance to contact; clear to 780500-780510. C & B Coys pass through, clear to 756505. B & D Coys clear to AUMUHLE 7151. Consolidate there 2030 hrs. 84 prisoners taken. Casualties 14 (3 killed) 46 (H) Inf Bde Operation Order No. 27 received.	Appx E 6 & E 7.
	3 May	1000	Bn moves on foot to TRITTAU 7060. Harbour Area. Maintenance of vehs etc.	
	4 May	1100	Bn moves on foot to MOLLHAGEN 7471. Coys same area. 7 SEAFORTH Mov Order No. 39 issued. Harbour area - maintenance of vehs, eqpt etc. Message received that all German forces facing Second Army surrender at 0800 hrs, May 5th, 1945. Prisoners: 3 Offrs; 29 ORs.	Appx D.3
	5 May	0800 1430	German surrender takes effect. Bn still at MOLLHAGEN. Short thanksgiving service held at Bn HQ. Prisoners: 6.	
	6 May	1100	Bn at MOLLHAGEN. Bn Church Parade - thanksgiving service. Prisoners - 27. COs 'O' Gp for move to KIEL area for occupation duties - KIEL target list recd.	Appx J.11
	7 May	0441 0730 0930	Unconditional surrender of all German forces signed by Supreme Commander. Bn leaves MOLLHAGEN for KIEL. MT Move (in best battledress). Arr KIEL Canal. Advance party crosses canal to recce area. Report armed German sentries in barracks, but all quiet.	

		1600	CO to Bde Conference. Bn Pipes and Drums beat Retreat in KIEL with Bde Massed Pipes.	
	16 May	1900	Bn same area, same tasks. Pipes and Drums beat Retreat at Bn HQ.	
	17 May	1100 1900	Major AM Gilmour, MC, assumes command of Bn during absence of Lt.Col PM Hunt, DSO, on Fd Engineering Course. GOC and Bde Comd visit Bn HQ. Censorship rules relaxed: Unit censorship now suspended. Retreat at 'A' Coy by Pipes and Drums of Bn.	
	18 May	1900 2100	Bn same area, same tasks. Retreat at D Coy by Bn Pipes and Drums. Coy Comds Conference at Bn HQ.	
	19 May	0800 2100	CO leaves to recce new area at MOLLN 9563. Bn Pipes and Drums with Bde Massed Band play Retreat in KIEL. Coy Comds Conference at Bn HQ.	
	20 May	1500	Bn same area, same tasks. 'A' Coy Guards relieved by 63 A Tk Regt RA. Coy Comds recce new area and return. Advance party leaves for new area.	
	21 May		Move to new area cancelled. Advance party returns. Bn same area, same tasks.	
	22 May	0900 1100 1800 1900	Bn same area, same tasks. CO recce new area - LABOE. CRA 8 Corps recce Bn area with view to take-over. B Coy Guard relieved by RAF Regt. C & D Coy Guards by 63 A/Tk Regt RA. "Retreat" by Bn Pipes and Drums at Bn HQ. Movement Order Mov/1/45 issued.	Appx D.4.
	23 May	1000 1800	Bn same location. Advance party leaves for LABOE. Movement Order 2/45 issued. Packing and loading of vehicles, preparation for move. Draft of 30 Reinforcements arrive. Bn Pipes and Drums beat Retreat at 'A' Coys location.	Appx D.5.
	24 May	0930	Bn moves from HOLTENAU (KIEL) to LABOE 6744. MT Column leaves for LABOE via KIEL. Marching tps move by sea in German landing craft. Both groups arrive LABOE 1200 hrs. Locations: Bn HQ,A,B,C,D Coys LABOE. Sp Coy STEIN 7045. General checking of stores, eqpt, MT etc.	
	25 May	0900	Bn same location, same tasks. CO to EUTTIN to meet Bde Comd and recce new area NEUSTADT-MALENTE. Troops see film show in KIEL.	

		1800	Ceremonial Guard Mounting with Pipes and Drums - taken by Adjutant.	
	26 May	1100	Bn same location and tasks. C Coy leaves in MT for HAMBURG - detached for duties of escort to SS prisoners. Sp Coy changes location from STEINE to LABOE. 7 SEAFORTH Adm Order No. 23 "Operation FLYCATCHER" issued.	Appx G.8.
	27 May	1000 1000 1100	Bn same location and tasks. CO, QM and IO on recce of new area. Church Parade, HQ, A & B Coys. " " Sp & D Coys.	
	28 May		Same location and tasks.	
	29 May		Same location and tasks. Motor launch taken on strength for Bn use.	
	30 May	0930	Same location and tasks. CO to Bde Conference at KIEL (by launch). Sp Coy bathing at SCHILKSEE.	
	31 May		Same location and tasks.	