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WAR DIARY

or

Unit 6 RSF

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Commanding Officer Lt Col I Mackenzie

Month and Year Oct 44

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | References to Appendices |
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| GEMERT | 1944 1 Oct | 2200 | The Bn was relieved by Gordons at 2200 hrs. Relief accomplished without incident. Whole Div moved to rest area at GEMERT where the Bn was conc by 0200 hrs 2 Oct. | |
| " | 2 Oct | 0200 | Day of rest and maintenance. | |
| " | 3 Oct | 0900 | Bn was addressed at 0900 hrs by Div Comd and congratulated on fighting in the GHEEL brhead. Further maintenance carried out. | |
| " | 4 Oct | | Trg and maintenance. Div Comd addressed all officers in HELMOND. Div massed bands played outside the Castle. | |
| " | 5 Oct | | Trg | |
| " | 6 Oct | | Trg | |
| " | 7 Oct | | Orders received for move to area of MOOK in preparation for a future operation. This move was cancelled at 1700 hrs. | Appx "A" |
| " | 8 Oct | | Day of rest. All Coys attended Church Parade. | |
| " | 9 Oct | | Trg | |
| " | 10 Oct | | Trg | |
| " | 11 Oct | | Trg with assault boats and Kapok on moat at Castle at GEMERT | |
| " | 12 Oct | | Trg. Conferences and recces for Op SIRIUS. Recce parties left for area WEERT 5796. | |
| " | 13 Oct | | Trg. Conferences Op SIRIUS. | |
| " | 14 Oct | | Trg. Conferences Op SIRIUS. | |
| " | 15 Oct | | Rest day. Church parades. Recces Op SIRIUS. | |
| " | 16 Oct | | Trg. Conferences and recces Op SIRIUS. Op SIRIUS cancelled 2100 hrs. | |
| " | 17 Oct | | Trg. Recce parties from area WEERT return. Warning order for move to area HERTOGENBOSCH 3146. | |
| " | 18 Oct | | Move to area HERTOGENBOSCH cancelled. | |
| " | 19 Oct | | Trg. | |
| " | 20 Oct | | Trg. Leave parties to BRUSSELS. | |
| " | 21 Oct | | Trg. Recreation parties to EINDHOVEN. | |
| " | 22 Oct | | Rest. Church parades for all coys. | |

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| " | 23 Oct | | Orders for move to area ODENRODE 4232. Preparation for this move. | |
| OIRSCHOT | 24 Oct | 1030 1400 1600 2000 | The Bn left GEMERT at 1030 hrs after a rest of three weeks. A great deal of trg and maintenance had been carried out and the Bn left in very fine form. Orders were received for conc on Western exits of ST ODENRODE but before main bodies arrived further instrs were received for move on to VLEUT 3928 where the Bn was conc by 1400 hrs. At 1600 hrs orders were received to take over from one sqn 15 Recce Regt at OIRSEHOT 3125. Bn embussed on tks of 4 Gren Gds arrived OIRSCHOT 2000 hrs with "C" Coy guarding crossing at 309264. No enemy seen during the day. | |
| OIRSCHOT | 25 Oct | | Consolidation of OIRSCHOT while 46 Bde moved through to MOERGESTAL 2230. | |
| HILVARENBEEK | 26 Oct | 1200 | Bn left OIRSCHOT for VINKENBERG 2229 in preparation for further move to HILVARENBEEK 1924 when br at 2027 was complete. Conc at VINKENBERG complete by 1200 hrs. Much delay caused by mines South of canal with result that Bn was not conc in area North of HILVARENBEEK until 2100 hrs. | Appx "B" |
| TILBURG | 27 Oct | 1100 1250 1500 | Attack on SE outskirts of TILBURG 1632. Zero at 1100 hrs. All coys were on their objective by 1250 hrs with only two killed and four wounded incl Major MHC Hughes-Young OC "A" Coy wounded. Patrols reported no enemy South of rly running through town so whole of SE sector of town was occupied by 1500 hrs with 6 KOSB occupying SW sector. Tremendous reception by civilians who turned out in force it being impossible to move vehs along the streets at times owing to the crowds. Later 46 Bde occupied Northern part of town. | |
| TILBURG | 28 Oct | 1630 1830 | Enemy completely withdrawn and Bn conc in coy areas. Rest and adm. Pipe band played in the town square at 1630 hrs where tremendous crowds had gathered. Cheering for the band was interspersed with shouts of derision as local quislings were marched through to the police station. Warning order for move at 0230 hrs 29 Oct received at 1830 hrs. | |
| TILBURG DEURNE " VOORDELDONK LEENSEL | 29 Oct | 0200 0600 1000 1500 1800 | Harbour parties left TILBURG area for conc area DEURNE via EINDHOVEN - HELMOND. Bn arrived conc area and harboured. Bn moved to defence area one mile S of DEURNE. Began to dig in. Bn moved via ASTEN to conc area VOORDELDONK. Bn occupied def area near LEENSEL and remained overnight. Patrols out incl recce patrol to LIESEL which identified one enemy post in village. No enemy activity. | |

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| LIESEL HAZELDONK LIESEL | 30 Oct | 1700 | <p>6 RSF supported by I tanks of G Gds attacked LIESEL. Enemy resistance, spandau posts and mortaring. All four rifle coys and carrier pl in occupation of part NORTH of main cross-rds. CO ordered consolidation of positions won before dark. Posns held overnight.</p> <p>Bn HQ moved to HAZELDONK, 8 RS taking over Bn HQ and original LEENSEL posn. Sniping and mortaring in village of LIESEL overnight but no posns lost. Enemy counter attack on village about 1700 hrs stopped by CO asking for VICTOR def fire shoot, most successful.</p> | |
| LIESEL | 31 Oct | 0830 1530 | <p>All Bn posns in LIESEL intact. Seaforth Highlanders attacked through RSF along both sides of rd from NW to SE. Determined enemy resistance but village successfully cleared by mid-day. Hy shell and mortar fire from enemy on LIESEL after Seaforth attack had gone through, inflicting several casualties in Bn. Bn casualties during fighting in LIESEL 30/31 Oct were killed 3 ORs; wounded 27 ORs; missing 1 OR.</p> <p>RSF withdrawn from LIESEL. Moved by march route to occupy posns on SOUTH edge of large wood SW of LIESEL. Bn HQ to farmhouse posn WEST of wood. Quiet night.</p> | HWP Harrison, Major pp Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 6th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers |